

**St. Mary's Church of Ireland Churchyard,
Macosquin, Northern Ireland**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



2418 LANCE SERJT.

W. H. MOORE

4TH AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS

21ST OCTOBER, 1918 Age 31

*In Memory Of
The Dearly Loved Son Of
William John & Susan Moore
Ardverness*

William Hugh MOORE

William Hugh Moore was born in 1888 to parents William John and Susan Moore. According to details provided by William John Moore, father of William Hugh Moore, for the Roll of Honour of Australia he was born at Ardvarness, Macosquin, Coleraine, Co. Derry, Northern Ireland. According to Attestation Papers completed when enlisting in the Australian Imperial Force – William Hugh Moore stated he was born at Greenock, Stirlingshire, Scotland.

The 1901 Ireland Census recorded William Hugh Moore as a 13 year old living with his family at Ardvarness, Drumcroon, Londonderry, Ireland. His parents were listed as William John Moore (Carpenter – Master & Farmer, aged 47, born Londonderry) & Susan Moore (aged 41, born Londonderry). William Hugh Moore was one of five children listed on this Census – Minnie Moore (Seamstress, aged 21, born Londonderry), Margaret Ann Moore (aged 19, born Londonderry), Jane Moore (aged 17, born Londonderry), then William Hugh Moore & Lizzie Moore (aged 5, born Londonderry).

The 1911 Ireland Census recorded William Hugh Moore as a 20 year old Carpenter living with his family at Ardvarness, Drumcroon, Londonderry, Ireland. His parents were listed as William John Moore (Carpenter & Farmer, aged 54) & Susan Moore (aged 48). William John Moore & Susan Moore had been married for 28 years & had five children, all still living. William Hugh Moore was one of five children listed on this Census – Minnie Moore (Dressmaker, aged 26), Margaret Ann Moore (aged 24), Jeannie Moore (Draper's Assistant, aged 22), then William Hugh Moore & Elizabeth Moore (Draper's Apprentice, aged 15).

William Hugh Moore had been apprentice to W. J. Moore at Greenock, Scotland for 5 years.

According to details provided by William John Moore, father of William Hugh Moore, for the Roll of Honour of Australia, William Hugh Moore came to Australia when he was aged 25. William Moore, Carpenter, aged 25, was a passenger on *Osterley* which departed from London on 31st January, 1913 bound for Australia.

William Hugh Moore was a 26 year old, single, Carpenter/Joiner from Bundaberg, Queensland when he enlisted at Bundaberg on 13th May, 1915 with the 9th Infantry Battalion, 7th Reinforcements of the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 2418 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his father – William John Moore of Carlsbourne Street, Greenock, Scotland, later altered to shown Ardvarness, Macosquin, Coleraine, Co. Derry, Northern Ireland (Records altered 13th August, 1917).

Private William Hugh Moore embarked from Sydney on HMAT *Shropshire* (A9) on 20th August, 1915.

Private William Hugh Moore was taken on strength with 9th Infantry Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 7th January, 1916.

Private William Hugh Moore was transferred to 49th Battalion at Habeita on 25th February, 1916.

Private William Hugh Moore was transferred & taken on strength with the 4th Pioneer Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir on 16th March, 1916.

Private William Hugh Moore was written up on 18th April, 1916 while at Serapeum as he was absent without leave from 21.00hrs on 14th April, 1916 until 05.30 hrs on 18th April, 1916 – about 80 hours, while on active service. He forfeited 5 days' pay.

Private William Hugh Moore was appointed Lance Corporal, 4th Pioneers, on 27th May, 1916.

Lance Corporal William Hugh Moore proceeded to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) from Alexandria on 4th June, 1916 & disembarked at Marseilles, France on 11th June, 1916.

Lance Corporal William Hugh Moore was appointed Corporal, 4th Pioneers, on 11th September, 1916 – vice Corporal Kneale killed.

Lance Corporal William Hugh Moore was sent to 4th Field Ambulance then transferred & admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital with Pleurisy on 28th October, 1916.

Lance Corporal William Hugh Moore was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) on 5th November, 1916. He was discharged to his Unit on 16th November, 1916 & re-joined his Unit in France from Hospital on 19th November, 1917.

Lance Corporal William Hugh Moore was sent to 4th Div. Infantry School on 10th February, 1917 & re-joined his Unit on 12th March, 1917.

Corporal William Hugh Moore was appointed Lance Sergeant, 4th Pioneers, on 26th March, 1917 – vice Lance Sergt. Sharp promoted.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was on leave from 17th April to 27th April, 1917. He reported at Administrative Headquarters, London on 28th April, 1917 having missed his train. He produced a certificate obtained from RTO Amiens Street Station, Dublin.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was wounded in action in Belgium on 24th June, 1917 with "H E Shell Hand" (High explosive). He was taken to 9th Field Ambulance then transferred to 53rd Casualty Clearing Station with gunshot wounds to left wrist. Lance Sgt. Moore was transferred by Ambulance Train 17 on 25th June, 1917 & admitted to 13th General Hospital at Boulogne on 25th June, 1917 with gunshot wounds to left wrist – slight. Lance Sgt. Moore was transferred to No. 1 Convalescent Depot at Boulogne on 27th June, 1917. He was declared fit & transferred to No. 3 Rest Camp at Boulogne on 28th June, 1917.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was marched in to 4th A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Havre from Hospital on 30th June, 1917. He was marched out to join his Unit from Rouelles on 16th August, 1917 & re-joined his Unit in the field on 19th August, 1917.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was sent to Hospital on 26th December, 1917. He was taken to 4th Australian Field Ambulance & admitted with debility. He was transferred to 5th Casualty Clearing Station on 1st January, 1918 then transferred by Ambulance Train to 12th General Hospital at Rouen, France on 4th January, 1918. Lance Sgt. Moore was transferred to England on 7th January, 1918 on Hospital Ship *Essiquibo*.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was admitted to Military Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire, England on 8th January, 1918 with Debility – severe.

A Medical Report was completed on Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore on 15th January, 1918 at Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. It was stated that Lance Sgt. Moore was suffering from Paraplegia (Spastic). The original disability occurred on 1st December, 1917 it "*began with pains in knees & shins. Was sent to C.R.S. & then to C.C.S. & thence to No. 12 General Hospital. There the pains left him, but the feet became swollen, & he began to have loss of power in the legs. There was also loss of sensation in legs. These symptoms continue. He is unable to stand & any attempt to move the legs sets up violent clonic spasms.*" "*It was apparent attributable to exposure to cold & wet on service abroad in present war.*" It was recommended that "*this man is not likely to be fit for service within six months.*"

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was placed on Supernumerary List on 26th February, 1918 as he had been absent from his Unit for 3 months.

A Medical Report was completed on Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore on 4th September, 1918 at Military Hospital, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. It was stated that Lance Sgt. Moore was suffering from Paraplegia (Spastic) & Fracture-dislocation of spine (lower dorsal region). The original disability occurred on 26th December, 1917 while on active service with B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force) at Peronne, France. Lance Sgt. Moore was "*knocked down by shell explosion in France, pain in the legs and areas of anaesthesia. On arrival here, loss of power in both legs with marked anaesthesia... No control over bladder or rectum.*" His injury to the "*spine by shell explosion was attributable to war service.*" It was recommended that he be discharged as permanently unfit for General & Home Service.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore died on 21st October, 1918 at Sutton Veny Military Hospital from Paraplegia Spastic & Pneumonia.

A death for William J. Moore, aged 25, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Wiltshire / Hampshire.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was buried on 25th October, 1918 in St. Mary's Church of Ireland Churchyard, Macosquin, Northern Ireland – East of the Church and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Lance Sergeant Moore - *Coffin was polished Elm, good quality. The deceased soldier was buried privately by his relatives in Ireland. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented. Names of relatives & friends present at the funeral – Father – Mr W. J. Moore, Macosquin, near Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, Ireland.*

Sergeant William Hugh Moore requested in his Will dated 3rd June, 1917 that all his personal estate be bequeathed to his sister – Miss Jeannie Moore, of Macosquin, Coleraine, County Derry, Ireland.

Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Lance Sergeant Moore's father - Mr W. J. Moore, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll & Plaque both sent November, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lance Sergeant William Hugh Moore – service number 2418, aged 31, of 4th Australian Pioneers. He was the son of William John and Susan Moore of Ardverness, Macosquin, Coleraine, Ireland.

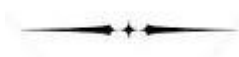
Lance Sergeant W. H. Moore is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 174.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

(58 pages of Lance Sergeant William Hugh 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



Newspaper Notices

ROLL OF HONOUR

Casualty List No. 381

89 Queenslanders Included

ILL

L.-Sgt. W. H. Moore, Ireland, ser., p.r.w.

(Serious, previously reported wounded)

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Qld – 31 January, 1918)

CASUALTIES

LISTS NOS. 450A AND 450

ILL

L.-Sgt. W. H. Moore, Ireland (2nd occ.)

(Daily Standard, Brisbane, Qld – 7 December, 1918)

AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

LIST No. 456

Died from Illness

Lance-sergeant W. H. Moore

(Morning Bulletin, Rockhampton, Qld – 31 January, 1919)

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)

Lance Serjt. W. H. Moore does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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Photo of Lance Serjt. W. H. Moore's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's Church of Ireland Churchyard, Macosquin, Coleraine, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland.



(Photo courtesy of Sean S. Wilson)

St. Mary's Church of Ireland Churchyard, Macosquin, Coleraine, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland

St. Mary's Church of Ireland Churchyard, Macosquin, Northern Ireland contains 4 Commonwealth War Graves – 3 from World War 1 & 1 from World War 2. There is only 1 Australian Forces burial.



St. Mary's Church of Ireland Church, Macosquin *(Photo by Kenneth Allen)*