

Griffiths Pte Alfred ASC

CWGC:

Rank: Private

Service No: M2/113717

Date of Death: 10/11/1915

Regiment/Service: Army Service Corps Mechanical Transport att'd. 69th Field Amb. Royal Army Medical Corps

Grave Reference: I. F. 10.

Cemetery: ERQUINGHEM-LYS CHURCHYARD
EXTENSION

The extension was begun in April 1915 and used by units and field ambulances until April 1918. It was continued down to the stream by the Germans (who also used the churchyard) in the summer of 1918, and in September and October 1918, it was used again for some Commonwealth burials.

The extension now contains 558 Commonwealth burials of the First World War (eight of them unidentified) and 130 German burials.

One unidentified Russian servicemen is also buried in the extension.

SDGW:

Name: Alfred Griffiths

Birth Place: Bradford

Residence: Bradford

Death Date: 10 Nov 1915

Death Place: France and Flanders

Enlistment Place: London

Rank: Private

Regiment: Army Service Corps

Regimental Number: M2/113717

Type of Casualty: Died of wounds (wound in the back penetrating the lungs - see below)

Register of Soldier's Effects

Alfred's legatee is named as his brother-in-law, Richard Sellar

15/4/16	Griffiths	A.S.C. 10-11-15	Woolwich	8.	25.3.20	Bro-in-law	Richard Sellar	8/105/229050
2	Alfred	69th Fd Amb. Ltn	11/16.					
		Pte. action						
		M2/113717						
see also 105/229050/15/16								

British Army Service Records:

Name: Alfred Griffiths

Gender: Male

Birth Date: abt 1882

Enlistment Age: 33

Marriage Date: 26 Dec 1905

Marriage Place: Bradford

Document Year: 1915

Residence Place: 185 Manningham Lane, Bradford Yorks

Regimental Number: 113717

Regiment Name: Army Service Corps

Number of Images: 2

Form Title: Short Service Attestation

Ruth's family tree: <http://person.ancestry.co.uk/tree/680380/person/6146306787/facts> In 1911 her brother Richard was a traveller in Hairdresser's sundries, married with 6 children, the eldest working as errand boy for Ruth's brother-in-law's confectionery business.

**SHORT SERVICE.**

(For the Duration of the War.)

ATTESTATION OFNo. *113719*

Name

A Griffiths

Corps

ARMY SERVICE CORPS.

Questions to be put to the Recruit before enlistment.

1. What is your name?..... 1. *Alfred Griffiths*
 2. What is your full Address?..... 2. *185 Manningham Lane Bradford*
 3. Are you a British Subject?..... 3. *Yes*
 4. What is your Age?..... 4. *33* Years *-* Months.
 5. What is your Trade or Calling?..... 5. *Motor driver*
 6. Are you Married?..... 6. *No*
 7. Have you ever served in any branch of His Majesty's Forces, naval or military, if so, state particulars?..... 7. *No*
 - 7A. Have you truly stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?..... 7A. *Yes*
 8. Are you willing to be vaccinated or re-vaccinated?..... 8. *Yes*
 9. Are you willing to be enlisted for General Service?..... 9. *Yes*
 10. Did you receive a Notice, and do you understand its meaning, and who gave it to you?..... 10. *Yes* Name *W. B. Holmes* Corps *Army Service Corps*
 11. Are you willing to serve upon the following conditions provided His Majesty should so long require your services?..... 11. *Yes*
- For the duration of the War, at the end of which you will be discharged with all convenient speed. If employed with Hospitals, depots of Mounted Units, and as Clerks, etc., such retention shall in no case exceed six months.

I, *Alfred Griffiths* do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, *Alfred Griffiths* swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, in Person, Crown, and dignity against all enemies, and will observe and obey all orders of His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, and of the Generals and Officers set over me. So help me God.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

The Recruit above named was cautioned by me that if he made any false answer to any of the above questions he would be liable to be punished as provided in the Army Act.

The above questions were then read to the Recruit in my presence.

I have taken care that he understands each question, and that his answer to each question has been duly entered as replied to, and the said Recruit has made, and signed the declaration and taken the oath before me at *LONDON* on this *16* day of *JULY* 191*5*.

Signature of the Justice.

† Certificate of Approving Officer.

I certify that this Attestation of the above-named Recruit is correct, and properly filled up, and that the required forms appear to have been complied with. I accordingly approve, and appoint him to the *ARMY SERVICE CORPS*.

If enlisted by special authority, Army Form B. 203 (or other authority for the enlistment) will be attached to the original attestation.

Date *28 JUL 1915* 191*5*Place *GROVE PARK*

Comd. M. T. Reserve Depot.

Approving Officer.

† The signature of the Approving Officer is to be affixed in the presence of the Recruit.
‡ Here insert the "Corps" for which the Recruit has been enlisted.

* If so, the Recruit is to be asked the particulars of his former service, and to produce, if possible, his Certificate of Discharge and Certificate of Character, which should be returned to him conspicuously endorsed in red ink, as follows, viz.—(Name) *W.C.* on the (Date) *28 JUL 1915*

185 Manningham
Lane
Age 33
Trade: Motor driver
(and electrician)

Attested 16 June
1915

Approved 28 July
1915 at Grove Park
(the ASC Depot)

Applicable to all ranks. To correspond with entries on the Medical History Sheet.

Age: 33
Height: 5'4"
Chest: 38"

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT. Kingston House
 Name and Address of next of kin Arthur E. Griffith 185 Manning
~~John Bradford~~ | Relationship Wife
 name or wife.
 Bridgewater, Yorks. Particulars as to Marriage.

NoK: Ruth
Eliza
Griffiths, late
of 185
Manningham
Lane but
later
Kingston
House,
Marine
Drive,
Bridlington

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Ruth, Eliza Seller. (Spinster.)	26-12-1905. Bradford.	as above.	Verified from certificate. <i>[Signature]</i>

Christian Names	Date and Place of Birth	(d)
<i>None.</i>		Verified from certificate.

No Children

Corps in which served	Regt. or Depot	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Army Rank	Dates	Service not allowed to reckon for fixing the rate of pension years days	Service not allowed to reckon towards G. C. Pay years days	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of entries
Service towards limited engagement reckons from					16.6.15	VICTORY MEDAL	<i>[Handwritten signatures and notes]</i>
Joined at GROVE PARK on					14.6.15		
Attested <i>[Signature]</i>					10.6.15		
Died BEF Hostile casualty					10 Nov 14	26/11/14911	
Total Service forfeited as above							
Total Service towards Engagement to					(date of discharge)	years days	<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>
"	"	" Pension	10.11.14	(")	148		

Died with
BEF, battle
casualty - but
see below
for duplicate
page of
documents
which has
description
of wound

Home
16.06.1915
to
23.08.1915
Abroad:
24.08.1915

Joined at	GROVE PARK	on	14.6.15
	Attested	Dec	16.6.15
	Dead 3.6.15		15.6.15
	Killed casually		
	wound back		
	penetrating		
	wounds.		

(641)—Wt. W1751-1408.—500,000.—5-15.—C. & G. Forms B. 103/1. Army Form B. 103.

Casualty Form—Active Service.

Regiment or Corps ASB

Regimental No. M2/113717 Rank Pte Name A Griffiths

Enlisted (a) 16.6.15 Terms of Service (a) 2d W Service reckons from (a) 16.6.15

Date of promotion to present rank _____ Date of appointment to lance rank _____ Numerical position on roll of N.C.Os. _____

Extended _____ Re-engaged _____ Qualification (b) _____

Report		Record of promotions, reductions, transfers, casualties, etc., during active service, as reported on Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or in other official documents. The authority to be quoted in each case.	Place	Date	Remarks taken from Army Form B. 213, Army Form A. 36, or other official documents.
Date	From whom received				
		23rd Field Amb. W.U. Embk "Trevilly" Disembarked	Avonmouth Rouen	31.8.15 27.8.15	
13-11-15	16.26.15 3d Amb.	Transferred to 69th Amb Died from wounds		12-9-15 10-11-15	B.213. Aka 7.9.15 Subj. add ltr. R 9013.1

Transferred to 69 Field Ambulance on 12 September 1915

REGIMENT or CORPS	Army Service Corps.	Squadron, Troop, Battery or Company	69th Field Ambulance, 23rd Division.
Regtl. No.	M2/113717	Rank	Private
Name	Griffiths A.		
Died	Date	10/11/15.	
	Place	In the Field (26th Field Ambulance).	
	Cause of Death*	Killed in action.	

* Specially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations, or to fatigue, or to exhaustion, or to other causes.

Died at 26th Field Ambulance

Alfred's brother, Frank Griffiths, served in the Royal Navy and saw action in the Falklands:

Name: Frank Griffiths
Gender: Male
Birth Date: 30 Sep 1884
Birth Place: Bradford, Yorks
Service number: 347550
First Service Date: 19 Aug 1906
First Ship Served On: Vernon
Last Service Date: 3 Jul 1919
Last Ship Served On: Superb

Name in full		347550		347550			
Chatham		Frank Griffiths		Date of Birth 30 September 1884 Place of Birth Bradford, Yorks. Occupation Electrician (Fitter)			
Date and Period of C. S. Engagements.	Age.	Height. Ft. in.	Hair.	Eyes.	Complexion.	Wounds, Scars, Marks, &c.	
19 August 1906 - 12 Sept 1906 16 August 1918 - Incomplete 1st 26 May 1919.	26	5' 6 1/4	Brown	Brown	Fresh	Anchor &c left forearm. Tattooed both arms.	
Ships, &c, served in.	List and No.	Rating.	Sub-ratings.	Badges.	Period of Service.	Chameter.	If Discharged, Whither, and for what Cause.
Vernon	15th 93	Art. 1st			19 Aug 06 to 17 Aug 06	VT 31-12-06	
Vernon II	16th 1593				17 Aug 06 to 15 Oct 06	VT 31-12-06	
Vernon	15th 93				16 Oct 06 to 16 Aug 07	VT 31-12-05	
Pembroke	15th 93				17 Aug 07 to 15 Oct 07	VT 31-12-06	
Cyclone	5th 7				19 Aug 09 to 20 Aug 10	VT 31-12-11	Sup.
Pembroke	15th 93				21 Aug 12 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-12	Sup.
Vernon	15th 93				8 Aug 12 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-13	Sup.
Pembroke	15th 93				15 Oct 12 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-13	Sup.
Inflexible	8th 9				5 Nov 12 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-13	Sup.
					25 July 13 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-16	Ex
					14 Aug 13 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-17	Ex
					1 Oct 15 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-17	Ex
					30 Sep 17 to 17 Aug 12	VT 31-12-17	Ex
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