

Durrington War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I



2353 PRIVATE

A. MOORE

42ND BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

29TH JANUARY, 1917 Age 27

*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte A. Moore is located in Grave Plot # 165
of Durrington War Graves Cemetery*

Alfred MOORE

Alfred Moore was born in 1889 to parents Alfred & Maud Moore (nee Tate).

Alfred Moore stated he was 27 years & 9 months old, single & a Butcher from Queensland when he enlisted at Brisbane on 8th November, 1915 with the 2nd Reinforcements, 2nd Remount Unit of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 2285 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Maud Moore, of Manly, Queensland. Alfred Moore stated on his Attestation Form that he had previously been rejected from serving in the Forces due to a weak heart.

Alfred Moore was charged with being absent without leave & insolence at Chermside Camp on 11th November, 1915. He was punished by being confined to Camp for 9 days.

Trooper Alfred Moore embarked from Sydney aboard HMAT *Berrima* (A35) on 17th December, 1915

Trooper Alfred Moore was taken on strength with 2nd Reinforcements at Maadi, Egypt on 23rd January, 1916 & was attached to 8th Squadron. He was admitted to Hospital at Maadi on 2nd March, 1916.

Trooper Alfred Moore returned to Australia on *Seang Bee* from Suez on 29th April, 1916 as his Unit had been demobilised. Trooper Alfred Moore was discharged from A.I.F. on 19th June, 1916.

A marriage was registered in 1916 in Queensland between Alfred Moore & Annie Maud McCleran. (According to details in a letter written by Mr Alfred Moore (father of Pte Alfred Moore) to Base Records, dated 10th October, 1921, asking for details of next-of-kin, Mr Moore stated his son – Alfred Moore had married “the day before he left home to go into camp, they had no home & there was no issue of the marriage. She again married & refused to accept the honour certificate issued by the Council, which I now possess.....”

Alfred Moore stated he was 27 years & 2 months old, married & a Labourer from Wynnum South, Queensland when he re - enlisted on 19th June, 1916 with the 42nd Infantry, 4th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 2353 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Maud Moore, of Wynnum South, Queensland. Alfred Moore stated he had previously served 7 months with 2nd Remounts AIF in Egypt but was discharged - disbanded.

Pte Alfred Moore embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Boonah* (A36) on 21st October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 10th January, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Pte Alfred Moore was marched in to 11th Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire from Australia on 10th January, 1917.

Pte Alfred Moore was sent sick to Fargo Military Hospital on 26th January, 1917.

Private Alfred Moore died at 8.30 p.m. on 29th January, 1917 at Fargo Military Hospital, Wiltshire from Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for (Male) Moore, aged 28, was registered in the March quarter, 1917 in the district of Amesbury, Wiltshire.

Private Alfred Moore was buried at on 2nd February, 1917 at Durrington Cemetery, Wiltshire – Plot number 165 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

Private A. Moore is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 135.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

An advertisement was placed by the A.I.F. in 1919 to locate the next-of-kin of the late Pte Alfred Moore. Pte Moore's father answered the advertisement stating that he was the "father & sole remaining parent.... Am I to assume that the woman he married & who shortly after his death married again is the next of kin?"

Pte Alfred Moore was entitled to British War Medal & Victory Medal as he had entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Moore's father – Mr Alfred Moore (Senior) (sent September, 1922 & August, 1922). The widow of the late Pte Alfred Moore was entitled to receive his War Medals etc but she was unable to be located – so the medals were handed over to

the next person entitled to them – being late Pte Alfred Moore’s father. Mr Moore (the father) signed a Statutory Declaration on 19th January, 1922 stating he would preserve the medals & other items in his custody but would produce them to the Dept. of Defence at any time should someone having prior claims to the Medals come forward. Annie Maud Moore, widow of late Pte Alfred Moore remarried in 1918 in Queensland. Her husband was George Rowland Thomson. The personal effects of the late Pte Alfred Moore had been sent to & received by his widow, Mrs Maud Moore, in 1917.

A. Moore is also remembered on the Manly War Memorial (Digger)(East face) located at Ferguson Street Reserve, Manly, Queensland.



Manly War Memorial (Digger)

(Photo by Matt Smith, Qld War Memorial Register)

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Alfred Moore – service number 2353 as being 27 years old & served with 42nd Battalion Australian Infantry. No family details are listed.

(92 pages of Pte Alfred Moore’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

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Newspaper Reports

ROLL OF HONOUR – 271st CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF ILLNESS

Private A. Moore, Wynnum South

(Townsville Daily Bulletin, Queensland – Saturday 10 February, 1917)

ROLL OF HONOUR

MOORE – Private A. Moore, 4th Reinforcements, 42nd Battalion, died at Fargo Military Hospital, January 29th, 1917.

Thy sun has set

Inserted by his father, Alfred Moore, Manly

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – Tuesday 29 January, 1918) & (The Queenslander, Brisbane – Saturday 2 February, 1918)

Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)

Pte A. Moore does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Photo of Pte A. Moore's Headstone at Durrington War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



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