

JOHN MARSHALL GILL

1897–29.9.1916 aged 19 years

Private 16129 6th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

John, known as Marshall and listed on the Roll as M Gill, was the son of William and Annie Gill of Wallace Street, Gotham, the eldest of eight children. Marshall's service record survives and shows that he was wounded in a training accident on the 31st August 1915 at Mondicourt when being instructed to throw grenades. Grenade technology was in its infancy at this time and a misfire of a "pitcher bomb" set off a whole case and killed six men and wounded eight others including Marshall. His record lists his injuries and treatment of shrapnel wounds to his chest. He recovered however only to be killed a year later. He was killed in action on the Somme. He has no known grave and is recorded on the Thiepval memorial pier and face 2C and 3A. The Methodist Roll states that he died of wounds, France, which is at odds with no known grave.