



# **Lieut. Lancelot Waring Gill**



**Played with Adelaide University**



**Football Club: 1905 - 1906**

**(Intervarsity Football 1905, 1906)**

**Sports Awards: Blue (1908) Boat**

**Degree: Bachelor of Engineering (1908)**

**Diploma in Electrical Engineering (1909)**

**Fellow of the SA School of Mines (1909)**

## ***Background***

***Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.***

***On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.***

***The following documentation relates to the life of Lancelot Waring Gill. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.***

## The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=111170>



### Lancelot Waring GILL

Date of birth	22 August 1887
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Civil engineer
Address	Sydney, New South Wales
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	28
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs Isabel May Gill, 'Karoola,' Cleveland Street, Wahroonga, New South Wales
Enlistment date	3 July 1916
Rank on enlistment	2nd Lieutenant
Unit name	<a href="#">January 1917 Reinforcements</a>
AWM Embarkation Roll number	14/42/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Sydney, New South Wales, on board RMS <i>Osterley</i> on 10 February 1917
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	2nd Division Engineers
Promotions	2nd Lieutenant Promotion date: 23 November 1916
Fate	Returned to Australia 23 September 1918

# Service Record

<http://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=5008757>

C.M. Form A. 22  
(Revised 1.7.14)

**Australian Military Forces.**

**Application for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force.**

No.	Particulars.
1.	Surname ... <i>GILL</i> Other names (in full) ... <i>LANCELOT WARING</i>
2.	Educational Qualifications ... <i>Bachelor of Engineering, Adelaide University, Diplomatist in Electrical Engineering, Fellow of South Australian School of Mines.</i>
3.	Military Qualifications (previous Military Service, if any, to be stated) ... <i>From 3.7.10 to present date a member of E.O.T.S. Sergeant Present rank, Corporal E.O.T.S.</i>
4.	Date on which applicant qualified at a competitive examination for first appointment as 2nd Lieutenant (U.T. Regulation 132) ...
5.	Present Civil Employment ... <i>Civil Engineer</i>
6.	Date of Birth and Age ... <i>22nd August 1887</i> 29 Years. 1 Month.
7.	If a British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject ... <i>British Subject.</i>
8.	Married or Single ... <i>Married</i>
9.	Postal Address ... <i>"Karoole", Cleveland St. Wamboona. N.S.W.</i>
10.	Next of Kin ... <i>(Wife) Isabel Mary Gill, "Karoole", Cleveland St. Wamboona N.S.W.</i>

Date *14 September 1916* (Signature of Applicant) *L. J. Gill*

NOTE.—Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces are required to attach a satisfactory certificate of moral character, or, if they are serving in the Permanent or Citizen Forces, to be recommended by their Commanding Officer. They are also to state on the back of this form the subjects in which they desire to be examined in Part II., and where exemptions are claimed for educational subjects, the authority for same is to be stated, and where necessary to be supported by certificate.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**

In the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces, Proceedings of Medical Board, in accordance with instructions contained in "Standing Orders for the Army Medical Services," will be substituted for this Certificate; such Board, however, will not be assembled until after the nomination of the Candidate to undergo examination has been approved by the Military Board of Administration.

I, *L. J. Brierley* do hereby certify to the correctness of the following particulars respecting the above-named applicant. I further certify that the applicant is not ruptured, has not been operated on for Hernia, and is capable of bearing the fatigue incident to the performance of military duty.

Height *5 10 1/2* Weight *190 lb*  
Chest Measurement *40* Eyesight *4/6*

Signature of the Examining Medical Officer *L. J. Brierley*

**RECOMMENDATION AND CERTIFICATE OF COMMANDING OFFICER**  
(Not required in the cases of Candidates for Commissions in the Permanent Forces)

I recommend that the candidate above-named be appointed a *2nd Lieut* in the Corps under my command, and I certify:—

- That such appointment will be within the authorized establishment for the current year.
- That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 33 have been fully complied with, or
- That the provisions of U.T. Reg. 132 have been fully complied with.
- That all candidates higher in order of merit, by competitive examination, have been absorbed.

On appointment the candidate will be posted to *2nd* Squadron, Battery, or Coy., &c.

Date *12/17* Commanding *W. Hocking* *Regt. de Corps*

**RECOMMENDATION OF DISTRICT COMMANDANT**  
Recommended, Candidate considered suitable

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Commandant 2nd Military District

† Sub-para. not applicable to be struck out.  
N.B.—Record of War Service (if any) to be shown on back of Form.  
Seniority of Candidates as determined by competitive examination to be stated when two or more applications are forwarded on the same date.

# Biography

## Early Life

Lancelot Waring Gill was born on 22 August 1887 at North Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. He was the son of Henry Pelling Gill and Annie Waring Wright.<sup>ii</sup>

## Education

Lance attended Queen's School, North Adelaide<sup>iii</sup> Queen's School and Christ Church<sup>iv</sup> (Anglican), North Adelaide. By 1900 Lance was attending St Peters College<sup>v</sup> where he passed both Junior and Senior Examinations. Lance also attended the School of Design (where his father was a master)<sup>vi</sup> and passed various Arts and Science Examinations held by authority of the board of governors of the Public Library, Museum, and Art Gallery of South Australia including Geometry in 1897, Freelance Drawing in 1900 and Model Drawing in 1902.<sup>vii</sup> In 1905 Lance commenced studying at Adelaide and was awarded a University Bachelor of Engineering (1908), a Diploma in Electrical Engineering (1909) and Fellow of the SA School of Mines (1909).<sup>viii</sup> Lance participated widely in University Life, both in Sport and social events including a student's concert in 1906.<sup>ix</sup>

### UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. The Concert.

The students gave a concert in the Ivon Theatre in the evening. The undergraduates' programme had been well advertised, and there was a "packed" house. The entertainment proved a great success. Indeed, the triumph made one wonder whether some of the students had not missed their vocation—whether medicine, and law, and learning were not their avocations and vaudeville their true calling. The concert opened with a mock commemoration, in which sham degrees were conferred upon several students. "By virtue of the authority committed to me," said the pseudo-chancellor to the first, who was dressed as a convict, "I admit you to the ranks and privileges of the degree of Breaker of Laws." The students sang "In the shade of the old 'Varsity," while he added, "And I congratulate you." The next was honored with the degree of Bachelor of Mangling, while the boys sang the "Shriek of the medicals." A student who was got up as a tantalisingly pretty girl was given the degree of the Science of Cookery, while the students gave the following to the tune of "A roving":—

The science course of late has been  
Expanding more and more;  
A. B.Sc. full soon will mean  
That he who holds it may have been  
A graduate in anything from med. to law.  
Geology, biology,  
Maths. cum Craniology,  
And engineering, overseeing, hundreds more.

Applied science soon will stretch  
From A right down to Z;  
The graduate in it, poor wretch,  
Will have to carry and to fetch  
A bit of every kind of knowledge in his head—  
Astronomy, gastronomy,  
(The Book of Deuteronomy.)  
Electrocution, elocution, enough said.

Marmaduke Mortimer Marmalade, Duke of Dry Creek, was made a Bachelor of Arts. During the interval one of the students stepped upon the platform in order to make an announcement to his fellow-undergraduates in the gallery. This gave the latter a chance to indulge in the baiting they so much love, and it took the student several minutes and a great deal of energy to deliver his one sentence in an audible voice.

The second portion of the programme was a vaudeville entertainment, opening with the following new and pertinent chorus:—

Talk about the Russian and Japanese war,  
Or about the cricket and the latest score;  
All the franchise question appears Tommyrot,  
What matters it if we have it or not?  
Students are no more allowed into Commem.,  
That's the only question that interests them;  
All South Australia and its public too  
Just want to know what the Council will do-o-o.

Come, come, come give support to us,  
Poor injured students are we;  
What! What! What does it matter if  
Tramcars are drawn by a gee?  
Continental railways no more do concern us,  
We've red herrings that beat all them;  
Will, will, will the council ever get  
Students back into Commem.

The success of the evening was mainly due to the efforts of the two students who acted as corner men—Messrs. J. S. K. McLennan and G. C. Campbell. Their by-play was a long way superior to the average low comedy of variety entertainments, both in the freshness and the spontaneity of their humor. Splendid by-play was also provided by a mock policeman and the dude who figured in the morning procession. No more varied or remarkable costumes than those worn by the chorus have ever been seen on the Adelaide stage. Prior to the opening of the programme, and during the entertainment, the boys amused themselves by hoisting boxes of confetti above the audience and then spilling them. The programme included an excellent recitation of the ghost scene in "Hamlet" by Messrs. W. H. Ifould, B. Strange, Shepley, and S. Jackson. It was a difficult piece to give in the midst of a vaudeville entertainment, but so well was it done that even the hilarious students in the gallery uttered not a single note of interruption. Dr. Burnard sang. Signor Demodena played the mandolin, and Mr. Hepper gave several popular comic songs. Other items on the programme, given partly by the students, were descriptive songs by Mr. Coory, songs by Mr. L. W. Gill, humorous songs by Mr. T. A. Saunders, coon songs by Mr. G. Sparkes, humorous song by Mr. C. C. Tucker, a recital by Mr. H. R. Gelston, a comic song by Mr. P. Myhill, and a duel by Messrs. Campbell and McLennan.



## Adelaide University Sports

Lance played for the Adelaide University Football Club in 1906 and represented the University at the Intervarsity Football matches in 1905 and 1906.

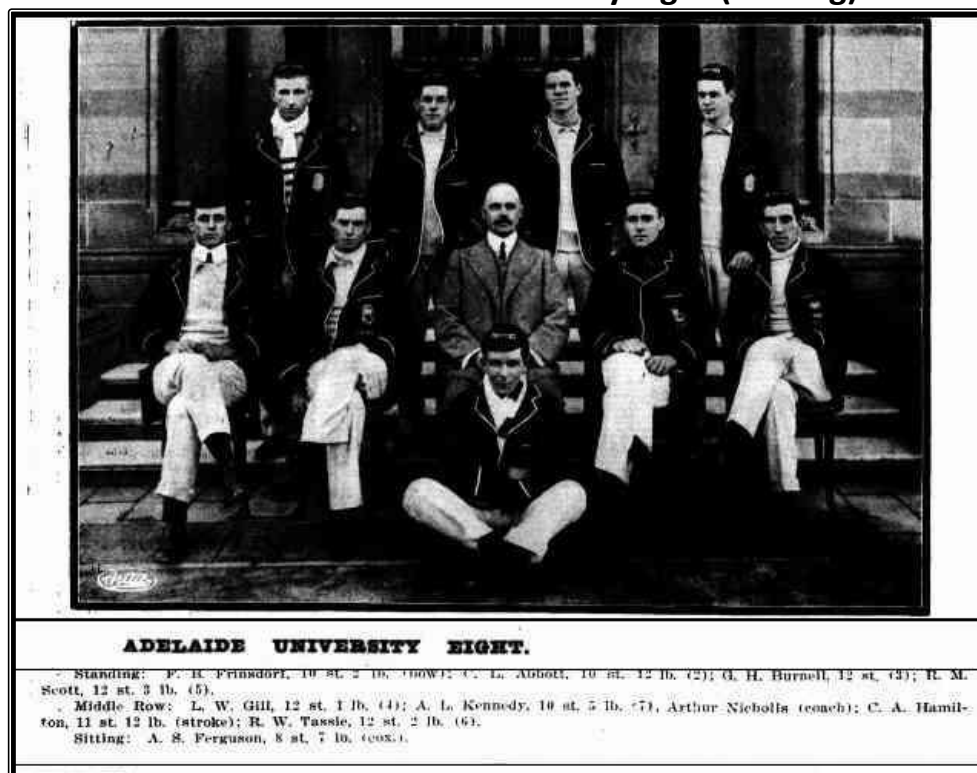
### Team Photo – 1906 Intervarsity Football Team <sup>x</sup>



Back row – third from left - LW Gill

Lance was an active member of the Adelaide University Boat Club. <sup>xi</sup> He was a member of the Men's Eight at the 1907 and 1908 Australian University Championships <sup>xii</sup> and was awarded a Blue in Boat in 1908. <sup>xiii</sup>

### Team Photo – 1908 Intervarsity Eight (Rowing)



Lance also participated in the Adelaide University's Sports Carnival in 1906, winning the 440 Yards Flat Race (Cup Event).<sup>xiv</sup>



### UNIVERSITY SPORTS.

The fourth annual athletic sports meeting in connection with the Adelaide University was held on the Adelaide Oval on Friday afternoon under somewhat unpleasant conditions so far as the weather was concerned. The steady rain had saturated the turf, and the ground was heavy and sodden. Consequently the times for the races were rather slow—the 100 yards occupying 10 4-5 sec.—while running and jumping were, to say the least, precarious amusements. The attendance was good. R. Wallmann won the cup with the fine score of 19 points, and he well deserved it, for allied to fine staying powers he possesses considerable speed. —C. Yeatman, who occupied the position of runner-up last year, filled a similar vocation this year. At the close of the sports Lady Way distributed the prizes. Results:—

220 Yards Costume (Obstacle).—I. S. K. MacLennan, ser., 1; W. E. Bakewell, 6 yds., 2.  
 120 Yards Hurdle (final).—R. Wallmann, 1; C. Drew, 2; L. Cowan, 3.  
 220 Yards Flat.—C. R. Doudy, ser., 1; E. B. Jones, 10 yds., 2; M. H. Moyes, 16 yds., 3.  
 440 Yards Obstacle Race.—C. T. Watkins, 25 yds., 1; N. Shierlaw, 15 yds., 2; L. Jeffries, 15 yds., 3.  
 440 Yards Flat (Cup event).—L. Gill, 30 yds., 1; R. Wallmann, ser., 2; C. Yeatman, ser., 3.

120 Yards Flat.—First heat—C. Okey, L. Gill, R. M. Jay. Second heat—W. Bragg, H. Thompson, A. Rosengarten.  
 Throwing the Cricket Ball.—W. H. Stevenson, W. L. Schroeder.  
 Kicking for Goal.—C. L. Jessop, F. E. McAtee.  
 Throwing the Lacrosse Ball.—R. A. Goode, V. C. Stucky.  
 Long Jump (Cup event).—M. D. Murray, ser.; C. Yeatman, ser.; L. Cowan, 8 in. Distance, 19 ft. 11 in.  
 130 Yards Flat.—First heat—C. Doudy, H. Thomson, L. Gill.  
 150 Yards Flat.—Second heat—L. Jeffries, D. Cowan, R. A. Begg.  
 120 Yards Hurdles (Cup event).—First heat—R. Wallmann, C. Drew, L. Cowan.  
 120 Yards Hurdles (Cup event).—Second heat—L. Gill.  
 120 Yards Flat.—Final—W. L. Bragg, C. Okey, H. Thomson.  
 150 Yards Hurdles.—R. J. Verco, L. Cowan.  
 100 Yards Championship.—C. R. Doudy, C. Yeatman, C. R. Davies.  
 150 Yards Flat.—Final—C. Doudy, W. Bragg, L. Jeffries.  
 Schools' Flag Race.—Medical school, Law school.  
 Half-mile (Flat).—H. Viney, H. F. Mitchell, N. Shierlaw.  
 High Jump (Cup event).—A. T. Jeffries, R. Bakewell, A. Nadebaum.  
 Three Miles Flat.—H. Viney, J. Willmott, G. Boucruit.  
 Sack Tournament.—T. H. Donnelly and L. Cowan dead heat.  
 800 Yards Steeplechase.—R. J. Verco, M. H. Moyes, E. Jones.  
 Gretna Green.—McLennan and Jessop, Addison and Rosengarten.  
 Graduates' Race.—N. Hargrave, C. Edmunds.  
 One Mile Flat (Cup event).—H. Viney, W. Reid, R. Wallmann.  
 University Cup.—R. Wallmann (19 points), 1; C. Yeatman (16 points), 2; M. H. Moyes (10 points), 3.

Lance Gill was in his final year at Adelaide University by the time they sought admission into the SACA District competition and attended the September 1908 SACA AGM and seconded the motion to have Adelaide University admitted to the SACA "A grade".<sup>xv</sup>

"DISTRICT CRICKET." *Evening Journal* (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912) 17 September 1908: 2. Web. 23 Mar 2017 <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article208641866>

**Evening Journal (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912), Thursday 17 September 1908, page 2**

## DISTRICT CRICKET.

### TWO NEW TEAMS ADMITTED.

A special meeting of the full members of the South Australian Cricket Association was held at the offices, 23 Waymouth street, on Wednesday, Sept. 16, to consider requisitions from the proposed University and Glenelg Cricket Clubs for admission into A grade. Sir Edwin Smith (President of the Association) was in the chair.

Mr. G. A. Wallman said he did not know much about the matter, but he formally moved, "That the University Club be admitted to A grade." Mr. L. W. Gill seconded.

Mr. H. Blinman said the question of the admission of the University Club had been considered by the cricket committee, which had decided to send on a recommendation to decide the application. He mentioned that as Chairman of the committee.

Mr. L. A. Caterer questioned the right of the cricket committee to deal with the question. It was one for full members under the rules.

Mr. N. Claxton totally disagreed with the position taken by Mr. L. A. Caterer. The admission of the University Club had much to do with the cricket committee. All the senior clubs were represented on that committee, and they were certainly interested. The question had been raised on the qualification, and the committee had a perfect right to pass a resolution on the subject. It represented all the clubs, and its wishes should be known and respected. The Cricket Association did not exist for the full members alone, but for cricket generally, and the rules stated that the cricket committee should have the control and management, other than financial, of all matters with respect to cricket.

Mr. H. M. Jay said the University was a recruiting ground for young cricketers. Many of the promising players from the colleges were lost to senior cricket, and the presence of a University team would help to remedy that. (Mr. B. V. Scrymgeour—"How many students have you to pick from?" Between 300 and 400.)

Mr. L. Gill said the qualification would be the same as that for admission in the University Sports Association. There were graduates and undergraduates, and no man was qualified to represent the association for more than eight years after he had matriculated. A man must be going for a degree, and not taking only one subject. On account of the awkward hours University students found it difficult to attend the practice of the senior clubs, but with a team of their own they could arrange that. Melbourne and Sydney had the district system, and both had university teams. No harm had resulted from their admission; in fact, they had done good.

Mr. Claxton said he was strongly opposed to any one playing for the University unless he was an undergraduate. Students who were attending the night classes only should not be qualified, and a statement should be made to the meeting what qualification was intended.

Mr. Caterer also strongly opposed players who were not bonafide members of the University.

Mr. B. V. Scrymgeour said the question affected the whole of the cricket in the State. The district, or electorate, system was introduced 11 years ago, and the sub-committee which was appointed to draw up the details was requested to take into consideration the question whether they could make allowance to admit a University team. That committee reported that it was diametrically opposed to such introduction. Melbourne was not playing district cricket, and at the time the system was introduced into Sydney the University had one of the three grounds available, and that was why the University was admitted there. If they wanted more teams in A grade the proper way was to divide the districts. The present proposal was making class cricket. Of the 14 names submitted from the University some time ago, 11 of them were playing with other senior teams, so that all who were worth their places were getting their chance. Some of them had smashed up old associations for the sake of cricket when the new system came into force, and they did not want to go back on it now. University players had plenty of scope in the present teams.

Mr. S. J. Asher moved to add to the motion, "Subject to such qualification as the cricket committee may impose." Dr. T. Hayward seconded.

The amendment was carried, and the motion as amended was agreed to by a large majority.

Mr. H. H. Sando moved, "That the application of the Glenelg Club for admittance to A grade be agreed to."

Mr. B. V. Scrymgeour seconded.

Mr. H. Blinman mentioned that the cricket committee had approved of the application.

The motion was carried unanimously, and the rules were altered accordingly.



## Marriage and Family

After completing his degree Lance moved to NSW. He became engaged to Isabel May Moore in February 1910<sup>xvi</sup> and they married in December 1912 at Chatswood, New South Wales, Australia.<sup>xvii</sup>

Lance worked as an engineer and lived at Finley (in the Riverina) at some time before 1913.<sup>xviii</sup>

Lance and Isabel had two sons Peter Waring Gill born in 16 October 1913<sup>xix</sup> and Brian Waring Gill 24 March 1916.<sup>xx</sup>

## World War I

Lance enlisted 27<sup>th</sup> June 1916 with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division Engineers. He was 5'10 ½" and weighed 190lbs. At the date of his enlistment he lived at Cleveland Street, Wahroonga (Upper North Shore of Sydney), NSW.

Sadly on 25 July 1916 Lieutenant Erol Waring Gill (Lance's brother), then in command of 86th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery and due to be promoted, was mortally wounded and died the same day; he was 25 years of age.<sup>xxi</sup>

Express and Telegraph (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922).

Tuesday 1 August 1916.

### THE LATE LIEUTENANT GILL.

A cable message was received in Adelaide on Monday by Mr. Percy Leader, stating that Lieutenant Erol Waring Gill, son of the late Mr. H. P. Gill (Director of Technical Art), of Adelaide, was killed in action on Wednesday last. Lieutenant Gill



The late Lieutenant E. W. Gill.

was born at North Adelaide on May 21, 1891, and was educated at Queen's School and St. Peter's College. He was a first-lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery, and took part in the action at Loos in October last, when he acted as observation officer for the battery. Lieutenant Gill was in England when war broke out and enlisted from there.

Observer (Adelaide, SA : 1905 - 1931).

Saturday 11 November 1916, page 38

### LATE LIEUT. E. WARING GILL.

Lieut. E. Waring Gill enlisted at the beginning of the war. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant early in February, 1915, and had been on active service for nearly 18 months. He was mortally wounded by a high explosive at the Somme offensive, between Fricourt and Mametz, on July 25 last. He was then in command of his battery, of which he was to have had the permanent command, with the rank of captain. A few days before he fell he was specially recommended for the Military Cross for valour in the Somme battle and for general good work in the battery. He was also to have received his commission in the Regular Army. The deceased's officer writes:—"Lieut. Gill was beloved by all who came in touch with him, and looked upon as a most able and keen young officer."

National Library of Australia

On 20<sup>th</sup> October Lance joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers. On 28<sup>th</sup> October 1917 he was wounded with a gunshot wound to the right thigh. This occurred during the fighting around Passchendaele. He was sent to England ("Blighty") to recover from his wound.



## Group portrait of the officers of the 7th Company Engineers at Leewerk Farm, near Neuve Eglise.

(Belgium: Flanders, West-Vlaanderen, Messines, Neuve Eglise 28 December 1917)

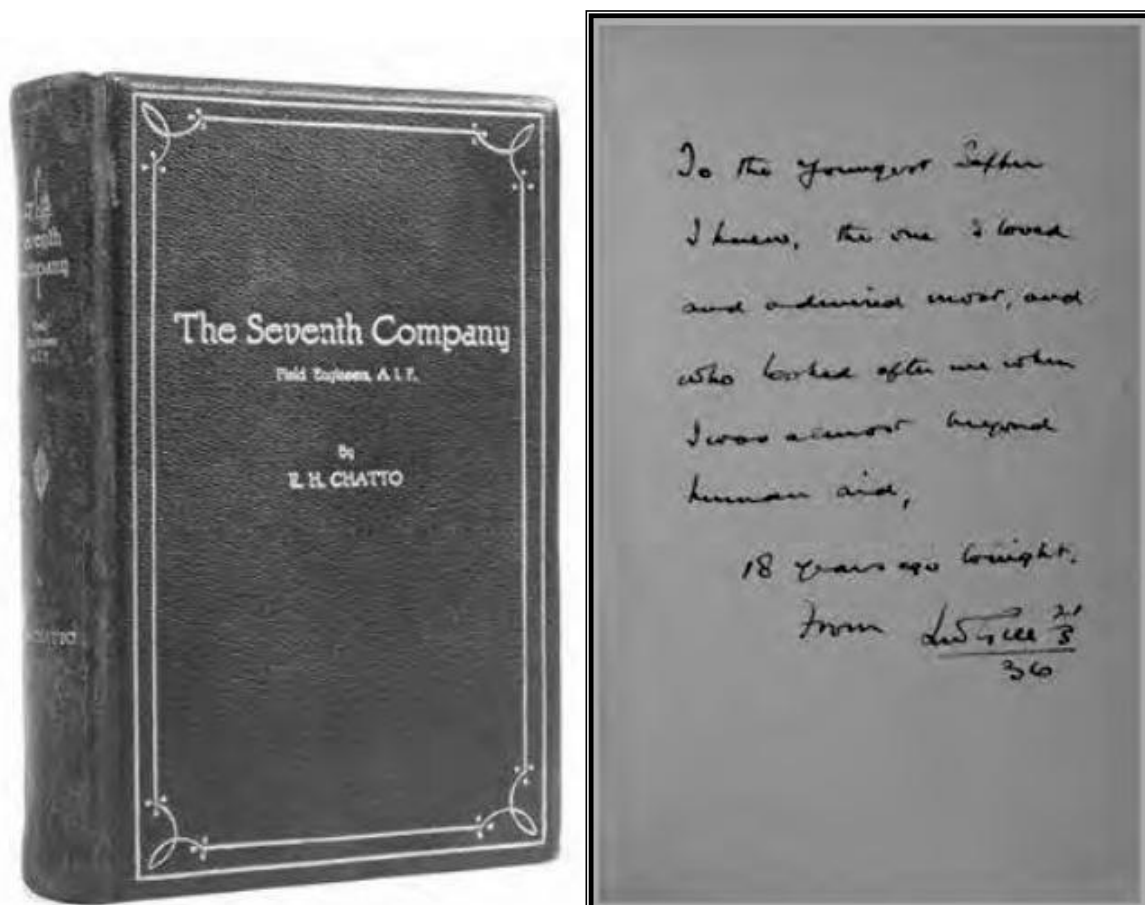


**Back Row:** Lieutenant (Lt) F. F. Christian MC and Bar, 7th Field Company; Lt H. C. Renshaw MC, later 6th Field Company; Lt J. T. Gray, 5th Field Company; Lt C. W. N. Sexton, 6th Field Company; Lt F. J. Deacon, 5th Field Company.

**Middle row:** Lt T. A. Lawrie, 7th Field Company; Lt Alfred Leslie Polson MC, 7th Field Company; Lt E. H. Davies, 6th Field Company (later awarded the MC); Lt Arthur Ronald Parkinson, 5th Field Company (severely wounded 31 August 1918); Lt L. P. Elsum, 6th Field Company; **Lt Lancelot W. Gill, 7th Field Company (severely wounded 21 May 1918);** Lt Arthur Kernaghan MM, 7th Field Company (killed in action 1 September 1918); Lt C. E. Plant MM, 5th Field Company; Lt F. S. Croker, 5th Field Company (later awarded the MC).

**Front Row:** Captain (Capt) Sandbrook, Regimental Medical Officer; Capt J. G. Burnell MC, 5th Field Company; Lt H. E. Harris MC, Adjutant, (later awarded the French Croix de Guerre); Major (Maj) N. C. Harris MC, Officer Commanding, 6th Field Company (later awarded the DSO); Lieutenant Colonel J. M. C. Corlette JMC DSO, Commander, Royal Engineers, 2nd Division (later awarded the French Legion d'Honneur); Maj R. S. Reid, Officer Commanding, 7th Field Company (later awarded the DSO); Maj E. N. Webb MC, Officer Commanding, 7th Field Company (S. Portar Medal later awarded the DSO); Capt Louis Noedl MC, 7th Field Company (later awarded the DSO); Capt J. Coghlan MC, 6th Field Company (later Major and Officer Commanding 14th Field Company).

After recovering from his thigh wound, Lance re-joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Field Company Engineers on 12<sup>th</sup> January 1918 and was promoted to Lieutenant on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1918. He suffered severe shrapnel wound to the skull on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1918. Described by RHS Chatto in the book *The Seventh Company - Field Engineers AIF*



Above is "An extraordinary association copy, in what would appear to be a one-off deluxe binding. The initial binder's blank is inscribed 'To the youngest sapper I knew, the one I loved and admired most, and who looked after me when I was almost beyond human aid, 18 years ago tonight. From L.W. Gill. 21/5/36'.

The event in question, which occurred near Mericourt on 21 May 1918, is described in detail on page 141; it is worth quoting in full."

*"Good progress was made with the Support Line, but, on the first night, the 21st, a shell burst close to the sappers of No. 2 Section. When the sappers could see the results, it was found that Lieut. Gill was severely wounded, and Sapper W. Owen, although not wounded, was badly shaken, also having the equipment he was wearing practically cut to pieces by the flying shell fragments. It was remarkable that he escaped injury. Sgt. Raeside, with sappers of the party, immediately went to Lieut. Gill's assistance, and turning to a sapper accompanying him, said, "Poor Gill; he's gone!". Lieut. Gill appeared to be dead, and had a large piece of H.E. [High Explosive] protruding from a wound in his head. Raeside and the sapper went off to get a stretcher, but, on return, found that the officer had been taken in, and were glad to hear that he still lived."*

"Lancelot Waring Gill (1887-1969) was a son of Harry Pelling Gill (1855-1916), Australian art curator, teacher and painter. 8597 Private W. Owen had just turn sixteen when he enlisted in December 1915; he finished his military service as a lieutenant in the AFC. Sir William Francis Langer Owen (1899-1972) went on to become a High Court judge (see the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*). "

From: [www.treloars.com/sites/default/files/catalogues/MTA8-lr.pdf](http://www.treloars.com/sites/default/files/catalogues/MTA8-lr.pdf)

It was at this stage that the Australians and allies had stopped the German spring offensive and were trying to consolidate. Following his wounding, he was evacuated to England for treatment and then repatriated to Australia on 30<sup>th</sup> August 1918 due to the severity of his head injury.

## Post WWI

The NSW Electoral Rolls give Lance's occupation and place of residence as<sup>xxii</sup>:

- 1930 - 1932 - civil engineer living in Camurra near Moree.
- 1933 - civil engineer living at 17 Centennial Avenue, Lane Cove, Sydney
- 1934-1937 & 1943, 1949, 1954 & 1958 - civil engineer living at 14 Clermiston Avenue, Roseville
- 1963 & 1968 - Lance is retired and living at 146 Copeland Road East, Beecroft with his wife Jean Ross Gill and son Peter Waring Gill.

Both of Lance and Isobel's sons served in WWII. Peter Waring Gill (NX115012)<sup>xxiii</sup> and Brian Waring Gill (Nx24467).<sup>xxiv</sup>

## Death

Lance died on 31 December 1969 at age 82 at Beecroft, New South Wales, Australia.<sup>xxv</sup>

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## Sources and Acknowledgements:

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/E01601/>

<sup>ii</sup> <http://www.thepeerage.com/p65284.htm>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/memorials/1298>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/memorials/1296>

<sup>v</sup> "UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE." *Evening Journal* (Adelaide, SA : 1869 - 1912) 12 December 1900: 3 (ONE O'CLOCK EDITION).

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article199974497>

<sup>vi</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry\\_Pelling\\_Gill](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry_Pelling_Gill)

<sup>vii</sup> Various Newspaper Articles on Trove

<sup>viii</sup> "SCHOOL OF MIXES AND INDUSTRIES." *The Advertiser* (Adelaide, SA : 1889 - 1931) 19 February 1909: 8. <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article5174730>

"University Students - The Concert" *The Express and Telegraph* (Adelaide, SA : 1867 - 1922) Tuesday 18 December 1906: 4.

<sup>ix</sup> <https://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/209117951>

<sup>x</sup> ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM. (1906, August 15). *Critic* (Adelaide, SA : 1897-1924), p. 18., from <http://nla.gov.au/nla.news-article211413100>

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