

**St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery,
Kensal Green, London, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



192 PRIVATE

W. F. HAYMAN

30TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

27TH AUGUST, 1916 Age 21

Ever Remembered

And Sadly Missed

William Francis HAYMAN

William Francis Hayman was born at Quorn, South Australia on 1st February, 1895 to parents William Timothy Hayman & Julia Elizabeth Hayman (nee Chapman). His birth was registered in the district of Frome, South Australia (Page no. 355; volume no. 558) (According to information provided by his brother for the Roll of Honour – William Francis Hayman was born at Quorn, South Australia. The CWGC recorded he was born at Unley, South Australia. William Francis Hayman recorded on his Attestation Papers that he was born at Port Augusta, South Australia.)

Julia Elizabeth Hayman, mother of William Francis Hayman, died on 13th October, 1899 at Georgetown, South Australia.

William Timothy Hayman, father of William Francis Hayman, died on 15th May, 1901 at Norwood, South Australia.

William Francis Hayman was schooled at Boys Home, Kincumber, Woy Woy, New south Wales. From information [provided by his brother for the Roll of Honour – *“He lost both his parents when 6 yrs of age & has one only brother who survives him.”*]

William Francis Hayman was a 20 year old, single, Farm Hand from Muswellbrook, New South Wales when he enlisted on 2nd August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His religion was Roman Catholic & his next of kin was listed as his brother – Jeffrey Hayman, of Muswellbrook, New South Wales.

Private William Francis Hayman was posted to V.3 Depot on 2nd August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to “A” Company, 30th Battalion on 6th August, 1915.

Private William Francis Hayman, Service number 192, embarked from Sydney, New South Wales on HMAT *Beltana* (A72) on 9th November, 1915 with the 8th Infantry Brigade, 30th Infantry Battalion “A” Company & disembarked at Suez on 11th December, 1915.

Private William Francis Hayman embarked from Alexandria on 16th June, 1916 on *Hororata* to join B.E.F. (British Expeditionary Force). He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 23rd June, 1916.

Private William Francis Hayman was wounded in action in France on 20th July, 1916. He was admitted to 1st Casualty Clearing Station on 20th July, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to Skull then transferred to No. 1 Ambulance Train. Private Hayman was admitted to 13th General Hospital at Boulogne, France on 20th July, 1916. He was invalided to England on 11th August, 1916 on Hospital Ship *St Denis*.

30th Battalion

The 30th Battalion was raised as part of the 8th Brigade at Liverpool in New South Wales on 5 August 1915. Most of its recruits hailed from the Newcastle region and other parts of country New South Wales, but almost an entire company was composed of former RAN ratings from Victoria.

The 8th Brigade joined the newly raised 5th Australian Division in Egypt and proceeded to France, destined for the Western Front, in June 1916. The 30th Battalion's first major battle was at Fromelles on 19 July 1916. It was tasked with providing carrying parties for supplies and ammunition but was soon drawn into the vicious fighting. Following Fromelles, the battalion was rotated in and out of the front line along with others in the brigade, but played no major offensive role for the rest of the year.....

(Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial)

War Diary – 30th Battalion

19th July, 1916:

Strength 29 Officers 927 O.Rs. Issued Battalion Order No. 6

6pm – Attack on German Trenches about 2000X N.W. of FROMELLES which was preceded by a 7 hours Artillery preparation commenced at this hour and in a short time the 31st & 32nd Bns had occupied German trenches on left of our attack, 30th Bn engaged as follows:-

A Coy digging trench across No Mans Land to connect our front line with German line, B Coy carrying Engineer stores for the fighting troops, C Coy carrying Ammunition forward for same & D Co repairing Communications & finding escorts to Prisoners & parties for regulating trench traffic etc.

As the action progressed & most of B C & D Coys were retained as reinforcements to the fighting troops, making the maintenance of supplies a difficult matter and portion of the 29th Bn had to be used for this purpose. About 4 am a strong enemy counter attack on our left completed a retirement to our original front line where our troops were organised in the event if the counter attack being pressed forward.

20th July, 1916:

10 am 29th Bn occupied our trenches action having ended & 30th Bn retired & bivouacked at CROIX BLANCHE as Reserve to the 29th.

After concentration & roll call our losses were found to be as follows:-

KILLED	Lieut Mitchell	C Co.	And 51 O.R's
	“ Parker	C “	
	“ Lees	A “	
WOUNDED	Major Beardsmore	A “	And 224 O.R's
	Lieut Orpen	A “	
	Captain Allen	A “	
	Lieut Fullerton	C “	
	“ Haviland	C “	
	Capt Wark	C “	
MISSING			68 O.R's

Strength 20 Officers 585 O,R's

(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)

Base Records wrote to J. Hayman, Muswellbrook, NSW on 31st July, 1916 to report that his brother Private William F. Hayman was dangerously ill with gunshot wound to head.

Private William Francis Hayman was admitted to King George Hospital, Stamford Street, London, England on 12th August, 1916 with shrapnel wound/s to Head - severe. He was reported to be seriously ill on 23rd August, 1916 with G.S.W to Head & Hemiplegia.

The Hospital Admissions form recorded: “Nats (?) from No 13 Genl Hospl – Dirty wound on left parietal region.

X ray shows shell fragment lying deep in occipital region.

Operation – wounds excised. July 22/16.

On admission – Large hernia in left parietal region, covered with pus. Marked sensory aphasia. Rt facial weakness. Rt arm complete flaccid paralysis.

Aug 20/16 Improved, wound cleaner & less hernia. No improvement in arm, speech improved.

Aug 23/16 Rise of Temp, pain in neck, rigidity.

*“ Operation Hernia explored. No pus obtained. Hernia released from tension b y incisions round sloughy brain tissue. Discharging much fluid. In constant pain & delirious.
Aug 28/16 Patient died.”*

Private William Francis Hayman died on 27th August, 1916 at King George Hospital, Stamford Street, London, England from wounds received in action in France – G.S.W. Head.

A death for William F. Hayman, aged 21, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Lambeth, Greater London, England.

Private William Francis Hayman was buried in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England – Plot number Australian. 2079 and now has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing file for Private William Francis Hayman contains two reports regarding his death (Note: the second report was incorrect).

- Report from The Sister at St. George's Hospital: *“Hayman died from the effects of a very bad wound – hernia. He was semi-conscious, did not know he was dying, and could not speak. He was not in much pain. A sister sent him flowers, so he was not forgotten. He had an aunt in England but could not give the sister his address. (The sister at the hospital wrote to an aunt at Muswellbrook, NSW). He was buried in ST. Mary's Cemetery, Kensal Grave, and was given a Military funeral.”*
- Report from Henry Hodgson, 1197, 30th Battalion, A Company, A.I.F., Edgbaston, 1st Southern Hospital on 29th July, 1916. Home address 41 South Street, Battery Point, Hobart, Tasmania. Informant states that *“On 19th July, 1916, at Armentieres, we had taken the first line and were waiting to advance. A shell came and wounded me and killed Hayman – I saw him dead behind me.”*

Private William Francis Hayman requested in his Will, dated 26th May, 1916 at Ferry Post, that *“In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my brother Geoffrey Hayman, c/o Mrs Jessie Healy, Hill Street, Muswellbrook.”*

Pierce Healy, Muswellbrook, New South Wales, wrote to Base Records on 2nd November, 1916: *“On behalf of my wife, aunt of the late Private W. F. Hayman of the 30th Battalion, who died from the effects of a gunshot wound while in action in France – I request you to inform me if the military authorities enforced the making of wills by members of the Expeditionary Forces prior to embarkation for service abroad. The late Private Hayman was an orphan from the age of three years and he authorised my wife to transact his business affairs while on service. The Nurse in charge of St George's Hospital, London where he died, informed by wife by letter that some letters in his possession had been forward to the Military Authorities in Australia. Have they been received yet? It is desirable to know whether he made a will or not as his life was insured and he inherited property, having come of age while abroad. If not troubling you too much, the information called for will be gratefully received.”*

Base Records replied to Mr P. Healy on 10th November, 1916 stating *“.... this branch has no knowledge of a Will. Each soldier's pay book contains a Will form, and should Private Hayman have prepared same, it would, if recovered be transmitted direct to the legatee named therein. Any personal effects of a sentimental value the soldier may have had with him on active service, would if recovered, be forwarded direct to next-of-kin or to any legatee mentioned in a Will or other testamentary direction which may be discovered amongst his belongings. The addresses will be advised direct by the overseas authorities when they are forwarded. No articles have yet come to hand.”*

The National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Limited, Sydney, wrote to Base Records on 16th November, 1916 with the following *“We have been advised that No. 192 Private William Francis Hayman, 30th Battalion, died on 27th August last. I shall be glad if you will let me have the following information for identification purposes:- Place of birth, age, Height, Complexion, Color of Eyes, Color of Hat, any distinguishing marks, Next of kin.”*

Base Records replied to The Acting Manager, The National Mutual Life Association, Sydney, on 23rd November, 1916 enclosing a certificate of identification particulars of the late No. 192 Private William Francis Hayman, 30th Battalion, A.I.F.

Geoffrey Hayman, "Ellerslie", Birrell St, Waverley, NSW, wrote to Base Records on 30th May, 1917: *"I am the only brother & the next of kin of No 192 Private W. F. Hayman 30th Battalion who died 27th August last at King George's Hospital. I have applied for Probate of his Will and ask you to kindly forward me a Certificate of his death."*

Base Records replied to Mr G. Hayman on 9th June, 1917, enclosing, as requested, a certificate of report of death of the late No. 192, Private W. F. Hayman, 30th Battalion.

On 14th June, 1917 Geoffrey Hayman signed for receipt of a package containing the personal items of his brother, the late No. 192 Private W. F. Hayman, 30th Battalion, ex "Boorara."

Geoffrey Hayman, G.P.O. Adelaide, South Australia, wrote to Base Records on 26th November, 1917: *"As it was necessary for me to leave the last "Certificate" of Death you sent me of my brother – No 192 Private W. F. Hayman, who died at King George's Hospital London on August 27th 1916 – at the Supreme Court N.S. Wales. I ask you to kindly send me another and oblige."*

Base Records replied to Mr G. Hayman on 4th December, 1917, enclosing, as requested, a certificate of report of death of his brother, the late No. 192, Private W. F. Hayman, 30th Battalion.

Communications sent to Mr G. Hayman, Muswellbrook, NSW from Base Records in October, 1918 were returned unclaimed.

Communications sent to Mr G. Hayman, "Ellerslie", Birrell St, Waverley, NSW from Base Records in April, 1920 were returned. The letter contained two photographs and description of the locality of the grave of his brother the late No. 192 Private W. F. Hayman, 30th Battalion.

Geoffrey Hayman, Fletcher Road, Peterhead, South Australia, wrote to Base Records on 29th May, 1920 asking for the following particulars for his *"brother, the late No. 192, Private W. F. Hayman, "A" Company 30th Battalion, who died at King George Hospital, London, on the 27th August 1916. Date of enlistment. Place of enlistment. Date of first reporting for Duty, Enlistment number in Australia. Date of Embarkation from Australia. Name of transport embarked on."*

Base Records replied to Mr G. Hayman on 8th June, 1920, advising *"... the late No. 192, Private W. F. Hayman, 30th Battalion, enlisted as a member of the A.I.F. on 27.5.15 at Newcastle, NSW, and reported for duty on 2.8.15. He embarked for active service abroad on 9.11.15 at Sydney per "Beltana". His enlistment number in Australia was apparently the same as abroad. Forwarded herewith are two photographs and description of the locality of the grave of the abovenamed deceased soldier, which I trust come safely to hand. Your change of address has been noted on the records."*

Private William Francis Hayman was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Hayman's brother – Mr G. Hayman, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent October, 1921 & Plaque sent January, 1923. A handwritten note in the Service Record file for Private Hayman indicates that the Memorial Plaque was issued with the wrong spelling of his surname – issued as "Haynan".

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Francis Hayman – service number 192, aged 21, of 30th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William Timothy Hayman & Julia Elizabeth Hayman.

W. F. Hayman is remembered on the Muswellbrook War Memorial, located at Queen Elizabeth II Square, Bridge & Market Streets, Muswellbrook, NSW.



Muswellbrook War Memorial (Photos from AWM Places of Pride – Henry Moulds)

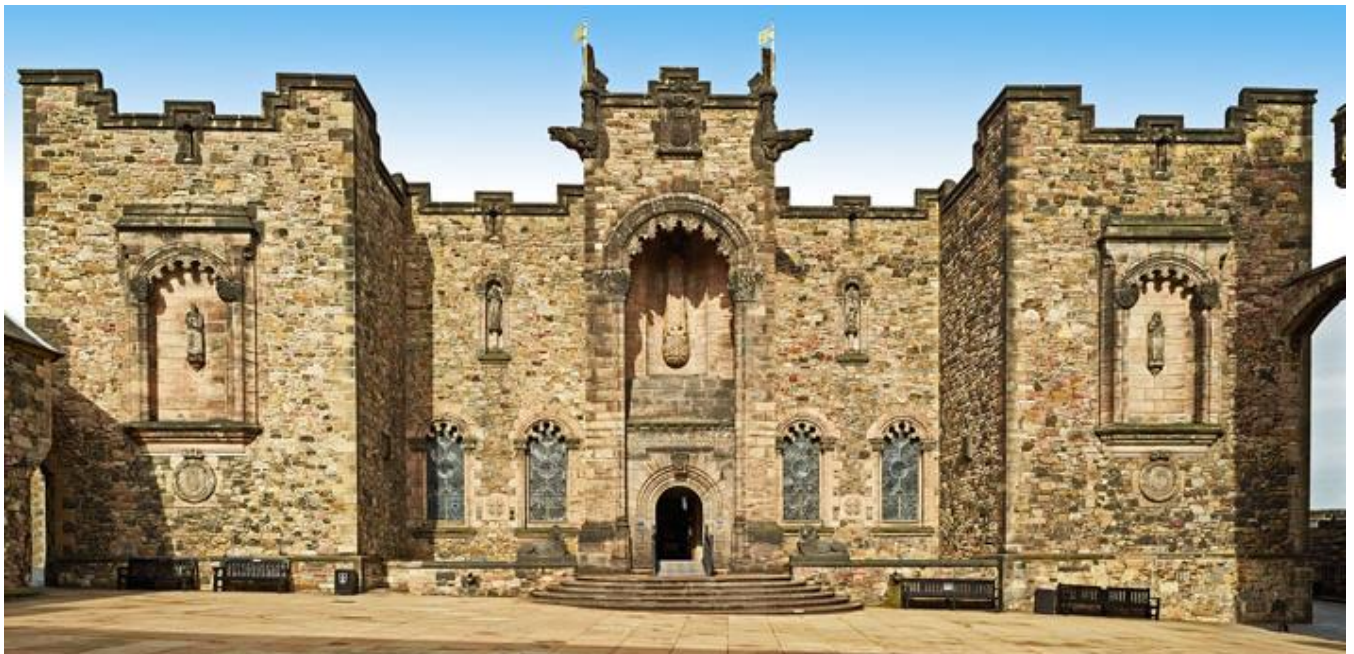


Private W. F. Hayman is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 117.



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

William Francis Hayman is remembered in the Roll of Honour books held in the Hall of Honour inside The Scottish National War Memorial. The north side of the Hall of Honour is divided by columns into bays, each dedicated to a different regiment and enhanced with battle honours and consecrated colours. On the broad shelf in front of each of the bays, the names of the dead are listed in leather-bound books.



The Scottish National War Memorial



The Hall of Honour & the Roll of Honour books.

(Photos from The Scottish National War Memorial)



(61 pages of Private William Francis Hayman'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 Australia



Newspaper Notices

MUSWELLBROOK

It would be interesting to know how many Australians who at present live at home at ease pause to reflect upon what our soldiers in other lands have to undergo on occasions, so that the Empire may be preserved, and the blessings of liberty maintained. A striking illustration of the privations the valiant lads are subject to is given this week by Private W. F. Hayman, formerly of this district, who, writing from the sands of Egypt to a friend in Muswellbrook, says that he has latterly been able to wash his face only once a fortnight, and the last time he did so the ablution was performed with half a cup of water, that he took from his daily drinking allowance. The experience of this soldier was no doubt that of thousands of others in the same place, and compared with it how insignificant becomes the little self-denial advocated in the earlier closing of hotels in New South Wales.

(The Maitland Weekly Mercury, NSW – 10 June, 1916)

MUSWELLBROOK

The strenuous training of Australian soldiers in the heat, and on the sandy country of Egypt, has been a severe test of the physical stamina of many. Private W. F. Hayman, who went from this district, writing to his aunt at Muswellbrook, gives a forcible description of the effects of a route march engaged in by members of the 30th Battalion at the end of May last. Owing to the depressing effects of the high temperature many men fell out of the ranks during the journey, and a number had to go into hospital at the end of it, some suffering much from the trying ordeal gone through, and all wishing that they might soon be sent to a cooler clime and have an opportunity of facing the enemy.

(The Maitland Weekly Mercury, NSW – 8 July, 1916)

Western Casualties

Wounded

Pte W. F. Hayman, Muswellbrook

(Mudgee Guardian and North-Western Representative, NSW – 14 August, 1916)

MUSWELLBROOK LETTER

(From our Representative)

A WOUNDED SOLDIER – PRIVATE W. F. HAYMAN

MUSWELLBROOK, Friday.

Some weeks ago the Base Records Office, Melbourne, supplied the information that Private W. F. Hayman, of A Company, 30th Battalion, who enlisted from Muswellbrook a year ago, had, while in action in France, received a gunshot wound in the head, and was dangerously ill. Since then his relatives here have naturally been anxious to know how he was progressing, and yesterday were gladdened by the receipt of a cablegram from himself sent from London, with the satisfactory message "Doing well." Private Hayman who is a native of Adelaide is 21 years of age, and has a special interest for his friends, on account of the fact that his parents died in his early boyhood, when he had only passed through six summers. It is indeed gratifying for those who have dear ones at the front to know that if the war is the most terrible in the world's history, never before was such provision made for the comfort and

treatment of the wounded. Nursing and surgical skill of the highest order are saving many lives that would otherwise have been lost, and therefore to a great extent mitigating the dangers of the battlefield.

(The Maitland Daily Mercury, NSW – 1 September, 1916)

PRIVATE W. F. HAYMAN

On the first of August last, the Base Records Office, Melbourne, reported that Private W. P. Hayman, of A Company, 30th Battalion, had received a gunshot wound in the head, while in action in France, and was dangerously ill. Since then nothing was heard of him until Thursday afternoon when his Aunt, Mrs. Healy, of Mill Street, received a cablegram from London, sent by himself and conveying the gratifying message "doing well." Private Hayman enlisted from Muswellbrook over a year ago, and was seven or eight months in Egypt before going to France. His trying experience prompts the thought that although the war is the most dreadful conflict in history, it is pleasing to know that never previously were wounded soldiers tended with such promptitude, zeal and skill, many lives being thereby saved that would otherwise have been lost, and the perils of the battlefield accordingly mitigated.

(The Muswellbrook Chronicle, NSW – 2 September, 1916)

THE LATE PRIVATE W. F. HAYMAN

Mr F. E. Hayman has just received news of the death of his nephew, Private W. F. Hayman in St. George's Hospital, London. He was previously reported dangerously wounded in the head. He was a son of the late W. J. Hayman, of the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Adelaide.

(Chronicle, Adelaide, South Australia – 16 September, 1916)

MUSWELLBROOK

Official intimation was received on Friday afternoon that Private W. F. Hayman, of the 30th Battalion, had died in King George's Hospital, London, on the 27th August, from the effects of a gunshot wound in the head received while in action in France. The deceased soldier enlisted at Muswellbrook over a year ago, and underwent a trying time in Egypt for seven or eight months prior to going to the front. He was 21 years of age, son of the late William Hayman, of Adelaide, and nephew of Mrs Pierce Healy, Muswellbrook, and Sister Gertrude, of the Order of St. Joseph, Penrith, He was a young man of sterling character, and highly esteemed by all who knew him. A peculiar circumstance in connection with the news of his death is that a cablegram stating that he was doing well was sent from London that day previous to the one on which he is reported to have died.

(The Maitland Daily Mercury, NSW – 9 September, 1916) & (The Maitland Weekly Mercury, NSW – 16 September, 1916)

The World-wide War

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Mr H. B. Chapman, of Mount Barker, has received news of the death of his nephew, Private W. F. Hayman, in St. George's Hospital, London. He was previously reported dangerously wounded in the head. He was a son of the late W. J. Hayman, of the Engineer-in-Chief's Department, Adelaide.

(The Advertiser, Adelaide, South Australia – 12 September, 1916) & (The Mount Barker Courier and Onkaparinga and Gumeracha Advertiser, South Australia – 22 September, 1916)

CASUALTIES

214th AND 215th LISTS

NEW SOUTH WALES

DIED OF WOUNDS

Pte W. F. HAYMAN, Muswellbrook

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 19 September, 1916)

MUSWELLBROOK

Private W. F. Hayman, who recently died in St. George's Hospital, London, from the effects of a gunshot wound received in action in France on July 21, enlisted from Muswellbrook in August, last year. He was in A Company, 30th Battalion, and had a trying time in Egypt for eight months prior to going to France. He was 21 years of age, son of the late William Hayman, of Adelaide, and nephew of Sister Gertrude, of St. Joseph's Convent, Penrith, Mrs. H. Lonergan, Manly, and Mrs. Pierce Healy, Muswellbrook. He was a young male of sterling qualities, beloved by his relatives, and much esteemed by friends. A Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated by Very Rev. Father Roche, P.P., in St. James's Church, and on Sunday next the members of the local branch of the Hibernian Society will show their respect for their departed brother by offering up their Holy Communion for the same purpose. — R.I.P.

(The Catholic Press, Sydney, NSW – 28 September, 1916)

MUSWELLBROOK

The relatives of the late Private W. F. Hayman, who enlisted from Muswellbrook and died from a wound received in action in France, in King George Hospital, London, have received official information that he was buried in St. Mary's cemetery, Kensal Green, and given a military funeral. The Nurse in charge of the ward in which he died also kindly forwarded particulars of his illness, and the last moments – a most thoughtful act, considering the demands there must be on the time of the good sister.

(The Maitland Daily Mercury, NSW – 10 November, 1916) & (The Maitland Weekly Mercury, NSW – 18 November, 1916)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES - Probate Jurisdiction.- In the Will of WILLIAM FRANCIS HAYMAN, late of France, formerly of Muswellbrook, in the State of New South Wales Farm Labourer, deceased.- Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration, with the Will annexed, of the above named deceased, may be granted to GEOFFREY AUGUSTINE HAYMAN, the Brother of the deceased and the sole beneficiary named in the said Will and all notices are to be served at the undermentioned address. Ellerslie, Birrell-street, Waverley.

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 31 May, 1917)

PROBATE COURT

The following Probates and Letters of Administration were granted by the Registrar of Probates during the past week:-

Probates:- W. F. Hayman.....

(The Sydney Morning Herald, NSW – 23 June, 1917)

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)

A letter was sent from Base Records, dated 15th July, 1921, to Mr G. Hayman, Fletcher Road, Peterhead, South Australia, advising that a letter from the Defence Dept. concerning an inscription on the headstone of his brother, the late No. 192 Private W. F. Hayman, 30th Battalion, had not been answered & non-receipt of a reply within 21 days would have to be accepted as indicating that no further action was to be taken.

Private W. F. Hayman has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone with the following inscription:

Ever Remembered And Sadly Missed

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England

Kensal Green (St Mary's) Roman Catholic Cemetery contains burials of both wars. Some of the 208 First World War burials are grouped together. The largest, known as the War Plot, contains graves of United Kingdom forces and there are smaller groups of Canadian and Australian graves. The rest of the First World War graves, and all of the 107 Second World War graves, are scattered elsewhere in the cemetery. A Screen Wall and a low kerb bear the names of casualties of both wars whose graves could not be marked individually. In addition to the Commonwealth war graves, the cemetery contains a number of war graves of other nationalities, including a substantial Belgian plot from the First World War.

(Information from CWGC)





St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery (Photo above from Find a Grave – Len)



Cross of Sacrifice (Photo from Find a Grave – Mike Ganley)



Australian Plot in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green

(Photo from Find a Grave – Lighthouseman)

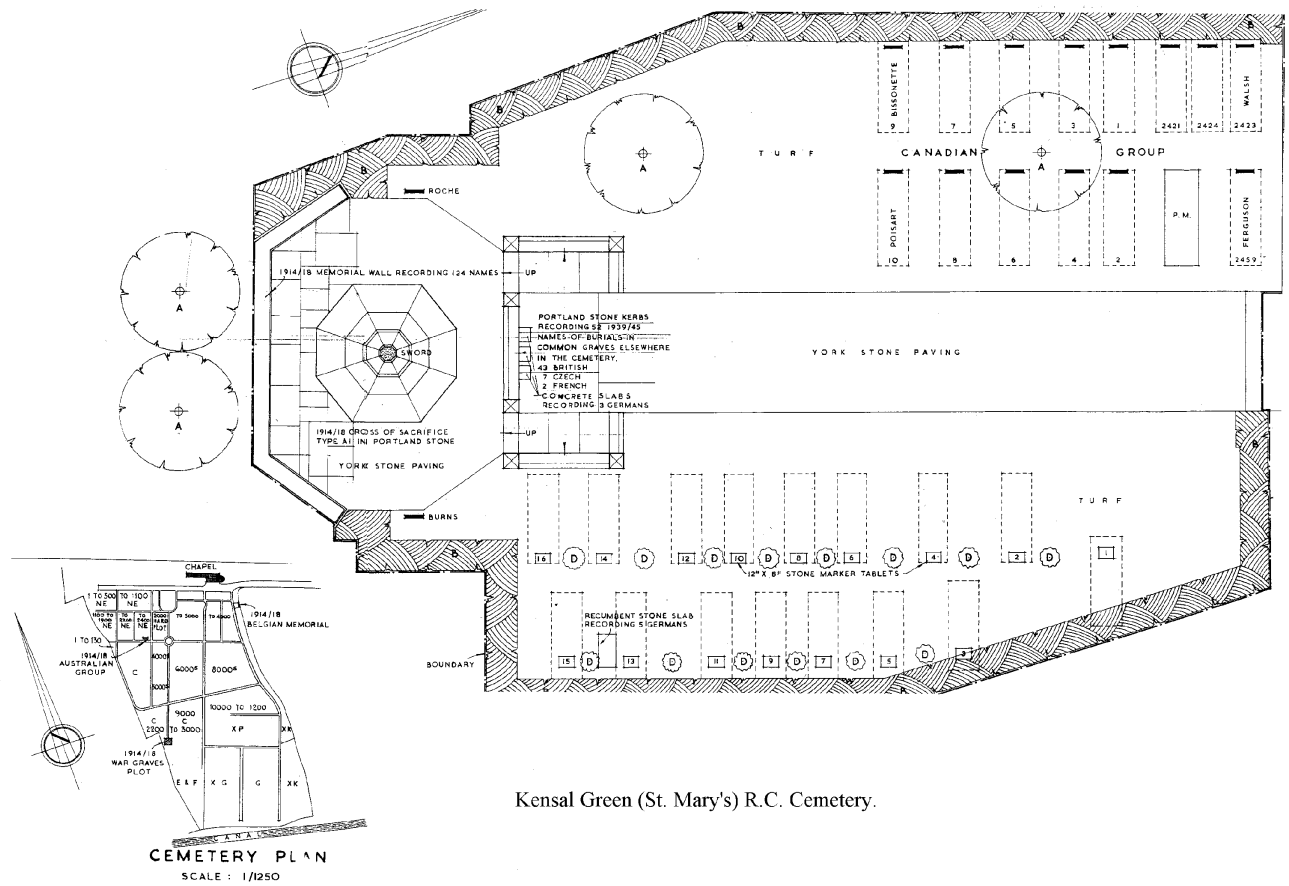


Private W. F. Hayman's CWGC Headstone on left *(Photo from Find a Grave – Iain MacFarlane)*

Photo of Private W. F. Hayman's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, London, England.



(Photo from Find a Grave – Iain MacFarlane)



Kensal Green (St. Mary's) R.C. Cemetery.