



SERGEANT JOHN GRIFFIN 1886-1916

John Griffin was the second son of Thomas and Elizabeth Griffin of Hampton Lucy. He was living in Ingon Lane when he started school and then the family moved to Rhine Hill Lodge , Hampton Lucy, where both he and his father worked as gardeners. He joined the 9th Battalion of The Royal Warwickshire Regiment and was awarded the Victory and British War Medals. He died at Basra on 16 June 1916 and is Remembered with Honour at the Basra War Cemetery and also on the plaque in Hampton Lucy Church.

ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT – 9th (Service) Battalion record

- Aug 1914 Formed in Warwick as part of the First New Army (K1) and then moved to Salisbury Plain and joined the 39th Brigade of the 13th Division.
- Jan 1915 Moved to Basingstoke and then to Blackdown, Aldershot
- 24.06.1915 Mobilised for war and embarked for Gallipoli from Avonmouth
- July 1915 Landed at Gallipoli and the Division engaged in various actions including:

- The Battle of Sari Bair,
 - The Battle of Russell's Top,
 - The Battle of Hill 60,
 - and the last Turkish attacks at Helles.
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- Jan 1916 Due to severe losses from combat, disease and harsh weather the Division was evacuated to Mudros and then Egypt.
 - 16.02.1916 Embarked for Basra from Suez arriving 28.02.1916 to defend British interests against Turk forces
 - (It was June 1916 that Sgt Griffin died.)
 - During 1917: The Battle of Kut al Amara,
 - The capture of the Hai Salient,
 - The capture of Dahra Bend,
 - The passage of the Diyala.
 - July 1918 The 39th Brigade transferred to the North Persia Force
 - 31.10.1918 Ended the war in Transcaspia, Krasnovodsk.

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