



## Thomas Moore

### 1875 – 1915

Thomas was born in Widnes, Lancashire in 1875, his birth record misspells his surname as *Moor*. His father was also Thomas Moore, a Waterman born in Runcorn, Cheshire in 1852. His mother was Maria (nee Rock) born in Liverpool in 1855 and died in 1912. They were married in 1872.

Their other children were: Sarah Elizabeth, born in Widnes in 1873, Betsy, born in Widnes in 1878 and died in 1900.

On the 1881 Census the family lived at 11, Beaumont Street, Widnes and in 1891 at Leigh Street, Widnes.

He worked as a Labourer until he enlisted at Warrington into the South Lancashire Regiment on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1893, declaring his age as 18 years and 11 months. He served as Private 4185 until 10<sup>th</sup> October 1905, being transferred to the reserves until 9<sup>th</sup> October 1909 when he was discharged. He served at home until 30<sup>th</sup> November 1899 when he was posted to serve in the South African Campaign (Boer War) until 10<sup>th</sup> October 1902. He was wounded in action in February 1900 and was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal with 5 Clasps for Orange Free State, Transvaal, the Relief of Ladysmith, Tugela Heights and Laing's Nek; he also received the King's South Africa Medal with 2 Clasps for 1901 and 1902.

Thomas was a serving soldier when he married Margaret McEvoy (born in 1876) at St. Mary's Church, Widnes on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1904. On the 1911 Census they state they have been married for 17 years and have a daughter, Annie, age 16, but no birth record has been found for her. Their address was 73, Glover Street, St. Helens and Thomas's occupation is given as a Glass Hand at Pilkington's Glass Works, St. Helens. They moved to Dewsbury later in 1911 when Thomas went to work at Kilner Brothers Glass Works in Thornhill Lees. Margaret was remarried to a Michael Cummins in Dewsbury on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1915.

As a former Reservist, he was called up on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1914 serving as Private 3/1817 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was injured in fierce fighting around Hill 60 near Ypres on 18<sup>th</sup> April 1915; a bullet entered his left side, passing through his stomach, causing a serious wound. He was taken to the Duchess of Westminster's (No.1 Red Cross) Hospital at Le Touquet in France where his wife was able to visit him thanks to a generous benefactor named Mrs Guthrie who gave her £4.18 shillings; he was later transferred to Wish Rocks Military Hospital, Eastbourne, Sussex where he died on 19<sup>th</sup> June 1915. He is buried in Dewsbury Cemetery. Thomas was awarded the 1914 Star with Clasp, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

Thomas is commemorated on the Dewsbury Cenotaph in Crow Nest Park and in the Dewsbury Roll of Honour kept in Dewsbury Central Library and on the War Memorial in Our Lady and St. Paulinus Church.

In Memory of

Private

**T Moore**

3/1817, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry who died on 19 June 1915

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