

MAURICE DESMOND QUILL

Captain, Royal Marine Artillery

Died of accidental injuries in England on 17 June 1918, aged 22

Address: Craigleith House, Moorend Park Road

He is buried in Leckhampton Churchyard and his name is inscribed on the Leckhampton War Memorial.

Maurice Quill came from a distinguished military family and was the son of Surgeon Major-General Richard Henry Quill, CB, and Marian Muir Randolph Quill. He was educated at Cheltenham College from 1909 to 1913, after which he was granted a commission in the Royal Marine Artillery. He went to France in September 1914, serving at Dunkirk with the Royal Naval Brigade. He was mentioned in despatches for Gallant and Distinguished Conduct in January 1916 and in 1917 served at the front with heavy siege guns.

He came home for a short leave in June 1918 and was seriously injured when he fell from his horse at Eastney Barracks, Portsmouth. He died in Haslar Royal Naval Hospital and was buried in Leckhampton Churchyard (Plot F.157).

His younger brother Lieutenant Raymond Humphrey Quill, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, also served in the war.

Maurice Quill's grave in Leckhampton Churchyard. His mother, who died in 1933, is buried in the same plot, next to the grave of his father, who died in 1924 (incorrectly named elsewhere as Raymond Humphrey, confused with his son who had the same initials).

The inscriptions are printed overleaf.

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QUILL FAMILY TOMBSTONE INSCRIPTIONS

Plot F.157

TO THE / BELOVED MEMORY / OF / OUR DEAR SON / MAURICE DESMOND / QUILL /
CAPTAIN ROYAL MARINE ARTILLERY / WHO WAS ON ACTIVE SERVICE / FOR NEARLY
FOUR YEARS OF / THE GREAT WAR / AND DIED FROM INJURIES / SUSTAINED WHILE
ON DUTY / JUNE 17TH 1918 / AGED 22 / MAY GOD REMEMBER HIM FOR EVER

AND TO THE DEAREST MEMORY OF / MARIAN MUIR RANDOLPH QUILL / WHO DIED
14TH JAN 1933 AGED 73 / A MOST WONDERFUL AND DEVOTED MOTHER

Plot F.156

IN MEMORIAM / MAJ GEN R H QUILL / DIED 18TH OCT 1924 AGED 76 / "GOD SAVE OUR
GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN, / ... AND THE BROTHERHOOD" .. / LIVING AND DEPARTED OF
THE MOST HONOURABLE ORDER OF THE BATH