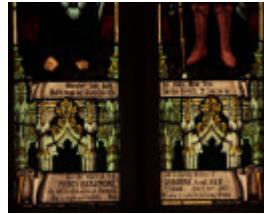

Stained Glass Window at Hamilton Christ Church Anglican Church



Christ Church Anglican St John St Alban



Hamilton Christ Church Anglican St John St Alban inscription

Location

26 Gray Street, Hamilton, SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Municipality

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS SHIRE

Level of significance

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Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

Heritage Study/Consultant	Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn Hughes, 2013;
Architect/Designer	Brooks, Robinson & Co, Wheildon, William,
Hermes Number	196689
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B2455, Osborne Percy Beaumont; *Camperdown Chronicle*, 17 February 1917, p.4; *Hamilton Spectator*, 19 June 1917, p.7.

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Memorial Window Subject

St. John St. Alban

Memorial Window Text

St. John St. Alban. Abide ye in My Love Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends. St. John. XV.13.

Memorial Window Inscription

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Percy Beaumont Osborne Sergt. A.I.F. who died on active service at Tidworth England Feby 2nd 1917 Aged 22 years and 6 months. This window is erected by his loving mother.

Memorial Window Description & History

The full length figures of *St. John* and *St. Alban* were set in a background of foliage, against an arras, and with a decorative architectural canopy and base. The trefoil in the tracery above the two saints was designed with a laurel wreath surrounding a flaming heart and topped by a radiant white cross. The design of the window is attributed to William Wheildon, senior stained glass artist at Brooks, Robinson & Co. on stylistic grounds as records from this period of the firm's output have not been found.

Sergeant Osborne's father, the Reverend Alfred George Osborne, had been the incumbent at Christ Church, Hamilton and his mother was Mrs. Emily Harris (formerly the widow of the Rev. Osborne). The window was unveiled by the Right Rev. Bishop Green of Ballarat at a service held in the presence of local dignitaries, returned servicemen and the YWCA on 17 June 1917. Sergeant Osborne's death from illness was reported among the Western District war casualties in the *Camperdown Chronicle* and local papers at Horsham and Ballarat.

Private Percy Osborne embarked on the *Themistocles* in Melbourne, arriving at Plymouth on 11 September 1916. While at Perham Downs with the 2 Training Brigade he was severely reprimanded after a prisoner, Sergeant Adcock, escaped while in his custody however, only one month later, he was promoted to corporal and then to acting sergeant. He became ill with a bad cold in December 1916 and was admitted to Tidworth Hospital for more than a month. Only a few days after his discharge, he was readmitted with increasingly serious symptoms. He died of spinal meningitis on 2 February 1917, aged 22 years, and was buried in Tidworth Military Cemetery, Wiltshire. His name was included among the fallen on the Christ Church Honour Roll and a plaque in tribute to him was installed in the Chapel of his old school, Ballarat Grammar School.

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