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# Stained Glass Window at St. John's Presbyterian [now Uniting] Church



Essendon St Johns Uniting  
Crown of Life St George (2)

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## Location

Mount Alexander Road, Essendon, MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Municipality

MOONEE VALLEY CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Heritage  
Study/Consultant

Vic War Heritage Inventory - Stained Glass Memorial Windows Study, Bronwyn  
Hughes, 2013;

Architect/Designer

Brooks, Robinson & Co, Wheildon, William, Brun, Vincente,

Hermes Number

196934

Property Number

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## Memorial Window References & Acknowledgements

AWM Roll of Honour; NAA: B2455, Mountain William John; *Argus*, 10 December 1927, p.33; Bob Chalmers, 'Memorial Windows and other Memorials of St. John's Uniting Church - Essendon', (2010).

## Memorial Window Subject

Crown of Life

## Memorial Window Text

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a Crown of Life Rev. II.10.

## Memorial Window Inscription

[Plaque] In loving memory of W. J. Mountain Jnr. Killed in Action at Ypres, 1917

## Memorial Window Description & History

In September 1927, the Reverend Dr. Hunter, minister at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Essendon, ordered a series of eleven windows from Brooks, Robinson & Co. including *Crown of Life*, possibly with the intention of seeing them in place in time for the 75th anniversary of the congregation. A new cartoon was drawn up by Vincente Brun (dates unknown), a freelance artist who was better known in Melbourne for his portraiture, probably from a design by William Wheildon (1873-1941).

William John Mountain was the son of William John and Julia Mountain, 'Craigilea' 136 Buckley Street Essendon, not far from St. John's Church. In civilian life Mountain was a draughtsman who enlisted on 26 February 1916. He embarked on HMAT *Orsova* in Melbourne on 1 August 1916 and proceeded to Plymouth, arriving on 14 September 1916. As a driver with 1 Australian Field Artillery Brigade he was killed in action at Ypres, on 24 August 1917, aged 25. He is buried in Belgium at Reninghelst New Military Cemetery.

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