

**E**DWARD DERMOT LEDLIE GONNER was the only son of Professor Edward Carter Kersey Gonner and Nannie Gonner. He was born on March 9, 1893, at Liverpool and lived the greater part of his life in West Kirby, Cheshire. After being at school at the Leas, Hoylake, he entered Oundle (School House) in September 1907, leaving in July 1911.

He was a member of the XI in 1911 and was also a keen fives-player. After a year in the Architectural School of Liverpool University, he was articled to a surveyor and land agent. At this time he played with Birkenhead Park R.F.C. for several seasons, and in 1913 was a member of the Cheshire XV.

In August 1914 he enlisted in the Liverpool Scottish and went through his training, but in the spring of 1915 he was invalided. After recovering from this illness Gonner spent some time in a corn merchant's office, and in February 1916 married Miss Winifred Olive Twigge.

After many attempts to re-enter the army he was given a commission in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment (1917).

While on service with his battalion he contracted influenza, which was followed by pneumonia, and he died on July 2, 1918.

He was buried at Willaston, Cheshire, where he had lived after his marriage.



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