

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
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**7493 Private  
Stanley Alfred Griffiths**

**7th Battalion**



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25th Reinforcement of 7 A.I.F. Griffith, Pte S.A. 7498,  
(K. May 15/18. Dets D/B)

"I saw Griffith's grave about 2 months ago at Bore  
Haiselbrick in a small cemetery, a shell killed him and one  
or two others in his billet. I had known him for 18 months."

Eye-witness: Saw his grave

Description: Very tall, fresh colour, pleasant  
young fellow, married

Informant: Pte B. Smither, 7560,  
7th A.I.F., D. Coy,  
Napsbury Hospital,  
St. Albans.

Home address:  
Brynderwen,  
Cape St.  
Heidelberg, Victoria.

20th August 1918.  
Drakard.

7th Battn. A.I.F.

GRIFFITHS S.A. 7493.

"Killed 15.5.18."

He was of A.Coy. At Borre near Castre in reserves on morning of 15th May about 8 o'clock, killed outright by shell. Sgt. Clarke and Sgt. Grey both of A.Co. killed by same shell. They had been out on fatigue the night before and were allowed to sleep all day, they were at the time asleep in a barn. All three buried at Military Cemetery at Borre. I was one of the party who took him down on stretcher, bodies were taken out at night, and buried next morning. I was not at burial. Griffiths had just joined up in Battn. came over in Sportsmens unit, I was in another house 10 yds. away at time these three men were killed. Shell fell right in barn. Sgt. Grey received direct hit.

Inf. Pte. L.V. Mason, 2749.

7th Battn. A.Co.

HAREFIELD.

H.

A.D.G.  
London,  
23.7.18.

H.S.

7th Battn.  
A.I.F.

S.A. GRIFFITHS.  
7493.

"Killed 15-5-18"

At Berre - in billets - killed right out by a shell.  
I saw his grave being made and saw him buried in the Cemetery at Berre (  
(Its got a name but I can't think of it) No cross was up when I saw  
it. He was my mate & we came from Australia together.  
Sgt Gordon and Sgt Gray both buried here.

Informant:- Sutton. 756<sup>7</sup>.  
W.18.HAREFIELD.

D.P.Dickson.  
London.  
23-7-18.  
H.G.

M.

Havre

28th July 1918.

A.I.F. 7.

Griffiths S.A. 7493.

E. 15th May 1918. Det D/B.

I did not know him well, as he had only just joined. He was about 24, very tall, and heavy build, dark. He was killed just on the right of Berre, hit by a piece of shell. I helped carry his body on a stretcher to the Sappers and they buried him at Berre and the place is marked.

Inf:- Pte H.C. Orchard No. 7052.

A.I.F. 7. A. H.Q.

Australian Conv. Depot.

Revelles.

OWSG.

PP.

7th Battn. A.I.F. *A. Coy*

GRIFFITHS.  
S.A. 7493. Pte.

"Killed 15.5.18."

About the 15th May we were in reserve and I was billeted in a house about 100 yds. from the small farm in which Griffiths and several others were billeted, a shell struck the farm and exploded inside killing an Officer 2 Sig. and Griffiths I saw him lying in the yard with wounds in head and chest, he was not dismembered as were the others. I know that stretcher Bearers were instructed to bury them all in a cemetery close to Barrie near Hasiltroop though I did not see this done.

Eye-Witness:- Saw Body.

Description:- Tall fair man 5ft. 10 or 11. Had only been with us about 9 days.

Inf:-

Home Address  
88, Dover St.,  
Richmond,  
Melbourne.

J. Donnet. 7125 I/Cpl.  
7th Battn. A.I.F.  
*A.C.* Napstury.

Most careful in his statements.

Maud Drakard,  
London,  
7.8.18.  
J.E.A.  
C.H.H.

7th Battn. A. I. F.

GRIFFITHS.  
S.A. 7495.

"Killed 15.5.18."

He was in A. Coy. and I saw him killed near Borre when death was instantaneous. We were in a billet at the time when a shell landed in amongst us, pieces of shell striking him on left chest and head. We were just going to have breakfast at time of casualty - about 7 o'clock in the morning. Sgt's Clark and Gray (both Victorians I think) were killed at the time from same shell. I did not know him very well for he had but recently joined up the Battn. He and the 2 Sgt's were buried at Borre in a cemetery in the village. Though I never saw graves I know they were marked by crosses bearing full details. Refer to Sgt. Major Robbie A. Co. 7th Battn. who is now in France for he was casualty and can give particulars of burial.

Inf:- Pte. Walter A.A. 3506.  
A. Coy. 7th Battn.  
No. 5 A.A.H. DARTFORD.

W. Orman,  
London,  
9.8.18.  
H.G.

M.

7th. A.I.F.

GRIFFITHS, Pte. S.A. 7493,  
B.Coy,

K. May 15th.18.

"We were in billets and "poor old Griff" was going out to get his rations. Just as he was going out of the door a shell burst and blew him to atoms. What remains of him could be found were buried in the late afternoon of the next day at Bore Cemetery Br. Herteram."

Eye-witness:- Yes.

Description:- Tall, fair young man, usually called "Griff"

Informant:- Pte. Wm. Preston, 7543,  
7th A.I.F.,

B.Coy,  
Edmonton Hospital,  
Mary East.

Home address:- Moonee Ponds,  
Victoria,  
Australia.

Aug.16/18.  
M.H. Grove.

Md  
Grove



Havre

23rd August 1918.

Australians. 7.

Griffiths S.A. 7493.

K. 15th May 1918. Det D/B.

I did not know him well. He came over with the 'Sportman's  
Thousand'. He was tall, and about 22". About the 15th May we were  
in reserve near Straseole. About 8 a.m. Fritz was trying for a  
battery behind us and hit the billet in which Griffiths was. He was  
killed right out. I saw him being taken back, and he is buried at  
Berre Cemetery.

Inf:- Pte R.M. Wadsworth No. 6393.  
A.I.F. 7. A. IV.  
Australian Camp.  
Rouelles.

OWSG.

PP.

7th .I.F.

Griffiths S.S. 7493

(K. May 15/18)  
Dets D/B.

"I was close to Stan Griffiths. (7.A.II) when he was killed instantaneously about May 15th at Borre, we were in billets together, when a shell came right into the building. I was in the next room, about 5 yards away. A wall divided us. I was hit slightly in the head and stayed with the Bn. I saw him in the court yard afterwards. Five were killed by the same shell. They were taken away that evening and buried in the cemetery at Borre. I did not attend the funeral, but I saw the burial party start off, and heard them sound the last post. There were temporary crosses put up. I saw the graves afterwards"

Eyewitness: Yes.

Description: Melbourne, married, tall, 6', 25th Reinforce-ments.

Informant: Pte. G. Mackay. 7521.

7th A.I.F. A. II.

3rd Southern General Hospital,  
The Base, Oxford.

19.8.18. Home address:

H.M.P.Cdge. Pascoe Crescent, Asendon, Melbourne.

7th Btn.

Pte. GRIFFITHS S.A.  
7493.

Killed in action 15/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, about 5 ft. 11 ins. well built, dark complexion, about 25 years of age. Casualty was in billets in reserve lines near Berre. He was drawing rations from a Sergeant. An H.E. shell exploded in the centre of them killing him instantly and Sgt. Clark and Sgt. Gray. I was 10 yds. away at the time the shell exploded. I was a stretcher bearer and I helped to carry Casualty out. He had a severe wound in the hand and head. He was buried in the Berre Military Cemetery and a cross was erected and I saw his grave."

Informant:- Pte. H. S. Duggan  
No. 2160, 7th Btn.

Private address:-  
Campbell Street,  
Castlemaine.

T.C.F.  
20/12/18.

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7th Btn.

GRIFFITHS, S. A.  
Pte. 7493.

K. in act. 15/5/18.

"I knew Casualty. He was a tall man, about 6 ft. well built, fair complexion, about 28 years of age. Casualty was drawing rations at Borre. I was in the same party. An H.E. shell exploded near Casualty a large piece entering his left breast killing him instantly. I was 20 yds. away at the time the shell exploded and I saw Casualty's body immediately afterwards. He was buried at the Borre Cemetery and a cross was erected over the grave. I saw the grave."

Informant:- Pte. A. Ridd,  
No. 7550, 7th Btn.

Private address:-  
49 High Street,  
Northcote.

T.C.F.  
31/1/19.

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