Surname	Griffiths
Forename(s)	William Owen
Initials	WO
Age	40
Honours/Awards	
Date died	28/10/1918
Rank	Company Sergeant Major
Regiment	Cheshire Regiment
Unit/Squadron	4 <sup>th</sup> Reserve Bn.
Service Number	201374
Cemetery/Memorial	Wallasey (Rake Lane) Cemetery
Grave Reference	15. C. of E. 729.
Further Information	Husband of Alice Griffiths, of 60, Belle Vue Rd.,
	Seacombe, Wallasey.
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**News Report** 

## Sergt.-Major's Death

## Military Funeral At Liscard

We regret to record the death of Sergeant William Owen Griffiths, Cheshire Regiment, which occurred on October 20<sup>th</sup>, from pneumonia, at the New Town Hall Military Hospital. He was 40 years of age, and formerly belonged to the West Yorks Regiment. He joined up in June, 1915, as Musketry instructor at Oswestry, previous to which he was a clerk with the Manchester Ship Canal Company, and later with the Anchor Line. Much sympathy has been expressed for the widow, who resides at 60, Belle Vue Road, Seacombe.

The funeral took place on Monday, at Rake Lane Cemetery, the cortege being preceded bt a detachment of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion Border Regiment, under the command of Major Hughes, and the firing party was in charge of Sergt. Deegan. A service was conducted in the Cemetery Chapel, by the Rev. Canon Stonex, Rural Dean, Vicar if New Brighton, who also officiated at the graveside. The coffin which was draped with the Union Jack, was borne to its last resting place

by six Sergt. Majors, who came specially from Kent. Three volleys were fired, and a bugler sounded the "Last Post."

## **References and Acknowledgments**

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