

Codford War Graves



Lest we Forget

World War I

79989 PRIVATE

J. MOORE

N.Z. CANTERBURY REGT.

13TH APRIL, 1919 Age 37



*Commonwealth War Graves Headstone for Pte J. Moore is located in Fourth Row (Left Hand Side)
Grave Plot # 71 of Codford War Graves Cemetery (Using Map by Brian Marshall)*

(CWGC Reference - Grave # 142)

John Moore was born on 30th May, 1881 at Christchurch, New Zealand, the son of Thomas & Helen Moore. (Both his parents had been born in County Down, Ireland).

John Moore married Mary Edwards at Kaiapoi on 28th April, 1909.

John Moore was a 36 year old, married, Farmer from Balcairn, New Zealand when he enlisted on 26th November, 1917 with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. His service number was 79989 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs M. Moore c/- T. Moore 15 High Street, Kaiapoi, New Zealand.

Private John Moore embarked with 43rd Reinforcements, F. Company from Wellington, New Zealand on 17th August, 1918 on HMNZT (110) *Ruahine*. He disembarked at London, England on 30th October, 1918.

Private John Moore was marched in to Sling Army Camp, Wiltshire on 30th October, 1918 & attached to Reserve Battalion, Canterbury Infantry Regiment at Sling on 6th November, 1918.

Private John Moore was admitted to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire on 27th December, 1918 with Influenza. Pte Moore was admitted to Hospital at Sling from 9th to 11th February, 1919 suffering from Influenza. He was admitted to Military Hospital at Tidworth on 11th February, 1919 with Influenza (comp. Bronchitis) & then transferred to No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford on 8th April, 1919 with Influenza with Broncho Pneumonia & Pleurisy.

Private John Moore died at 6.50 p.m. on 13th April, 1919 at No. 3 New Zealand General Hospital at Codford, Wiltshire of Broncho Pneumonia & Influenza.

A death for John Moore, aged 39, was registered in the June quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

Private John Moore was buried at St. Mary's New Cemetery, Codford on 17th April, 1919.

Private John Moore 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 Moore's widow – Mrs Mary Moore of New Brighton, Christchurch (June, 1921 & January, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private John Moore, 79989, as the son of Thomas and Helen Moore, of Sumner, Christchurch; husband of Mary Moore, of 1 High Street, Kalapoi, Canterbury.

(18 pages of Pte John Moore's Service records are available for On Line viewing at Archives New Zealand website).

Information obtained from the Archives New Zealand, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Commonwealth War Graves Commission & PapersPast, National Library of New Zealand.

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John Moore is remembered on his wife's headstone located at Bromley Cemetery, Christchurch.



(Photo from Cenotaph Database – Sandra Lees)

Newspaper Reports

NEW ZEALAND CASUALTIES

CANTERBURY DISTRICT

DIED OF SICKNESS

Moore, J. 79989, C.I.R. (Mrs M. Moore, Kaiapoi, w), 13th April

(Evening Post, Volume XCVII , Issue 95, 24 April, 1919)

OBITUARY

PRIVATE J. MOORE

Quite a gloom was cast over the Balcairn district when it was known that Private John Moore, third son of Mr Thomas Moore, had died of sickness at Codford, England. Private Moore was an extremely popular young man, and took a prominent part in all movements for the welfare of the district, especially in connexion with societies for raising funds for war purposes, being Secretary of the local Patriotic Committee from the time of its formation until he left for camp. Private Moore, who was one of the best farmers in the district, sold his farm, so as to be free to go on active service. He was a member of the Seton branch of the Farmers' Union and a teacher in the Sefton Presbyterian School for 16 years. He was born at Heathcote in 1881, and educated at the Belfast and Balcairn schools.

(Press, Volume LV , Issue 16511, 1 May, 1919)

Private John Moore has a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone. None of the New Zealand CWGC headstones at Codford have a personal inscription.

Photo of Private J. Moore's Headstone at Codford War Graves Cemetery, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)