

**St. Edith's Churchyard,
Baverstock, Wiltshire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3413 PRIVATE

C. F. MOOR

31ST BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

10TH AUGUST, 1917 Age 33

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Charles Forbes MOOR

Charles Forbes Moor was born at Rugby, Warwickshire, England in 1885 to parents James Maitland Hoare Moor & Anne Emily Moor (nee Jenkins). His birth was registered in the June quarter, 1885 in the district of Rugby, Warwickshire, England.

The 1891 England Census lists Charles F. Moor as a 6 year old living with his family at 14 Pennington St, Rugby, Warwickshire. His parents were listed as James M. H. Moor (Railway Clerk, aged 46) & Annie E. Moor (aged 37). Charles was one of 8 children listed on this Census – Frances E. E. (aged 15), James C. H. (aged 14), Peter R. (aged 13), Henry M. (aged 10), Katherine L. (aged 7), then Charles, Gilbert R. (aged 4) & Richard T. (aged 3). Also listed was Charlotte H. Maitland, aunt of James M. H. Moor (Living on own Means, aged 75).

The 1901 Census lists Charles as a 16 year old Clerk living with his family at 15 Paignton Rd, Birmingham, Warwickshire. His parents were listed as James M. H. Moore (Living on Own Means, aged 56) & Ann E. Moor (aged 49). Charles was one of 6 children listed on this Census – Henry M. (Hardman Traveller, aged 20), Kitty (Clerk/ Lamp Trade, aged 18), then Charles, Gilbert (aged 14), Richard (aged 13) & John (aged 9).

Charles F. Moor, aged 29, was listed as a passenger on the *Geelong*, which departed from London, England on 2 July, 1914, destined for Sydney, Australia.

Charles Forbes Moor was a 32 year old, single, Dairy Hand when he enlisted at Brisbane, Queensland, on 20th December, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3413 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his brother – Gilbert Moor of 4 and 6 Mally Ramphla, Monte Video, Uruguay, South America. Charles Moor stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously been rejected from enlisting due to a hernia.

Private Charles Moor was posted to 41st Battalion for recruit training. He was transferred to 7th Reinforcements of 31st Battalion on 29th April, 1916.

Private Charles Moor embarked from Brisbane on HMAT *Seang Choon (A49)* on 4th May, 1916 with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 31st Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements & disembarked at Suez on 15th June, 1916.

Private Charles Moor was taken on strength of 5th Division Details at Tel El Kebir on 9th July, 1916. He was Absent without Leave from 05.00 hrs Parade on 26th July, 1916 at Tel el Kebir & was awarded 2 days Confined to Barracks.

Private Charles Moor embarked from Alexandria on *Franconia* on 2nd August, 1916.

Private Charles Moor was taken on strength from Overseas on 22nd August, 1916 & marched in to 8th Training Battalion at Wiltshire, England.

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.

Private Charles Moor was admitted to Military Hospital, Fargo, Wiltshire on 12th September, 1916.

Private Charles Moor was marched into 8th Training Battalion, Camp No. 15 at Codford, Wiltshire from Fargo Hospital on 23rd September, 1916.

Private Charles Moor was transferred from Bulford to Park House from 23rd December, 1916 to 4th January, 1917.

Private Moor was sick to Fovant Hospital from 8th Training Battalion, Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 29th March, 1917 until 8th April, 1917 with Scabies. He was then transferred to Military Hospital, Bulford, Wiltshire & discharged on 30th May, 1917.

Private Charles Moor was sick to Camp 10 Hospital on 31st May, 1917 & marched in to 8th Training Battalion on 1st June, 1917.

Private Charles Moor was admitted to Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire on 8th August, 1917 from 8th Training Battalion.

Private Charles Forbes Moor died at 5.50 p.m. on 10th August, 1917 from Acute Pancreatitis at Military Hospital, Fovant, Wiltshire, an hour after being operated on.

A death for Charles Moor, aged 34, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Private Charles Moor was buried in the churchyard of St. Edith's at Baverstock, Wiltshire on 15th August, 1917 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.

From the burial report of Private Charles Moor - *Coffin was good oak; Military Funeral; A wreath from his comrades was put on the grave also a cross of fresh English flowers from one of his mates.*

Private Charles Moor requested in his Will, dated 27th June, 1917, extracted from his Pay Book that "*in case of death everything to Lancelot Richard James Moor of 91 Swinderby Rd, Wembly. Witnessed by Emmeline Clare Moor.*"

Private Charles Moor's personal effects were handed over to Mr E. M. Moor of 140 Leadenhall Street, London, England. However, due to communications being returned unanswered in 1922 to Mr E. Moor & Ms. E. C. Moor, the British War Medal, it was decided, would be awarded to Mr G. R. Moor of Uruguay, South America. Mr Gilbert Moor had also written a letter to A.I.F., dated 4th April, 1922 from Montevideo, South America, regarding the intended recipient of Medals – "*both Father and Mother are deceased. There are four brothers older than myself and I have no knowledge of their whereabouts. My brother Charles Moor and myself were very closely attached and as often happens in large families most of the brothers on arriving at manhood separate each on their own way, but Charles Moor and myself were either together or in close communication until he left Montevideo for Australia.*

I trust that your committee will consider that I am entitled to an exception from the usual procedure as outlined in the second paragraph of your memo."

Private Charles Moor 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 Pte Moor's brother, who was listed as his next-of-kin – Gilbert Moor of Uruguay, South America. (Both sent September, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Charles Forbes Moor – service number 3413, as being 33 years old & served with 31st Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of James Maitland Hoare Moor and Emily Ann Moor. Born at Rugby, Warwickshire, England.

Private C. F. Moor is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 119.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

An enquiry was received from Mrs W. C. Luff from Los Angeles, California, dated 25th August, 1927, enquiring into the possible death of her brother – Charles Forbes Moor. The only information she had was that he had died in France in the latter part of 1917. A reply was sent dated 15th October, 1927 advising Mrs W. C. Luff of the description, next-of-kin & enlistment details of Private Charles Forbes Moor, 3413 of 31st Battalion. Information was also given on when & where Pte Charles Forbes Moor had died & where he was buried.

(62 pages of Private Charles Forbes Moor'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) & National Archives



Newspaper Reports

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

CASUALTY LISTS Nos. 336 AND 337

DIED OF ILLNESS

Chas. Moor, South America 10/8/17

(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – Tuesday 11 September, 1917).

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. Edith's Churchyard, Baverstock. 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)

Private C. F. Moor does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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St. Edith's Churchyard, Baverstock contains 32 World War 1 War Graves – 3 London Regiment Graves in the south-west corner & 29 Australian War Graves.



St. Edith's Churchyard, Baverstock *(Photo courtesy of Helen Roberts)*



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Photo of Private C. F. Moor's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone at St. Edith's Churchyard, Baverstock, Wiltshire, England.



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