

GRIFFITHS, H.

Herbert William Griffiths, born in 1892 to John Lee Griffiths and Mary Jane Willis, grew up in Carlton with three older sisters. There were also three brothers but unfortunately they all died in infancy.

Herbert's father John was a vestryman at St Jude's and his sister Ada was confirmed in the church in August 1903. The family had lived at 431 Drummond Street Carlton.

Herbert enlisted in May 1915 and served in Northern Europe. After 18 months service overseas, Herbert William Griffiths died of bronchopneumonia in hospital in France on 29 December 1917. Memorial notices were published in *The Argus* newspaper, 28 December 1918, page 1.

Glimpses of his father's pride in his only son can be seen in the information provided in the Roll of Honour Circular, included below.

AIF Project Entry

Herbert Wm GRIFFITHS

Regimental number	4406
Place of birth	North Carlton Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Address	Melby Avenue, St Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria
Marital status	Single
Age at embarkation	23
Next of kin	Father, John Lee Griffiths, Melby Avenue, St Kilda, Melbourne, Victoria.
Enlistment date	22 May 1915
Rank on enlistment	Acting Sergeant
Unit name	23rd Battalion, 11th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/49/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Melbourne, Victoria, on board RMS <i>Malwa</i> on 23 April 1916.
Age at death from cemetery records	25
Place of burial	Etaples Military Cemetery (Plot XXXI, Row E, Grave No. 14A), France.
Panel number, Roll of Honour, Australian War Memorial	99
Miscellaneous information from cemetery records	Parents: J. and M. GRIFFITHS, 37 Gourlay Street, Balaclava, Melbourne. Native of Carlton, Melbourne.

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Australian War Memorial: Roll of Honour Circular:

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Particulars Required for the Roll of Honour of Australia in the Memorial War Museum.

1. Name (in full) of Fallen Soldier: *Herbert William Griffiths*
2. Unit and Number (if known): *932a Battalion*
3. With what Town or District in Australia was he chiefly connected (under which his name ought to come on the Memorial)—
Town (if any) *Carlton* District *Melbourne* State *Victoria*
4. What was his Birthplace: *Diamond Hill Carlton*
5. Date of Death: *29/12/17*
6. Place where Killed or Wounded: _____

Particulars Required for the Nation's Histories.

1. What was his Calling: *Had a Butchering business when he enlisted*
2. Age at time of Death: *25 years*
3. What was his School: *Carlton College and St. Thomas Grammar School, Geelong*
4. What was his other Training: *Engineer*
5. If born in Britain or Abroad, at what age did he come to Australia: _____
6. Had he ever served in any Military or Naval Force before Enlisting in the A.I.F. (Please state particulars)
Served in the Mounted Gobelts under Captain Marshall
7. Any other biographical details likely to be of interest to the Historian of the A.I.F., or of his Regiment—

8. Was he connected with any other Member of the A.I.F. who died or who distinguished himself. (Please state Relationship)
1st Cousin of William Walter Willis D.C.M. 3rd Light Horse Brigade
9. Name and Address of the Parent or other person giving this information—
Name: *J. L. Griffiths*
Relationship to Soldier: *Father*
Address: *37 Goulburn St. Balclutha Melbourne Victoria*
10. Names and Addresses of any other persons to whom reference could be made by the Historian for further information—
Name: _____
Address: _____

 NOTE.—This Folder is Addressed to the Secretary, Department of Defence, Melbourne. Please fold in four, and stick down gummed flap so that the addressed portion is outside. The information is required urgently.
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Herbert's father J L Griffiths died in 1930 and was buried in Melbourne General Cemetery, Carlton.

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Australian War Memorial: Roll of Honour Circular

State Library Victoria: St Jude's Confirmation Register

Sands Directory: 1895, 1910

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