
Stained Glass Window at Corio Geelong Grammar School All Saints' Anglican Chapel



Corio Geelong Grammar
School Greece Crete
Learmonth

Location

Biddlecombe Avenue, Corio, GREATER GEELONG CITY

Municipality

GREATER GEELONG CITY

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	Waller, Mervyn Napier, Waller, Christian,
Hermes Number	196753
Property Number	

Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B883, VX114; AWM photograph P0266.096; NAA: B883, VX114; James Affleck, *Geelong Grammarians at World War Two*, The Old Geelong Grammarians Incorporated, Corio, 2002, pp.46-49; *The Corian*, August 1944.

Memorial Window Subject

Greece Crete

Memorial Window Text

Self Denial: Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it dies it bringeth forth much fruit.

Memorial Window Inscription

Killed on active service P.O.W. Germany 10th May 1944. VX114 Lieut. John Noel Learmonth 2-3rd Field Rg. AIF.

Memorial Window Description & History

Made in the same style as all the aisle windows, the memorial included the AIF Badge and the Pelican Feeding Her Young in an act of self-denial as well as the colour patch of Lieutenant Learmonth's regiment among the ears of wheat at the base of the panel. On Sunday 1 April 1951, a pair of windows in honour of Lieutenant Noel Learmonth and his brother, Wing Commander Charles Learmonth, were unveiled by the Headmaster, JR Darling, at St. James' Anglican Church, Tyrendarra, near Portland. (See separate entry)

Lieutenant John Noel Learmonth joined the 2nd Field Brigade, CMF and received his commission shortly before the war. After distinguished service in Greece with 2/3 Field Regiment RAA, the battalion was evacuated to Crete and among the last force to surrender on 30 May 1941, while defending Crete against the German invasion. For his actions in Greece and Crete Lieutenant Learmonth was mentioned in despatches. Initially posted 'missing' in early June 1941, Learmonth was taken prisoner and died on 10 May 1944 while a POW in Oflag IX A/Z at Rotenburg in Germany, aged 28 years, and is buried in the Hanover War Cemetery, Germany.

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