

**The Castle and Regimental Museum, Royal Monmouthshire Royal
Engineers (Militia)**

Reference code:	DP35
Title:	Captain H Gill, R.E., personal army papers
Dates:	1899-1977
Level of Description:	Fonds
Extent and medium	1 bundle
Name of creator(s):	Captain Harry Gill, R.E. (c.1868-?)

Administrative/Biographical History

Harry Gill enlisted in the Royal Engineers in 1885. He served overseas for 20 years, most notably in Egypt, first in the late 1890s and later during the First World War. From his initial promotion to lance-corporal in 1888, he rose to be promoted sergeant-major in 1905, lieutenant in 1910 and captain in 1917. He was awarded six medals, and during the First World War was mentioned in despatches. He was placed on the retired list in 1922. Gill's connection with the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) is unclear: his name does not appear on the lists of officers in Graham Watson's *Militiamen and Sappers. A History of the Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)*, but the collection includes an envelope addressed to Captain and Quartermaster Gill at the Castle, Monmouth, dated 1920.

Scope and Content:

Personal army papers of Captain Harry Gill, including papers relating to service history and medals; papers relating to service in Egypt, 1899-1900 and 1917-1918; photographs.

Conditions governing access:

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Language/scripts of material:

English

Archivists note:

Description compiled by Rosemary Boyns, consultant archivist. Description completed November 2011

Level	Reference	Former ref.	Title/description, extent and medium and related records	Dates
Series	DP35/1	D91	Papers relating to army service, promotions and medals	1901-1922
Item	DP/35/1/1	D91	'Details of Service of Capt. H. Gill' Handwritten list recording length of service, foreign service, promotions and medals (2 papers)	n.d. [after 1922]
Item	DP/35/1/2	D91	Warrant appointing Harry Gill to the rank of Sergeant Major in the Royal Engineers (1 paper)	1905
Item	DP35/1/3	D91	Paper recognising Harry Gill as a Married Soldier of the Corps [At this period, each corps or regiment was only allowed a limited number of married soldiers, who received a larger pay allowance. Soldiers above this number were regarded as unmarried] (1 paper, torn)	1901
Item	DP35/1/4	D91	Copy of entry from the Part II Orders of the Royal Anglesey Royal Engineers, showing that a coronation medal was awarded to Lieutenant and Quartermaster H Gill (1 paper)	1911
Series	DP35/2	D91	Papers relating to Service in Egypt	1899-1900
Item	DP35/2/1	D91	Letter concerning application for leave, and regret that Distinguished Conduct Medal was not awarded (1 paper)	1899
Item	DP35/2/2	D91	Covering letter regarding the services of Company Sergeant Major H Gill, RE (enclosures not present) (1 paper)	1899
Item	DP35/2/3	D91	Letter to Gill accepting his resignation from his attachment to the Egyptian Army, and giving instructions for his return to Cairo (1 paper)	1900

Item	DP/35/2/4	D91	Order to Gill with instructions for return to Cairo, and record of the high appreciation of the Acting Director of Works (1 paper, torn)	1900
Item	DP35/2/5	D91	Letters from the Egyptian Army testifying to the satisfactory services of Gill (3 papers)	1900
Item	DP35/2/6	D91	Order to Gill with instructions for his journey from Cairo to Chatham (1 paper)	1900
Series	DP35/3	D91	Papers relating to Gill's service during the First World War	1917-1918
Item	DP35/3/1	D91	Letters concerning Gill's application for registration for transfer to the Egyptian Army (4 papers)	1917
Item	DP35/3/2	D91	Commander-in-Chief's Message to the Troops following the defeat of the VIth and VIIth Turkish Armies, with covering letter (2 papers)	1918
Item	DP35/3/3	D91	Combined leave and railway ticket, return portion, Bangor to Egypt, first class (1 paper)	1918
Series	DP35/4	D91	Photographs	1920s
Item	DP35/4/1	D91	Photograph of Captain and Mrs H Gill, in Monmouth (rear of Great Castle House?). Captain Gill is in uniform. (1 photograph)	1921
Item	DP35/4/2	D91	Informal photograph of Captain and Mrs H Gill. Captain Gill is in uniform, but they are seated in a field. (1 photograph)	c.1921
Item	DP35/4/3	D91	'A Tennis Group', seated on the ground (1 photograph, faded)	c.1921
Item	DP35/4/4	D91	Group picnic in a field (1 photograph, very faded)	c.1921

Item	DP35/4/5	D91	Photograph of part of ruined building, location unknown	c.1914-1918
Series	D35/5	D91	Miscellaneous	1920-1977
Item	D35/5/1	D91	Envelope from War Office addressed to Captain and Quartermaster H Gill, The Castle, Monmouth (1 envelope)	1920
Item	D35/5/2	D91	Envelope (possibly from War Office records department) addressed to Mr H Gill in Cheltenham (1 envelope)	1977