

**Melcombe Regis Cemetery,  
Weymouth, Dorset, England**

**War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**CAPTAIN**

**P. F. MONEY**

**AUST. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS**

**22ND DECEMBER, 1916 Age 60**

*My Beloved Is Mine*

*And I Am His*

*The Memory Of The Just*

*Is Blessed*

## Percy Frederick MONEY

Percy Frederick Money was born at Thaxted, Essex, England on 5th November, 1856 to parents Frederick & Amelia Balaclava Day Money (nee Hawles).

The 1861 England Census recorded Percy Money as a 4 year old Scholar, living with his family at 22 Gloucester Place, Brighton, Sussex, England. His parents were listed as Frederick John Money (Member of R.C.S. & L.S.A. ?, aged 32, born Worlington, Suffolk) & Amelia Money (aged 25, born Clavering, Essex). Percy's younger brother was also listed – Clifford F. Money (age 2). Also listed in the household – Catherine S. Hawke (Sister-in-law Fundholder, aged 27), Eliza Mountfield (Servant – Housemaid, aged 23) & Eliza Frances (Servant – Nurse Maid, aged 22).

The 1871 England Census recorded Percy F. Money as a 13 year old Scholar at Fairwater College School, Staplegrove, Somerset, England.

Percy Frederick Money was educated at Taunton College, England. He also attended Edinburgh University.

The 1881 England Census recorded Percy F. Money as a 24 year old Student of Medicine, lodging at 15 Granby Street, Regents Park, St. Pancras, London, England. Jane Drummond was the Lodging House Keeper (widow, aged 38) with her 2 children along with 2 other Lodgers & a Visitor.

Percy Frederick Money married Emily Jane Sleeman. Their marriage was registered in March quarter, 1885 in the district of Kensington, London, England.

### **New Zealand:**

*The New Zealand Gazette - 21 January, 1886:*

#### *REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS*

*Date of Registration – 19 December, 1885, Money, Percy Frederick, Spring Grove, Waimea.*

*The New Zealand Gazette - 11 February, 1886:*

*Additional; Public Vaccinator, Waimea South District, appointed.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office*

*Wellington, 9th February, 1886*

*HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint*

*PERCY FREDERICK MONEY, ESQ., M.R.C.A. Eng.,*

*To be an additional Public Vaccinator, under "The Public Health Act, 1876," for the Waimea South District.*

*P.A. BUCKLEY*

*The New Zealand Gazette - 27 January, 1888:*

#### *REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS*

*Date of Registration – 19 December, 1885, Money, Percy Frederick, Pembroke, Lake Wanaka.*

*The New Zealand Gazette – 16 January, 1890:*

*Public Vaccinators, Palmerston North and Buller Districts, appointed.*

*Colonial Secretary's Office*

*Wellington, 11th January, 1890*

*HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint*

*PERCY FREDERICK MONEY, ESQ., M.R.C.S.E.*

to be a Public Vaccinator, under the said Act, for the District of Buller.

W. R. RUSSELL

The New Zealand Gazette – 30 January, 1890 & 15 January, 1891:

REGISTER OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Date of Registration – 19 December, 1885, Money, Percy Frederick, Denniston.

The New Zealand Gazette – 21 June, 1894:

Public Vaccinator, District of Waverley, appointed.

Colonial Secretary's Office

Wellington, 18th June, 1894

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint

PERCY FREDERICK MONEY, ESQ., M.R.C.S.E., & c.,

to be a Public Vaccinator, under "The Public Health Act, 1876," for the District of Waverley.

P. A. BUCKLEY

The 1896 New Zealand Electoral Roll for the division of Taranaki, subdivision of Patea, recorded Percy Frederick Money, Medical Practitioner & Emily Jane Money, Waverley.

Amelia Money, mother of Percy Frederick Money, died on 3rd January, 1896 at Camberwell, Surrey, England.

According to information supplied by his wife – Ellen Elizabeth Money he came to Australia when he was about 40 years old.

#### **Australia:**

The Australian Medical Directory for Queensland – 1896 recorded "Money, Percy Frederick, Waverley (Prov. Wellington), NZ. – M.R.C.S. (Eng.), 1883; L. et L. Mid. R.C.P. (Edin), 1883."

P. F. Money, Surgeon, aged 40, was listed as Crew on *Aorangl*, which had departed from the port of London, England & arrived in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia on 3rd May, 1897.

P. F. Money, Surgeon, aged 41, was listed as Crew on *Aorangl*, which had departed from the port of Vancouver, Canada & arrived in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia on 20th October, 1897.

The New South Wales Government Gazette for 1898 & 1899 recorded Money, Percy Frederick – Certificate No. 2103 & date of Registration 10th November, 1897.

The 1900 Australasian Medical Directory recorded Money, Percy Frederick, Goodooga, NSW.

Frederick John Money, father of Percy Frederick Money, died in 1901 at Brighton, Sussex, England.

The 1903 Medical, Dental & Pharmaceutical Directory of NSW recorded Money, Percy Frederick, Goodooga.

Pugh's Almanac and Queensland Directory for 1905 & 1906 recorded Percy Frederick Money as a Medical Practitioner.

"Money, Percy Frederick, Mitchell (5 Dec., 1901), Mem. R. Coll. Surg. Eng., 1883; Lic, R. Coll., Phys. Edin., 1883"

Pugh's Almanac and Queensland Directory for 1907 recorded Percy Frederick Money as a Medical Practitioner.

"Money, Percy Frederick, Chillagoe (5 Dec., 1901), Mem. R. Coll. Surg. Eng., 1883; Lic, R. Coll., Phys. Edin., 1883"

The Queensland PO Directory for 1907 listed Medical Practitioners – Money, Percy F., Chillagoe

The Queensland PO Directory for 1907 & 1908 listed Medical Practitioners – Money, Percy F., Milton.

A birth was registered in Queensland for “*Unnamed (male) Money*” - born 31st October, 1907 to parents Percy Frederick Money & Ellen Elizabeth Corbyn.

Pugh’s Almanac and Queensland Directory for 1912 recorded Percy Frederick Money as a Medical Practitioner.

“*Money, Percy Frederick, Einasleigh (5 Dec., 1901), Mem. R. Coll. Surg. Eng., 1883; Lic, R. Coll., Phys. Edin., 1895*”

The 1912 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Herbert, subdivision of Ingham, Queensland recorded Percy F. Money, Medical Practitioner & Ellen Elizabeth Money, Home duties living at Ingham.

A birth was registered in Queensland for Francis Herbert Money - born 12th September, 1912 to parents Percy Frederick Money & Ellen Elizabeth Corbin.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Herbert, subdivision of Bowen, Queensland recorded Percy Frederick Money, Medical Practitioner & Ellen Elizabeth Money, Home duties living at Powell Street.

The 1913 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kennedy, subdivision of Georgetown, Queensland recorded Percy Frederick Money, Medical Practitioner, of Georgetown.

The 1914 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kennedy, subdivision of Georgetown, Queensland recorded Percy Frederick Money, Medical Practitioner, of Georgetown & Ellen Elizabeth Money, Home duties, of Einasleigh.

The Australian Medical Directory for Queensland – 1915 recorded “*Money, Percy Frederick, Einasleigh, Q. – M.R.C.S. (Eng.), 1883; L.R.C.P. (Edin), 1883 Reg. Queensland, Dec., 1901.*”

A birth was registered in Queensland for Nellie St. Helier Money - born 18th December, 1915 to parents Percy Frederick Money & Ellen Elizabeth Corbin.

Percy Money & Jessie Money arrived in Queensland on 23rd April, 1915 on *Roscommon*.

Percy Frederick Money applied for a Commission in the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 23rd December, 1915. He was a married, general Medical Practitioner, aged 59 years & 1 month & stated he had served 8 years as Private to Sergeant with Artists (Rifles) London.

The 1916 & 1917 Australian Electoral Rolls for the division of Brisbane, subdivision of Ithaca, Queensland recorded Percy Frederick Money, Medical Officer, of Guildford St., Kelvin Grove Rd.

Captain Percy Frederick Money embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Kyarra (A55)* on 3rd January, 1916 with the Medical Officers Transport.

*Commonwealth of Australia Gazette – 3 February, 1916:*

*Department of Defence*

**AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES**

**APPOINTMENT, PROMOTIONS, ETC**

*His Excellency the Governor-General, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, has been pleased to approve of the following changes, &c., in connexion with the Australia Military Forces, viz.:-*

## 1ST MILITARY DISTRICT

*Australian Army Medical Corps Reserve –*

*PERCY FREDERICK MONEY, to be Honorary Captain. Dated 10th October, 1915 (This cancels the notification respecting this officer which appeared on page 2717 of Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 131, of 21st October, 1915.)*

Captain Percy Frederick Money completed his Attestation Papers with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.) on 19th February, 1916. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Ellen Elizabeth Money. Percy Money stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with 28th Middlesex (Artists) Corps, London & had also completed 4 months in various Camps in Brisbane.

Captain Percy Frederick Money returned to Australia on Hospital Ship *Argyllshire* ex Suez on 3rd March, 1916 as the Medical Officer on Duty & arrived in Melbourne, Victoria on 30th March, 1916.

Captain Percy Frederick Money returned to duty with 1st Military District on 18th May, 1916 & re-embarked from Sydney, NSW on HMAT *Karoola* on 20th May, 1916 with the Medical Officers Transport.

Captain Percy Frederick Money was transferred to 2nd Australian Stationary Hospital at Tel-el-Kebir on 4th July, 1916.

On 29th July, 1916 Captain Percy Frederick Money was detached from 3rd Australian General Hospital at Abbassia from Temporary Attachment to England. He embarked on *Arcadian* from Alexandria for Overseas to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force).

Captain Percy Frederick Money was transferred from A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps) Details to No. 1 Command Depot at Perham Downs, Wiltshire on 19th August, 1916. He was taken on strength of 1st Training Battalion from No. 2 Parkhouse Camp on 19th August, 1916.

Captain Percy Frederick Money returned from Australia on *Miltiades* on 26th September, 1916 with A.A.M.C. (Australian Army Medical Corps). He was marched in to A.A.M.C. Details at Parkhouse, Wiltshire, England on 26th September, 1916.

Captain Percy Frederick Money was marched out to A.M.C. Details at Parkhouse from 1st NSW Training Battalion at No. 7 Camp Perham Downs on 27th September, 1916. He was marched into A.A.M.C. Training Depot from Perham Downs on 29th September, 1916.

Captain Percy Frederick Money was transferred to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth, Dorset on 3rd November, 1916 from No. 2 Camp, Parkhouse. He was marched in to No. 2 Command Depot at Weymouth on 4th November, 1916.

Emily J. Money, 14 Windsor Street, Paddington, Sydney, wrote to Base Records on 4th December, 1916 asking “...if you will kindly inform me where and how to address a letter to the “Front” to Capt. Percy F. Money (Medical Officer) who is a relative of mine.... P.S. I believe Capt. P. F. Money signed on in Brisbane last April from what I hear.”

Captain Percy Frederick Money died at 11 pm on 22nd December, 1916 at Princess Christian Hospital, Weymouth, Dorset, England from Bronchitis. The Report of a Death of a Soldier recorded that next of kin of the late Captain Percy Frederick Money, A.A.M.C., as Ellen Elizabeth Money (widow), of Brookes Street, Bowen Hill, Brisbane, Queensland. (Note: A telegram sent on 23rd December, 1916 from O.C. No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth to Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F., London stated that Captain P. Money, A.A.M.C. had died from Pneumonia. The Casualty Form – Active Service recorded Captain Money had died from Bronchitis.)

A death for Percy F. Money, aged 60, was registered in the December quarter, 1916 in the district of Weymouth, Dorset, England.

Captain Percy Frederick Money was buried on 29th December, 1916 in Melcombe Regis Cemetery, Weymouth, Dorset, England – Plot number III. C. 2672 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

**\*\*Note: Captain Percy Frederick Money had a widow – Emily Jane Money, living in Sydney, NSW. He also had a defacto wife – Ellen Elizabeth Money, living in Brisbane, Queensland. Both women wrote regularly to Base Records to put forward their cases. To try to avoid confusion I had coloured coded the letters written or information relating to the different women in Captain Percy Frederick Money's life.**

Ellen E. Money, Brookes Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 8th January, 1917:

Dear Sir:-

I have been advised to write to you regarding the effects of my Husband Captain P.F.Money A.A.M.C.R. A.I.F. who has recently died at Home in the Princess Christina Hospital, he was expecting to return home and we did not even know that he was sick, his death is a terrible shock. I am very anxious to get all his baggage home here, he had a lot of valuable property including presents he was bringing home to me and the children, I would like to ask you if you can arrange for all the things to be securely packed and sent to me, I am willing to pay fees if any are required, but oh, I do want my dear ones belongings safe here, will you please do your best for me I shall be so very grateful.

Hoping I am not asking too much of you,

I am, dear Sir,

yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) *Ellen E. Money*

*Def 714* *W. Kmt.*

BASE RECORDS  
P11. JAN. 17M.

A War Pension was granted to Emily Jane Money, 133 Paddington Street, Paddington, widow of the late Captain Percy Frederick Money, in the sum of £3;17;6d per fortnight from 11th January, 1917.

Ellen E. Money, Brookes Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 18th January, 1917:

Dear Sir:-

So long a time has gone by and the effects of the late Captain P.F.Money, A.A.M.C.R. have not yet been sent to me that I am writing to ask you if you will kindly make enquiries as to cause of delay. It is not as if they had to be collected for they were all at the port of embarkation, I asked for a special favour for them to be sent me as ordinary passenger baggage and to be allowed to pay for the privilege but as I can see my request was ignored, we had plenty of valuable articles and I shall not take it very quietly if any mishap has befallen them.

May I ask you again, will you please do something in this matter for me don't send me one of those stiff cards "your communication received and will receive due attention " etc.etc. do please send me a human letter to assure me of my dear ones belongings being safe. Such a lot of "boys" have come back from Weymouth since then surely there could have been room found for my husbands things.



Thanking you in anticipation,

you're faithfully,

*Ellen E. Money*

Emily J. Money, 133 Paddington Street, Paddington, Sydney, wrote to Base Records on 18th January:

' Dear Sir,

Can you tell me how to proceed and where to go, to apply for my late husbands deferred payments, whose rank was Capt. Percy F. Money, Surgeon to Queensland Forces. He died on 22nd Dec. 1916 of pneumonia in Salisbury, England.

I must mention that my husband has been living with a woman in Australia the last few years, who has passed as his wife and taken his name, they have lived together I believe for some time in Queensland

I fear his co-called wife will usurp me in many ways. I can swear before God that I am the lawful wife of Percy F. Money.

I have a copy of my Marriage Certificate. I can give any amount of good references with regard to my identification. I was living with my husband years ago in New Zealand when he was in practice there. My husband's Solicitor tells me that he has made no provision for me at all. I am afraid he had very little indeed to leave beyond his life Assurance. As matters no stand, it is very hard for me. I have not been able to save out of a monthly allowance of £4, I have had that during my separation and no more during his Military Service.

I am dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

(SGD) EMILY J. MONEY.

P.S. I have forgotten to say that I have sent in my application for my husband's Pension - However small I shall be truly grateful if I get it. I am no longer young.

Emily J. Money, 133 Paddington Street, Paddington, Sydney, wrote to Base Records again on 20th January, 1917 stating "Since my last communications to you dated 18th Jan – I called at the A.M.P. Office to see what amount my husband was insured for. They told me £500 which was made over as a Deed of Life – to my late husband's mistress six years ago. I am stating these facts so that the authorities may know how I stand financially. I sincerely hope that they will see their way to granting my application for the Pension. Apologising for troubling you. P.S. I have no family living or any relatives in this country. I am destitute. E.J.M."

The Pastoral Exchange, Sydney, NSW wrote to Base Records on 23rd January, 1917 requesting a Certificate of report of the death of the late Captain Percy Frederick Money.

Ellen E. Money, Brookes Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 24th January, 1917:

Dear Sir:-

May I ask you to kindly cause enquiries to be made in regard to the illness and subsequent decease of my Husband, Captain P.F. Money, I was not even aware that he was sick, in fact I had good reason to suppose that he was well on his way home to Australia.

I protest strongly against his having been detained in England he Volunteered for Transport Service, and when kept at Perham Downs he wrote to the Authorities protesting and asking for a Transport, giving them his reasons, i.e. health not robust enough for the severe English having spent so many years in the tropics and sub-tropics, etc. etc. He was given Embarkation leave early last October, since when he has been hanging on day by day under orders to sail at any time, and right up to the 23rd of November he was quite well, but some money I cabled to him on December 6th was never claimed, I infer thereby that he must have been ill then, now if so why was I not informed of the fact by Cable? I consider my husband was grossly imposed upon, sure the Military Authorities could have put a younger man to stand the rigours of an English winter and put a man of Sixty in a climate more suited to his health, he is no good to them now, but he could have been very useful had he been permitted to live.

Also I would like to know why in all the communications

communications received by me, and also in the casualty list in the papers he was only mentioned as "Captain Money" he was not written of once as Captain P.F. Money, A.A.M.C. Why?.



May I also take this opportunity to mention to you that I am very anxious regarding my husbands effects and would much like to have them home as soon as possible, if it can be arranged to have them securely packed and sent to Australia without delay I would gladly pay any expense incurred. I do not wish his kit to be undone let me have it as he packed it himself, please try and grant this request, I know he had his things packed up and was bringing it home to see me unpack, as usual, I do hope that I may be allowed this small consolation of being the one to touch the things first after him, having passed away in a hospital this may be possible, if so I shall be very thankful. I am sorry if I am causing you such trouble but under the circumstances I am sure you will pardon me and do what you can to relieve my anxiety.

I am,

dear Sir,

yours faithfully,

(Mrs.)

*Ellen E. Money*

Ellen E. Money, Brookes Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 9th February, 1917 requesting "an Official Certificate of the Deceased of my husband, Captain P. F. Money, A.A.M.C.. I have been advised to write and ask you as it is necessary to have something of the sort to produce when proving the Will."

Emily J. Money, 133 Paddington Street, Paddington, Sydney, wrote to Base Records on 11th February, 1917 with the following letter: "I am given to understand that Mr Muddle who is acting for my late husband's mistress Capt P. F. Money will take proceedings against me if I get the Pension – I consider that threat a piece of bluff! I am afraid a man like that will not mind what he does. I would like to state that Miss Cellie Corbin my late husband's mistress came to my husbands surgery in London about 20 years ago or a little more as a Patient and an absolute stranger then. She was very much run down, it appears she had no home or friends, and my husband asked my to let her come \_\_\_ and rest for a time till she got strong enough to get a Situation and this is how she has rewarded me ! I am not afraid to meet my God at any moment because I have told the real truth I am Capt Money's lawful widow and if my word is doubted I can not help it. I wonder if Miss Corbin has been showing any Marriage Certificate. My husband took mine away with him when he left England some years ago but I went to Somerset House London and got a copy before leaving England my self. I have written this letter because I am anxious that the "Heads" shall not think me a lawless woman."

Major, A.G.A. advised District Headquarters, 1st Military District on 13th February, 1917: "The lady whom I have known for the past 15 months as Mrs Percy Money, called at my office on the 8th February and told me that she was not married to Captain Percy Money. She also told me that when Captain Money was a young man he was given a practice in London by his father; soon after he was practically compelled to marry his housekeeper; they lived together unhappily for some time, when they separated, he making her an allowance of £4. per month, which allowance has been paid ever since. She left England about 20 years ago with Captain Money and has been living with him as his wife ever since. She has had nine children of whom four are now living."

Emily Jane Money, 133 Paddington St, Paddington, Sydney, wrote to Base Records on 20th February, 1917 requesting a Death Certificate for her husband Captain P. F. Money, late of A.M. Corps, A.I.F. No. 77663. She wrote to Base Records again on 1st March, 1917 stating "I wrote some days ago asking you to kindly send me the Death Certificate of my husband Capt P. F. Money. I have not as yet had any reply from you respecting the matter. The Superintendent of the Commonwealth Bank, Brisbane wrote me that I should be able to obtain the Death Certificate from your Office – in the mean time they are holding my marriage certificate until I can send the ab\_\_ with other Papers which they have sent me to fill \_\_\_\_\_. Please find six stamps for package expenses."

A War Pension was granted to Ellen Elizabeth Corbin, of Brisbane, unmarried widow of the late Captain Percy Frederick Money, in the sum of £3;17;6d per fortnight from 1st March, 1917. Pensions were also granted to the following ex-nuptial children of the late Captain Money (all paid per fortnight from 1st March, 1917) – Edgar Louis Corbin - £1; Francis H. J. Corbin – 15/- & Nellie St. H. Corbin – 10/.

The following is correspondence between A.I.F. Pay Office & District Paymaster, 1st Military District Headquarters on 5th March, 1917 & 12th March, 1917:

PAY DEPARTMENT.		1st MILITARY DISTRICT, DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS	
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O/C A.I.F. Pay Office./		183	14 365

Have we taken any action in connection with final settlement of the late Captain Money?

Has the Pension's Office been advised of the existence of the legal wife?

5/3/17  
E.P.  
The D.P.M.

*E. P. Money*  
Major,  
District Paymaster 1st M.D.

The Staff Paymaster was communicated with on the 12th ultimo regarding the non-effective statement and Mrs E.J. Money was advised on the 10th idem that as soon as the necessary particulars had been received from the S.P.M. to enable a settlement of this Officer's account to be effected, the amount due would be handed over to the Public Curator, Brisbane, together with full particulars regarding her claim.

The Pensions Office has been advised regarding the legal wife and advice has been received from the Pensions Office, Sydney, to the effect that £3.17.6. per fortnight has been granted to Mrs. Emily Jane Money, legal widow of Captain P.F. Money.

12/3/17

*M. J. Money*  
A/OFFICER IN CHARGE,  
A.I.F. PAY OFFICE W.O.

Newspaper article – *The Brisbane Courier*, Queensland – 17 March, 1917:

### **PERSONAL NOTES**

*Capt. Percy Frederick Money, of the Australian R.A.M.C., who died at the Princess Christian Hospital of pneumonia and bronchitis after a week's illness, was born in Queensland, and was 60 years of age (says the "British Australasian" of January 4). Early in the war he was employed as transport medical officer, and served in Egypt, but afterwards came to this country, and latterly had been doing valuable work at Monte Video. No worthier tribute could have been paid to his memory than that which fell from the lips of Padre Pitt-Owen, when a thousand Australians were gathered round the open grave. "We do honour," he said, "to one who, though 20 years past the statutory military age, was bravely willing to come out and do his bit for his God, his King, and his country in this great and terrible war. His noble service, which he gave so unselfishly and so ungrudgingly at the depot, will long be remembered by those who there came under his kindly care. They will not soon forget the many good turns he did them in the opportunities which came his way as medical officer. They will be thought of by those who participated in them long after this war has come to an end. May God grant to his soul rest and peace."*

*Australian officers from Monte Video and Westham attending the funeral were Col. Spencer Browne, Majors M'Whae, Betts, and Lowe; Capts. Sampson, M'Donald, Kennedy, and Butler; Lieuts. Rickwood, M'Villy, Coombs, King, Cole, Walker, Jacobs, Barber, Allen, and Wild. There were nearly 2000 people in the cemetery. A hundred guns fired three volleys at the end of the graveside service, which included the hymn "Abide With Me." And the "Last Post," sounded by the buglers, was the last valedictory military honour to the dead. There were a large number of beautiful wreaths.*

Newspaper article – *The Queenslander*, Brisbane, Queensland – 21 April, 1917:

### **PERSONAL NOTES**

*The late Captain Percy Frederick Money, who died from pneumonia while on active service, was a native of Brighton, England, and was educated in that country. He studied at the leading hospitals and a university; also in Edinburgh. In 1883 he gained his diplomas of M.R.C.S., England, M.R.C.P., Edinburgh, and Licentiate in Midwifery, Edinburgh. He held several hospital appointments in England, and subsequently left for New Zealand, where he stayed a few years. He returned to England and resumed practice, but found the home climate rather trying, and in 1897 came out to Australia. For some years he studied tropical diseases, travelling amongst the South Sea Islands, Fiji, Gilbert Islands, Friendly Islands, Papua, &c., finally returning to Queensland, where he continued to live until he joined the military forces during the present war. While a medical student he was a member of the Artists' Volunteer Corps, of which he was very proud to have belonged. His father was also a member of the medical profession. His grandfather, Major Money, was the first to attempt to cross the Channel in a balloon, with a parachute attached. The attempt was a failure, as the balloon caught fire, but Major Money safely descended in the parachute, and was picked up by a French boat.*

Base Records wrote to The Public Curator, Brisbane, Queensland on 7th May, 1917 to advise that they had transmitted the personal effects of the late Captain P. F. Money as the Public Curator were administering the estate.

The Public Curator wrote to Base Records on 27th June, 1917 advising that the "wooden case of effects belonging to the abovenamed deceased Soldier, has been received from the Senior Ordnance Officer, Victoria Barracks, Brisbane, and I enclose Form of Acknowledgement duly signed."

Base Records wrote to Mrs E. E. Money, Brookes Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, on 23rd June, 1917 in regards to her communication of 18th to advise that "...the personal effects of the late Captain P. F. Money, 3rd Australian General Hospital, were transmitted to the Public Curator, Public Trust Office, Brisbane, Q'land, on the 7th May last, to whom it is suggested you submit your enquiry."

Ellen E. Money, Brookes Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, wrote to Captain Jackson, 1st Military District, Brisbane on 22nd July, 1917:

22nd July /17

Captain Jackson,  
S.O.I. & R.S.,  
Headquarters,  
1st Military District, BRISBANE.

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'Dear Sir;-  
May I ask you to kindly cause enquiries to be made as to the whereabouts of the bulk of the effects of the late Captain P.F. Money, A.A.M.C., A.I.F.

I have received a few items enumerated below but I naturally wish to have all. I wrote early in January last to the Officer in Charge, Base Records, Melbourne, asking that the delay be made as short as possible and offering to pay expenses myself if only it would ensure his things being safe, but beyond the usual "card" I heard nothing further. I also add to this a list of the things which have not arrived and which I claim, there was no necessity for them to go astray, they were all ready for embarkation and should have been sealed.

I shall be very grateful if my appeal to you meets with the success I anticipate.

R E C E I V E D.

Cane Case containing Books, Wallet, note book, Post cards, Steel Mirror, Photo, correspondence (terribly mutilated though) Rubber gloves, two pair Khaki Drill slacks. Handbag containing few surgical instruments, one razor. Brown Leather case containing Fex, Sam Browne Belt, Switch, Large Nickel watch, two pipes, Swiss Hunter Watch, two wrist watches, Money Belt, 5/1, Gold Band Ring, small compass, three pairs spectacles, and a Black case containing a "Corona" Typewriter.

N O T R E C E I V E D.

Marine Glasses in Leather Case, Browning Automatic Pistol, Riding Crop, Quantity of clothing, Special large A.M.C. ornamentation on Hat, two Kit Bags (not issue) one with Brass Padlock, safety razor and others, shaving strop, brush etc. Hair brushes and comb, tooth brush, studs etc etc. Necklace, gift from a personal friend in Brighton, Brooch bought for his baby Daughter, Wristlet watch, "Onoto" Fountain Pen, chased casket, quantity of Moonstones purchased in Colombo, and many other articles which he had shown to his friends in Brighton, and my sister in London, and to my sister in London, which he was bringing home to us.

I want even the merest trifle, even if it be a poor sock full of holes as long as it is his and been worn by him, he had issue clothing I know, but he also had lots of caps and clothing which were made for him here at his own order.

He has given his left and I have lost, more than I can express, surely the "Powers That Be" will help me to obtain the possession which he has left and which it was his wish I should have.

Trusting you will be able to move in this matter,  
Yours faithfully,  
(sgd) ELLEN E. MONEY

Brookes Street,  
Bowen Hills,  
BRISBANE.  
22/7/17

The Public Curator's Office, Brisbane, Queensland sent a request to Base Records on 31st August, 1917 for the Certificate of Death of Captain P. F. Money, 3rd A. G. H. (Australian General Hospital). A copy of the Death Certificate was sent to the Public Curator on 11th September, 1917.

Base Records wrote to Mrs E. E. Money, Brookes Street, Bowen Hills, Brisbane, on 24th December, 1917:

Dear Madam,

With reference to your communication of 22nd July last, concerning certain short-sent effects of the late Captain P. F. Money, 3rd Australian General Hospital, I am now in receipt of the following report from Australian Imperial Force Headquarters, which is forwarded for your information :-

"The belongings which the next-of-kin received in parcel No. D/S.5089 comprised the only property of the deceased handled by the A.I.F. Kit Store, London.

"The Commandant, No. 2 Australian Command Depot, Weymouth, has supplied a report in connection with the effects of the late Captain Money, and he states that there is no record in his office of any of the articles mentioned in your communication.

"The late Officer's kit was sold by auction at No. 2 Command Depot soon after his death and realized £6:9:6. An account of £5:2:6 outstanding to the Officers' mess was paid from this amount and the balance, less 3rd poundage, has been credited to the estate of the deceased. The kit thus disposed of is enumerated on the attached inventory. All articles considered to be of sentimental value were passed to the A.I.F. Kit Store for transmission to the next-of-kin.

"Several instances have occurred where belongings of members of the Australian Imperial Force have been disposed of by public auction under the Regimental Debts Act 1895, and in order that preferential charges may be dealt with. Action has been taken, and is being, taken to put a stop to this procedure so far as our Force is concerned, but the question is complicated by reason of the methods which obtain in the Imperial Forces, and because of the multiplicity of orders dealing with the subject."

Needless to say should anything further come to hand it will be promptly transmitted.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. E. E. Money,  
Brookes Street,  
Bowen Hills,  
BRISBANE, Q'LAND.

Major,  
Officer i/c Base Records.

List of effects of the late Captain P. F. Money sold at auction:

I N V E N T O R Y .

Effects of the late Captain P.F. Money, A.A.M.C. sold by public auction at No. 2 Command Depot, Monte Video Camp, Weymouth, England on th January 1917:-

1 Kit Bag, 3 Shirts, 1 Undervest, 1 Underpants, 4 Towels, 2 Flannel Belts, 1 Cardigan, 3 Tunics, 1 pr Slacks, 1 pr Breeches, 1 Cap Comforter, 2 Caps, 1 pr Shoes, 4 Collars, 9 Handkerchiefs, 1 pr Brushes in Case, 1 pr Boot Brushes, 2 Shaving Brushes, 2 Combs, 1 pr Spurs, 2 prs Drill Slacks, 2 Drill Tunics, 1 pr Shirts, 1 Leather Belt.

Ellen E. Money, Winchester Street, Hamilton, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records in November, 1918:

Dear Sir:-


Some time ago you sent me a communication re- the resting place of the late Capt. P. F. Money, I had the misfortune to drop it somewhere and have not been able to regain it, would it be troubling you too much to ask you if I may have a copy sent me I would be very grateful.

I wish also hereby to tender thanks for the photograph of the grave which was sent me, I think it was a very kindly action and I appreciate it very much. I do not know if I should send a line of thanks to Herseferry Road, should I? I do not like to trouble them unnecessarily. This is a very tardy letter of thanks to you but but worry and ill health have been the cause of delay, not ingratitude.

I am dear Sir,

yours faithfully

*Ellen E. Money.*



Base Records replied to Mrs E. E. Money on 13th November, 1918:

Dear Madam,


I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the late Captain P. F. Money, 3rd Australian General Hospital (Staff) Army Medical Corps, and enclose herewith, as requested, copy of this office communication of the 20th ultimo.

I have also to thank you for your expressions of appreciation for the photograph of the late Officer's grave. It is not necessary for you to send an acknowledgement of same to A.I.F. Headquarters, London.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

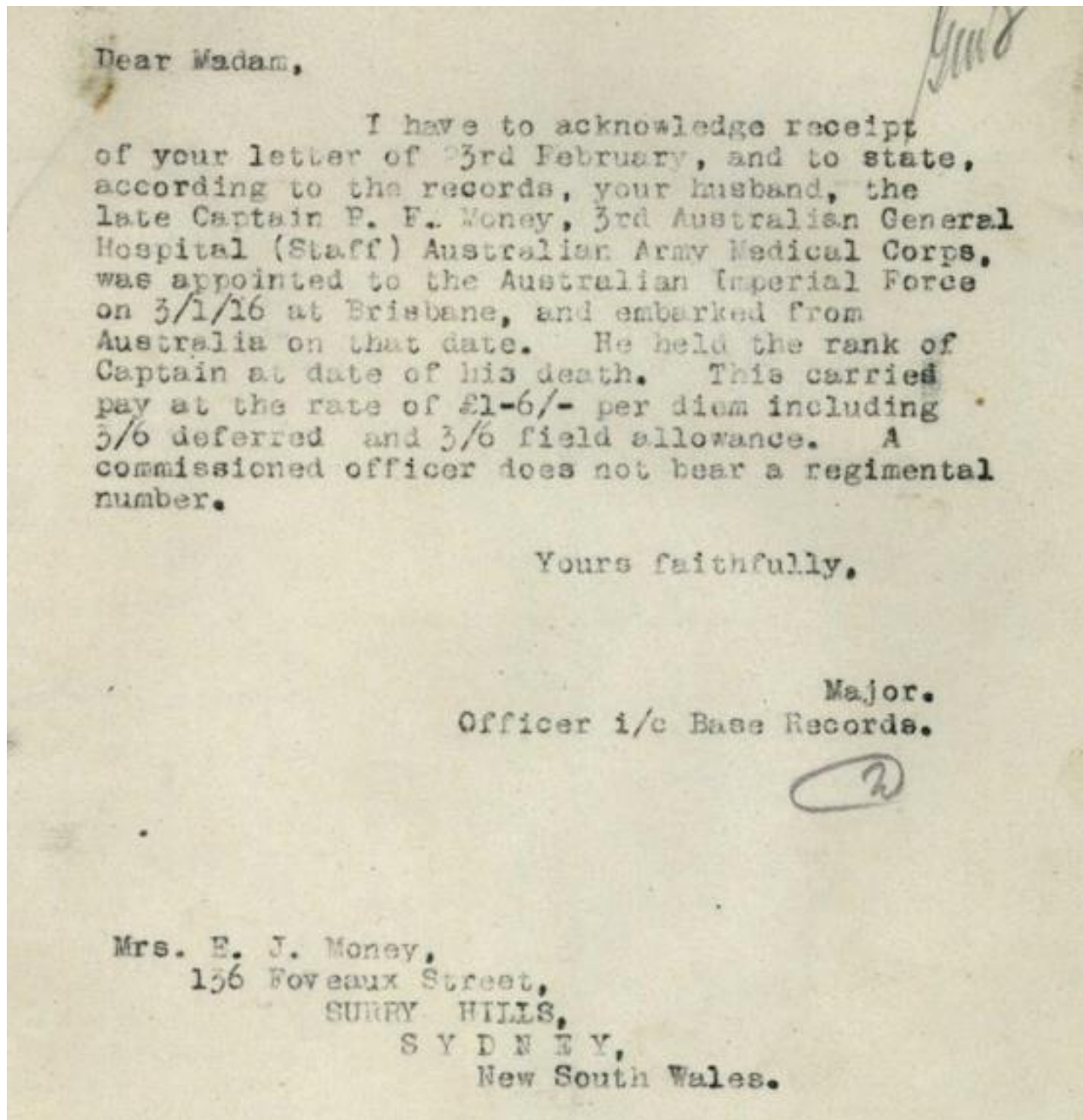
Officer i/c Base Records.



Mrs. E. E. Money,  
Winchester Street,  
HAMILTON,  
Brisbane - Q.

Emily Jane Money, 136 Foveaux St, Surry Hills, Sydney wrote to Base Records on 23rd February, 1920: "With the view of making claim for "War Leave Payment" in respect of my deceased husband Capt Percy Frederick Money (Medical Officer) who died on 22nd Dec 1916 in Salisbury, England. I shall be much obliged if you will supply me with the following particulars. Viz - (1) Regimental number (2) Rank at date of death (3) Unit " " (4) Place of Enlistment (Town and State) (5) Date of Embarkation in Australia (6) What was deceased's pay?"

Base Records replied to Emily Jane Money on 26th March, 1920 with the following:



Dear Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23rd February, and to state, according to the records, your husband, the late Captain P. F. Money, 3rd Australian General Hospital (Staff) Australian Army Medical Corps, was appointed to the Australian Imperial Force on 3/1/16 at Brisbane, and embarked from Australia on that date. He held the rank of Captain at date of his death. This carried pay at the rate of £1-6/- per diem including 3/6 deferred and 3/6 field allowance. A commissioned officer does not bear a regimental number.

Yours faithfully,

Major.  
Officer i/c Base Records.

Mrs. E. J. Money,  
136 Foveaux Street,  
SURRY HILLS,  
SYDNEY,  
New South Wales.

Base Records wrote to District Finance Officer, 1st Military District on 7th November, 1921 asking "... the name, relationship and address of the person or persons to whom the war gratuity has been allotted in respect of the late Captain P. F. Money, 3rd Australian General Hospital. The deceased officer, upon appointment to the A.I.F., nominated as next-of-kin his wife, Ellen Elizabeth Money, now residing at Hamilton, Queensland, but it would appear she was his unmarried wife, his real widow being Mrs Emily Jane Money, residing at Surry Hills, NSW. It is further stated there were nine children of the union with the defacto wife. The favour of early attention is requested as well as inclusion in your reply of any details that may affect the equitable disposal of the war medals, etc. of the late officer."

The District Finance Officer, 1st Military District, Brisbane, replied to Base Records on 28th November, 1921 regarding Captain Percy Frederick Money stating "... the War Gratuity due in respect of the abovenamed deceased Officer was divided equally between his widow, Emily J. Money, 136 Foveaux Steet, Surry Hills, Sydney, and his defacto wife, Ellen Elizabeth Money (or Corbin), Winchester Street, Hamilton, Brisbane. I might mention that the latter was sole beneficiary under deceased's Will."

The following correspondence was sent to The Secretary, Department of Defence from Base Records on 30th December, 1921:

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE.**  
**MINUTE PAPER.**  
(This side only to be written on.)

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**SUBJECT : Captain P.F. MONEY, 3rd Australian General Hospital (deceased).**

JML/AJK

SECRETARY,

The late Captain P.F. MONEY, 3rd Australian General Hospital, upon appointment to the A.I.F., nominated as next-of-kin:-

Ellen Elizabeth Money, (wife)  
Brookes Street,  
Bowen Hills,  
Queensland,

but since his decease it has been discovered that she was his unmarried wife, (her correct name being Ellen Elizabeth Corbin), his legal widow being:-

Emily Jane Money,  
116 Foveaux Street,  
Surry Hills,  
New South Wales.

Pensions have been granted to both women as well as on behalf of three children of the unmarried wife.

The story, so far as I have been able to ascertain it, is briefly:-

(a) As told by the unmarried wife:-

When Captain Money was a young man he was given a practice in London by his father; soon after he was practically compelled to marry his housekeeper; they lived together unhappily for some time when they separated, he making her an allowance of £4 per month, which allowance was paid up to the date of his death. Captain Money and the unmarried wife left England 20 years ago and lived together as man and wife up to the date of his death. She had nine children of whom Captain Money was the father, and four are now living.

(b) As told by the legal widow:-

Miss Nellie Corbin, the unmarried wife, came to her husband's surgery in London about 20 years ago or a little more as a patient. She was very much run down and Captain Money asked Mrs. Money if Miss Corbin might stay with them until she was strong enough to obtain a situation; with the above result.

The War Gratuity has been equally divided between both women and as we have no means, without going to a lot of trouble, of ascertaining the real facts of the case, I am of opinion that in the disposal of the war medals, etc., it would be advisable to follow the lead of the War Gratuity Authorities. I therefore recommend that these mementos be distributed as under:-

(a) British War Medal with Clasps (if any),  
and Memorial Scroll to the unmarried wife;

(b) Memorial Plaque and Brochure - "Where the  
Australians Rest" to the legal widow.

The late Captain Money did not qualify for any other items.

APPROVED

*Grainne Dwyer*  
Major,  
Officer in Charge Base Records.

mb 30.12.21



Captain Percy Frederick Money was entitled to British War Medal only as he had not entered a Theatre of War. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Captain Money's closest next-of-kin, however in this case the British War Medal with Clasps & Memorial Scroll were sent to Mrs E. E. Money, (defacto wife) Winchester Street, Hamilton, Brisbane, Queensland. Ellen E. Money signed for receipt of the Memorial Scroll And King's Message on 23rd February, 1922. The Memorial Plaque & Brochure "Where the Australians Rest" were sent to Captain Money's widow – Mrs E. J. Money, 136 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills, Sydney, NSW. Emily Jane Money signed for receipt of the Memorial Plaque on 3rd January, 1923.

Ellen E. Money, Lima St, Auchenflower, Brisbane, wrote to Base Records on 7th March, 1927 with the following "Some time ago I was informed that there was a "Plaque" & a "Victory Medal" due to me; if this be correct will you kindly forward them to me; they would be greatly prized. My husband was Captain P. F. Money A.I.F. he passed away whilst on Active Service 22/12/16." She also added "Late address Winchester Street, Hamilton."

Base Records replied to Mrs E. E. Money on 12th March, 1927 to advise "... the late Captain P. F. Money, 3rd Australian General Hospital, did not qualify for the issue of a Victory Medal. The whole of the mementoes due in respect of the deceased Officer's service were equally divided and have been issued, the Plaque going to the Widow, Mrs E. J. Money."

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Captain Percy Frederick Money – aged 60, of 3rd Australian General Hospital, Australian Army Medical Corps. He was the son of Frederick John and Amelia Money; husband of Ellen E. Money, of Winchester St., Hamilton, Brisbane, Queensland.

Captain P. F. Money is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 183.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

(102 pages of Captain Percy Frederick Money's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

*Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives*





AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**Captain Percy Frederick Money (c 1914)**

Studio portrait of Captain (Capt) Percy Frederick Money, Australian Army Medical Corps (AAMC), who died of pneumonia at Princess Christian Hospital, Weymouth, England on 22 December 1916. A doctor from Brisbane, QLD he was 60.



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **GOVERNMENT GAZETTE**

The following notifications appeared in yesterday's "Government Gazette":-

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LEGALLY QUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS –

The undermentioned persons have submitted to the Medical Board the necessary testimonials and qualifications:-  
Henry James Leonard, Percy Frederick Money, Edgar Robert St. John Caro.

(*The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW – 17 November, 1897)

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### **GOVERNMENT GAZETTE**

The following notifications appeared in the "Government Gazette":-

APPOINTMENTS – Mr Percy Frederick Money, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin., to be Government Medical Officer and Vaccinator at Goodooga....

(*The Daily Telegraph*, Sydney, NSW – 24 November, 1900)

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Board of Health Office,

Macquarie-street N.,

Sydney, 5th February, 1901.

DISEASED ANIMALS AND MEAT ACT, 1892, 55 VICTORIAE, No. 17.

The following persons have this day been duly authorised by the Board of Health, in terms of the 5th section of the above Act, to exercise the powers of inspection and other powers under such Act:-

No.	Name	Office or Qualification
.....	.....	.....
1267	Percy Frederick Money, M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin,	Government Medical Officer, Goodooga

(*Government Gazette of the State of New South Wales*, Sydney, NSW – 8 February, 1901)

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### **Official Notifications**

The Executive Council yesterday decided the following matters:-

Dr P. F. Money has been appointed medical officer at Mitchell.

(*The Telegraph*, Brisbane, Queensland – 1 September, 1905)

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## Officers and Non-Coms. of an Australian Battalion Abroad.



Those in the group reading left to right are: Front row (seated on ground): Lieutenant C. W. Hooper, W.O. D. R. Lindsay, R.S.M., Lieutenant H. W. Phillips. Second row: Captain R. D. Murray, Captain C. J. Perry, Chaplain Captain T. K. Westbrook, Captain C. G. K. Judge, Captain J. K. G. Magee, C.O., Lieutenant W. Mervyn Blake (Adjutant), **Captain P. F. Money (Medical Officer)**, Lieutenant M. Delaney (Quartermaster), Lieutenant W. L. Walker. Back row: Lieutenant W. B. Phipps (Chief Instructor), Lieutenant. W. H. Parkinson, Lieutenant R. M. K. Howard, Lieutenant A. N. Buckley, Lieutenant R.W. Sampson, Lieutenant H. W. Wilkes, Lieutenant L. H. Loveday, Lieutenant R. F. Christianson, Lieutenant M. S. Hourn, Lieutenant F. L. Flannery.

(*Australian Town and Country Journal*, Sydney, NSW – 6 December, 1916)

### MILITARY HONOURS FOR AN AUSTRALIAN OFFICER

- On Wednesday afternoon the body of Captain Percy Fredk. Money, of the Australian Medical Corps, who died at the Princess Christian Hospital, was interred at the Melcombe Regis Cemetery with full military honours. The band was in attendance, and played funeral dirges on the route to the burial ground. The deceased, who was a native of Queensland, was 60 years of age, and had served throughout the war. The ceremony was attended by Colonel Skinner Browne, commandant in charge of the Depot, Colonel Carroll, Colonel Hackett, and Major Greenlees, representing the Garrison Australian Medical Corps service. At the grave-side Captain Pitt-Owen, chaplain of the Australian Forces, delivered an address, in the course of which he said the deceased, although beyond the statutory military age by 20 years, had bravely and willingly come forward to do duty to God, King, and country.

(*Western Gazette*, Yeovil, Somerset, England – 29 December, 1916)

## AUSTRALIAN CASUALTIES

### Lists Nos. 262 to 264

Queensland

Died of Illness

Capt. P. F. MONEY (Bowen Hills), 22/12/16

*(Australian Town and Country Journal, Sydney, NSW – 17 January, 1917)*

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### ROLL OF HONOUR

MONEY – To the memory and in honour of the late Captain P. F. Money, A.A.M.C.R., A.I.F., who passed away at Weymouth, England, on the 22nd December, 1916.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 19 December, 1917, 22 December, 1917 & 29 December, 1917)*

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### ROLL OF HONOUR

MONEY – To the loving memory and in honour of the late Captain P. F. Money, A.A.M.C., who passed away whilst on active service at Weymouth, England, December 22, 1916.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 22 December, 1919)*

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### ROLL OF HONOUR

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*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 22 December, 1920)*

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### ROLL OF HONOUR

MONEY – To the honour and memory of the late Captain Money, R.R., A.A., M.C., A.I.F., who passed away at Weymouth, England, December 22nd, 1916.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 22 December, 1921)*

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### ROLL OF HONOUR

MONEY – To the honour and memory of the late Captain Money, R.A.A., M.C., A.I.F., who passed away whilst on active service, 22nd December, 1916.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 22 December, 1922)*

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## ROLL OF HONOUR

MONEY – In honour and memory of Captain P. F. Money, R.A.A.M.C., A.I.F., who passed away whilst on active service, England, December 22, 1916.

*(The Brisbane Courier, Queensland – 22 December, 1923)*

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### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Captain P. F. Money does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*My Beloved Is Mine And I Am His*

*The Memory Of The Just Is Blessed*

## Melcombe Regis Cemetery, Weymouth, Dorset, England

Weymouth became a depot for Australian forces in 1916 and 83 of the 147 First World War burials in Melcome Regis Cemetery are of Australian servicemen; most of these graves are scattered in the old part. The 36 Second World War burials are in the extension. The cemetery also contains seven war graves of other nationalities and one non-war burial.

(Information from CWGC)



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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### Australian graves in the cemetery at Melcombe Regis. March 1919

*Identified, front row, left to right: unidentified; Butler; 5917 Private Edgar Allan Thornell, 22nd Battalion (Bn), died 9 August 1918; 1207 Corporal Jesse Adams Davis, 12th Bn, died 15 November 1918.*

*Back row: 5329 Private Frederick Albert Archer, Anzac Provost Company, died 6 November 1918; 5990 Private Albert Robert Blackmore, 12th Bn, died 2 November 1918; 11099 Driver Matthew Charles Percival Nettle, 6th Australian Field Artillery Brigade, died 22 October 1918; 3942 Private Walter Alick Weckman, 51st Bn, died 9 November 1918.*



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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**Some of the Australian graves in the cemetery at Melcombe Regis. March 1919**

*Identified, left to right: Captain Francis Arthur Deravin, Australian Army Medical Corps, died 8 July 1917 aged 41 years (large headstone); 138 Private Louis Nelson Matthews, 27th Battalion, 4 July 1917; 5082 Private Victor George Smith, 21st Battalion, died 13 November 1918.*



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## Australians in Weymouth

### What was life like for the Australians?

#### The Camp

Within the camp, there were educational facilities as well as medical rooms which helped to recover and re-educate the soldiers. There was help provided for soldiers suffering with physical or emotional impairments, such as massage rooms, psychotherapy training rooms and a remedial gymnasium. This strengthened the men to help them recover from their injuries. The educational aspects were diverse, allowing soldiers to pick a completely different profession for when they went back home. This included architecture, motor engineering, electrical and carpentry classes. Another option allowed the soldiers to be retrained in their previous professions which may have become more difficult, due to loss of limbs or new techniques that may have been created whilst they were at war.

#### The Town

Weymouth benefited hugely from the influx of Australian and New Zealand soldiers. One shop that still exists today is the Acutt's clothing store, which used to sell everything a soldier could possibly need for his uniform, from the whole jacket to just the buttons and epaulettes. As well as Acutt's, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia also opened up their own branch in Weymouth, for the soldiers to use during their time over here, which highlighted the permanence of their stay. There was also a monthly newsletter that circulated amongst the men, which was produced by local company Sherrers, which still operates on the Granby Industrial estate.

### Special Events

The Australian recovery camps took special occasions very seriously, such as Christmas and Easter, to try and reduce the ache of home sickness and being away from their family and friends. Most camps tried to make their soldiers feel at home, with large celebrations with Christmas dinners and special guest performances at Easter. However, there were also other special events that gained press attention, such as the opening of the YMCA building, which used to be on Abbotshay Road. This provided help and welfare to the Australian soldiers, such as free food and blankets. There were fundraising days for the prisoner-of-war soldiers that had been captured during the fall of the Kut, who were mainly Dorset soldiers. From these fundraising days in Weymouth, Dorchester and Biddport, the towns managed to raise £5,600 to help comfort the prisoners.

### Entertainment

Entertainment was a highly important aspect of the soldiers' lives whilst they were in Weymouth. It kept the soldiers motivated and in high spirits whilst they were ill or injured, in hopes of helping to speed up their recovery. Throughout the camps in Weymouth, there was always something to watch or listen to, whether it was singing and acting companies who toured round the camps or at the Pavilion Theatre on the Esplanade. Sometimes, the soldiers even made their own entertainment, with marching bands and choirs being set up by the YMCA building in Weymouth. There were also balls and dances at the camps themselves and even a small trip to the Alexandra Garden along the Esplanade. Dating also became a significant part of the soldiers' lives, with many Weymouth women losing husbands and boyfriends at war. Finding comfort with the new soldiers at the camp, this led to many marriages between the two groups, and some migrating back to Australia with their new families, or staying here and leaving their families.

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## Australians in Weymouth

### From Weymouth to Auswey - A Soldier's Récovery



During the First World War between 1914 and 1918, many injured soldiers who were mostly from Australia and New Zealand, were brought to Weymouth. They were known as ANZACS (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps). They were placed in Repatriation and Rehabilitation camps in Westham, Littlehampton, Chichester and Portland. This was in the hope of sending them back to the line of action in France or back home to Australia due to lack of fitness. Weymouth was picked as the place to set up camp, as it was seen as a relaxing seaside location. This would help to heal the sick and injured Australians who had been fighting in major battles of the war or on the Western Front between France and Belgium.



### Past and Present Westham

As you can see on the map of the Westham camp, many of the street names have an Australian connection, highlighting the history of the area. Residents of the housing estates, which are now built where the camp once stood, are still digging up remains of the camp, such as bullets or cooking equipment.

Although thousands of ANZACS passed through Weymouth during the First World War, there are some soldiers who unfortunately did not make it home. These soldiers are proudly buried in the Melcombe Regis cemetery. This is only 100 metres away from one of the major camps in Westham, with 142 soldiers buried in the cemetery, 83 from Australia and 59 from New Zealand. These graves are similar to some of the war memorials and graves placed around Europe, much like the Somme in France. Unfortunately, there are too many grave names to be displayed on this board, but they can be found on the website link at the bottom of this board.





Modern Day Street Names	Westham Camp - December 1916
Queen Close	Soldiers Huts
Swine Road	Company Officers
Queensland Road	Regimental Institute
Kitchener Road	Minutemen Rifle Range
Corporation Road	Officers' Mess
Shark Road	Shower Block
Longcroft Road	Vehicle Shed, Mob Store
Wessex Road	Home Shelter
Parth Street	Cool Yard
Melcombe Street	Cook House
Adelaide Crescent	YMCA
Abbotsbury Road	Dung Pit
Sydney Street	Fire Hydrant
Shirecroft Road	

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Photo of Captain P. F. Money's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Melcombe Regis Cemetery, Weymouth, Dorset, England.



*(Photo from Find a Grave – Janice Dennis- 2016)*



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