Clifford Gill





Rank: - Ordinary Seaman

Number: - C/JX 557266

Service: - Royal Navy H.M.S. Athene

Died: - Died of acute malaria 10/07/1944 Age: 38

Cemetery: - Gibraltar (North Front) Cemetery, Gibraltar Plot 1. Row F. Joint grave 7.

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Clifford was born on 29 April 1906, in Batley, the son of Frederick and Mary Ann Gill nee Flannery (Firth) who had married on 3 December 1887 at All Saints Church, Batley. Edith was born in 1888, Amy Elizabeth in 1890-1944 followed by

Wilfred in 1896. From before 1901 the family lived at 7, Hilberoyd Road, Batley. His father died in February 1938 and his mother in September 1934.

Clifford was educated at Park Road Council School and afterwards worked in the spinning department of Messrs. John Blackburn's, New Ing Mills, Batley.

In 1941 Clifford married Soothill girl, Minnie Fox. They lived at 50, Grange Road, Soothill, Batley. Clifford joined the Navy in August 1943 and during the next 11 months he was in hospital twice. He died of acute malaria in Gibraltar and biruied at the North Front Cemetery, Gibraltar.



SOOTHILL MAN DIES OF MALARIA

Mrs. Minnie Gill, 50, Grange Road, Soothill, Batley, has heard from the Admiralty that her husband, Ordinary-Seaman Clifford Gill, died of acute malaria in a military hospital in Gibraltar. He was buried in North Front Cemetery, Gibraltar, on July 10th. He had been in the Navy only 11 months and had twice been in hospital.

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Educated at Park Road Council School, he afterwards worked in the spinning department of Messrs. John Blackburn's New Ing Mills, Batley. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gill, Hilberoyd Road, and has one sister, Mrs. Scrutton, Wilton Street, Batley.

FOR EVER REMEMBERED

Clifford was awarded the 1939-45 Star; 1939-1945 War Medal

He is remembered with Honour at Hanging Heaton War Memorial (St Paul's) and Batley War Memorial.



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