



Private James Moore 23625



10th Battalion Leicestershire Regiment

Died of sickness Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1916

Age 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 3/5 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 20<sup>th</sup> of January, age 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.



ARMY FORM E. 901.

**TERRITORIAL FORCE.** *S<sup>r</sup>*  
*Cof B.*

4 years' Service in the United Kingdom.

**ATTESTATION OF**  
 No. *4277* Name *James Moore* Corps *4<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire Regt*

Questions to be put to the Recruit before Enlistment.

1. What is your Name and Address? *James Moore*  
*74 Woodland Terrace*  
*Burbage*
2. Are you willing to be attached for service in the Territorial Force for the term of 4 years (provided the Recruit should sign the necessary papers) to serve in the County of *Leicestershire*?
3. Have you received a notice stating the liabilities you are incurring by enlisting, and do you understand them?
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?

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.

*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.  
*G. Y. Gable* Signature of Witness.

**OATH TO BE TAKEN BY RECRUIT ON ATTESTATION.**  
*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.**  
*A. M. B. B. B.* do hereby certify, that, in my presence, all the foregoing questions were put to the Recruit, whose name, and 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, on this *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* 1915. *A. M. B. B. B.* Justice of the Peace, Officer, or other person authorized to attest Recruits.

If any attention is required on this page of the Attestation, a Justice of the Peace should be requested to make it and initial the Attestation under Section 99 (3) Army Act.  
 The Recruit should, if he requires it, receive a copy of the Declaration on Army Form E. 901A.  
 \* Home Guard Coy. † Home Guard Coy.

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STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES of No. *4277* Name *J. Moore*  
 Showing preliminary training, other special classes of training, Annual Training, and when mobilized, etc.

Corps	Unit	Promotions, Redesignations, Casualties, etc.	Rank	From	To	Signature of Officers certifying correctness of Entries
		Service towards engagement reckoned from <i>26.5.15</i>				
	<i>Leic. Regt 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Enlisted</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>26.5.15</i>		
	<i>Leic. Regt 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Enlisted, Leicestershire</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	<i>26.5.15</i>	<i>22.11.15</i>	<i>H. H. H. H.</i>
		<i>Discharged under King's Regt, Leicestershire</i>		<i>22.11.15</i>		<i>H. H. H. H.</i>

Total service towards engagement in the Territorial Force is *22.11.15* (date of discharge) — years *180* days.

Discharged in consequence of *having made a mis-statement 27 days on enlistment under R. 39 (1) (b) and under R. 22 (1) (a) on 22.11.15.*

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

Station *Leicestershire* Signature *H. H. H. H.*  
 Date *22 November 1915* **FORM E. 901 THE LEGISLATION ACT, 1915.**

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No. *4277* Name *J. Moore*  
**MILITARY HISTORY SHEET.**

Place	From	To	Years	Days
<i>Home</i>	<i>26.5.15</i>	<i>22.11.15</i>		<i>181</i>

2. Passed classes of instruction? ...

3. Campaigns (which include medals and decorations) ... *Home 26.5.15-22.11.15* *181* *Cof B.*

4. Wounded ...

5. Effects of wounds ...

6. Special instances of gallantry and services in public capacities ...

7. Annulments ...

8. Injuries in or by the Service ...

9. Name and address of next of kin ... *Frederick Moore (Father)*  
*74 Woodland Terrace*  
*Burbage, 4<sup>th</sup> Hambley* *Cof B.*

ARMY FORM B. 178.

To be used for recruits enlisting direct into the Regular Army only. Army Form B. 178\* 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 *26<sup>th</sup>* day of *May* 1915.  
 at *41 Anckley*

Declared Age ... *18* years *180* days.  
 Trade or Occupation ... *Shoemaker*  
 Height ... *5* feet *5* inches.  
 Weight ... *126* lbs.  
 Chest Measurement (circ. when fully expanded) *34* inches.  
 Physical Development ... *Good*  
 Vaccination Marks (see ... ) *3*  
 When Vaccinated ... *Childhood*  
 Vision ... *R.E.—V—*  
*L.E.—V—*  
*4/6*

(a) Marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease ...  
 (b) Slight defects but not sufficient to cause rejection ...

Approved by (Signature) *W. H. H. H.* Medical Officer.  
 (Rank) *1st Lieut.*

Enlisted ... at *Leicestershire* on *26* day of *May* 1915.  
 (at) *Leicestershire Regt* Regt. No. *4629*

Joined on Enlistment ... *26/5/15*  
 Transferred to ...

Became non-effective by *discharge having made a mis-statement 27 days on enlistment R.R. 39 (1) (b) on 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1915.*  
 (Signature) *H. H. H. H.* **FORM B. 178 THE LEGISLATION ACT, 1915.**

The Medical Officer to be filled in by the Medical Officer. P.T.O.

Private James Moore – Service Record