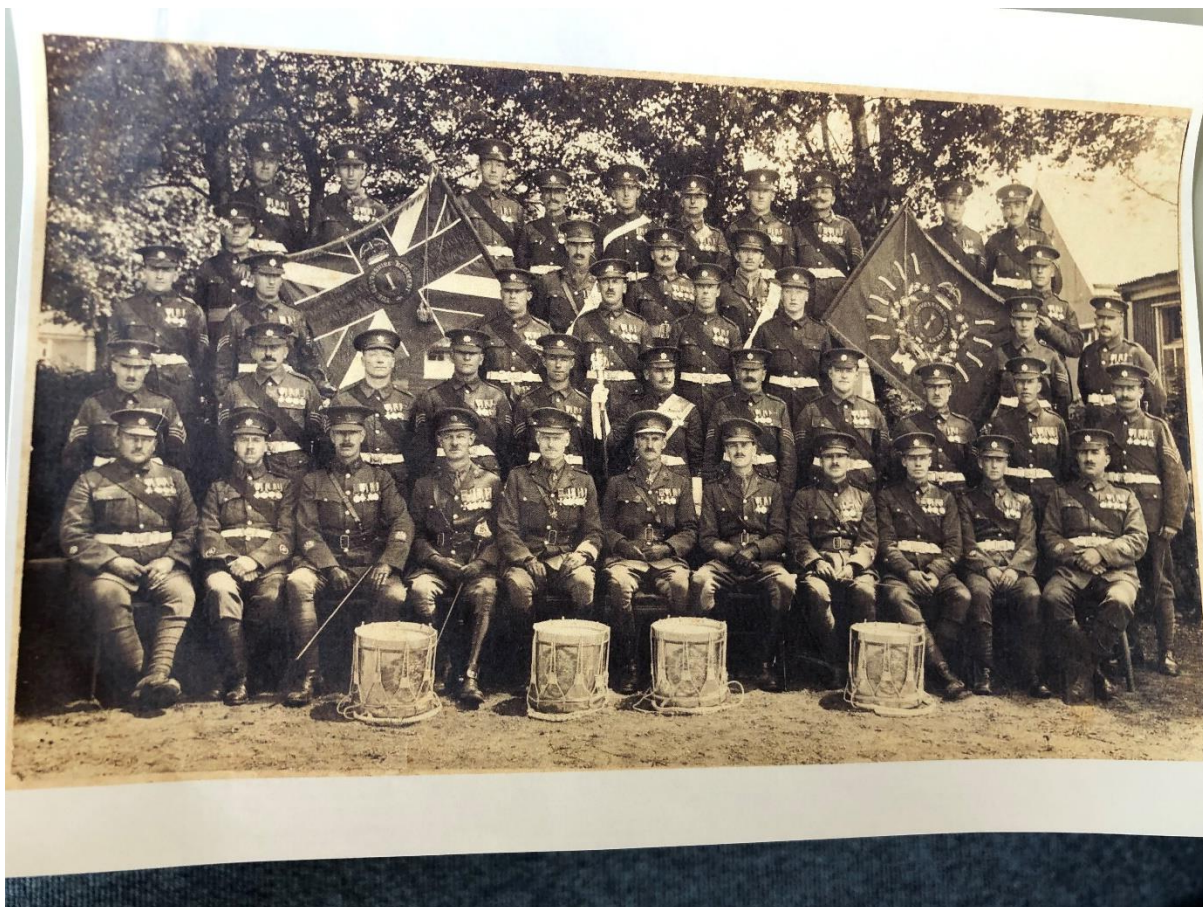


The Devonshires held this trench, and The Devonshires hold it still.



My great great grandfather, Walter Moyser 23/4/1884- 1925. Walter was born in York, England and lived at 28 Monkgate, York. His parents were Thomas Moyser and Elizabeth Rimmer.

Walter was the youngest of the family by 6 years. His parents died when he was aged 9. They had entrusted his upbringing to his two eldest brothers. When he was approximately 14 years of age they had him articulated to a York firm of solicitors.

Little is known of his early teens until he ran away from home. After a while his brothers eventually discovered he had enlisted as an underage recruit in the Devonshire Regiment and was stationed at Exeter. They went to Exeter to claim him, but his Commanding Officer informed them he was an excellent soldier and would have a better career in the army than in civilian life, Walter remained with the Devonshires.

Walter Moyser, Q.M.S Royal Devonshire 5608109; born 23 August 1884, 28 Monkgate, York Yorkshire England. My great great grandfather fought for the British army on the allied side.

First Name:

Walter

Surname:

Moyser

Regiments served with:

Unit	Rank	Service Number
Devonshire Regiment	Sergeant	8565
Devonshire Regiment	Warrant Officer Class 2	8565

Archive Reference:

WO 372/14/129980

(Can be found at The National Archives in Kew, and contains First World War, War Office: Service Medal and Award Rolls Index)

NAME IN FULL	RANK	AGE last Birthday	CONDITION as to MARRIAGE	UNIT, or ARM OF SERVICE	TRADE or OCCUPATION if any	BIRTHPLACE	If absent in Great Britain with "Absence" see for details in the British Empire country whether in England, Wales, Scotland, or Ireland
1 John Albert Lambert	Private	22	Single	2nd Battalion Devonshire Regiment	Bandman	Middlesex London	/
2 Charles Henry Adams	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
3 Henry Parsons	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
4 Percy Henry Gribble	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
5 Herbert Harris	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
6 Charles Witter	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
7 William John Langdon	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
8 Frederick William Innes	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
9 Archibald Burns	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
10 James Longdon	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
11 Thomas Lake	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
12 William Edward Newley	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
13 Frederick George White	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
14 Thomas Arthur Innes	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
15 William Goddard	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
16 Adam Charles Reid	Private	23	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
17 Giles Stanfield	Private	26	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
18 Albert Jeffery	Private	22	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
19 George Winsor	Private	25	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
20 Frederick John Donoh	Private	21	Single		Devon Devonshire	/	
21 Ernest Wilfred Fleming	Private	18	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
22 William Henry Moxford	Private	18	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
23 Harry Thomas Squares	Private	23	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
24 Walter Meyer	Lance Corporal	26	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
25 Percy Henry Harris	Private	22	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
26 James Mann Bony	Private	22	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
27 William John Drell	Private	22	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
28 Harold Lionel Lister	Private	21	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		
29 Cecil Briddle	Private	21	Single	Devon Devonshire	/		

In 1899 Walter joined the Devonshires. He was based in Hursley, Hampshire. He served in Greece, India for five years and North Africa. He became part of the 2ND Battalion of the Royal Devonshires.

Campaign:— **1914-15.** (A) Where decoration was earned. (B) Present situation.

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)
(A) MOYSER	RFA	gmc	15915	R.F.A. 11682701
(B) Thomas W	"	"	"	15 STAR R.F.A. 150

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THEATRE OF WAR. **(1) France**

QUALIFYING DATE. **29-12-15**

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When World War 1 broke out in 1914 he was based in Cairo. His division returned to Hampshire to prepare for France. They returned to England on October 1st 1914 and came under orders of the 23rd Brigade in the 8th Division.



The picture above is from the Hursley Park War Memorial, commemorating the 2ND Devonshires marching through the gates on November 4th 1914 to join the battlefields in France. On November 6th 1914 The Devonshires left Southampton by boat for Le Havre. He served with the British Expeditionary Force.

Location: Hursley Park. The [8th Division](#) had no existence before the outbreak of War. The first units to arrive (from Malta) assembled on

Baddesley Common, near Southampton, and on 2nd October, 1914, Divisional Headquarters and available units moved to Hursley Park, near Winchester, where it completed concentration.

The Battle of the Somme.

The Devonshires fought in the battle of Albert 01/ 07/ 1916 where the British suffered 60,000 casualties. They successfully captured the area of German trenches but were later forced to retreat.

Later that year they were part of the attack on Le Transloy 23/10/1916.

Ypres

Walter fought in the 3rd battle of **Ypres (Passchendaele)**. His rank was Quartermaster Sargent and as such he was not in the front line. However, in Passchendaele the order was for every man to hold their position and the trenches were not to be lost during the battle. They sheltered in a cemetery for 9 days from the German bombardment.

When the war ended Walter was posted to Germany for a year and then shipped to Ireland where he stationed at Waterford Barracks in 1919. Waterford Barracks was destroyed in the Irish Civil War (1922-23) so most records of that time were destroyed also.

Walter (Private Life)

In 1920 Walter 36 years old met Nora Peters 21 years old. They were married in St John's church Waterford. It was necessary that he converted to Catholicism in order to marry Nora.

Here is a picture of their marriage certificate.

Walter Moyser & Dorothy Nora Peters wedding registry.

1921. Marriage solemnized at the Roman Catholic Church of Ballyrickey in the Registrar's District of Waterford No. 24 in the Union of Waterford in the County of Waterford

No. (1)	When Married. (2)	Name and Surname. (3)	Age. (4)	Condition. (5)	Rank or Profession. (6)	Residence at the Time of Marriage. (7)	Father's Name and Surname. (8)	Rank or Profession of Father. (9)
84	3 rd Sept	Walter Moyser	Full	Bachelor	Quartermaster	Infantry Barracks Waterford	Thomas Moyser	Engineer
	1921	Dorothy Nora Peters	Full	Spinster	Nil	No. 10, Coleraine, Waterford	Patrick Peters	Hotel Keeper

Registered by me, this 30th day of September 1921.

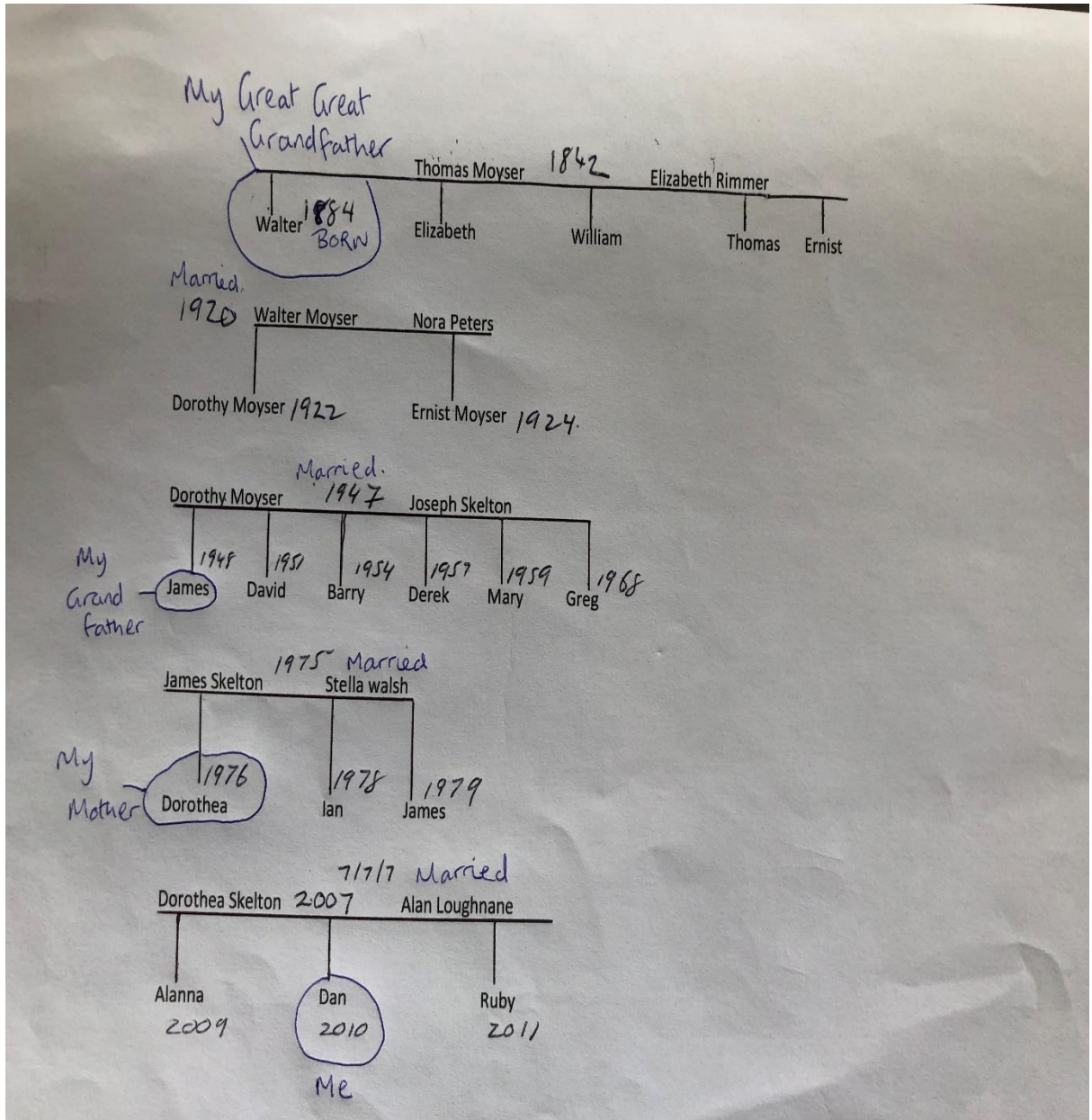
Married in the Roman Catholic Church of Ballyrickey according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church by me, Edward C. O'Connell

This Marriage was solemnized between us, { Walter Moyser } in the Presence of us, { Joseph Ignatius Kennedy }
 { Dorothy Peters } { May Peters }

J. McLaughlin
Registrar

Walter died in 1925 from a heart attack at the age of 41. He and Nora had 2 children Dorothy and Ernest. At the time of writing this my Great Grand Uncle Ernest is still alive and well at 98 years of age. It is he who supplied the medals case pictured at the end of this project.

Here is a picture of my current family tree.



Walter's Army Career

Significant Battles involving the 2nd Devonshires

- **1914** Mobilisation - 04/08/1914

Neuve Chapelle (Moated Grange Attack 18/12/1914)

- **1915**
 - Battle Of Neuve Chapelle – 1very 0/03/1915
 - Battle Of Aubers Ridge - Attack At Fromelles - 09/05/1915
 - Bois Grenier - 25/09/1915
- **1916**
 - Battles Of The Somme - Battle Of Albert - 01/07/1916
 - Battles Of The Somme - Attack On Le Transloy - 23/10/1916
- **1917**
 - Bouchavesnes - 04/03/1917
 - German Retreat To The Hindenburg Line - 14/03/1917
 - Battles Of Ypres - The Battle Of Pilckem Ridge - 31/07/1917
 - Battles Of Ypres - Attack On Westhoek - 31/07/1917
 - Battles Of Ypres - Battle Of Langemarck - 16/08/1917
 - Assault Of Southern Redoubt, Passchendaele - 02/12/1917
- **1918**
 - First Battles Of The Somme - Battle Of St. Quentin - 23/03/1918
 - First Battles Of The Somme - Actions At The Somme Crossings - 24/03/1918
 - First Battles Of The Somme - Battle Of Rosières - 26/03/1918
 - Villers Bretonneux - 24/04/1918
 - Battle Of The Aisne - 27/05/1918
 - Second Battles Of Arras - Battle Of The Scarpe - 26/08/1918
 - The Final Advance In Artois - Forcing The Rouvroy-Fresnes Line - 07/10/1918

8th Division	Major-General Havelock Hudson	
23rd Brigade	24th Brigade	25th Brigade
2nd Battalion, Devonshire Regiment	1st Battalion, Worcestershire Regiment	2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment
2nd Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment	1st Battalion, Sherwood Foresters	2nd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment
2nd Battalion, Middlesex Regiment	2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment	1st Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles
2nd Battalion, Scottish Rifles	2nd Battalion, East Lancashire Regiment	2nd Battalion, Rifle Brigade
Pioneers	22nd Battalion, Durham Light Infantry	

The Devonshire Regiment

The Devonshire Regiment was a unit, with two regular battalions, one Special Reserve battalion and three battalions of territorials.



Wyvern Barracks in Topsham Road (Image: Google)

2nd Battalion

The 2nd Battalion was actually in Egypt at the outbreak of war, eventually arriving in France in November.

In December they captured a German position known as the Moated Grange costing 128 casualties, before March 1915 saw them lose 284 men in heavy fighting.

An attack on Aubers Ridge in May 1915 cost another 250 casualties.

They then took part in the Battle of the Somme in 1916, losing 232 killed and 199 wounded when they attacked between Ovillers and La Boisselle.

They then held off two strong German attacks at Cuinchy before being pulled back to recuperate.

They lost their colonel and took heavy losses on the first day of the Third Battle of Ypres - known as Passchendaele and lost his replacement in November of that year.

Their brave defence and sacrifice in defending the German attacks of 1918 saw the French awarded the regiment the Croix de Guerre, whose ribbon all Devons wore on their sleeve.

It was after their incredible work at **Bois de Buttes**, when they covered the withdrawal of the entire corps at a cost of 551 killed and missing.

The war cost them nearly 1,400 lives.

Bois De Buttes





The memorial to the 2nd Battalion of the Devonshire Regiment, situated near the Bois des Buttes where the battalion was in action in late May 1918.

The Inscription reads: ' The Devonshires held this trench, and The Devonshires hold it still'

Walter wrote to his cousin on 17/7/1915 from somewhere in France.

B. E. L.
France 17. 7. 15.

Dear Cousin,
I should have written to you long before this but knowing you to be of military age i.e. between 17-20 I felt sure it was but a question of waiting until your term of military training had been completed when I should see you out here and consequently save me the time and trouble of writing to you. I went home to York & also paid a visit to Darlington from 1-6 July. York has changed very considerably since you were last there & I think the many changes have gone to improve the place - Electric trams are now there in place of the horse,

old donkey cart which perambulates
Clifford's & the Mount. - Of course you
will remember the Mount with its
White Elephant. It is still there.

Ernest is not looking much
older although he has grown stouter.

I am a Company Quarter-
Master Sergeant now if you can
to address me a few lines from
time to time giving me any
particulars of your family and
fortune - the latter I know must
be considerable - I shall be most
happy to have them. You need
not go into matters of N. S. &
but I should be pleased to hear
how you really were getting on

I saw your old friend
Wintersgill the other day - He
mentioned the "clack". Doubtless
you will remember the incident.
He is married and to a plump
daughter. Displaying his usual
wisdom he named when his
old associations naturally led him
to conclude there was money.

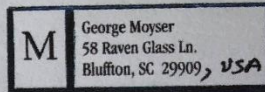
Ethel has grown quite a big
girl - 19 now - She has just got
a new bicycle like the rest of the
Morphe family keeps it wrapped
up in cotton wool whilst the

"Newspaper" then. My next visit
to York will doubtless see it in
the "laboratory" below the dining
rooms. What used to be the
breakfast room. It is a fine
breakfast room now. Perhaps it
would be more correct to call
it - the "Marine Store" I am
sending this letter to Ernest to
post because I have no knowledge
of your address. I have instructed
him to delete any misstatements.

I suppose you will be putting
a couple of millions into the
1 1/2 % War Loan. This is the
most gilt-edged security at

Some notes on the letter written by George Moyser, USA, Nov 11, 2015

November 11, 2015



Dear Uncle Ernie:

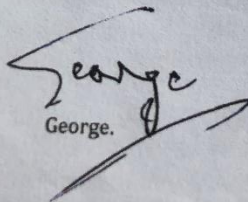
First, let me take the opportunity of expressing our condolences to you on Ray's passing. It must have been very sad for you especially as he had lived with you for a considerable time.

May I also say that I hope that you are still as fit and active as when we came to visit you the other year. As the patriarch, as it were, of the Moyser family in Waterford and the US, you have a special place in our hearts! I might add that we have tentative plans to return to Waterford in the Spring of 2017 and so hope to see you again, and meet members of your family who were away on our last visit.

And so to my main reason for writing. My sister sent me some Moyser materials recently that my father must have acquired and saved. Among them I was amazed to find was a letter written by your father (Uncle Walter as I know him) to his older brother, Remmer. In case it might have been lost, I copied it and include that copy with this letter. I hope you find it as interesting as I did - a window on our family's life from 100 years ago.

As I am not sure how well you know that period of our family I include some comments to explain some of the references in the letter, as well as one or two observations.

With affection,


George.

Comments on the letter:

The letter was written from somewhere in France when Walter was serving with the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) and dated 17th of July 1915. That he survived from such an early time during WW1 may be related to his role as a Company Quartermaster sergeant – which he mentions - presumably with the Devonshire Regiment in which he had enlisted probably around 1898 as an underage recruit. As you know, he was born in 1884.

I don't know why he was writing to Remmer (full name Thomas Remmer Moyser, 1876-1959) although the letter was sent to my grandfather, Ernest (full name George Ernest Moyser 1868-1952) to hand on. So far as I know (and I may be wrong), at the time of writing, Remmer had emigrated years before to New Zealand and stayed there until he retired which may be why the letter never reached him and why it ended up in my father's effects. The odd thing is that Walter seems to think that Remmer is still in York, training to join the army and so go to be with Walter in the BEF in France. At the time, Remmer would have been 39 – almost too old to serve – and as there was no conscription until 1916, I don't why Walter made those assumptions. He did know Remmer was married (to Amy) as he mentions.

He mentions going to Darlington for a visit July 1 to 6 as well as to York. The Darlington visit would have been to see one his other older brothers, Herbert (full name John Herbert Moyser, 1872-1960). I remember going to see Uncle Herbert (your cousin!) when I was little, but too young to understand much more than that! In York, he mentions Clifford Street and the Mount, which are familiar places still but I don't know about the 'White Elephant'!

He then mentions Ernest (my grandfather George Ernest, the oldest brother, 1868-1952) who (at 47) 'has grown stouter'! That is how I have seen him in photos from that period. Notice that all of his brothers are referred to be their middle name, maybe because their father (your grandfather) was Thomas, the same as Remmer's first name and so to avoid confusion in the household?

He also mentions Ethel, my father's older sister. My father, at this point, was only 9 and, as he hints, had not been in good health for many years earlier in his youth, although he certainly did get better and lived to be 92. (despite being a perpetual smoker from when he was 17 until the day he died!) Ethel (again, your cousin and my Aunt) was 19 at the time of writing. I have many memories of her as she lived in the York area and, until I was 8 we lived only one house apart. She married George

Collinson and their son John lived in that house (built by my grandfather) until he died quite recently at 83.

He also refers to the house where they all lived as a family, 28 Monkgate. I lived there too from 1953 after George Ernest died. My grandmother Florence could not manage such a large house (on 5 floors!) by herself and at her advanced age so my father took me, my sister Janet and my mother Violet to live there. Walter talks about the dining room and the breakfast room. At that time, the kitchen extension on the ground floor had probably not been built and so the old basement kitchen was probably still in use. Above it was the dining room which in my day was mainly a ground floor living room with a tall case clock in the corner and a large table and set of chairs, all of which I now have in my house here in South Carolina to remind me of those days. The internal staircase to the basement kitchen was at some point sealed off. Access then came from an external stairs and the 'kitchen' and adjacent rooms were used as storage for the family plumbing business. In its day it must have been quite something because it had an oak floor throughout - in the basement! Rather like 'Upstairs Downstairs' or Downton Abbey, on a very modest scale! Why he refers to it as the 'Marine Store' I am not sure!

Eddie was Uncle Herbert's son (full name Edward Herbert 1901-1984). As he mentions, Eddie was a young boy of 15 (or maybe 14?). He lived in Guildford and had two daughters, Joyce (now in London and my age) and Barbara (who died a while ago). I remember meeting them, but don't know now whether they came to York or we went to Guildford.

Finally, he mentions Charlie at Salton Lodge. My father referred to him as a cousin but I am not exactly sure why because (Uncle) Charlie was Charlie Cousins (I think?), definitely not Charlie Moyser. Salton Lodge was a farm Charlie had a few miles out of York and I used to go there with my father from time to time and enjoyed all the things that a young town boy York would do about going on a farm.

Well, I could say more, but hope this enough to help round out the picture that the letter paints. So many thanks to your father for allowing me a peek at those days before any of us was on the scene!

George.

present. I can recommend it - as
I am immediately interested in
the "firm". For some reason I might
call my self a director.

Some of Herbert's jam found
its way into the City. The other
day a quantity of marmalade
followed.

Eddie at Darlington is 15
now and is growing to be a
big boy - quite intelligent. I
might almost say too much so.
Herbert at York is looking much
better & I think he will grow out
of his lameness.

You should see Charles at
Salton Lodge. I am afraid he
does not get on too well with
his "cousins."

The papers will tell you
more of the ~~idea~~ than I can. In
fact I am ~~confranded~~ ~~will~~ sick
of it.

Give my love to Amy if
she will accept it. Of course,
everybody loves a soldier just at
present.

I Remain
Yours very sincerely
Walter

Campaign Medals

Records
Awarded the " Meritorious Service Medal."

Surname MOYSE R.
Christian Name Walter
Rank Rqms.
Corps Devon R
Regimental Number ~~8656~~ 8565 x
Date of Gazette 60
Registered Paper 0137/5358 229938

(M.S. 3). W3946/RP2685 6,000 8/18 (X655c) W. & Co. K 841.

There were five campaign medals available for individuals who saw service in the First World War. Soldiers could be issued with a maximum of three of these medals although there are a small number of exceptions to the rule.

Medals were impressed with the name of the recipient and usually included some or all of the following; service number, rank, surname and military unit. This might have been on the rim of the medal or the reverse of the Star.

Walter received 4 medals for his service in World War 1. They were:

The 1914 Star:

This is also known as 'Mons Star' or by the nickname 'Pip'. It was awarded to those who served in France or Belgium between 5th August 1914 and 22nd November 1914. If the medal has a clasp on its ribbon, it signifies that the recipient came under direct enemy fire. This is a very significant medal as it represents the first 16 weeks of the war assisting the French holding back the German forces while new recruits could be trained and equipped. Almost 378,000 of these medals were awarded.



The 1914-15 Star:

This medal was first awarded in 1918. It has the nickname Pip. It was awarded to all who served in any theatre of war against Germany between August 5th 1914 and December 31st 1915. This Star was not awarded alone. The recipient had to have received the British War Medal and the Victory Medal. On the back is the soldier's service number rank, name and unit. About 2.4 million of these were issued.



British War Medal:

This medal had the nickname Squeak. It was first awarded in 1919. It could be silver or bronze and awarded to those who served between 5th August 1914 and 11th November 1918. About 6.5 million of these medals were issued. The medal depicts the head of George V. It had the soldier's number, rank, name and unit on the rim.



Victory Medal:

This medal which goes by the nickname 'Wilfred' was awarded to each allied soldier. Almost 5.7 million were issued. This medal was restricted and this is why it is a great honour for Walter to have been awarded all four. Not everyone who was awarded the British War Medal ('Squeak') also received the Victory Medal ('Wilfred'). However, most soldiers who received 'Wilfred' also received 'Squeak'.

All soldiers who received 'Pip' also received both 'Squeak' and 'Wilfred'.



These 2 documents show when Walter was awarded his medals.

Name	Corps	Rank	Regt. No.
MOYSER Walter	3rd Devon R.	Sjt	8565
		*W.O. Cl. 2	
Medal	Roll	Page	Remarks
VICTORY	* C/2/103/3/6	1145	
BRITISH	do	do	
14 STAR	C/2/2	58	
Clasp. Poles W. 4069/C 2/23-6-20 Cl/2/407			
Theatre of War first served in			
Date of entry therein			
6.11.14			
Clasp 2/407			

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REGIMENT OR CORPS.

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal and/or British War Medal granted under Army Orders

Held by an individual in the Corps in respect of which the medals are exhibited.	NAME	In respect of what Corps and Corps previously served with by such individual and Regt. Nos. therein; the highest rank, whether substantive, acting or temporary, recorded as having been held for any period in a theatre of War, unless recorded for administrative being shown against the name of the regiment or Corps which it is to be inscribed on the medal.	Theatre of war in which served	Corps awarded (to be left blank)	Method of deposit of			REMARKS
					(1) Presented	(2) Deposited by Post	(3) Taken into Rank	
Regt No.	Rank							
✓ 3174	Pte.	WALTER, Walter	1st Bn. The Buffs					
✓ 3199	Pte.	WALTER, John	1st Bn. The Buffs					
✓ 3028	Pte.	WALTER, Walter	1st Bn. The Buffs					
✓ 3028	Pte.	WALTER, Walter	1st Bn. The Buffs					



This is me and my grandfather Jim Skelton. Jim is Walter's grandson. Here, we are pictured with Walter's war medals.

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Held by an individual in the Corps in respect of which the roll is submitted.		NAME	In respect of what Corps previously served with by such individual and Regt. No. therein; the highest rank, whether substantive, acting or temporary, recorded as having been held for any period in a theatre of War, unless reversed for misconduct; being shown against the name of the Regiment or Corps which it is to be inserted in the medal.	Theatre of war in which served	Clasp awarded (to be left blank)
Regt. No.	Rank				
✓ 33174	Pte.	MOYSE Stanley.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 51199	Pte.	MOYSE John.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 15038	Pte.	MOYSE George.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 8555	Pte.	MOYSE Walter.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 541	Pte.	MOYSE Edward.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 824	S/Opl.	MOYSE Ernest Charles.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 870	Sgt.	MOYSE Joseph Victor.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 24040	Sgt.	MOYSE William.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 25570	Pte.	MOYSE Sidney.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 4892	Pte.	MOYSE Francis A.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 20711	Pte.	MOYSE Charles.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 20133	Pte.	MOYSE ARTHUR Albert.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	
✓ 20724	Pte.	MOYSE Frederick.	1st Devons 10124 Pte.	0 1918	

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or Medals

Gazette Page: First Name:

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Surname:

Moyser

Resided Town:

Kirby Moorside

Rank:

Quartermaster Serjeant

Service Number:

8565

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Duty Location:

France and Flanders

Service:

British Army

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British Army

Regiment:[Devonshire Regiment](#)**Battalion:**

2nd Battalion (Why is this important?)

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/records/5586069/quartermaster-serjeant-w-moyser-british-army-devonshire-regiment/>

Dorothy Moyser's army pension card and pension book

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WIDOW'S PENSION.

Man's Name MOYSER Walter Regiment DEVONS.
(Surname first: in BLOCK Letters)

Regimental No. 5608109

Name of Widow or Guardian } Dorothy MOYSER

46 Poleberry,
Waterford.

Awards Reference No. 13/W/3385. 8th. 24th 26

P.I.O. Reference No.

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REGION. WIDOWS. ARM OF SERVICE. Regional No. [W] 8

New REGIONAL No. Surname of Widow MOYSEY Christian Name of Widow Dorothy

OTHER ACTION: Surname of Husband MOYSEY Christian Name of Husband Walter

Ship, Regt. or Corps Devons No. 5608109 Rank or Rating P.M.S.

Date of Birth of Widow _____ No. of Children under 16 _____

DECISION

Award of Widow's Pension and Allowances.					Ineligible.		
Date of decision	Weekly Rate of Pension	Children's Allowance	Total	Article under which granted	Date of Commencement	Reason for Ineligibility	Date of decision
Ent 28/4							
MS 28/4							
Ent 19/5							
Ent 27/5							
Ent 7/6							
WS 17 7/6							
ATS 9/10							
MS 23/6							
MS 26/6							
PA 27							
PA 24/11/27							
ATS 28/11							
PA 5/12							

POST-AWARD CORRESPONDENCE.

Date of Letter	Particulars of action taken before giving any definite reply, as date of acknowledgment, date of reference to L.C. or L.D., and date of reply.	Date of Final Disposal	REMARKS
Ent 19/1/24	MS 28/4		
PA 24/11/27	PA 27/11		
ATS 28/11			
PA 5/12			

CLAIMANT. M.P.W. 5.

Surname MOYSEY Registered No. **13 W** 3385
(Block Letters)

Christian Name Dorothy

Man's Name MOYSEY Walter
(Surname first: in block letters)

Regimental/Official } No. 5608109 Rank/Rating } P.M.S.

Regiment/Ship } DEVONS Relationship to Man } widow

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Trivia

- 1.) Walter had a small circular piece of lighter hair on the left hand side of the back of his head. His grandson and great grandson have exactly the same birth mark
- 2.) The Academy Award winning movie 1917 supposedly focuses on the 2nd Devonshires located in Croisilles Wood. However the war diaries of the 2nd Devons show they were in the town of Moslains on the 2 days the film is based on. It is thought that it was probably the 8th Devons who were there at the time.

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Dedication

My project is dedicated to my grandfather Jim Skelton and my great grand uncle Ernie Moyser who helped me so much and provided so much information.