

Griffiths, Cyril Tracy

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Boer War Roll

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Unit: 2 NSW MNTD RIFLES

Conflict: South Africa, 1899-1902 (Boer War)

Administrative work in Egypt

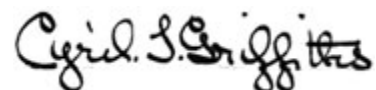
REPORT of Death of a Soldier to be forwarded to the War Office with the least possible delay after receipt of Notification of Death on Army Form B 213 or Army Form A 36 or from other official documentary sources.

Especially state if killed in action, or died from wounds received in action, or from illness due to field operations or to fatigue, privation, or exposure while on military duty, or from injury while on military duty.

All private documents and effects received from the front of hospital, as well as the Pay Book, should be examined, and if any Will is found it should be at once forwarded to the War Office.

Any information received as to verbal expressions by a deceased soldier of his wishes as to the disposal of his estate should be reported to the War Office as soon as possible.

A duplicate of this Report is to be sent to the Fixed Centre Paymaster at Home, or to the D.F.A.G., Indian Expeditionary Force, or Field Disbursing Officer, as the case may require, together with the deceased's Pay Book (after withdrawal of any Will from the latter). If the deceased's Small Book is at the Base, it should be forwarded to the War Office with this report.



Major Cyril Tracy GRIFFITHS
O. C. Australian Records Section
3rd Echelon Base, Egypt
Alexandria, 12 January 1916

SYDNEY OFFICER HONOURED.

LIEUT.COL. CYRIL TRACY GRIFFITHS, C.M.G.,

Whose name recently appeared in the cabled list of New Year honours. He is well-known in the Northern Rivers district and is the eldest son of the late Mr. Cecil Griffiths and of Mrs. Cecil Griffiths, of Cross Street, Double Bay. He is a grandson of the late Dr Tracy, a well-known Collins Street medical practitioner.

Lieut Col Griffiths was born in Melbourne in 1873. He received his early education in England, at Woodcot and Westgate-on-Sea, returning to his native land when 15 years of age, completing his education at **All Saints**, Bathurst and the Sydney Grammar School. Lt Col .I Griffiths saw service as a lieutenant with the N S W 2nd Mounted Infantry in the Boer War during 1901-1902 and holds the Queen's Medal (S.A. medal), with four clasps. On his return to N S W he became actively identified with the 5th Light Horse Regiment (New England Light Horse), promoted to captain September, 1907 and to major in November, 1910, acting as militia adjutant from March, 1906, to December, 1910.

He was employed by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company Ltd from 1889 to 1898, and during the latter year entered into business pursuits on his own account. In February, 1911, he married Eugenie, daughter of Mr. Roger Kirby, Corunna, Carrington Road, Waverley, now residing at Albert Parade, Ashfield.

Lieut Col Griffiths occupies the office of Assistant Adjutant-General, 3rd Echelon, British Headquarters, France, and was appointed to the rank of major in the A.I.F. in September, 1914. He left Sydney on active service in command of the Imperial Reservists, in October 1914. This officer, after considerable service in Egypt and France, received promotion to Lt Col. in June, 1916 and was Mentioned in Despatches for distinguished services by Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig in June, 1917.

Major Owen Rhys Griffiths, who has also seen service in the Boer War, and now commands the Royal Australian Garrison Artillery in Western Australia, is a younger brother.

GRIFFITHS.

^{Copy of history card}
Cyril Tracy

Major

17.1.15 Attached to 4th L.H.R.
8.12.15 Trans to Aust.Rec.Sec. 3rd Echelon
G.G.Q.M.E.F. and T.O.1st S.
21.6.16 Proc to join Aust R.Sec E.E.F
1.6.16 Prom to Lieut Col France
2.7.16 T.O.S. of A.Rec.Sec. 3rd Ech.G.H.Q.
B.E.F. from E.E.F. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
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17.8.16 To be A.A.G. Anz Sec. 3rd Ech.G.H.Q.B.E.F
1.4.17 Trans to Gen List.
22.5.17 Rejd from On Command at Admin Hdqrs
London
15.5.17 To On Command at Adm Hdqrs
9/4-17 Specially mentioned in Sir D.Haig's
Despatch.
1.1.18 To be member of 3rd Class or Companion
of the Most Distinguished Order of St.
Michael and St George for services ren-
dered in connexion with Military Operat
in the Field.
7.11.17 Mentioned in Sir D.Haig's despatch for
gallant services and devotion to duty.
24.9.17 To be Brev.Lieut.Col. Aust Mil Force
for special meritorious services rend-
ered on active service.
21.1.18 To "On Command" to Admin Hdqrs London
ex 3rd Echelon
31.1.18 Rejd from On Command to Admin Hdqrs.
30.8.18 On Command to A.I.F.Hdqrs.
4.9.18 Rejd Unit from On Comm.to A.I.F.Hdqrs.
Undated. Granted 75 days long service furlough
Abroad.
11.11.18 Emb. for England for duty with A.I.F.
Adm H/Q Lon (Nom Roll)(sts Gen List)



Group portrait of senior officers of A Records, Australian Administrative Headquarters. Back row, left to right: Capt D. R. Crooks MBE; Capt F. E. Lampe; Capt H. E. Wawn DCM. Front row: Maj J. A. Neale MBE; **Lieutenant Colonel Cyril Tracey Griffiths CMG**; Maj. L. C. Parker OBE; Capt H. S. G. Hall.

Richmond residents will be interested to learn that Lieut.Col.Cyril Tracy Griffiths who, some few years ago was in business in Coraki as an auctioneer and commission agent, who acted as secretary to the Campbell Hospital is amongst the recipients of New Year-honors from the King. He has been created a C.M.G. (Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St.-George). LTCo.Griffith's.wife, who resides on the Hawkesbury, was matron of the Campbell Hospital up to the time of her marriage.

The Northern Star (Lismore) 7/1/1918 P.4

OBITUARY.

COLONEL C. T. GRIFFITHS.

The death occurred on Saturday at his home at Waverley, of Colonel Cyril Tracy Griffiths, elder son of the late Mr. C. Cecil Griffiths.

Colonel Griffiths was born in Melbourne in 1873, and received his early education in England. Returning to Australia when 15 years of age, he completed his education at **All Saints' Bathurst** and the Sydney Grammar School. He was a lieutenant with the N S W 2nd Mounted Infantry in the Boer War during 1901-1902 and held the Queen's Medal with four clasps. On his return to New South Wales he became associated with the 5th Light Horse Regiment (New England Light Horse), was promoted captain in 1907 and major in 1910. He was militia adjutant from 1906 to 1910. He was assistant adjutant general, 3rd Echelon, British headquarters in France, during the Great War, having left Sydney in command of Imperial reservists in October, 1914, and after considerable service in Egypt and France he was promoted Lieut Colonel in 1916, and was Mentioned in Despatches in June, 1917.

From 1889 to 1898 Colonel Griffiths was employed by the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Ltd, afterwards establishing his own business. He is survived by Mrs. Griffiths, one son and two daughters.

The funeral will leave All Saints' Church, Woollahra, at 2.30 pm to-day for the South Head Cemetery.

SMH 30/7/34 P13

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Twelfth Supplement No. 31377 to the London Gazette, dated 3rd June, 1919, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, Lieutenant-Colonel C.T.Griffiths, C.M.G., General List, Australian Imperial Force.

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CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDER OF KNIGHTHOOD.

" THE KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday, to give orders for the following promotion in and appointment to the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for valuable services rendered in connexion with the War :-

To be Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order :-

Lieutenant-Colonel CYRIL TRACY GRIFFITHS, C.M.G. "

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No.113, dated 6th October, 1919.

Yours faithfully,

C. Griffiths,
Esq.
100 Albert Parade,
Ashfield, Sydney, N.S.W.

Major,
Officer i/c Base Records.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE, A. I. F
17th October, 1917.

Dear Madam,

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Second Supplement No. 30107 to the London Gazette dated 1st June, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your husband, Lieutenant-Colonel C. T. Griffiths, Australian Records Section, 3rd Echelon. G.H.Q.. B.E.F.

MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

The following is in continuation of Sir Douglas Haig's Despatch of 9th April, submitting names deserving of special mention, published in the London Gazette of Tuesday, 15th May 1917:-

Lieutenant-Colonel ^{Dray} CYRIL THOMAS GRIFFITHS.

Unit: General List

Award: Mentioned in Despatches.

Date of London Gazette: 28 December 1917

Received from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, two oak leaves (one large and one small)--Mentioned in Depatches emblem.

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(Signature)

(Date)

(SEP 27 1920)

Cyril S. Griffiths Lieut: Col
22.9.20.

Unit: General List

Award: Officer of the Order of the British Empire

Date of London Gazette: 3 June 1919

Unit: GHQ Aust. Sect

Award: Order of St Michael and St George

Date of London Gazette: 1 January 1918

TELEPHONE:

CENTRAL 4741.

EM/ELP.
In all communications regimental number,
rank, full name and unit of Soldier referred
to, are to be stated.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

BASE RECORDS OFFICE,
VICTORIA BARRACKS

Melbourne, 14th June, 1921.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in transmitting herewith, under separate registered cover, the Grant of Dignity in connection with your appointment as an officer of the Military Division of the Order of the British Empire.

The package bears registered No. 9186, G.P.O., Melbourne, and I shall be much obliged if you will kindly let me know whether it comes safely to hand by signing and returning the enclosed receipt form.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION, 3rd. Echelon
British Expeditionary Force,
26th. Sept. 1918.

In reply please quote.

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C.O.

2nd. Squadron.
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

Re Missing Personnel.

In accordance with authority under A.A.G. A.I.F. memo 60/46. dated 4.4.17 enclosed herewith showing particulars of Missing personnel of your unit, reported during March 1918.

Official Prisoners of War Lists covering this period have now been received, and the name on attached list does not appear on same. No report of any admission to Field Ambulance or Hospital has been received, nor have Administrative Headquarters any trace in their Records.

In the case where it is stated that Defence Department has nothing to prevent finding of deceased, enquiries have been made of the relatives by that department, and it has been ascertained that no letters have been received from the Officer concerned, nor is any other information to hand likely to prevent such a finding by a Court of Enquiry. You are requested to assemble a Court of Enquiry at as early a date as is convenient, having regard to operations in the Field. At such Court all available evidence should be taken, finding of Court regarding same stated, and opinion of C.O. recorded as to correctness of Court's finding in each case.

May proceedings be forwarded to this Office on completion please.

(Sgd) Cyril T. Griffiths. Lt.Col.,

“Old soldiers never die. They just fade away and their medals are sold!”
Editor

Australian Groups

Sale 68 21–23 Nov 2001 Wentworth Hotel Sydney. Lot 3985. Estimate
\$10,000



GROUP OF SEVEN: Order of St. Michael and St. George Companion's neck badge; Order of the British Empire- first type, military officer's breast badge; Queens South Africa Medal 1899 - five bars: Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal, South Africa 1901, South Africa 1902; 1914-15 Star; British War Medal 1914-18; Victory medal (MID); Colonial Auxiliary Forces Decoration; Lt Col. C.T.Griffiths N.S.W M.R./A.I.F., QSA & CAFD engraved; trio impressed, very fine.

Lieutenant Colonel Cyril Tracey Griffiths. Farmer and grazier. CMG 1918; OBE 3 June 1919; MID 1 June and 28 December 1917. CAFD. Born 16 August, 1873. Married 1911 Eugenie, daughter of R.T. Kirby of Sydney. Educated private school England, All Saints College Bathurst and Grammar School Sydney. Served in 2nd NSWMR, South African War 1901-02 (Queen's Medal with five clasps); European War 1916-1918 (Despatches, CMG, OBE.). Address 3 Kent Street, Waverley, Sydney. Club: Imperial Service, Sydney. Died 28 July 1934. Together with set of miniatures; 5th ALH, 2 NSWMR & NSW Lancers Badges; rank badges and buttons; family signet seal and two pocket watches.

Died 1934.