From “The Xaverian” 1917 p. 65

George Hurst.—As we went to press, news came through of the death of poor George—killed in action in France on December 2nd. Having made such great progress here in the study of music (his compositions were played at the Marshall Hall concerts), George determined to finish his musical studies abroad, and, for that purpose, went to Austria. On the outbreak of war, he found himself interned, but managed to escape, and listed in England, doing good work in France until the fatal action on December 2nd, wherein he gave the best he had—his life. May he rest in peace, and comfort come to his parents left to mourn the loss of a brave and only son.

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George Hurst.—Poor George had just finished his musical training, and proposed returning to Australia in October, when the war broke out in August, 1914. He escaped from Germany, and reached London, where he joined the Royal Fusiliers. He was killed at the Battle of Cambrai on 2nd December, 1917. Even before he began his training, success had shone on George’s work in the musical world. What would not have come to him when he studied well, under the best masters to be had! But Providence, in its wisdom and love, had ordained otherwise, and at the early age of 27, he closed a life that bade to be so fair. Rest to his brave yet gentle soul, and comfort to those for whom the joy of meeting has been reserved to a better life than ours.

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 Australian Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial.

Commemorative Roll

George Hurst

Service Number: 152
Rank: Private
Unit: 17th Battalion Royal Fusiliers (Empire)
Service: British Army
Date of death: 2 December 1917
Place of death: Battle of Cambrai, France
Age at death: 27
Cemetery details: Lebucquiere Communal Cemetery Extension (Plot 1, Row F, Grave No. 25), Lebucquiere, France

Grave Reference: Plot 1. Row F. Grave No. 25