

**Cambridge City Cemetery,  
Cambridge, Cambridgeshire  
War Graves**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**LIEUTENANT**

**G. H. MAIR**

**3RD BN.**

**ROYAL WELSH FUSILIERS**

**14TH DECEMBER, 1918 Age 38**

## George Hay MAIR

George Hay Mair was born in 1879 in Paddington, Sydney, NSW to parents George & Mary O'Brien Mair (nee Bott).

George Hay Mair attended Sydney Grammar School, NSW from 1894 to 1898.

George H. Mair & Noel Mair, Gentlemen, were passengers on *Etruria* which had departed from the port of New York, United States & arrived at the port of Liverpool, England in January, 1907.

George H. Mair, Tourist, aged 27 & his brother Noel F. Mair, Tourist, aged 25 both from Australia, were listed as passengers on *Miowera* which had departed from the port of Sydney, Australia & arrived at the port of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on 15th February, 1907.

George Mair, father of George Hay Mair, died on 16th April, 1908 in Sydney, NSW.

Mary Mair, mother of George Hay Mair, died at Woollahra, Sydney, NSW in 1911.

The Medal Index Card for Private George H. Mair shows he enlisted with King Edward's Horse with a Regimental number of 961. He first entered a Theatre of War on 4th May, 1915 – France and Flanders.

George Mair had joined the King Edward's Horse on 28th August, 1914 & was given the rank of Trooper. His occupation was listed as Squatter. *(information in this paragraph kindly provided by Dr Philip Creagh, BVSc. –Old Sydney Grammar Boy who has researched all from Sydney Grammar who were killed in WW1)*

Trooper George Mair was wounded in action on 25th May, 1915 at Festubert, France. He was transferred to England on 6th June, 1915 & was operated on to remove a bullet to his thigh on 10th June, 1915. Trooper Mair was not fit to return to his Unit until November, 1915. *(information in this paragraph kindly provided by Dr Philip Creagh, BVSc. –Old Sydney Grammar Boy who has researched all from Sydney Grammar who were killed in WW1)*

### King Edward's Horse

King Edward's Horse (The King's Overseas Dominions Regiment) was a cavalry regiment of the British Army, formed in 1901, which saw service in the First World War.

On the outbreak of war in 1914, the regiment was mobilised in London, where it remained until April 1915; at this point, the regiment was dispersed, and the four squadrons were sent to the Western Front with separate divisions. They were reunited in June 1916; the regiment serving as corps troops, and moved to Italy in December 1917. The regiment returned to France in March 1918, serving until the end of hostilities. Some reports suggest that the final British casualty of the war was a private in C squadron.

(Wikipedia)

George Mair attended Officers' School & was commissioned on 6th July, 1916 as 2nd Lieutenant with the Royal Welch/Welsh Fusiliers on 6th July, 1916.

From The London Gazette – 12 July, 1916:

#### **SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS**

*The undermentioned, from an Officers Cadet Unit, to be 2nd Lieut, Dated 20th June, 1916.*

#### **INFANTRY**

*R. W. Fus. – George Hay Mair*

#### **Royal Welch/Welsh Fusiliers**

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The Royal Welch Fusiliers was a line infantry regiment of the British Army, part of the Prince of Wales' Division.

It was one of the oldest infantry regiments in the British Army, hence the continued use of the archaic spelling of the word Welch instead of Welsh, and also historically Fuzileers instead of Fusiliers; these archaic spellings were engraved on swords the regiment carried during Napoleonic times. In the Boer War and throughout the First World War, the army officially called the regiment "The Royal Welsh Fusiliers", but the archaic "Welch" was officially restored to the regiment's title in 1920 under Army Order No.56.

#### First World War - Regular Army

The 1st Battalion landed at Zeebrugge as part of the 22nd Brigade in the 7th Division in October 1914 for service on the Western Front. The 1st Battalion became forever associated with the terribly destructive action at Mametz Wood in 1916. The 2nd Battalion landed at Rouen as part of the 19th Infantry Brigade which was an independent command at this time. The 2nd Battalion endured the horrors of the massacre in the mud of Passchendaele (Third Ypres) in 1917.

*(Wikipedia)*

2nd Lieutenant George Hay Mair was wounded in action on 9th February, 1917. 2nd Lieutenant R. Jones reported: *About 4pm. 2nd Lt. G.H. Mair and I were firing rifle grenades at a German working party from the junction of Marigold-Mahogany trench. We had fired 4 grenades successfully but when firing the fifth the rifle used by 2nd Lt. Mair burst halfway up the barrel. Fragments of the barrel cut 2nd Lt. Mair in the face and hands.*

(Information in this paragraph kindly provided by Dr Philip Creagh, BVSc. –Old Sydney Grammar Boy who has researched all from Sydney Grammar who were killed in WW1)

2nd Lieutenant G. H. Mair, of 2nd Battalion, R.W.F., was a patient on 31st Ambulance Train – Trip No. 62. He had Gunshot wounds to Face & Arm. Date of admission was listed as 11th February, 1917 & he was discharged from the Train on 12th February, 1917 for convoy from Bray to Rouen, France.

Lieutenant George Hay Mair died on 14th December, 1918 at 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England from Pneumonia.

A death for George H. Mair, aged 39, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.

Lieutenant George Hay Mair was buried in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England – Plot number A. 3811 and has a Private Headstone. His death is still acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

#### Probate details:

Mair, George Hay, of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, Lieutenant H.M. Army, died 14th December, 1918 at 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge. Administration (with Will limited) London 24 March to Charles James Fox, solicitor attorney of Katharine May Metcalfe. Effects £382 13s. 6d.

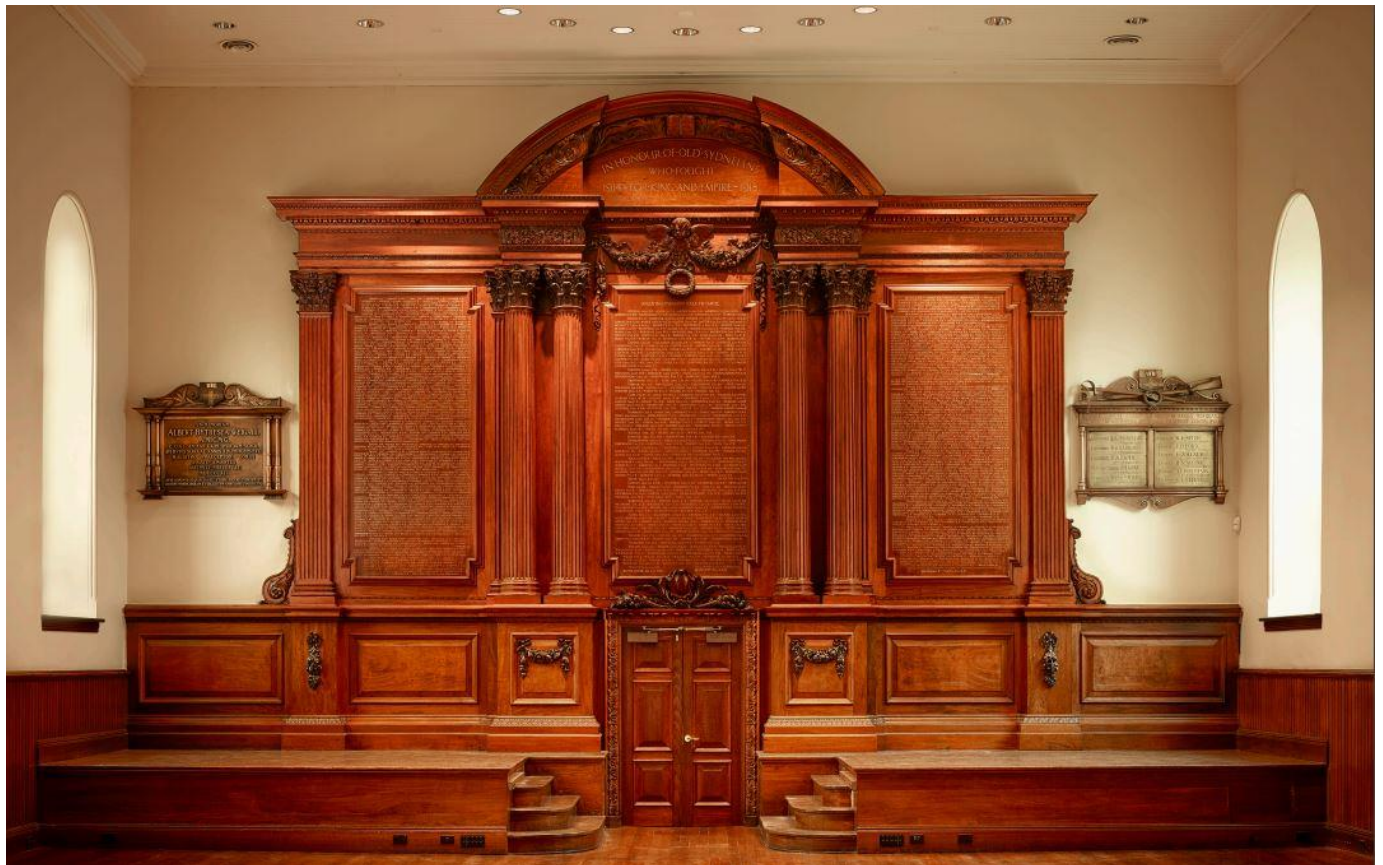
UK Soldiers Died In the Great War 1914 – 1919 lists Lieutenant George Hay Mair, 3rd Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers attached to Royal Sussex.

The UK Army Register of Soldiers' Effects records Lieutenant G. H. Mair, of Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who died on 15th December, 1918.

Lieutenant George Hay Mair was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal. The 1914/15 Star was issued on account of the service with King Edwards Horse & the British War & Victory Medals were issued on account of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Lieutenant George Hay Mair, aged 38, of 3rd Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was the son of George and Mary Mair.

G. H. Mair is remembered on the Sydney Grammar School Honour Board (right panel), located at Sydney Grammar School, College Street, Darlinghurst, Sydney, NSW. His name was added to the Honour Board in 2016 after research by Dr Philip Creagh.



**Sydney Grammar School Honour Board** (Image courtesy of Sydney Grammar School)

MACADAM, R.M. ~ MACALISTER, K. ~ MACAULAY, A.H. ~ MACAULAY, J.L.H.  
 MacCALLUM, W.P. *dsq* ~ MacCOY, C. ~ MACCREIDIE, A.K. ~ MacCULLOGH, A.B. ~ MacCULLOGH, J.R.  
 MacCULLOCH, S.E.R. ~ MacDERMOTT, W.L. ~ MacDOUGALL, V.A.L. ~ MACFARLANE, S.R.  
 MACINTOSH, C.L.S. *dsq* ~ MAGKELLAR, B.S. ~ MAGKENZIE, A.K. *dsq* *mc* ~ MACKENZIE, W.K. *S.dsq*  
 MACKERRAS, I.M. ~ MACKINLAY, K.W. ~ MacLAURIN, C.R. ~ MacLAURIN, H.A.H.  
 MACNAMARA, H.R. *mc* ~ MACPHERSON, I.F. ~ MAGNUS, A.N. ~ MAGNUS, R.P. ~ MAGUIRE, F.A. *dsq* ~ MAHER, G.O.  
 MAHER, H.O. ~ MAHER, T.L. ~ MAILER, S.E. ~ MALLARKEY, S.R. ~ MALLETT, S.H. ~ MALTBY, C.E. ~ MANN, A.  
 MANN, F. ~ MANN, L.M. ~ MANNING, A.G. ~ MANNING, J. ~ MANT, J.F. ~ MANUELLE, A.C. ~ MANUELLE, O.H.  
 MARDEN, S.A. ~ MARKS, W.M. ~ MARSHALL, R.L. ~ MARSHALL, R.T. ~ MARTIN, C.M. ~ MARTIN, G.P.  
 MARTIN, T.M. ~ MARTYN, H.W. ~ MARTYN, R.E. ~ MASON, N.K. ~ MASON, S. ~ MASON, T.G. ~ MATCHETT, S.J.  
 MATTHEWS, J.H. ~ MATTHEWS, S.E. ~ MATTHEWS, W.E. ~ MATTHEWS, W.F. ~ MATTON, E. ~ MAUND, E.S.  
 MAWSON, S.R. ~ MAXTED, G. *dsq* ~ MAYOR, W.W. ~ McADAM, L.W. ~ McBRYDE, D.L. ~ McBURNEY, A.  
 McCALL, J.R.T. ~ McCARTHY, N.H. ~ McCARTHY, W.H. ~ McCONAGHY, A. ~ McCREIDIE, H.A.  
 McDONALD, K.D. ~ McFADYEN, C.L. ~ McFADYEN, D.W.L. ~ McILROY, A.J. ~ McILROY, G.W.  
 McINTOSH, C.D. ~ McKELL, H.K. ~ MCKBOWN, G.R. ~ MCKBOWN, J.C. ~ MCKEOWN, N.R. ~ MCKIMMIN, E.J.  
 MCKINNEY, H.G. ~ McLACHLAN, B.H. ~ McLACHLAN, R. ~ McLACHLAN, S.C. ~ McLEAN, S. ~ McLEAN, S.N.  
 McLEAN, W. *mc* ~ McLELLAND, H.S. ~ McLENNAN, S. ~ McLEOD, D. ~ McLEOD, F. ~ McLEOD, H.R. *mc*  
 McMASTER, B. *mc* ~ McMASTER, D.L. *mc* ~ McNEIL, F. ~ McPHERSON, H.K. ~ McPHILLAMY, N.R.  
 McPHILLAMY, S.J. ~ McWILLIAM, E.B. ~ MEEKS, V.A.F. ~ MEEK, H.G. ~ MEIKLE, E. ~ MEIKLE, I.  
 MEILLON, T.B. ~ MEIN, J.S.V. ~ MEREWETHER, H.M. *mc* ~ METCALFE, M.U. ~ METCALFE, R. ~ MICHAELIS, A.  
 MIDDLEMAS, A.R. ~ MILLAR, A.C. ~ MILLER, J.K. ~ MILLER, W.A. ~ MILLER, W.H. ~ MILLIN, C.G.  
 MILLS, A.E. ~ MILLS, J.W.A. ~ MILNE, D.W. ~ MILNER, W.W. ~ MITCHELL, E.M. ~ MITCHELL, E.R. *B.Ced*  
 MITCHELL, G.R. ~ MITCHELL, J. ~ MOFFATT, F. ~ MOFFITT, F.D. ~ MOFFITT, F.G. ~ MOLESWORTH, C.S.  
 MOLESWORTH, D.G. ~ MOLONY, F.H. ~ MONEY, R.A. *mc* ~ MONK, D.J.S. ~ MONTAGUE, C.H. ~ MOORE, J.D.  
 MOORHOUSE, B.J. ~ MOORHOUSE, H.L. ~ MORETON, G.F.O. ~ MORLEY, G.R. ~ MORRICE, J.S. ~ MORRIS, E.  
 MORRIS, H.J. ~ MORRIS, H.C.M. ~ MORSE, R.V. *dsq* ~ MOWLE, A.W.M. ~ MOLINE, L.P. ~ MUIR, W.W.  
 MULLENS, F.H. ~ MULLER, D.M.T. ~ MULLIGAN, E.N. *dsq* ~ MULLIGAN, K. ~ MUNRO, E.A. ~ MUNRO, F.E.  
 MUNRO, R. ~ MUNRO, W.R. ~ MURRAY, A.K. ~ MURRAY-PRIOR, J.O. ~ MANNING, F. ~ MAIR, G.H. ←



Lieutenant George Hay Mair is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. The Commemorative Roll records the names of those Australians who died during or as a result of wars in which Australians served, but who were not serving in the Australian Armed Forces and therefore not eligible for inclusion on the Roll of Honour.



**Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial** (*Capital Photographer*)



## **Newspaper Notices**

### **DEATHS**

MAIR – December 15, at Military Hospital, Cambridge, England, from pneumonia, Lieutenant George Hay Mair, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, aged 39 years.

(*The Sydney Morning Herald*, NSW, Australia – 19 December, 1918)

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## **Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England**

Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge (known locally as Newmarket Road Cemetery) contains 1,019 Commonwealth War Graves – 186 from World War 1 & 833 from World War 2.

The 1st Eastern General Hospital, with 1,173 beds, was posted to Cambridge during the First World War, initially at the Leys School and Trinity College, later in huts. The First World War burials in Cambridge City Cemetery are mostly in two plots, one in the southern part of the burial ground, known as the Dominion Plot, and the other on the northern boundary. The Cross of Sacrifice stands on the western border of the Dominion Plot, while in the centre of the other is a memorial cross of Portland stone which was erected by private subscription. The Second World War graves are also mainly in two War Graves Plots with a few others scattered throughout the cemetery. The general Service plot was established in 1940, and the Air Force plot in 1942 for the burial of casualties from the Air Force stations set up in the eastern counties during the war. These included Bomber Command bases in Lincolnshire and fighter stations in Norfolk and Suffolk. The Stone of Remembrance, which was unveiled by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder in July 1951, stands near the centre of the Air Force plot. Cambridge City Cemetery contains 181 Commonwealth burials of the First World War and 829, (inclusive 3 unidentified), from the Second World War. The cemetery also contains four non-war service burials and ten war graves of other nationalities.

*(Information & photos from CWGC)*

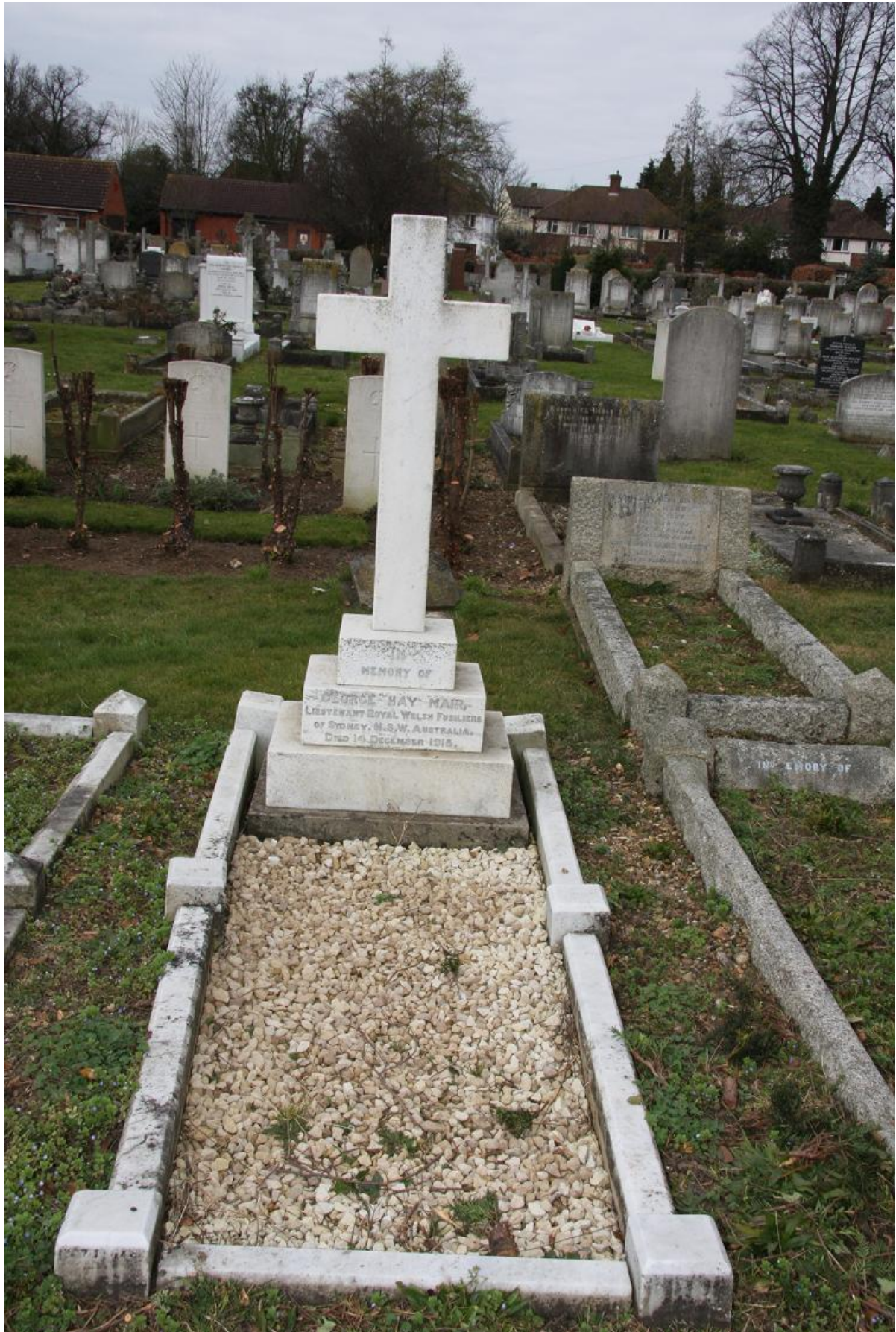








Photo of Lieutenant George Hay Mair's Private Headstone in Cambridge City Cemetery, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England.



*(Photos by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)*





**Cross of Sacrifice** (Photo from CWGC)





Entrance to Cambridge City Cemetery & Map (below) (Photos by Julia&keld – Find a Grave)

