

**Holy Trinity Churchyard,
Chantry, Somerset
War Grave**



Lest We Forget

World War 1



1990 PRIVATE

A. MOORE

5TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

29TH FEBRUARY, 1916 Age 36

*He Gave His Life And Future
For The Life And Future
Of Others*

Arthur MOORE

Arthur Moore was born 9th April, 1875 to parents Henry Albert and Thurzia Elizabeth Moore (nee Burge). He was baptised on 8th August, 1875 in Parish Church of Chantry, Somerset England. The family lived at Bangle Farm & Henry Albert Moore was listed as a Farmer. (Place of birth listed as Warminster, Wiltshire on Australian Imperial Force Attestation Papers).

Arthur Moore, born 9th April, 1875, was admitted to Whatley Chantry School, Somerset, England on 31st August, 1877. His father was listed as Henry Moore, of Bangle Farm. Arthur Moore was re-admitted to the school on 22nd April, 1878. His brother Frank Moore was re-admitted on 5th June, 1877 (born 25 June, 1866).

The 1881 England Census recorded Arthur Moore as a 6 year old Scholar, living with his family at Beechgrove Farm, Warminster, Wiltshire, England. His parents were listed as Henry Moore (Famer employing 1 man & 2 boys, aged 40, born Whatley, Somerset) & Elizabeth Moore (aged 38, born Whatley, Somerset). Arthur was the youngest of six children listed on this Census (all born Whatley, Somerset except Arthur whose place of birth was not listed) – Francis Moore (Assisting his father, aged 14), Anna Moore (Assisting her mother, aged 12), Sarah Moore (Scholar, aged 11), Ernest Moore (Scholar, aged 9), Florence Moore (Scholar, aged 7) then Arthur.

Arthur Moore attended Grammar School at Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

The 1881 England Census recorded Arthur Moore as a 16 year old, Farmer's Assistant living at Bangle Farm, Whatley, Somerset, England with his Uncle & Aunt. His Uncle & Aunt were listed as John F. Moore (Farmer, aged 47) & Kate Moore (aged 37). Also listed was Roseline S. Butler – niece of John Moore (aged 10).

Herbert Albert Moore, father of Arthur Moore, died on 1st October, 1903 in the district of Frome, Somerset, England.

From information provided by his sister for the Roll of Honour - Arthur Moore came to Australia when he was 20 years old. According to information in Du Ruvigny's Roll of Honour 1914-1918 (see below) – Arthur Moore came to Australia in 1900. An "*Arthur Moore, Cattleman, aged 25, from Somerset*", was a passenger on *Damascus*, which departed from the port of London, England & arrived at Sydney, New South Wales on 21st January, 1901.

Arthur Moore stated he was a 36 year old, single, Barman when he enlisted at Colac, Victoria on 12th January, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 1990 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his mother – Mrs Francis Moore, of Bangle Farm, Whatley, near Frome, Somersetshire, England. Arthur Moore stated on his Attestation Papers that he had served in the Yeoman Cavalry for 5 years.

Private Arthur Moore was posted to Depot (Battalion) on 12th January, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to Reinforcements on 2nd March, 1915.

Private Arthur Moore embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Hororata (A20)* on 17th April, 1915 with the 5th Infantry Battalion, 5th Reinforcements.

Private Arthur Moore with 5th Reinforcements embarked from Alexandria on 3rd July, 1915 on H.M.T. *Scotian* for Dardanelles to join his Battalion. He was taken on strength of 5th Battalion on 9th July, 1915 at Anzac, Turkey.

Private Arthur Moore was wounded at Anzac on 8th August, 1915. He disembarked from Hospital Ship *Dunluce Castle* at Malta on 12th August, 1915 with bullet wound to head – serious. Private Moore was admitted to Bavier Hospital, Malta on 12th August, 1915 with gunshot wound to skull & was listed as dangerously ill. Private Moore was transferred from Military Hospital at Bavier, Malta to Hospital Ship *Oxfordshire* for England on 29th August, 1915.

5th Battalion

The 5th Battalion was among the first infantry units raised for the AIF during the First World War. Like the 6th, 7th and 8th Battalions it was recruited from Victoria and, together with these battalions, formed the 2nd Brigade.

The 5th Battalion took part in the ANZAC landing on 25 April 1915, as part of the second wave. It was led by Lieutenant Colonel D. S. Wanliss, the officer who had raised the battalion. Ten days after the landing the 2nd

Brigade was transferred from ANZAC to Cape Helles to help in the attack on the village of Krithia. The attack captured little ground but cost the brigade almost a third of its strength. The Victorian battalions forming the 2nd Brigade returned to ANZAC to help defend the beachhead, and in August the 2nd Brigade fought at the battle of Lone Pine. The battalion served at ANZAC until the evacuation in December.

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 5th Battalion

7th August, 1915 - ANZAC – In garrison Southern No. 2 Section. Enemy shelling whole line intermittently through day.

8th August, 1915 – ANZAC – do do

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Private Arthur Moore was admitted to The King George Hospital, Stamford Street, London, England on 5th September, 1915 with a gunshot wound to the head.

The Hospital Admissions form reports the following information:

“Wounded Aug 8/15 at Gallipoli. Irregularly shaped wound involving superficial structures.

Sept 28/15 Much better but not quite healed. Sent to Aux. Hospl, readmitted Febr 18th with sinus frontal region still discharging. X rays show fracture of skull in r. frontal region with many small fragments of shrapnel present.

Feb 28/16 scab excised, small sequestrum removed from skull, wound serafed (?) out.

Feb 29/16 Vomited during morning temp & pulse steadily rose. 2.0 pm 104.4 >116. He remained in a state of almost total unconsciousness & during the afternoon began to get very restless. 9.0 pm wound opened up & trephine hole enlarged, on incising the membranes a small quantity of pus escaped. Died 10.0pm.”

Private Arthur Moore died on 29th February, 1916 at King George Hospital, Stamford Street, London, England from Gunshot wound to head. (Note: The Hospital Admissions form states that Private Arthur Moore died at 10.00 pm on 29th February, 1916. The Australian Military Office, London, England wrote to Base Records, Melbourne, Victoria in March, 1916 stating that Private Arthur Moore had died at 11.20 pm on 29th February, 1916.)

A death for Arthur Moore, aged 37, was registered in the March quarter, 1916 in the district of Lambeth, London, England.

Private Arthur Moore was buried in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Chantry, Somerset, England and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Australian Military Office, London, England wrote to Base Records, Melbourne, Victoria in March, 1916 to advise of the death of Private Arthur Moore & advised the *“deceased was interred in the Churchyard of the Parish of Chantry, near Frome, Somersetshire, the funeral being a private one. The graves are not numbered, but that of Private Moore is next to that of his late father, Henry Moore, over whose body there is a memorial stone. The Reverend H. W. Jordan, Vicar of Chantry, officiated at the burial.”*

A War Pension was granted to Thirza Elizabeth Moore, of Park House, Whatley, near Frome, Somerset, mother of the late Private Arthur Moore, in the sum of £2 per fortnight commencing from 5th May, 1916.

Private Arthur Moore was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to F. Moore, in England, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque sent issued in England in December, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Moore – service number 1990, aged 36, of 5th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of Henry Albert and Thurzia E. Moore.

From Du Ruvigny's Roll of Honour 1914-1918:



“MOORE, ARTHUR, Private, No. 1990, 5th Battn. Australian Expeditionary Force; s. of Henry Albert Moore, of Park House, Whatley, near Frome, Somerset, by his wife Elizabeth Thurzia, dau. of James Burge Whatley; b. 9 April, 1879; educ. Warminster Grammar School; went to Australia in 1900, and settled at Melbourne and Sydney; enlisted at Melbourne in Feb. 1915; was wounded at the Dardanelles, 7 Aug. 1915, and invalided home to England, and died in King George's Hospital, 29 Feb. 1916; unm.”

Private A. Moore is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 44.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(37 pages of Private Arthur 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

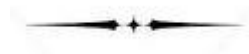




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Private Arthur Moore



Newspaper Notices

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

70th LIST

ILL

VICTORIA

Pte A. Moore, England (dangerously)

(*The Evening Echo*, Ballarat, Victoria – 28 August, 1915)

THE 152nd CASUALTY LIST

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private A. Moore, England

(The Mildura Cultivator, Victoria – 15 March, 1916)

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. 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 A. Moore does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Holy Trinity Churchyard, Chantry, Somerset, England

Holy Trinity Churchyard, Chantry contains just one Commonwealth War Grave.



Holy Trinity Church, Chantry *(Photo by Trish Steel)*

Photo of Private A. Moore's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Holy Trinity Churchyard, Chantry, Somerset, England.

