

**Tonge Cemetery,  
Bolton, Lancashire, England**

**War Grave**



*Lest We Forget*

**World War 1**



**4095 PRIVATE**

**W. BURY**

**25TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.**

**22ND AUGUST, 1916 Age 31**

*Sleep Beloved, Sleep And Rest*

*Safe On*

*Our Heavenly Father's Breast*

## William BURY

William Bury was born at Bolton, Lancashire, England in 1884 to parents William and Sarah Ann Bury (nee Heywood). He was baptised on 25th January, 1885 in St Peters Church, Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, England.

The 1891 England Census recorded William Bury (jnr) as a 6 year old, living with his family at 16 Cotton Street, Bolton, Lancashire, England in a 4 roomed dwelling. His parents were listed as William Bury (Oiler & Greaser in Cotton Mill, aged 26, born Bolton Lancashire) & Sarah Ann Bury (aged 23, born Bolton, Lancashire). William was the eldest of two children listed on this Census – William then Herbert Bury (aged 3, born Bolton, Lancashire).

Sarah Ann Bury, mother of William Bury (jnr) died in 1900 at Bolton, Lancashire.

The 1901 England Census recorded William Bury (listed on Census as Berry) as a 16 year old Piecer in Cotton Mill, living with his widower father – William Bury (aged 36) & 2 younger brothers – Herbert (Piecer in Cotton Mill, aged 13) & Percy (aged 9).

William Bury married Teresa Annie Thomas in the district of Bolton, Lancashire in the June quarter, 1909.

A birth was registered in March quarter, 1910 for Teresa Bury, daughter of William & Teresa Bury. Her death was registered in June quarter, 1910 in the district of Bolton, Lancashire.

The 1911 England Census recorded William Bury as a 26 year old Operative, Cotton Spinner living at 62 Dunstan Street, Bolton with his wife Teresa Annie Bury (Weaver in Cotton Mill, aged 23, born Gainsboro, Lincolnshire). William & Teresa had been married for fro one year & had lost a child.

According to information provided by his widow for the Roll of Honour - William Bury came to Australia when he was 26 years of age.

A birth was registered in Queensland in 1915 for William Bury, son of William & Teresa Bury. William Bury was born on 25th October, 1915.

William Bury was a 31 year old, married, Labourer (listed on Attestation Papers as a Boiler Makers Assistant) from Taylor Street, Toowoomba, Queensland when he enlisted at Toowoomba on 21st August, 1915 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 4095 & his religion was Presbyterian. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Teresa Annie Bury, Taylor Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.

Private William Bury was posted to 5th Depot Battalion on 21st August, 1915 for recruit training. He was transferred to 10th Reinforcements of 25th Battalion on 17th December, 1915.

Private William Bury embarked from Brisbane, Queensland on HMAT *Commonwealth* (A73) on 28th March, 1916 with the 7th Infantry Brigade, 25th Infantry Battalion, 10th Reinforcements.

Private William Bury embarked for Overseas from Alexandria on H.M.A.T. *Tunisian* on 30th May, 1915. He disembarked at Marseilles, France on 5th June, 1916.

Private William Bury was taken on strength of 25th Battalion from 10th Reinforcements on 2nd August, 1916.

Private William Bury was wounded in action on 5th August, 1916. He was admitted to 4th Field Ambulance on 5th August, 1916 then transferred & admitted to 44th Casualty Clearing Station the same day. Private Bury was transferred to Ambulance Train & admitted to No. 1 Stationary Hospital on 6th August, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to side & foot. He embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Asturias* from Havre, France on 15th August, 1916.

### 25th Battalion

The 25th Battalion was raised at Enoggera in Queensland in March 1915 as part of the 7th Brigade. Although predominantly composed of men recruited in Queensland, the battalion also included a small contingent of men from Darwin..... Now fighting as part of the 2nd Division, it took part in its first major battle at Pozieres between 25 July and 7 August in the course of which it suffered 785 casualties. (*Extract of Battalion information from the Australian War Memorial*)

## War Diary – 25th Battalion

4th August, 1916:

*At Pozieres. Enemy shelling very heavy all day. At 11 am orders received from Bde Hq to attack & capture POZIERES RIDGE 27th Bn on our right 26th Bn on left.*

*8.10 pm – Our artillery bombarded Enemy Trenches OG1 & OG 2 until 9.10 pm heavily. 9.10- 9.15 pm silence. 9.15 pm ZERO TIME. A & D Coys formed up in new “jumping off Trench” and formed first two waves (two platoons in each wave) 50 paces interval kept between waves.*

*B & C Coys formed up in TRAMWAY TRENCH & formed 3rd & 4th waves during which time waves moved forward as far as possible with 50 paces distance at +3 the barrage lifted 50 yds - our 1st & 2nd waves rushed forward & captured O.G. 1 with little resistance +5 barrage lifted another 50 yds and 3rd waves passed thro O.G. 1 making for O.G.2 + 10 barrage lifted another 50 yds & 3rd wave followed by the wave rushed forward and captured O.G. 2 Enemy barrage between O.G.1 & Bn Hqrs was terrific – Immediately on capture of objectives work of consolidating was commenced under great difficulties.*

5th August, 1916:

*2 am – Enemy shelled both O.G.1 & O.G. 2 with all calibre of shells a large proportion being 9.2. Many attempts were made to R.E. Stores to captured lines. but with very little success as owing to terrific shelling by the enemy it was practically impossible to get supplies forward of Bn H.Q. At 4 a, Enemy lodged a counter attack against OG2 but was easily repulsed with heavy losses by own MMG & Rifle fire. I watched the process of the attack made on previous night and it was carried out like a drill movement & much praise must be given to the Off & men leading the men. At 5 am I was at O.G.2 where men were working very hard consolidating position needless of heavy Enemy fire which at this time was terrific. We held the position won until 6 pm when we were relieved by 28th Bn with exception of a small party under \_\_\_Healy who were not relieved until early on 6/8/16.*

*Our casualties were - Off 24 OR Killed 9 Off 126 OR Wounded 1 Off 178 OR Missing*

*Enemy casualties were very heavy majority being bayoneted by our men abt fifty prisoners were captured by men of this Bn. The two lines captured thus brought POZIERES RIDGE into possession of the British . On being relieved the Bn moved to SAUSAGE GULLY.*

*10 pm – Enemy shelling SAUSAGE GULLY*

*(Extract of War Diary from the Australian War Memorial)*

Private William was admitted to The Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington, England on 16th August, 1916 with G.S.W. (gunshot wound/s) to left leg, Fractured Fibula.

The Medical Case Sheet for Private William Bury dated 16th August, 1916 recorded that he had “G.S.W. Left leg fractured Fibula” & he had been wounded at Pozieres on 4th August, 1916. The report went on “Pentration wound outer side left leg: fibula fracture operated Aug 6th. Two incisions on inner side of leg bullet removed. Had an attack of secondary haemorrhage on Aug 11th (Artery tied) great amount of foul discharge. Leg appears to be in very fair position. Movement of ankle restricted. Superficial wound right side of back – healing. On 19th August, 1916 “Operation – leg incised and drained.” On 21st August, 1916: “Wound looks a trifle better. Carrel tubes inserted under anaesthetic. Patient has some sickness and vomiting at 11.45 pm. He suddenly became dyspnoic at 12 5 am on 22/8/19 he died.”

Private William Bury died at 12.50 am on 22nd August, 1916 at The Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington, England from wounds received in France – Gunshot wound to left hip & Pulmonary Embolism.

A death for William Bury, aged 31, was registered in the September quarter, 1916 in the district of Warrington, Lancashire, England.

Private William Bury was buried in Tonge Cemetery, Bolton, Lancashire, England – Plot number III. 01. NC.1 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone.

A War Pension was granted to Teresa Annie Bury, Toowoomba, widow of the late Private William Bury, in the sum of £2 per fortnight from 31st October, 1916.

Private William Bury was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Bury's remarried widow – Mrs T. A. McKenzie, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent June, 1922).

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private William Bury – service number 4095, aged 33, of 25th Battalion, Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Sarah Ann Bury, of 176 Waterloo St., Bolton, England.

Private W. Bury is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 104.



*Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia*

W. Bury is remembered on the Toowoomba Roll of Honour, located in Toowoomba R.S.L., 549 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.



**Toowoomba Roll of Honour** (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)

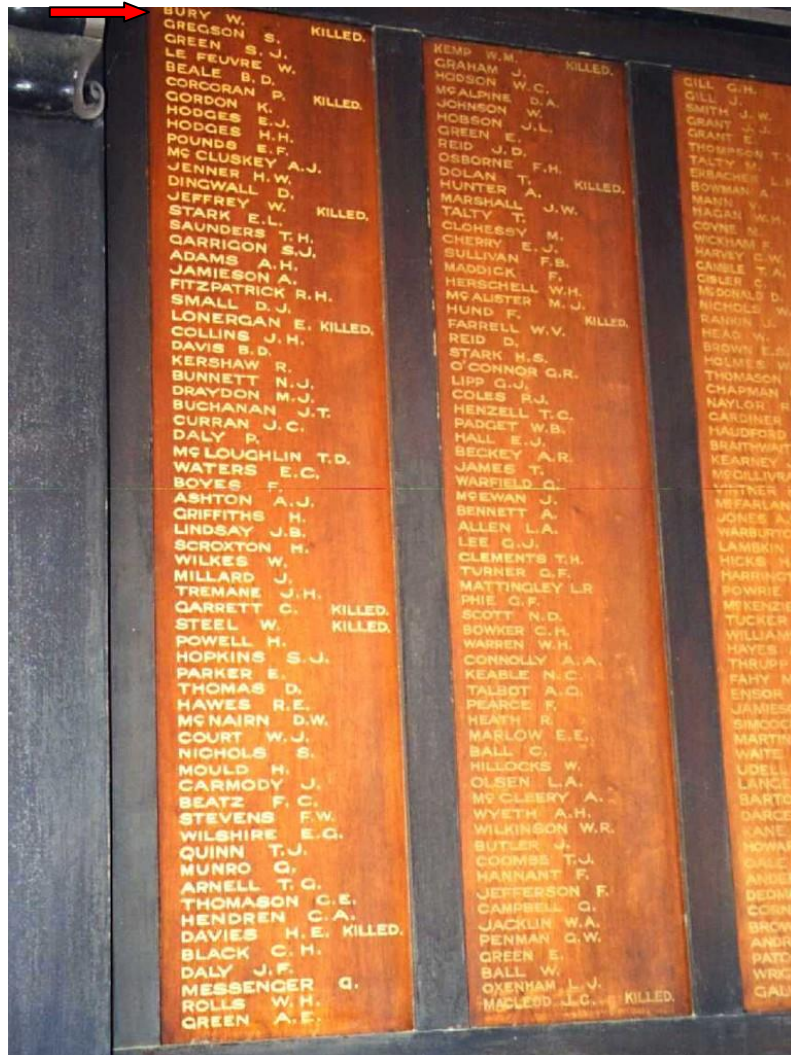


W. Bury is remembered on the Queensland Railways Toowoomba Employees Roll of Honour, located at Toowoomba Railway Station, Toowoomba, Queensland.



**Queensland Railways Toowoomba Employees Roll of Honour**

(Photo above from Virtual War Memorial Australia; below from Queensland War Memorial Register)



W. Bury is remembered on the Beaconsfield Lodge No. 15 & 9 Honour Roll, located in Soldiers Memorial Hall, 549 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.



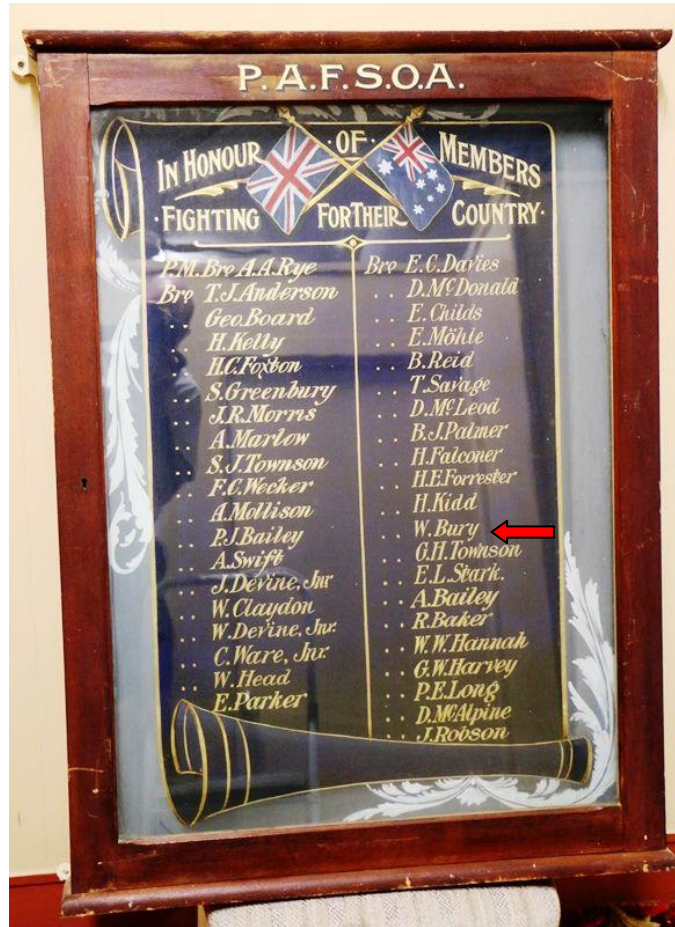
**Soldiers Memorial Hall, Toowoomba** (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)



**Beaconsfield Lodge No. 15 & 9 Honour Roll** (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)



W. Bury is remembered on the P.A.F.S.O.A. (Protestant Alliance Friendly Society of Australia) Honour Roll, located in Soldiers Memorial Hall, 549 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.



**P.A.F.S.O.A. Honour Roll** (Photo from Monument Australia – John Huth)

W. Bury is remembered on the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour, located in Ipswich Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Ipswich, Queensland.



**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour, Ipswich** (Photo from Virtual War Memorial Australia)

W. Bury is remembered on The Mothers' Memorial, located at East Creek Park, Margaret Street, Toowoomba, Queensland.

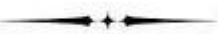


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ANDREWS	A.C.	CHAMBERS	J.A.	EVANS	T.R.
ANTHONY	N.J.	CHAPMAN	P.D.	FARQUHARSON	C.A.
ASCHE	F.H.	CLUTTERBUCK	T.	FARQUHARSON	S.
ASHBY	G.	COCLIN	A.J.	FELGENHAUER	A.A.
BAILEY	H.	COLEMAN	A.J.	FIELD	H.C.
BALL	A.D.	CONWAY	R.G.	FISHER	J.S.
BAKER	T.J.	CONCANNON	G.L.B.	FLEGLER	P.H.
BARLOW	S.W.	COOMBS	G.A.	FLYNN	W.
BARLOW	R.W.	CORCORAN	P.	FOSTER	T.E.
BAUER	W.A.	COUSENS	S.C.	FOSTER	J.H.
BEASANT	S.H.	COUSENS	S.L.	FOWLER	W.L.
BEASANT	S.W.	CRANE	J.T.	FOX	J.
BEAUMONT	B.L.	CREIGHTON	A.V.	FOX	J.T.
BEASLEY	C.	CUBBIN	R.	FULJAMES	F.C.
BENTLEY	G.W.	CULLY	C.	GAMBLE	T.A.
BERNAYS	R.M.	CUMMINGS	J.	GANDER	C.R.
BERRY	W.	CUMMING	A.D.	GARRY	J.R.
BERWICK	L.	CUNNINGTON	A.E.	GARRETT	R.S.
BEVERICK	T.	DALTON	W.S.	GARRETT	C.C.
BIDDLE	D.P.	DALY	J.T.	GORMAN	F.R.
BIDDLE	W.J.	DANIELS	S.E.	GILBRIDE	J.
BLACK	C.M.	DAVIES	H.E.T.	GISLER	C.
BOARD	O.	DAVIES	W.H.	GILLIES	F.W.
BOURNE	A.M.	DAVIES	E.C.	GLASSEY	W.
BONGERS	F.	DAVIES	G.	GLESON	R.J.
BONHAM	J.	DAVIS	E.	GODDARD	L.O.
BRIDGEMAN	F.H.	DEAZELEY	J.F.	GORRING	S.
BROWN	O.	DENNE	A.	GRATTON	J.
BROWN	F.G.	DEVINE	P.E.	GRAHAM	D.M.L.
BROWN	W.R.G.	DEVINE	W.M.	GREEN	P.F.
BROWN	P.G.	DIXON	C.C.	GREENAN	J.
BROWN	H.J.	DOLAN	T.	GREENBURY	L.S.B.
BROWN	W.J.L.	DONALD	H.J.K.	GREENBURY	S.
BREWSTER	E.V.	DOUGLAS	A.S.	GRIFFITH	W.A.
BRYCE	W.R.	DOYLE	E.D.	GROOM	L.C.
BUCHANAN	L.	DOYLE	T.F.	GROOM	C.
BURMAN	A.E.	DRAPER	F.W.	GROVE	L.D.E.L.
BURMAN	M.W.	DRANEY	H.	GUERIN	J.T.F.
BUGEL	E.W.	DUNSDON	C.E.	GULLETT	H.
BURY	W.	EBERET	W.H.	HADDOCK	J.W.
BURTON	J.L.	ECCLESTON	A.A.	HALTER	W.

The Mothers' Memorial, Toowoomba (Photos from Monument Australia)

(62 pages of Private William Bury's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll) & National Archives



## Newspaper Notices

### Roll of Honour

### Two Heavy Lists

### 231 Queenslanders

### 210th LIST

### DIED, CAUSE NOT STATED

Pte W. Bury, Toowoomba, Q., 22/8/16

(The Telegraph, Brisbane, Queensland – 12 September, 1916)



### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

BURY – In loving memory of my dear Husband (Private William Bury), who died of wounds received in France, at Warrington Military Hospital, England, August 22, 1916.

There is a link death cannot sever,  
Love and remembrance live for ever.

Inserted by his loving wife.

*(Toowoomba Chronicle, Queensland – 22 August, 1918)*

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

BURY – In loving memory of my dear husband, Private William Bury, 25th Battalion, who died of wounds received in France, at Warrington Military Hospital, England, August 22nd, 1916.

“To memory ever dear.”

Inserted by his loving wife.

*(Toowoomba Chronicle, Queensland – 25 August, 1919)*

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BURY – In loving memory of Private William Bury, 25th Battalion, who died of wounds received in France, at Warrington Military Hospital, England, August 22nd, 1916.

To memory ever dear.

Inserted by Mr and Mrs W. McKenzie, Booval.

*(Toowoomba Chronicle, Queensland – 24 August, 1920)*

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### **HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR**

BURY – In loving memory of Private William Bury, 25th Battalion, died of wounds received in France, at Warrington, England, August 22, 1916.

To memory ever dear.

Inserted by Mr and Mrs W. McKenzie, Booval.

*(Toowoomba Chronicle, Queensland – 22 August, 1921)*

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### Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstones

The Defence Department, in 1920/21, contacted the next of kin of the deceased World War 1 soldiers to see if they wanted to include a personal inscription on the permanent headstone. Space was reserved for 66 letters only (with the space between any two words to be counted as an additional letter) & the rate per letter was around 3 ½ d (subject to fluctuation).

The expense in connection for the erection of permanent headstones over the graves of fallen soldiers was borne by the Australian Government.

*(Information obtained from letters sent to next of kin in 1921)*

Private W. Bury does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

*Sleep Beloved, Sleep And Rest Safe On Our Heavenly Father's Breast*

### **Tonge Cemetery, Bolton, Lancashire, England**

Tonge Cemetery, Bolton contains 95 Commonwealth War Graves – 68 from World War 1 & 27 from World War 2.



**Tonge Cemetery, Bolton** *(Photo by Mike Berrell)*

Photo of Private W. Bury's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Tonge Cemetery, Bolton, Lancashire, England.







**Tonge Cemetery, Bolton** *(Photo by Remembering – Find a Grave)*