

**Paddington Old Cemetery,  
Kilburn, Greater London, England**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**MAJOR**

**H. H. GRIFFITH**

**No. 3 TRANSPORT SECTION**

**AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

**23RD MARCH, 1919 Age 31**

## Henry Hunter GRIFFITH

Henry Hunter Griffith was born at Albury, New South Wales on 28th August, 1887 to parents Charles Lucas & Isabel Georgina Griffith (nee Bunton).

Henry Hunter Griffith attended Church of England Grammar School, Geelong, Victoria & Trinity College, Melbourne University.

Newspaper Notices – *Punch*, Melbourne, Victoria – 4 June, 1914:

### **Engagements**

*An engagement is announced between Mr Henry Hunter Griffiths, third son of Mr and Mrs Charles L. Griffith, of "Marathon," Toorak, and Miss Caroline Agnes Heary (Line) MacLeod, elder daughter of the late Mr A. M. Macleod, of Talister, and of Mrs A. M. MacLeod, of Talister, Merino Downs, Victoria.*

The 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Balaclava, subdivision of Toorak, Victoria listed Henry Hunter Griffith, Medical Student living at "Marathon," Malvern Road, Toorak. Also listed at the same address were Charles Lucas Griffith, Grazier; Isabel Georgina Griffith, Home Duties & Geoffrey Carmichael Griffith, Grazier.

Henry Hunter Griffith applied for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 1st February, 1916. He was a Medical Practitioner, M.B., B.S., (Melbourne University) & was aged 28 years & 5 months.

Henry Hunter Griffith was a 30 year old, single, Medical Practitioner from Fort Lytton, Queensland was appointed to the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 26th February, 1916. His religion was Church of England & his next of kin was listed as his father – Mr C. L. Griffith, "Myoora." Toorak, Victoria.

The Director General, A.A.M.S., Department of Defence wrote to Commandant, 3rd Military District on 30th May, 1916 regarding the "*appointment of Captain H. H. Griffiths in A.I.F., please state date from which it is desired this appointment should take effect.*"

Brigadier General, A/Commandant, 3rd Military District replied to Secretary, Department of Defence on 6th June, 1916 "*It is desired that this appointment will take effect from 26/2/16.*"

Henry Hunter Griffith's second Attestation Papers were dated 16th November, 1917 with the explanation – "*Appointed A.I.F. 26/2/1916; retained on Home Service to 16/11/17.*"

Henry Hunter Griffith was to be Major (Temporary) from 17th November, 1917. On 17th November, 1917 he was granted the substantive rank of Major whilst engaged with No. 3 Transport Staff.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on SS *Indarra* on 26th November, 1917 with the No. 3 Section, Sea Transport Staff & disembarked at Suez on 27th November, 1917 \* (\*date as per Casualty Form – Active Service & Record of Service in the Field form).

Major Henry Hunter Griffith embarked from Port Said on 9th January, 1918 on HMT *Kashgar* & disembarked at Taranto on 20th January, 1918.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith embarked from Cherbourg on 31st January, 1918 on HMT *Mona's Queen* & disembarked at Southampton, England on 2nd February, 1918. Having arrived from Australia, Major Griffith was taken on strength of A.I.F. in England on 2nd February, 1918.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith was attached to 1st Australian Dermatological Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire for duty on 18th February, 1918 from Army Medical Corps Details. He was detached from attached duty with 1st A.D.H., Bulford & was marched out to Administrative Headquarters, London on 1st March, 1918.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith was returned to Australia on 10th March, 1918 per *Durham Castle* as S.M.O. (Senior Medical Officer).

Major Henry Hunter Griffith was returning to Australia per R.M.S. *Orontes* which left Capetown on 19th April, 1918 (List M A.I.F., Depot 79/1336 – as listed on Statement of Service form). He returned to Australia per *Orontes* on 16th May, 1918 & disembarked at 3rd Military District.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith re-embarked from Sydney, NSW on 19th June, 1918 per *Feld Marshall* "D60" & disembarked at London, England on 26th August, 1918 with No. 3 Sea Transport Staff. Having arrived from Australia, Major Griffith, was taken on strength of A.I.F. in England on 26th August, 1918.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith returned to Australia per *Runic* (no date recorded).

Major Henry Hunter Griffith re-embarked at Melbourne, Victoria per HMAT (A54) *Runic* on 21st December, 1918.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England on 13th March, 1919 with Influenza. He was later reported to be dangerously ill.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith died at 8 pm on 23rd March, 1919 at 3rd London General Hospital, Wandsworth, London, England from (1) Pneumonia, Myocardial Failure (2) Syncope.

The Report of Death of an Officer (Army Form B. 2090) recorded Dr Douglas Shields, 17 Park Lane. W. as an Uncle.

A death for Henry H. Griffith, aged 31, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Wandsworth, Greater London, England.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith was buried on 27th March, 1919 in Paddington Cemetery, Kilburn, Greater London, England (now referred to as Paddington Old Cemetery) – Plot number 1 M. 14331 in Private Family Vault & has a shared Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. From the burial report of Major Henry Hunter Griffith - *Coffin was good, with brass fittings. The deceased Officer was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler, Band, and Pallbearers being supplied by the A.I.F. Headquarters, London. The funeral was conducted by Brother-in-law of deceased, Mr Shields, 17 Park Lane, W., and a very large number of friends attended. The "Last Post" was sounded at the graveside, and the burial service conducted by Chap. Rev. Mullins, C. of E., of the A.I.F. The coffin, borne by six Officer Pallbearers of the A.I.F., was draped with the Australian Flag, and surmounted by many beautiful wreaths. An oak cross will be erected by the A.I.F. London.*

Names of Relatives of Friends present at the Funeral – Brother-in-Law Mr Shields, 17 Park Lane, W.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith requested in his Will, dated 23rd November, 1917 that "*the sum of £500 to Trustees upon Trust for James Mansfield Niall & Gerald Mansfield Niall, the residue of my said estate, upon trust for the children of my sister, Evelyn Margaret Car Walker, Leeds, England, in equal shares.*"

The Executor of the Will of the late H. H. Griffith from Albury, NSW wrote to the Minister for Defence, Melbourne on 3rd July, 1919 : "*As Executor of the Will of the late Major H. H. Griffith No. 3 Section, Sea Transport Staff, I hereby AUTHORISE you to had over to Mr Charles Lucas Griffith of Melbourne – all personal effects of the said deceased his receipt being a sufficient discharged for such articles.*"

Major Henry Hunter Griffith was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Major Griffith's father – Mr C. L. Griffith, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent July, 1921 & Plaque sent December, 1922).

The Commissioner for Repatriation, Melbourne, Victoria, wrote to Captain H. J. Mackintosh, Officer-in-Charge, Base Records, Melbourne on 29th April, 1926 with the following: "*Mrs C. L. Griffith of No. 10 Myoora Flats, Irving Road, Toorak, called to see me this afternoon. She is the mother of the late Major H. H. Griffith, No. 3 Sea Transport Staff, A.M.C., who die din Wandsworth Hospital in 1919. She has received only one medal in connection with his service, and believes she is entitled to at least one other. She was unable to tell me which medal she had already received, but I thought perhaps you would b e good enough to have the matter looked up and go into the question of further entitlement, if any, in this regard, and communicate direct with her at the address I have given.*"

Base Records replied direct to Mrs C. L. Griffith, on 3rd May, 1926 with “.....in regard to the service of your son, the late Major H. H. Griffith, Army Medical Corps, Sea Transport Staff,, and in connection therewith I have to inform you that, as the late Major Griffith did not serve on the strength of a unit in a theatre of war, and was not attached to the staff of a Hospital Ship conveying troops from a theatre of war, the only medal for which he qualified was the British War Medal, which has already been received by the deceased’s father, as next-of-kin.”

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Major Henry Hunter Griffith, aged 31, of No. 3 Transport Sect., Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of Charles Lucas and Isabel Georgina Griffith, of Myoora, Toorak, Victoria, Australia.

Major H. H. Griffith is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 182.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

Henry Hunter Griffith & his brother Geoffrey Carmichael Griffith are both remembered on the Geelong Grammar School – Students who Served Honour Roll, located at Geelong Grammar School, 50 Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio, Victoria.

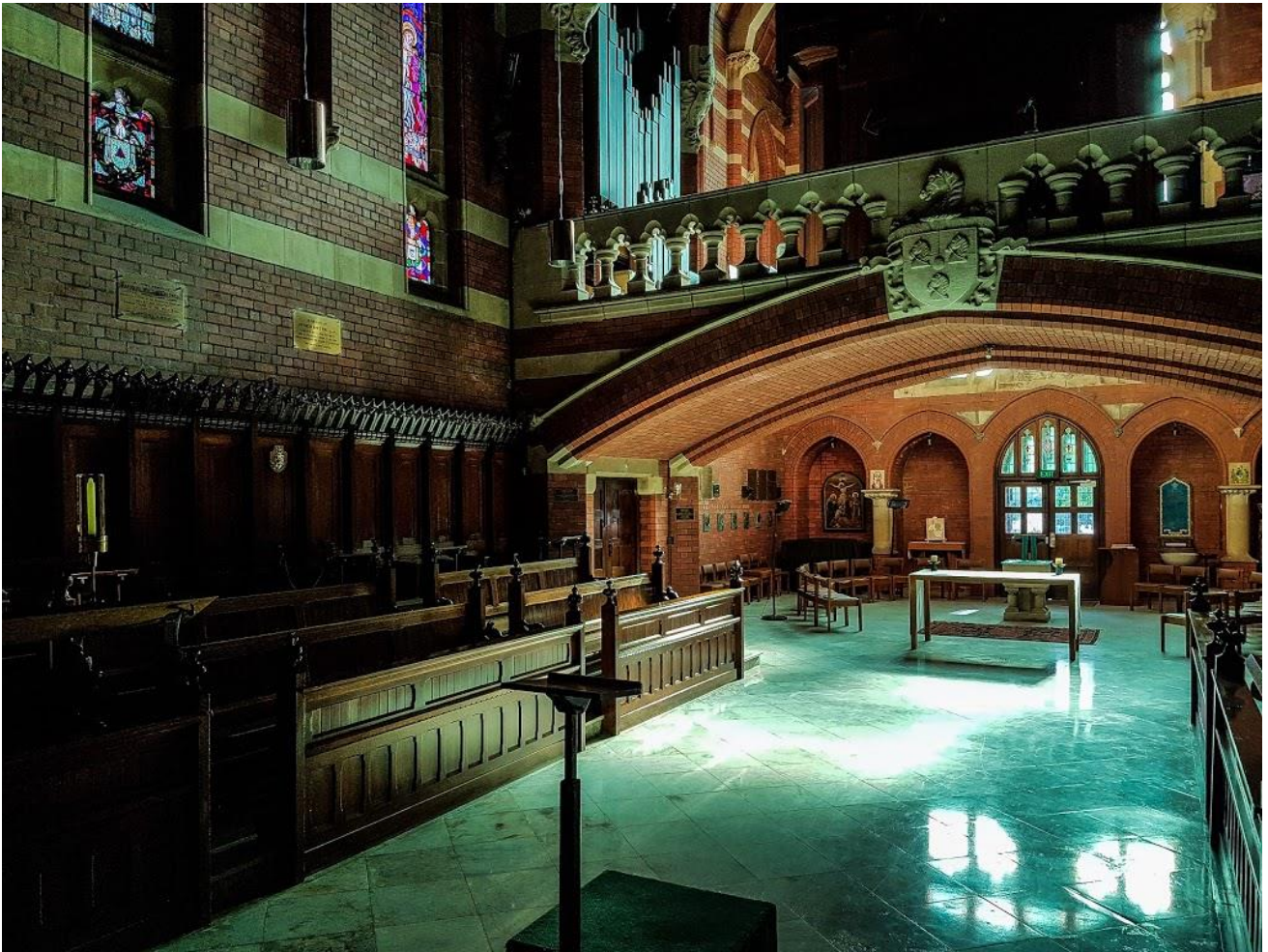


**Geelong Grammar School – Students who Served Honour Roll**

*(Photo from Geelong Honours Them)*



Henry Hunter Griffith is remembered on the Trinity College Horsfall Chapel War Memorial, located in University of Melbourne, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville, Victoria.



**Trinity College Horsfall Chapel** (Photos by Bernard Morey)



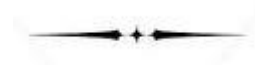




Trinity College Horsfall Chapel War Memorial (Photo from Monument Australia)

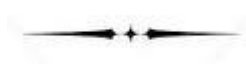
(82 pages of Major Henry Hunter Griffith's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives





**Major Henry Hunter Griffith**



**Connected to Major Henry Hunter Griffith:**

Younger brother Geoffrey Carmichael Griffith – Enlisted 12th August, 1915 as a 25 year old, Farmer. Embarked with 14th Reinforcements of 14th Battalion as Private 4502. Disembarked at Egypt on 22nd March, 1916.

Wounded in Action on 7th August, 1916. Died of wounds received in action at Pozieres on 9th August, 1916. Buried in Puchevillers British Cemetery, France.

Entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal.



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

#### **ANNUAL EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 1906 RESULTS**

##### **FIRST YEAR MEDICINE**

Subdivision A of Division 1

Passed - .... Henry Hunter Griffith, .....

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 14 November, 1906)*

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### **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

#### **FINAL HONOUR EXAMINATION – FIRST TERM, 1908**

##### **MEDICAL EXAMINATION – DIVISION II**

Materia Medica and Pharmacy – Passed - .... Henry Hunter Griffith (Trinity), .....

*(The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria – 17 March, 1908)*

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### **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

#### **DEGREES CONFERRED**

##### **DOCTORS FOR THE FRONT**

Bachelors of Medicine and Bachelors of Surgery - ... Henry Hunter Griffith, .....

*(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 2 November, 1915)*

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### **Department of Defence**

#### **AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES**

##### **APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, ETC**

His Excellency the Governor-General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following changes, &c., in connexion with the Australian Military Forces, viz.:-

##### **3RD MILITARY DISTRICT**

Australian Army Medical Corps Reserve

To be Honorary Captains.

Dated 4th November, 1915

**HENRY HUNTER GRIFFITH**

*(Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 30 March, 1916)*

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## **Social and Personal**

Major Henry Hunter Griffith, A.A.M.C., who died at the 3rd L.G.H., Wandsworth, on 23rd March, from pneumonia following influenza, was the son of Mr Charles Griffith, of Toorak, Victoria and Tyrie, New South Wales (says the "British Australasian." Major Griffith for a time resided in Brisbane, and was stationed at Lytton. He sailed for duty abroad in November, 1917.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 29 May, 1919) & (*The Week*, Brisbane, Queensland – 6 June, 1919)

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## **GRAMMAR OLD BOYS' RE-UNION**

### **IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

#### **87 HAVE FALLEN**

Old Geelong Grammarians held a re-union at the Church of England Grammar School, Corio, yesterday. The programme comprised a Memorial Service, cricket match and a dinner.

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The names of those who fell; in the war were announced. There are 87 names as follows:-.....Geoffrey Carmichael Griffith, Henry Hunter Griffith, .....

(*Geelong Advertiser*, Victoria – 29 November, 1919)

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## Commonwealth War Graves Commission

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission cares for cemeteries and memorials in 23,000 locations, in 153 countries. In all 1.7 million men and women from the Commonwealth forces from WWI and WWII have been honoured and commemorated in perpetuity.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, as part of its mandate, is responsible for commemorating all Commonwealth war dead individually and equally. To this end, the war dead are commemorated by name on a headstone, at an identified site of a burial, or on a memorial. War dead are commemorated uniformly and equally, irrespective of military or civil rank, race or creed.

Not all service personnel have a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. In some instances the relative chose to have their own memorial/headstone placed on the deceased's grave. These private headstones are not maintained by the CWGC as they have no jurisdiction to maintain them.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith has a shared Private Family Headstone

## Paddington Old Cemetery, Kilburn, Greater London, England

There are 207 Commonwealth burials of the 1914-1918 war here. 130 of the burials are in a Service Plot (denoted in the entries as S.P.) and a Screen Wall memorial commemorates 50 whose graves, throughout the cemetery, are not marked by headstones. There are 4 Commonwealth burials of the 1939-1945 war and 43 non-war Service burials.

Visitors to the Screen Wall in Paddington Cemetery are advised that the war casualties are listed alphabetically by surname.

*(Information from CWGC)*

Paddington Old Cemetery is located in Willesden Lane, Kilburn. Also known as Paddington Cemetery or Willesden Lane Cemetery.



*(Photo by Irid Escent)*





*(Photo by Oxyman)*

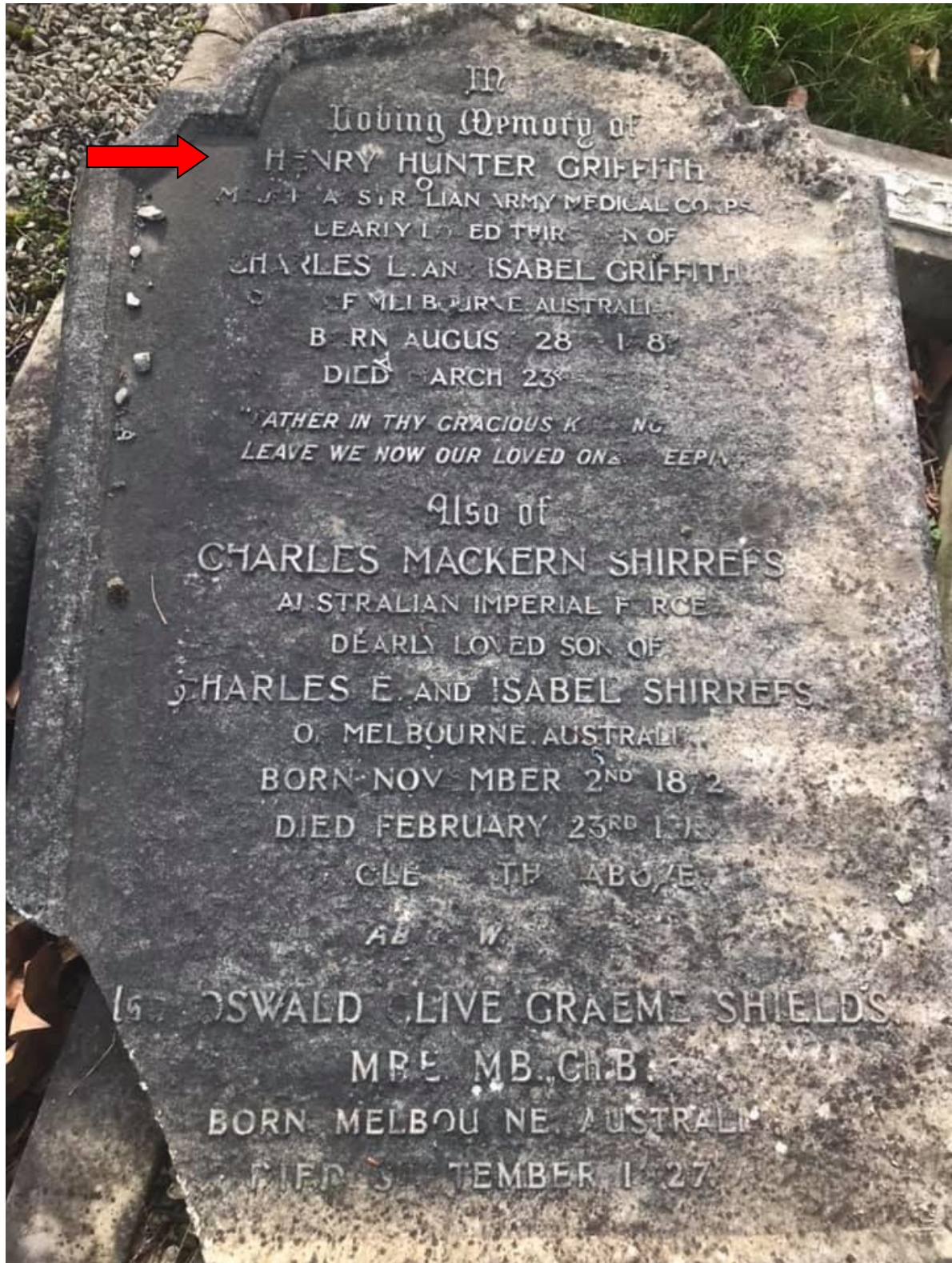


*(Photo from Friends of Paddington Old Cemetery)*



Photo of Major Henry Hunter Griffith's shared Private Family Headstone in Paddington Old Cemetery, Kilburn, Greater London, England.

Major Henry Hunter Griffith was the nephew of Sapper Charles Mackern Shirrefs (listed by Australian Imperial Force as Sheriff) & had attended his uncle's funeral on 28th February, 1919.



(Photo courtesy of Paul Owen – Friends of Paddington Old Cemetery)



*In*

*Loving Memory of*

***HENRY HUNTER GRIFFITH***

*Major Australian Army Medical Corps*

*Dearly Loved Third Son Of*

*Charles L. and Isabel Griffith*

*Of Melbourne, Australia*

*Born August 28th 1887*

*Died March 23rd 1919*

*"Father In Thy Gracious Keeping*

*Leave We Now Our Loved One Sleeping"*





(Photo from Find a Grave – Julia&keld)