



James Henry Gill

1897 - 1949

James Henry Gill was born in 1897 in Poughill, Devon. He was the son of James Henry, a journeyman baker and Alice. He became the village baker and lived in Old Tythe in Winsford. He had one brother Leonard.

James joined the Leinster Regiment shortly after war broke out and was promoted to Lance-Serjeant on the 4th March 1916 . He had his first experience of active service when his Regiment landed at Sulva Bay, Gallipoli where he was seriously wounded by a bullet that confined him to hospital for ten weeks. The Regiment returned to France and continued to see action in the Second and Third Battles of Ypres, the Battle of Arras and the Battle of the Somme.

James returned from the war and died in Winsford in 1949 and is buried in Winsford Churchyard.

He is remembered as a member of the Winsford Comrades, part of the British Legion



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"When war broke out on the 4th August 1914, the school was closed and the children were on holiday. The first mention of war in the School Log is on the 18th September, when Mr. Dicker wrote: 'Leonard Gill absent several times as his brother has enlisted in Kitchener's army'"

On the 11th December permission was given to Leonard Gill to stay at home as his brother had joined H M Forces."

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