

Corporal JOHN BURDETT MOORE

John was born in 1889 to Henry, a blacksmith, and his wife Ann, the third of four children and worked as a carpenter before signing up.

He enlisted with the Leicestershire Regiment, the “Tigers”, on 22 November 1915, just a few weeks after his marriage to Cicely May Masters. He was posted to the 11th Pioneer Battalion and appointed an Acting Paid Lance Corporal just before Christmas 1915. He embarked to join the British Expeditionary Force on 25 March 1916.

He suffered a gunshot wound to his arm on 20 October 1916 but re-joined his Battalion on 23 November 1916, by now a Corporal.

On 17 May 1917 he suffered a shell wound and was returned home. By August he was posted back to his regiment and joined the BEF on 22 November 1917. He was posted wounded and missing in action on 22 March 1918, just 28 years old. The photo below shows him on the right with his brothers Ernest and Arthur. They survived the war.

The Battalion’s War Diaries record action at Fremicourt, Pas-de-Calais, France. There were significant casualties. The previous day



had seen the start of the German spring offensive, “Operation Michael”, the Germans having transferred very large forces from the now-collapsed Eastern Front. It was the second worst day of losses in British military history, with more than 38,000 casualties. John is commemorated at the Arras Memorial at Faugbourg-D’Amiens Cemetery, Arras, France.



*At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*