George Henry Gill



Rank: - Private

Number: - 29527

Regiment: - Highland Light Infantry 1/6th Battalion

Killed in Action, Egypt: - 08/11/1917 Age: 26 years

Cemetery: - Gaza War Cemetery, Israel and Palestine XII. A. 10.

Batley News, 1 Dec 1917, 8 Dec 1917 (photo)

Family Details

George Henry was born in Birstall in 1891 the eldest son of Charles and Mary Gill nee Pickering who had married on the 25th December 1890 at St. Peter's Church, Birstall. Charles was a coal miner hewer. After the birth of George, the family moved to 58, North Street, Batley before the births of Martha 1894, Herbert 1897 and Ethel 1901. Clifford was born in 1906.

On the 18th February 1911 he married Elizabeth Fisher at St. Peter's Church, Birstall when he lived at Geldard Road, Birstall and the whole family was living at 136, Raikes Lane, Birstall in a three roomed home when the 1911 census was taken. Marion was born in 1911 but sadly died 1911 and Hilda was born in 1913. Eventually his parents moved back to Batley to live at North Bank Road, Cross Bank.

George Henry had been brought up in the Carlinghow area and attended Carlinghow Council School and was before enlisting employed at White Lee Colliery. He was fairly well known in both Batley and Birstall.

Service Details

George enlisted at Batley in August 1915 and disembarked in France in May 1916 but was eventually invalided home with trench fever. On re-joining his regiment in July 1917, he was immediately drafted to Egypt. He was reported killed in action whilst serving with the British Expeditionary Force on November 8th 1917. His wife was living at 71, Intake Lane, Brownhill.

George was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal.

He is remembered with Honour at Brownhill St Saviour's Church and Batley War Memorial.



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