

**Air Craftsman First Class Lewis Daniel Moore**

1665709 RAF(VR)

who died age 33 on 2 July 1943

Remembered with honour at the TEWKESBURY CEMETERY

The Register of 10 July 1943 reminds us that servicemen did lose their lives in accidents:



**A/Cl. L. D. MOORE, OF EVESHAM: KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE**

*We much regret to announce the death of A.C Lewis Daniel Moore, R.A.F of Temple House, Evesham, who was killed on active service on Friday as the result of a bomb dump explosion. He was 33 years of age.*

*Aircraftman Moore was the younger son of the late Mr and Mrs. O. B. Moore, of 25 High Street, Tewkesbury, where his father conducted a grocery business. He was educated at Tewkesbury Grammar School and was a member of the Tewkesbury Boy Scouts during his schooldays there. Later he entered the service of Lloyds Bank, and for the past ten years had been a member of the Evesham staff. He joined the R.A.F in 1942, becoming an armourer, prior to*

*which he had been a member of the Home Guard. Only eighteen months ago his elder brother lost his life at sea whilst serving with the Royal Navy.*

*Throughout his life Aircraftman Moore maintained an interest in a wide range of subjects, and particularly for all forms of art. He was a self-taught artist. Yet from this highly detailed work, with pictures in miniature that had to be painted on a microscopic scale, he could turn with equal zest and facility to the creation of bold brilliantly coloured life size paintings and striking posters. .... He was also responsible for the arresting target model used for Evesham's Warship Week.*

His father had purchased 25 High Street<sup>1</sup> in 1900 and called it the *Central Supply Stores* which was sold in 1931 after the deaths, in close proximity, of his father and mother, a member of the Conservative Women's Association. His brother Ralph Ivan Moore, born in 1898, had been an Engine Room Artificer in the Royal Navy by the end of World War I.<sup>2</sup> He is the brother referred to in the Register. **Chief Engine Room Artificer RALPH IVAN MOORE** was killed in action aged 44 on 18 October 1941 when *H.M.S. Broadwater* was sunk by *U-101*. This ship was built in 1919 for the U.S. Navy as *USS Mason* but it was sent to the U.K. as part of the 'lend-lease' package and renamed after two towns found both in the U.S.A. and the U.K.. Its duty was to escort merchant convoys from Newfoundland.<sup>3</sup> It is no doubt because his parents were dead combined with the fact that he was living in Hinckley, Leicestershire, having married Doris Nellie Walters in 1932, that his name was not included on the local war memorial. The Register<sup>4</sup> did record his death but with no photograph. From this we learn that he his naval career started in 1912 and continued until his retirement in 1937. He was recalled to the colours in October 1939. Aged 44 at his death his left two daughters aged four and two years.

<sup>1</sup> In 2005, the *Alley Cat* Clothes Shop.

<sup>2</sup> His name is included in the Abbey memorial to those who volunteered their services.

<sup>3</sup> Websites: <http://www.uboat.net/allies/warships/ship/4321.html> &

<http://www.uboat.net/boats/u101.htm>

<sup>4</sup> 8 November 1941