

RATHFARNHAM



2/Lieut. James John Wahab Griffin

6th Battalion, Bedfordshire Regiment

Killed in Action 15th November 1916 age 22

Battle of the Ancre

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Erasing heading not required.)

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and reference to Appendix
SARTON	12th		Waiting for favorable weather for offensive operations.	
	11th		Marched to LOUVENCOURT.	
	12th		" " BERTRANCOURT at 3pm.	
	13th		" " MAILLY-MAILLET at 9pm.	
	14th		At 2 am marched to position of assembly in TOURNAI TRENCH near MAILLY-MAILLET.	
	14th		Went forward to attack FRANKFORT TRENCH at midday.	
	14th		Attacked MUNICH TRENCH with rest of the 117th Bde. 4 officers killed.	
	15th		Entrenched near WASSON ROAD.	
	16th		Marched from WASSON ROAD to MAILLY-MAILLET, arriving at 6-30 am.	
	17th		Marched to ENGLEBELMER.	
	17th		Left ENGLEBELMER at 8 am for a cutting between HAMEL & BEAUCOURT.	
	17th		Remained in the cutting & found carrying parties for 11th & 13th Bde.	
	19th		To post line trenches between BEAUMONT HAMEL & BEAUCOURT.	
	20th		Withdrew to quarry in STATION ROAD (detailed).	
	20th		100 men, under Capt. Pugh, assisted Lt. H. M. Lane Regt. in an attack on the TRIANGLE at the Southern end of MUNICH & FRANKFORT TRENCH.	

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1: Bedfordshire Regiment War Diary. "Attacked Munich Trench with unit of the 117th Brigade. 4 officers killed". One was Lieut. Griffin.

2: Portrait of Lieut. Wahab Griffin courtesy of Trinity College Dublin. He was a Trinity medical student.

3: St. Catherine's where he lived. This is now the home of the Irish Province of the Augustinian Order.

4: Lieut. Wahab Griffin's entry in Ireland's War Memorial Records.

5: 1901 Census return with family details including 6 year old James. His father was a bank official.

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(formerly North Staffordshire Regiment); killed in action, France, October 1915; born Killorglin, Co. Kerry.

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FORM A. No. on Form B. 445

RETURN of the MEMBERS of this FAMILY and their VISITORS, BOARDERS, SERVANTS, &c., who slept or abode in this House on the night of SUNDAY, the 31st of MARCH, 1901.

NAME AND SURNAME.	RELATION to Head of Family.	RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.	EDUCATION.	AGE.	SEX.	RANK, PROFESSION, OR OCCUPATION.	MARRIAGE.	WHERE BORN.	IRISH LANGUAGE.	If Deaf and Dumb; Blind; Imbecile or idiot; or Lame.
Robert Andrew Griffin	Head of Family	Methodist	Read & Write	45	M	Bank Official	Married	St. James's, Dublin		
Elise Griffin	Wife	Methodist	Read & Write	38	F	Wife of Robert Griffin	Married	Co. Dublin		
Elizabeth Griffin	Daughter	Methodist	Read & Write	13	F	School	Not Married	Co. Wick		
John Griffin	Daughter	Methodist	Read & Write	11	F	School	Not Married	Co. Wick		
William Griffin	Son	Methodist	Read & Write	6	M	School	Not Married	Co. Wick		
Henry Higgins	Servant	Church of Ireland	Can read	26	M	General Servant	Not Married	Co. Wick		
Rachel Higgins	Servant	do	Can read	25	F	General Servant	Not Married	Co. Wick		