



**William “Billy” Moore MM  
Royal Newfoundland Regiment  
Regimental No. 2987  
World War I**

**Born:** 15 Sep 1895

**Died:** 1983

**Place of Birth:** Bay Roberts, Conception  
Bay, Newfoundland

**Parents:** John and Sarah Moore

William was born in Bay Roberts to parents John and Sarah Moore in February 1895.

William enlisted in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 1916, at the age of 20 years, 7 months. From his enlistment papers, William stood 5’6” tall, gave his occupation as printer, is Salvation Army by faith and is well educated.

His service record covered about 2 and 2/3 years (2 years 241 days to be exact), from

enlistment 27 July 1916 to demobilization on 1 April 1919.

To say that William’s time of service was an adventure of lows and highs is to make an understatement.

Pte Moore found himself in difficulty several times and faced punishment for his conduct. He was hospitalized for a period of time, and he was awarded the MM (Military Medal) for bravery and even promoted to lance corporal.

Williams’s service record is recorded on paper as follows:

- 1) Embarked Newfoundland on S.S. Sicilian for UK, 28 August 1916.

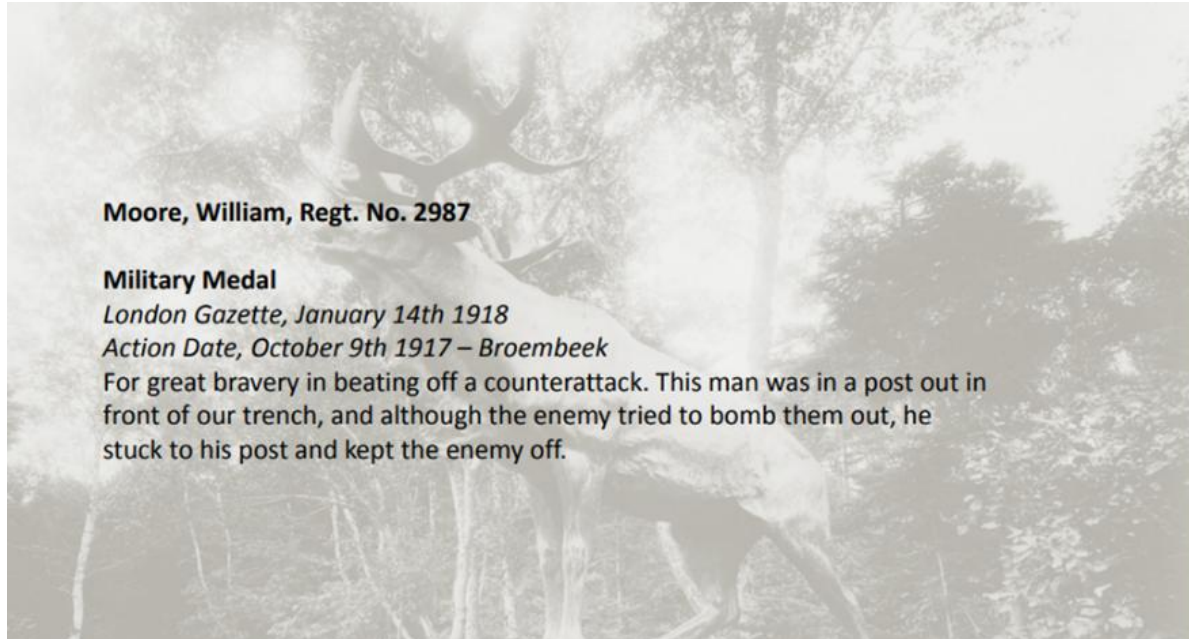


**SS Sicilian**

- 2) Embarked Southampton for BEF (British Expeditionary Force) and joined battalion on 12 December 1916
- 3) Transferred to stationary hospital (Arques St. Omer) 9 January 1918
- 4) Rejoined unit 30 April 1918
- 5) Transferred from BEF to Winchester, England 19 January 1919
- 6) To Newfoundland for demobilization 30 January 1919
- 7) Arrived Newfoundland 7 February 1919

In addition to these official notations, Pte (MM) on 9 October 1917. According to his superior who wrote about Pte Moore on 9/10/17 as follows:

*“For great bravery in beating off a counterattack. This man was in a post out in front of our trench and although the enemy tried to bomb them out, he stuck to his post and kept the enemy off.”*



William survived the war and was discharged at St. John's in April 1919. According to his service record notes, William wished to resume his career in the printing business. He returned home and he is found at home with his parents as recorded in the 1921 census.

By 1935, William is married to Wilmot Mary French, and they have a six-month-old daughter, Etta. The 1945 census shows a family of three children, Etta age 10, John 7 and William 4.

William died in 1983 and is buried in the Salvation Army Cemetery, Coley's Point. Wife Wilmot passed in 1990 and is buried beside William.