

Sutton Veny War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War 1



3428 LANCE CORPORAL

H. E. W. MOORE

AUST. MACHINE GUN CORPS

6TH FEBRUARY, 1919 AGE 28

Dearly Loved

*CWGC Headstone for Lance Cpl. H. E. W. Moore is located in
Grave Plot # 50. D. 24 of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Henry Edwin Walter MOORE

Henry Edwin Walter Moore was born at Tatura, Victoria in 1890 to parents Robert Albert & Elizabeth Moore (nee Garraty). His birth was registered as Walter Henry Edwin Moore.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the Division of Gippsland, sub-division Warragul, listed Edwin Henry Walter Moore, Warragul, Blacksmith.

Henry Edwin Walter Moore was a 24 year old, single, Blacksmith from Prahran East, Victoria when he enlisted at Melbourne, Victoria on 12th July, 1915 with the 4th Infantry Brigade, 14th Infantry Battalion, 11th Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 3428 & his religion was Church of Christ. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs E. Moore of 3 Chatsworth Parade, Prahran East, Melbourne, Victoria (father deceased). The Roll of Honour – information completed by Alice Moore, wife of Henry – records his name as Walter Henry Edwin Moore.

Walter Henry Edwin Moore married Alice Ellen Young in Victoria in 1915.

Private Henry Edwin Walter Moore embarked from Melbourne on HMAT *Nestor* (A71) on 11th October, 1915 (Casualty Form states 5th October, 1915). His name for the Embarkation Roll is listed as Walter Henry Edward Moore.

Some of the Attestation Papers for Henry Edwin Walter Moore were altered at some stage to show that W. H. E. – Walter Henry Edwin Moore was the correct name, even though he had signed as “Henry Edwin Walter Moore.” Other pages show his name as Walter Henry Edward Moore.

Pte Moore joined his Unit – 14th Battalion in Ismailia on 4th February, 1916. Pte Moore was transferred to 46th Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 3rd March, 1916 & taken on strength. He was transferred to 12th Machine Gun Company on 19th March, 1916 & then to be Shoeing Smith at Serapeum on 21st March, 1916.

Shoeing Smith Moore proceeded to join the B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 2nd June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles on 11th June, 1916. He was sent to Hospital sick on 22nd November, 1916 & transferred to 21st Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd November, 1916. Moore was transferred to 4th General Hospital at Camiers on 5th December, 1916 & embarked for England from Boulogne on *Jan Breydel* on 6th December, 1916. He was admitted to 2nd Auxiliary Hospital at Southall with a septic Knee & marched in to No. 4 Command Depot at Wareham on 1st February, 1917.

Moore was attached to 65th Battalion from 12th Machine Gun Company at Wareham on 25th March, 1917. He was transferred to 65th Battalion on 7th April, 1917 then transferred to 12th Machine Gun Company the same day as there was no accommodation at No. 4 Command Depot.

Moore proceeded overseas to France to Reinforcements of 12th Machine Gun Company from Machine Gun Training Depot at Grantham on 11th May, 1917.

Moore was marched in at Camiers on 12th May, 1917 & marched out to 12th Coy on 30th May, 1917. He rejoined his Unit in the field on 31st May, 1917.

Moore was “appointed as Driver to complete establishment” on 21st July, 1917. He was detached to 4th Div. Pack train on 9th October, 1917 & rejoined from detachment on 23rd October, 1917.

Driver Moore was on leave to England from 6th March to 22nd March, 1918.

A.I.F. Order 1151 – Driver Moore “Designation changed to 4th Machine Gun Battalion”.

Driver Moore was appointed Lance Corporal in France on 31st October, 1918. He was reported with his Unit on 7th November, 1918.

L/Cpl. Moore was marched out from Havre on 27th January, 1919 & marched out to England the same day.

L/Cpl. Moore was marched in to No. 1 Command Depot at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 28th January, 1919 then marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 29th January, 1919.

Lance Corporal Henry Edwin Walter Moore was sent sick to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire on 31st January, 1919 & reported as dangerously ill with Pneumonia on 6th February, 1919.

Lance Corporal Henry Edwin Walter Moore died at 12.10 p.m. on 6th February, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of Influenza / Broncho Pneumonia.

A death for H. Moore, aged 29, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Lance Corporal Henry Edwin Walter Moore was buried on 10th February, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 50. From the burial report of L/Cpl. Moore - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being borne to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party from the 2nd Australian Training Brigade Codford. Six of deceased's late Unit comrades supported the Pall. A number of Officers, N.C.O.'s and Men of deceased's late Unit followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file contains a letter from A/ Registrar for O.C. No. 1 Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny which reads: *"L/Cpl. Moore was admitted form the Overseas Training Btn of this area on the 31 Jan. 1919 diagnosed Influenza. Later L/Cpl. Moore developed Broncho Pneumonia. The above mentioned died on the 6th Feb. '19 at 12.10 p.m."*

Mrs W. H. E. Moore wrote a letter to Colonel Luscombe Defence Dept on 20th February, 1919 asking *"would you give me the full particulars of my husband's death No. 3428 Driver W. H. E. Moore. Why wasn't I notified instead of his mother. I am his next-of-kin & his wife. I want to know where he died, whether in England or where....."* Base Records replied stating *"..... you will have already have received official advice of the regrettable report of your husband As you were previously informed, the late soldier's records here showed that he enlisted as a single man a- next-of-kin, mother, resident in Prahran. The notification of his death was therefore despatched to her, but when it was discovered by your further correspondence that you were not aware of the regrettable news, action was at once taken to have the report suitably conveyed to you... Your name has now been noted on your husband's records and your Marriage Certificate is returned herewith under registered cover."*

A Statutory Declaration was written by Alice Ellen Moore of Bunyip, Victoria on 25th February, 1919 before a Justice of Peace declaring that she was the "legal wife of Walter Henry Edwin Moore, deceased, that I was married on the 27th September, 1915 at Fitzroy and that I am not divorced or have I legally separated from him."

Mrs W. H. E. Moore wrote a letter to Officer in Charge on 8th May, 1919 asking if there was a mistake with her husband's death as he was not a Lance Corporal. A reply was sent *".....regret to state there appears no reason to doubt the authenticity of the report that your husband the late No. 3428 Lance Corporal H. E. W. Moore, 4th Machine Gun Battalion, died on 6/2/19 of broncho pneumonia at 1st Australian General Hospital.....The records show that your husband was appointed to rank of Lance-Corporal on 31/10/18."*

Walter Henry Edwin Moore requested in his Will dated 23rd July, 1915 that all his real & personal Estate be left to his mother – Mrs Elizabeth Moore. This Will was later annulled.

A letter was written by Mrs E. Moore, mother of late Lance Corporal H. E. W. Moore, in July, 1919 to Base Records requesting a photo of her son's grave & *"Though he married shortly before embarking, I am his widowed mother and feel that a share is due to me of whatever may be left. I understand some money is outstanding and if you can do anything in the matter so that I may receive a share I shall be most grateful."* Base Records replied that a photograph would be forwarded to her when a copy is received & that the portion of her letter with reference to financial matters had been referred to the Military Paymaster, Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

Lance Cpl. H. E. W. Moore is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 178.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

W. H. E. Moore is remembered on the Bunyip War Memorial located at Main Road & High Street, Bunyip, Victoria.



Bunyip War Memorial (Photos from Monument Australia – Kent Watson / Sandra Brown)

Lance Corporal Henry Edwin Walter Moore was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to his widow – Mrs Alice Moore (sent October, 1921 & October, 1922).

The CWGC lists Lance Corporal Henry Edwin Walter Moore, 3428, of 4th Company, Australian Machine Gun Corps, A.I.F. as the son of Robert Albert and Elizabeth Moore; husband of Alice Ellen Moore, of Bunyip, Gippsland, Victoria. Born at Tatura, Goulburn Valley.

(80 pages of Lance Corporal Henry Edwin Walter Moore's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing file) & National Archives.



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Walter Henry Edwin Moore

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 St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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)

Lance Corporal Henry Edwin Walter Moore does not have a personal inscription on his headstone.

In Memory Of The Dearly Loved Husband Of Alice E. Moore



War Graves at Sutton Veny (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Lance Corporal H. E. W. Moore's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)