

**St. John the Evangelist Churchyard,
Pendlebury, Lancashire**

War Grave



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3120 PRIVATE

W. WILD

MANCHESTER REGIMENT

7TH AUGUST, 1917 Age 39

William WILD

William Wild was born at Pendleton, near Manchester, Lancashire, England around 1877 to parents Peter and Amelia Wild (nee Collins).

The 1881 England Census recorded William Wild as a 4 year old, living with his family at 20 Hodgson Street, Pendleton, Salford, Lancashire, England. His parents were listed as Peter Wild (Wheelwright, aged 29, born Pendleton, Lancashire) & Amelia Wild (aged 26, born Sheffield, Yorkshire). William was the eldest of three children listed on this Census (all born at Pendleton, Lancashire) – William then Ellen Wild (aged 2) & Ada Wild (aged 4 months).

The 1891 England Census recorded William Wild as a 14 year old Cotton Weaver, living with his family at 10 Middlewood Street, Pendleton, Lancashire. His widowed mother was listed as Amelia Wild (Laundress, aged 37). William was the eldest of Five children listed on this Census – William then Nellie Wild (Scholar, aged 12), Ada Wild (Scholar, aged 10), Bessie Wild (Scholar, aged 8, born Bowden, Cheshire) & Peter Wild (aged 3, born Pendleton, Lancashire). Also listed was a Lodger – Thomas Branham (Errand Boy, aged 16).

William Wild married Edith Asten at St. Thomas's Church, Pendlebury, Lancashire, England on 20th October, 1906. William Wild was listed as a 29 year old Store Keeper of 34 Braghton Road & Edith Asten was listed as a 28 year old Weaver from 11 Laundry Street, Pendleton.

William Wild, son of William & Edith Wild, was born on 21st April, 1907 at Salford. Frank Wild, son of William & Edith Wild, was born on 24th October, 1909 at Stretford.

The 1911 England Census recorded William Wild as a 34 year old Foundry Labourer (in an Iron Foundry), living with his wife & two children in a 4 roomed dwelling at 303 Third Street, Trafford Park, Manchester, Lancashire, England. His wife was listed as Edith Wild (aged 33, born Salford, Lancashire. William & Edith had been married for 5 years & had 2 children - William Wild (aged 4, born Salford, Lancashire) & Frank Wild (aged 2, born Stretford, Lancashire).

Edward Wild, son of William & Edith Wild, was born on 22nd August, 1913 at Pendleton, Lancashire.

William Wild was a 36 year old, married Shipper (Note: the occupation listed for William Wild on his Casualty Form for Labour Corps was Iron Dresser) with 3 children when he enlisted at Manchester, Lancashire on 11th September, 1914 with the British Army. His service number was 3120 & his religion was Church of England. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Edith Wild, of 13 Brunswick Street, Pendleton, Manchester. William Wild stated on his Attestation Papers that he had previously served with Grenadier Guards.

William Wild joined Manchester Regiment. He was posted to 3rd Battalion, Manchester Regiment as Private on 11th September, 1914 then transferred to 2nd Battalion on 14th April, 1915. Private William Wild served on Home Service until 13th April, 1915 then in the Expeditionary Force in France until 5th October, 1915. He was back on Home Service from 6th October, 1915.

Pte Wild was then posted to "D" on 6th October, 1915 then posted to 3rd Battalion on 19th December, 1915.

Private William Wild was transferred to Depot – Substitution Company on 20th February, 1917.

Private William Wild was transferred to Liverpool Regiment on 17th March, 1917.

Private William Wild was transferred to Labour Corps – 1st Battalion on 28th April, 1917 with a new service number of 192861. He was transferred to 392 Company on 27th July, 1917.

Private William Wild was admitted to Military Hospital, Prees Heath, Salop on 27th May, 1917 suffering from Nephritis & Bronchitis.

A Telegram was sent from Commanding Officer, Military Hospital, Prees Heath, Salop advising that Pte W. Wild, No. 66982, E. Coy., 1st Labour Battalion had been admitted to Hospital. The Telegram advised that Pte Wild had transferred to No. 392 H. S. Employment Co. as No. 192861 on 27th July, 1917.

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Private William Wild died at 11.30 am on 7th August, 1917 at Military Hospital, Prees Heath, Salop from Chronic Nephritis. A Telegram to O.C. Record Office from Registrar, Military Hospital, Prees Heath, Salop, advised of the death of Private William Wild, 190861 & also advised that his next-of-kin was present at the death. Private William Wild had served for 2 years & 332 days.

A death for William Wild, aged 44, was registered in the September quarter, 1917 in the district of Whitchurch S. , Shropshire, England.

Private William Wild was buried on 11th August, 1917 in St. John's Churchyard, Pendlebury, Lancashire, England – Plot number – Special Memorial. His death is acknowledged by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

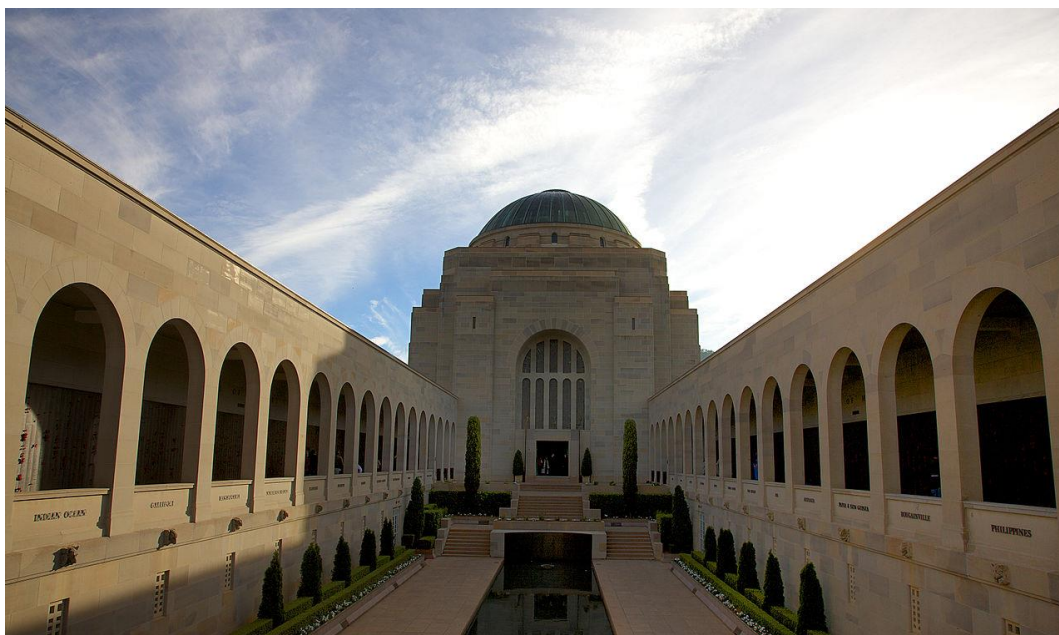
Mrs Edith Wild, widow of the late Private William Wild was entitled to a Pension of 26/3 a week for herself & her three children with effect from 11th February, 1918.

Private William Wild was entitled to 1914/15 Star, British War Medal & the Victory Medal, in respect of his service with Manchester Regiment. Mrs Edith Wild, widow of the late Private William Wild, signed as proof of receipt of the 1914/15 Star on 10th November, 1919 and the British War & Victory medals on 6th February, 1922.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private W. Wild – service number 3120, aged 39, of 3rd Bn., Manchester Regiment, transferred to Labour Corps (192861). He was the son of Peter and Amelia Wild; husband of Edith Wild, of Cootharaba, Pomona, North Coast, Queensland, Australia.

Private William Wild is remembered on the Commemorative Roll Book, located in the Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. 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 Roll of Honour. *(Note: It appears that Private William Wild's name on the Commemorative Roll was based on the information that his next-of-kin's address was listed as Australia & therefore the soldier concerned, it was assumed, would be Australian.)*

Mrs E. Wild, of 7 Laundry Street, Pendleton, Manchester & her three children – Master E. Wild (aged 8), Master W. Wild (aged 14) & Master F. Wild (aged 12) were passengers on *Osterley* which departed from the port of London, England on 18th February, 1922 bound for Australia. The Wild family stated that their country of intended future permanent residence was Australia.



Commemorative Area of the Australian War Memorial (Capital Photographer)

William Wild is remembered on the Roll of Honour in St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton, Salford, Lancashire, England.



St. Thomas' Church, Pendleton Roll of Honour (Photo from Salford War Memorials)

Information obtained from the CWGC, Australian War Memorial & National Archives



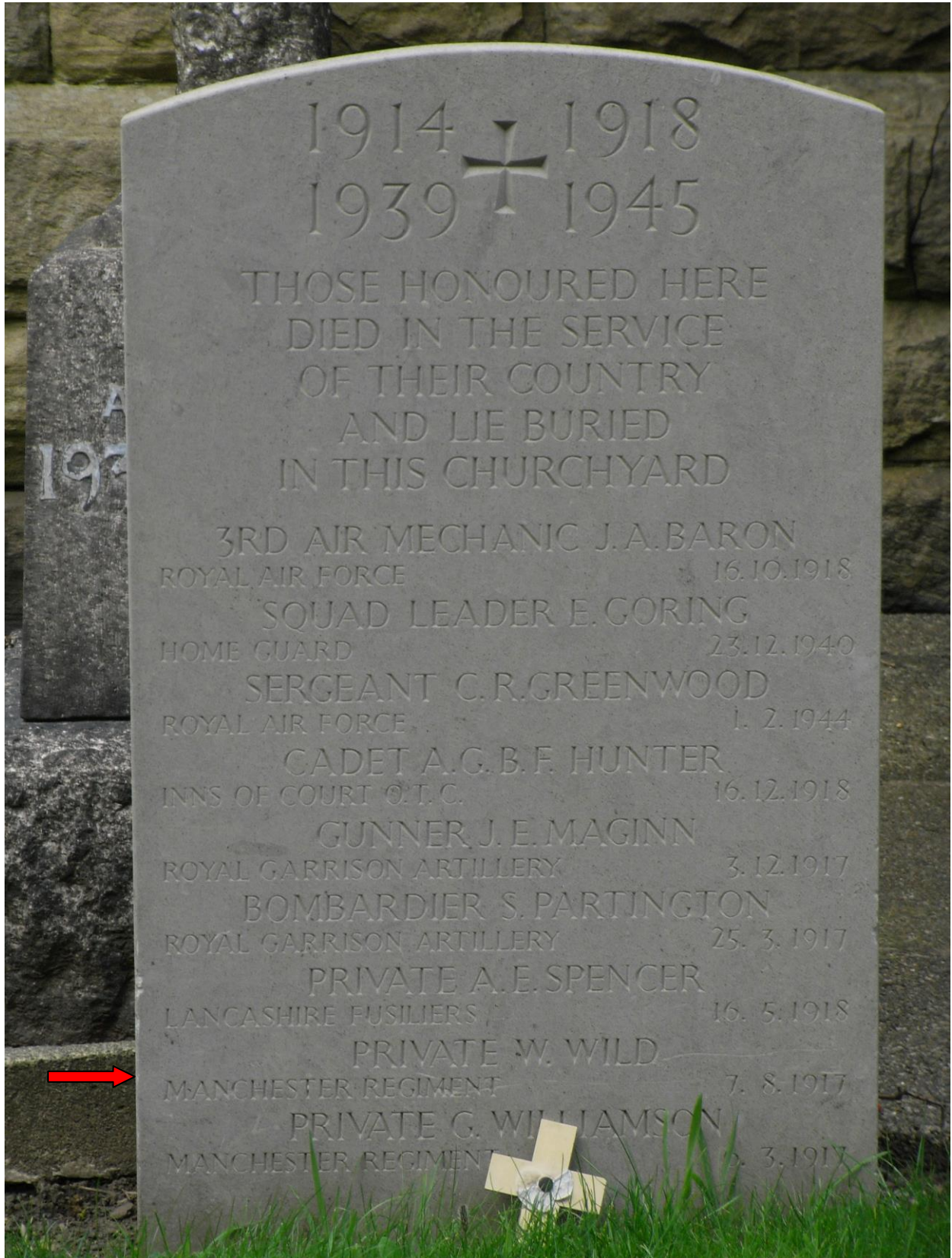
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St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Pendlebury contains 29 Commonwealth War Graves – 15 from World War 1 & 14 from World War 2.



St. John's Church, Pendlebury (Photo by Mike Berrell)

Photo of Private W. Wild's name on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Special Memorial in St. John's Churchyard, Pendlebury, Lancashire, England.



(Photo by Lizzie – Find a Grave)

