



## **(John) William Money M.M.**

John William Money was born in Burton-on-Trent in 1885. His father Charles Money was from Ampthill, Bedfordshire. His mother, Sarah Money (nee Webb) was from Willington, Bedfordshire. Charles was employed as a bricklayer.

### Family History

In 1891 the family were living in Bedfordshire but had relocated to Leicester by 1901. With Charles and Sarah in 1901 were three of their children, Alice, Charles and Sarah.

In 1914, William Money married Mary Elizabeth Belson (b. 1890) in Leicester.

### Military History

William Money was a professional soldier. The 1911 Census shows William Money resident in barracks in Sheffield. He was serving as a Private (9545) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers at the time.

Medical records from 1916 indicate that William Money served for a total of 13 years in the army. He enlisted in Leicester.

There is reference that William Money was entitled to the Indian General Service Medal, with North West Frontier 1908 clasp.

In August 1914, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers was stationed at Sabathu, India, The battalion embarked for England on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1914, arriving home on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1914.

The Battalion was mobilised for war and landed at Havre on 18<sup>th</sup> January 1915 to spend most of the year fighting on the Western Front.

During the First World War William Money served as a Sergeant (8091) in the 64<sup>th</sup> Company, Machine Gun Corps (Infantry). His date of transfer from the Fusiliers is currently unknown.

The Machine Gun Corps was formed in October 1915 in response to the need for more effective use of machine guns on the Western Front. The 64<sup>th</sup> Machine Gun Company was formed in Grantham. It embarked for France joining the 21<sup>st</sup> Division on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1916 at Armentieres.



Sergeant John William Money died of wounds on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1916 in Regents Park Hospital, Southampton. He was 31 years of age. Medical records indicate that his original date of admission was 17<sup>th</sup> July 1916. His date of transfer to the sick convoy was 25<sup>th</sup> July 1916. His ailment was recorded as “gun shot wound to the back”. The records indicate that he had been in the field for 11 months.

The Northampton Mercury of 11<sup>th</sup> August 1916 recorded that *Sergeant Money, Machine Gun Corps, the husband of Mrs. Money of Wade’s Cottages, Corby had died of wounds.*

Sergeant William Money was awarded the Military Medal. The Military Medal was awarded for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty under fire or for individual or associated acts of bravery which were insufficient to merit the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

The exact date of the award is unknown, however its award was recorded in the London Gazette no. 29719 published 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1916. It is likely the award was in connection with the injuries suffered by Sergeant Money in July which lead to his eventual death.

Sergeant W Money is buried in Netley Military Cemetery in Hampshire.

The cemetery lies within a park maintained by Hampshire County Council on the site of the former hospital.

Netley Military Cemetery is a permanent military cemetery, the property of the Ministry of Defence. The cemetery was at the back of the Royal Victoria Military Hospital and was used during both wars for burials from the hospital.

The cemetery contains 636 First World War burials but only 35 from the Second World War. In addition to the Commonwealth graves, there are a number of war graves of other nationalities including 69 German graves dating from the First World War.

### Reference

Commonwealth War Graves Commission  
Northampton Mercury



***Lest We Forget***

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of the Machine Gun Corps

d. 31<sup>st</sup> July 1916

In 1914, William Money had married Mary Elizabeth Belson in Leicester. The family had relocated to Corby. In 1915 (April-June) the couple had a son, William A Money.

Unfortunately young William died in 1916 (Jan-March) before his 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.

A few months later Sergeant William Money died on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1916 as a result of wounds received.

The family's tragedy was to continue. William's wife, Mary Elizabeth died in March 1917 in Corby. Mary was 27 years old. Within a year, father, mother and child had all died.