

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War
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**438 Sergeant
George Geoffrey
Moore**

21st Battalion



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France.

A. I. P. 21.

MOORE, Sgt. G.G. 438.

Unoff. D/W. August 28th. 1916.

I helped to carry him out of the trenches to the D/S. on August 26th. at Pozieres. He was wounded in the head and unconscious. We had word back that he died two days later in hospital. He belonged to V.pl., B.Coy. He was originally an Englishman and enlisted in some part of Victoria, Australia.

References: Pte. G. Lacey, 417, B.Coy.
No. 2 A.D.B.D.

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21st Australian I.F.

G. G. (Geeff)
Moore, Sgt. late Sergt.
now Private, 438.

(D/W). 28.8.16.

Informant states that he saw Sergt. Moore about October 20th. He was with the 21/D. Aust. I.F. He had been reduced from Sergt. to Private. He was quite new then. Informant cannot understand Moore's name being reported as D/W.

Reference:† Frederick Thomas Goldsmith, Home Address.
850, 5, Queens Terrace,
Australian I.F. Newton Rd.,
1st London General Hosp. Sudbury,
Camberwell. Suffolk,
England.

Nov. 16th, 1916.
A.F.Grainger.

Asking Hq. to verify 1.12.16

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A.I.F. 21.

MOORE, Sgt. G.G. 438.

unoff.D/W.Aug.28.1916.

He was missing for some time after the action at Pozieres on August 26th, but is now back with the Battalion and all right. He belongs to C.Co. His number and initials are right. I feel sure he is the man enquired for.

Reference: Pte. T. O'Hanlow, 3213, A.Co.

No 2 A.D.B.D. Etaples. 20.11.1916.

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22nd Nov. 1916

21st AUSTRALIANS

MOORE, Sergt. G. 438
D Co.

Unoff. D/W. 28.3.16. Dot. D & B.

His people have been informed by one of our Sergeants -
since killed - that Sergt. Moore died of wounds. His
father, W.J. Moore, lives at Shoreham, Sevenoaks, Kent.

Informant: Sergt. W. Anderson, 788
21st Australians, B Co.,
No. 2 Gen. Hosp. (Qual) Bayre.

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21st A. I. F.

Sergt. G. J. MOORE, 438

Unoff. D/W. 28.8.16. Details D. & B.

Informant knew Moore and at Pozières on the 28th August, saw him being carried on a stretcher to the Dressing Station. He heard he had been wounded in the stomach. One of the stretcher bearers was Sergt. Hortin, B Coy. It was subsequently reported that Moore died of wounds. L/Cpl. Van Carran was taken down wounded at the same time as Moore.

^{Sgt.}
Reference: F. Wilson, 2278, B Coy. 7 Pl.

N°6 General, Rouen, 23.11.16.

Written Sgt. Horton 6-12-16

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FRANCE

21st. BATT. A.I.F.

MOORE. Sgt G. J. 438.

Unoff D/W Aug 28th. 1916.

He was carried down on a stretcher from Mouquet Farm. A piece of his helmet had been driven into his head. I was there at the time. He died next day at a place just outside Albert and was buried close to.

Ref --Cpl T.A.Saxon. 485.
No 3 Gen. Hospital.

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Le Troport. Nov 23rd. 1916.

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21st Australian I.F.

Moore Sergt. G. J. 438

Unoff. D/W Aug. 28. 16.
Det. 3rd B.

Informant states "I saw George Moore (21. B.V.) being carried away on a stretcher down a communication trench, well behind the firing line. He was very badly wounded in the head when I saw him, and he was quite unconscious. He afterwards heard that he had died of wounds. I think he got to the hospital before he died. Sergt. John Horton (1. B. VIII) was carrying him away. He could probably give definite information.

He made an attack at Mouquet Farm on August 26th, we took the German first line and held it, digging ourselves in beyond. We were all helping to carry the wounded away afterwards.

Description: Medium size, well built, clean shaven.

Reference: L/Cpl. Percy Mortimer 428,
21 Australian I.F., B. Coy. V Bn.,
3rd Southern Gen. Hos: Cowley Sec. Oxford.

Home address: 125 Southgate St.,
Gloucester,
England.

28.11.16.
R. H. Pickard-Cambridge.

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A.I.F. 21st Battn

MOORE
Sgt. George Geoffrey - 438

Died Of Wounds

Died of Wounds 28-8-16 - gun shot wound head at 49th
Casualty Clearing Station -. Buried at Contay Military Cemetery
Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters - 23-11-16.

London
5-12-16.

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A.I.P. 21

N. Ang. 26th. 1916.

France.
Moore. Sgt. G.G. 438
Mildenhall. E.H. 4176
Lepp V.S. 1576
Prior W.J. 2239
Staley H.B. 2265
Turner. H.H. 3930
McAlpin. D. 2220

I knew them all personally as they were in my platoon. We were in our first line trench and had orders to take Mouquet Farm. They got into the trench but the Germans came up from behind and they all got cut off. The Sergt. and all his men took shelter in shell holes and all fought to a finish. He I think the majority of them were killed as they were determined not to be taken alive.

Informant: Sapper H.V. Lugg. 2201.
No. 7 Convalescent Camp
Boulogne. 7.12.16.

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Asking Hqs to verify 28.12.16

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A.I.F. 21st Battn

Sgt. G. J. MOORE
438

"DIED OF WOUNDS"

"He was admitted here 27-8-16 and died 28-8-16, and was buried on the 29-8-16; the grave is in the British Military Cemetery at Contay and is No. 5A Plot 1. I visited the grave yesterday and found it alright and with a cross at the head bearing his name, rank, and particulars of identification. He was wounded in the head and his friends may be free from anxiety in regard to the pain suffered. I have not found any other particulars but should judge that he would be unconscious from the shock. I may add that the reference sheet of the grave at Headquarters is 57D Sq. U27 C64.

Will you please convey our deep sympathy to his Father & other relatives in their heavy bereavement and I pray that God may soften the blow by the assurance that death was met in the path of duty and honour, and by the confident hope of reunion after death.

Ref. Letter recd from - G. Chapman
49th Casualty Clearing Station
14-12-16.

London
18-12-16.

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21st Battn.
A.I.F.,

Moore,
Pte. Geo. Jeffry, 438

"Died of wounds 28-8-1916"

Admitted 49th Cas. Clearing Station, France, with gunshot wound head. Died of wounds 28-8-1916, and buried in Contay Military Cemetery, France.

Cert. by A.I.F. Headquarters 1-12-16. + OC 49 21. 39 42 2226

London
29-12-16.

P.I.

49th CCS

14.12.16

Yr Wtd

Dear Madam

In answer to your letter
re 438 Tgt. G.G. Moore 21st Batts.

A.I.F. I beg to inform you that/he
was admitted here 27.8.16 &

died 28.8.16 & was buried on the

29.8.16; the grave is in the British
at Loulay,
Military Cemetery, No. 5 A Plot 1.

I visited the grave yesterday &

found it all right & with a

a cross at the head bearing
his name, rank, & particulars of
identification. He was wounded
in the head & his friends may
be free from anxiety in regard
to the pain suffered. I have
not found any other particulars
but should judge that he
would be unconscious from the
shock. I may add that the

reference sheet ^{of the grave} at Headquarters
is 57 D Lg U27 C64. Will you
please convey our deep sympathy
to his Father & other relatives in
their heavy bereavement & I pray
that God may soften the blow
by the assurance that death
was such in the path of duty
& honor, & by the confident hope
of reunion after death.

Believe me

Dear Madam

Your obedient servant

G. Chapman

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Re. ~~438. 21st Dec.~~
H. J. Moore

Shorcham,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.

24th Dec. 1916.

Dear Madam,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the
20th inst. & for all the trouble you have taken
on our behalf.

It is a consolation to us to have reason
to hope our dear boy's end was painless.
We are grateful for the chaplain's kind
sympathy.

Yours sincerely

H. J. Moore.

Mrs Vera Denton,

57, Victoria St.

S.W.

Thornham,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.

5th Dec. 1916.

Dear Madam,

In reply to yours of the 4th inst. I have heard from the letter in charge of G.C. S. 49 that my dear son, ^{21st 1916} Sergt. F. G. Moore, died there a few hours after admission & without regaining consciousness on Aug. 28th & is buried in Bantay Military Cemetery. He was shot through the head at very short range the bullet piercing his steel helmet.

He was awarded the Military Medal for his services at Agieres. This was gazetted Oct. 24th. He held his rank to the last.

I am much obliged for all the trouble you have taken on our behalf.

I am, Madam,

Yours faithfully

The Secretary

H. G. Moore.

Australian Branch Red Cross.

Shoreham.

Pevensey, Ks.

Kent.

30. 9. 16.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 29th

The Australian Imperial Force informed us that the date of the death of No 438 P Coy. George Geoffrey Moore is the 28th of August; in your letter you mention the 18th of August, this may be a clerical error but I thought it best to advise you of the matter, in case it might prevent enquiries going on quickly & smoothly.

Hoping further information will soon be heard of this sad matter, & thanking

you for your trouble.

Yrs. Faithfully.

A. L. Moore.

December 20th

W.J. Moore Esq.,
Shoreham
Serennoaks
Kent.

Dear Sir;

We beg to inform you that we have received the following report, from the Chaplain of the 49th. Casualty Clearing Station, about the death of your son, 438. Sgt. G.G. Moore, 21st Battn. A.I.F.

He says, "He was admitted here 27-8-16 and died 28-8-16 and was buried on the 29-8-16; the grave is in the British Military Cemetery at Contay and is No. 5A. Plot 1. I visited the grave yesterday and found it alright, and with a cross at the head, bearing his name, rank, and particulars of identification. He was wounded in the head and his friends may be free from anxiety, in regard to the pain suffered. I have not found any other particulars, but, should judge that he would be unconscious from the shock. I may add that the reference sheet of the grave at Headquarters is 57D. Sg. U27. C64.

Will you please convey our deep sympathy to his Father and

and other relatives in their heavy bereavement, and I pray that God, may soften the blow, by the assurance that death was met in the path of duty and honour, and by the confident hope of reunion after death.

We have applied the Grave's Registration and Inquiry Office, for a photo of the grave, and we have asked them to send it direct to you.

With sincere sympathy in your loss.

Yours faithfully,

V.B.
Secretary

LAW.

December 7th.

W.J. MOORE ESQ.
Shoreham,
SEVENOAKS,
Kent

Dear Sir,

We are very sorry to inform you that Headquarters report you son 438 SGT. GEORGE GEORGEY MOORE, 21st Batt.A.I.F. to have died of Gun Shot Wounds in the head on August 28th at 49th, Casualty Clearing Station. He was buried at ^NCOLEY Military Cemetery. We have written to the O.C. of the Clearing Station for particulars of his death and we shall at once forward his report to you, as we know how much you will appreciate these details.

We are deeply sorry to have to send you his report and feel sure that you must be proud to think that your son gave his life for this country in the cause of liberty.

With sincerest sympathy in your sorrow

Yours faithfully,

V. B.
Secretary
L.A.W.

December 5th.

SERGEANT HORTON
B. Coy 21st. Batt.
A.I.F.
B.E.F.

Dear Sir,

We are endeavouring to obtain all possible information
as to the fate of:-

458. SERGEANT C.G. MOORE. 21st. Batt. A.I.F.
L/Cpl Ven Carran 21st. Batt. A.I.F.

who were reported at Headquarters as "Died of Wounds and Wounded
26-6-16"

We have received unofficial reports which lead us to fear
that they were killed about this date, and we have been told
that you might be able to give us some information concerning
the above. The slightest details regarding a man's last hours,
or the action in which he made the supreme sacrifice for his country,
are of such comfort to the bereaved relatives. We realise how
much we are asking, but trust that you will forgive us.

With best wishes,

V.D.
Yours faithfully,

M.B.D.

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September 29/16.

Mr. Walter James Moore,
Shoreham,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your enclosed letters and inquiry for your son No. 438 Serg. George Geoffrey Moore, 21st Btn A.I.F. who died of wounds on August 18th. We have no information about him at present but we are entering his name on our inquiry lists and shall do all in our power to get some information for you.

We are sincerely sorry for you in your loss and trust that the glory of his self sacrifice and the knowledge that he died doing his duty in fighting for his country, will bring some measure of consolation to you in your grief.

We are returning you two letters as you asked, and shall at once communicate with you should we hear anything further.

Yours faithfully,

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LAM

4th December,

Dear Sir,

We regret to say that we have received some unofficial reports from men in his battalion, about your son -

No.438. Sgt. G.G. MOORE 21st Battalion. A.I.F.
which are quite conflicting in nature.

One informant - No.485. Cpl. T.A. Saxon, 21st Battn.A.I.F. + who, when he gave the report, was in No.5. General Hospital, B.E.F. states that Sgt. Moore was carried down on a stretcher from Honguet Farm. A piece of his helmet had been driven into his head and he died the next day at a place just outside Alvers. He was buried close by.

On the other hand two other men state that Sgt. G.G. Moore had been reduced to the rank of private and they saw him with his battalion on the Somme about Oct. 25th. We think that they must mean some other Sergeant Moore.

We should be very glad if you would let us know whether you have heard from your son since you gave us your inquiry on Sept. 28th. We note that you reported that your son was thought

unofficially to have died of wounds and we hope that this report was incorrect and that you have heard from him since. Will you let us know whether this supposition is correct. We hope the reports are true and that your son is now with his battalion.

With regrets that we have only such conflicting reports to send you.

Yours faithfully,

V.D.

SECRETARY.
M.A.A.

W. J. Moore Esq.,
Shoreham,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.

7th December

The Officer Commanding,
49th Casualty Clearing Station
B. E. F.

Dear Sir,

Will you be kind enough to send us all the information you can about the death at your Station on August 28th, of - 438 Sgt. George Geoffrey Moore, 21st Battalion, A.I.F. His Father has applied to us for information, and will greatly appreciate anything that you can tell us about his wounds, sufferings, death and burial. Did he live long, and did he suffer much pain?

With apologies for troubling you, and thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

V. D

Secretary
LAW

19th December,

Dear Sir,

We have received your kind and sympathetic letter about -

No.438 Sgt. G.G.MOORE 21st Battalion. A.I.F.

and wish to thank you very much indeed for it and for the trouble you have taken in sending us the particulars of the grave sheet at Head Quarters. We are sending a typed copy of your letter to his father to whom it will be of great value and interest.

With many thanks for your kindness,

Yours faithfully,

Rev. G. Chapman, C.F.,
49th Casualty Clear.Stn.,
B. E. F.

SECRETARY.