

CHALMERS CARMICHAEL, the only son of the late W. C. Carmichael of Natal and of Mrs. Carmichael of Thames Ditton, was born on October 22, 1886, at Maritzburg. After being for some years at school in South Africa he came to Oundle (Sidney House) in September 1901 and left in December 1904. He was a keen football player and was in the XV of 1904.

After leaving school he returned to Natal with the intention of following his father as an advocate, but outdoor life appealed to him so strongly that he took up ostrich farming, and later stock farming, in the Umvoti country.

When war broke out he joined Botha's Natal Horse and went through the rebellion, and, later, the campaign in German South-West Africa, where he did scout work.

In November 1915 he came to England with the South African Contingent; the following March he went to Egypt, and was transferred to France in May 1916, taking part in the Somme Battle. He was killed in Delville Wood on July 15, 1916.

He received his commission (in the Notts and Derby Regiment) two days before his death.

His Sergeant-Major wrote: "I picked him out to go to the rear to bring up a relief. To do this he had to make his way through the wood under terrific shell-fire and guide the relieving troops back in the dark. He carried out this duty without a hitch; the slightest mistake on his part might have meant disaster for those under his care."



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