

Name	Evelyn MOORE
Birth Place	Bugbrooke
Occupation 1911	Nurse, in Reading, Berks.
Date of Birth	29 December 1874
Date Enlisted	7 August 1914

Parents	John and Harriet MOORE
Married	Thomas Brittain HARRIS 3 November 1924

Information from National Roll of the Great War
No entry found

Additional Information



QAIMNSR Cape Badge

Sister Evelyn Moore, ARRC, QAIMNSR, from the <i>Northampton Independent</i> , mid-1916
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Evelyn MOORE was the daughter of local farmer John MOORE and his wife Harriett West MOORE (née KENNING), the second of six children. Evelyn (or Eva as she was known informally) had qualified as a nurse at the Royal Berkshire Hospital in Reading, Berkshire, where she was resident in the nurses' home in 1901. In 1911 she was living in lodgings at Goring-on-Thames while still employed as a nurse at that same hospital.

Shortly after the outbreak of war, on 7 August 1914, Evelyn volunteered to serve as a nurse and was accepted into Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, allocated to its Reserve for the duration (QAIMNSR). Just one week later, on 14 August, Evelyn reported for duty at the established Military General Hospital at Shorncliffe on the Kent coast. This site expanded rapidly as it was the main port of arrival for casualties from the Western Front. It was also the nearest port of entry for Belgian and French refugees, and later was the holding camp for Canadian forces entering the war and the site of a new Canadian General Hospital.

However, Evelyn was to miss much of this for she was posted to the Middle East, ready for promotion to Sister. She joined the Hospital Ship *Gloucester Castle* at Southampton and sailed for Egypt on 1 November, only arriving at Alexandria on 4 June 1915. *En route*, she had as expected been appointed Sister, from 5 November.

Evelyn spent the remainder of the war in the Middle East, serving at General Hospitals in Alexandria, Basra and Baghdad, but also making at least one return trip to Southampton in *Gloucester Castle* (later torpedoed, on 30 March 1917). She also had three separate periods in hospital herself, the last in India with 'flu. Evelyn returned to England on 19 February 1919 for well-deserved leave, followed by demobilisation on 26 March 1919.

She was twice Mentioned in Despatches and was awarded the Royal Red Cross, 2nd Class [or Associate] (post-nominal ARRC), "For Distinguished Service in the Field" as announced in the *London Gazette Supplement* of 2 May 1916, at page 4429.

Evelyn had qualified for the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal (with bronze oak leaf emblem, denoting the 'mentions') to accompany her ARRC.

Her father had died on 9 July 1904 and sadly her mother died on 2 September 1916 while Evelyn was serving away from home, though she would by then have known of her daughter's decoration.

Evelyn apparently did not return to nursing and on 3 November 1924 married childless and widowed local farmer Thomas Brittain HARRIS from Fosters Booth. He died on 18 February 1937, aged 73, while the widow Evelyn lived on in Fosters Booth, until she died in hospital in Daventry on 24 January 1963.