PRIVATE JAMES MOORE

Service Number: 23625
10th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment
Died of sickness Thursday 20th January 1916, Aged 16
Burbage, St Catherine's Churchyard
Burbage War Memorial
St Catherine's Church Memorial

James was the sixth child of the eleven children of Fredrick and Ellen Moore. He was born on the 26th September 1899 at 22 Hinckley Road. The growing family later moved to 74 Woodland Terrace, Hinckley Road. By the 1911 census the parents, eleven children, a grandchild and a lodger were living in the small house at Woodland Terrace. From the age of three along with his elder siblings he attended the nearby Burbage National school on the Hinckley Road. James left school at the age of thirteen and found employment as a shoe hand at W and C Wills, boot and shoe manufacturers on Trinity Lane, Hinckley.

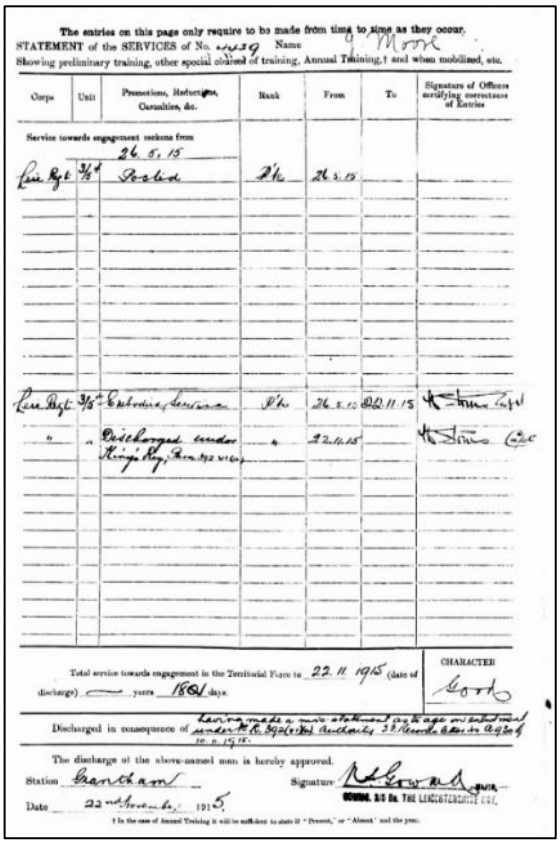
By 1915 two of his elder brothers were serving in the forces. On the 26th May 1915 James made the journey to Loughborough to enlist. As he was only 15 years old he lied, stating he was eighteen years and six months. Only Five feet five tall with a thirty-four-inch chest it is hard to believe the recruiting Sergeant did not suspect he was younger. However, he was physically fit and completed 181 days of service with the 3rd/5th Leicester Regiment before being discharged as underage for service. James returned home in November 1915. After remaining at home for about a month he re-enlisted and the last seven weeks of his life were spent training in the Cannock area. From 1911 all troops had to be routinely vaccinated for tetanus, typhoid and small pox before embarkation abroad. Whilst his regiment was in training at Cannock Chase James was vaccinated and four days later fell unconscious. He was moved to Whittington Barracks Hospital where he remained unconscious until his death on the 20th of January, aged just sixteen years and three months.

His body was returned to Burbage and the funeral took place at St Catherine's Church. A party of armed soldiers attended from his Battalion and fired three volleys over the grave followed by the 'last post' from a bugler. A Commonwealth War Grave stone was erected after the end of WW1.

Shortly before James death his eldest married brother Fredrick enlisted in December 1915 but was discharged medically unfit by July 1916. The two other Moore brothers survived the war. After James' death the family then moved to Blockleys Yard in Hinckley where Fredrick the father died in March 1917 just one year after his son. It is believed James Moore is the youngest Burbage victim of the Great War.

Figure 201 Hinckley Road, Burbage

Figure 202 Headstone Pte Moore



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STATEMENT of the SERVICES of No. 44429 Name J. Moore

Showing preliminary training, other special classes of training, Annual Training,† and when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Reductions, Casualties, &c.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officer certifying correctness of Entries
Service towards engagement reckons from 26. 5. 15						
Leic Regt	3/5th	Posted	Pte	26. 5. 15		
Leic Regt	3/5th	Embodied Service	Pte	26. 5. 15	22.11.15	[illegible] Capt
"	"	Discharged under King's Reg, Para 392 (vi)	"	22.11.15		[illegible] Capt

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force to 22.11.1915 (date of discharge) — years 181 days. CHARACTER Good

Discharged in consequence of having made a wilful statement as to age on enlistment under K.R. 392(vi) Authority 3rd Records letter to 24 Bde of 10.11.15.

The discharge of the above-named man is hereby approved.

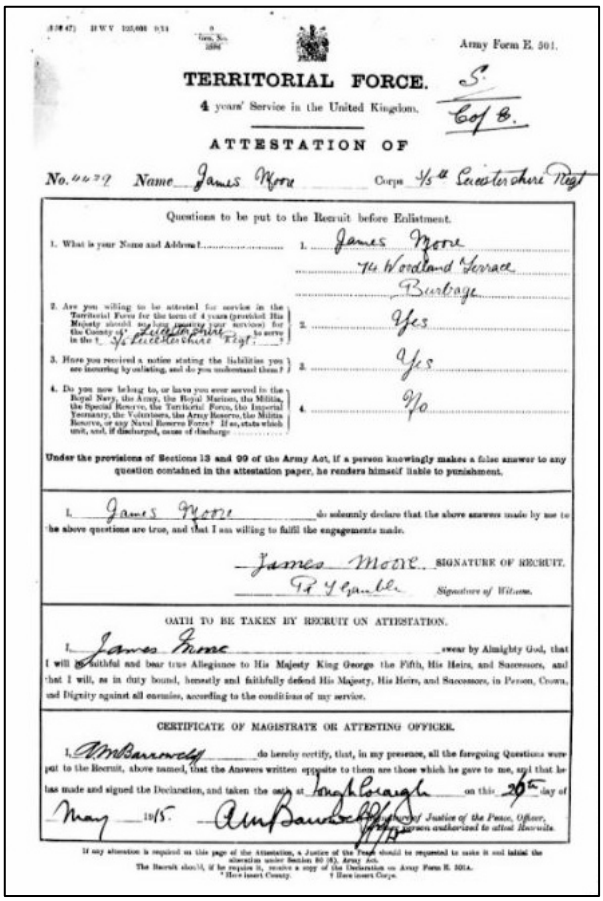
Station Grantham Signature [illegible] Major

Date 22nd November 1915

SOURB. 3/5 Bn. THE LEICESTERSHIRE REGT.

† In the case of Annual Training it will be sufficient to state if "Present," or "Absent," and the year.

Figure 204 James Moore Service Record



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TERRITORIAL FORCE.

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

ATTESTATION OF

No. 44429 Name James Moore Corps 3/5th Leicestershire Regt

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name and Address? 1. James Moore, 7a Woodland Terrace, Burbage

2. Are you willing to be attested for service in the Territorial Force for the term of 4 years (provided His Majesty should require your services) for the County of Leicestershire, to serve in the 3/5 Leicestershire Regt? 2. Yes

3. Have you received a notice stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting, and do you understand them? 3. Yes

4. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Marines, the Militia, the Special Reserve, the Territorial Force, the Imperial Yeomanry, the Volunteers, the Army Reserve, the Militia Reserve, or any Naval Reserve Force? If so, state which unit, and, if discharged, cause of discharge. 4. No

Under the provisions of Sections 13 and 99 of the Army Act, if a person knowingly makes a false answer to any question contained in the attestation paper, he renders himself liable to punishment.

I, James Moore do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and that I am willing to fulfil the engagements made.

James Moore SIGNATURE OF RECRUIT.

[illegible] Signature of Witness.

OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.

I, James Moore swear by Almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true Allegiance to His Majesty King George the Fifth, His Heirs, and Successors, and that I will, as in duty bound, honestly and faithfully defend His Majesty, His Heirs, and Successors, in Person, Crown, and Dignity against all enemies, according to the conditions of my service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAGISTRATE OR ATTESTING OFFICER.

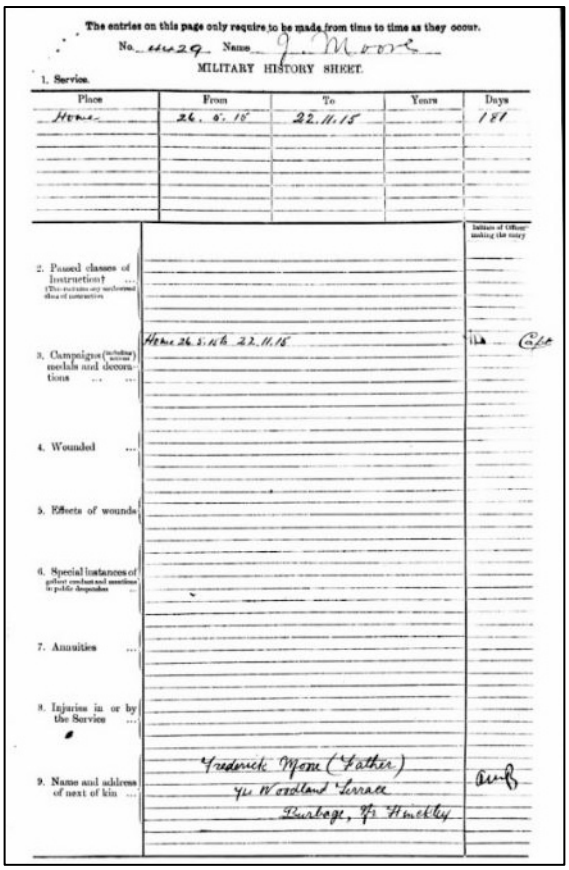
I, [illegible] do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing Questions were put to the Recruit, above named, that the Answers written opposite to them are those which he gave to me, and that he has made and signed the Declaration, and taken the oath at Joseph Cossaugh on this 20th day of May 1915. [illegible] Justice of the Peace, Officer, or Person authorized to attest Recruits.

If any alteration is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the alteration under Section 80 (3), Army Act.

The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 501A.

* Here insert County. † Here insert Corps.

Figure 203 James Moore Service Record



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No. 44429 Name J. Moore

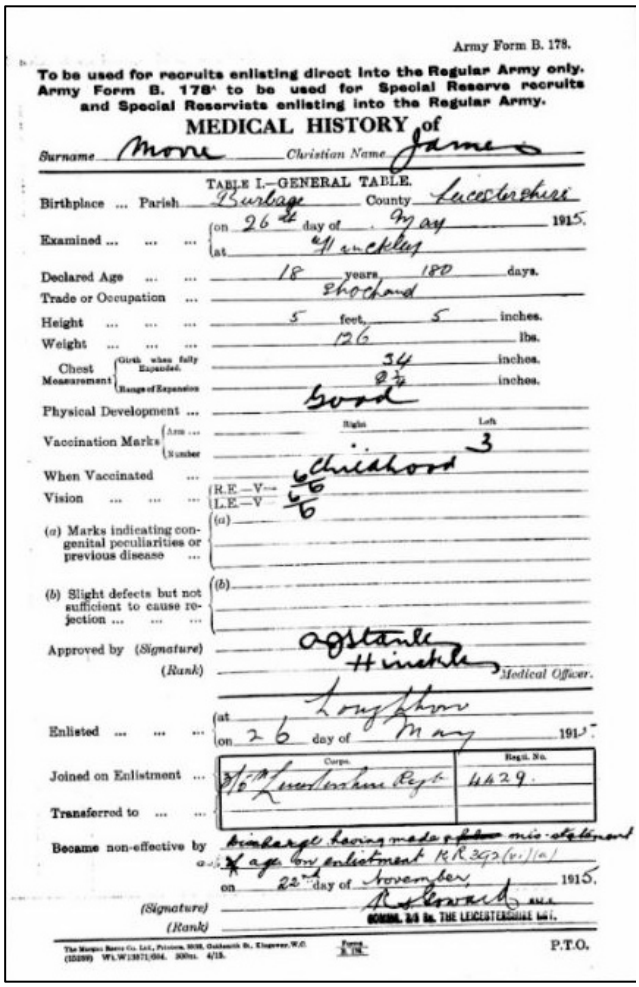
MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.

1. Service.

Place	From	To	Years	Days
Home	26. 5. 15	22.11.15		181

		Initials of Officer making the entry
2. Passed classes of Instruction† (The dates are inclusive of the dates of instruction)		
3. Campaigns (including medals and decorations	Home 26.5.15 22.11.15	[illegible] Capt
4. Wounded		
5. Effects of wounds		
6. Special instances of gallant conduct and services to public deputies		
7. Annuities		
8. Injuries in or by the Service		
9. Name and address of next of kin	Frederick Moore (Father) 7a Woodland Terrace Burbage, Nr Hinckley	[illegible]

Figure 205 James Moore Service Record



Army Form B. 178.

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only. Army Form B. 178A to be used for Special Reserve recruits and Special Reservists enlisting into the Regular Army.

MEDICAL HISTORY of

Surname Moore *Christian Name* James

TABLE I.—GENERAL TABLE.

Birthplace ... Parish Burbage County Leicestershire

Examined ... ... on 26th day of May 1915. at Hinckley

Declared Age ... ... 18 years 180 days.

Trade or Occupation ... Shoehand

Height ... ... 5 feet, 5 inches.

Weight ... ... 126 lbs.

Chest Measurement: Girth when fully Expanded 34 inches. Range of Expansion 2¾ inches.

Physical Development ... Good

Vaccination Marks: Arm ... Right Left; Number 3

When Vaccinated ... Childhood

Vision ... ... R.E.—V— 6/6 L.E.—V— 6/6

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ... (a)

(b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ... ... (b)

Approved by (*Signature*) A G Stanley

(*Rank*) Hinckley *Medical Officer.*

Enlisted ... ... at Loughboro on 26 day of May 1915.

Joined on Enlistment ... Corps: 3/5th Leicestershire Regt. Regt. No. 4429.

Transferred to ... ...

Became non-effective by Discharge having made ~~a false~~ mis-statement as to age on enlistment KR 392 (v.)(a) on 22nd day of November 1915.

(*Signature*) R. Stewart

(*Rank*) COMMR. 3/5 Bn. THE LEICESTERSHIRE RGT.

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Figure 206 James Moore Service Record