

# Sutton Veny

## Roll of Honour



*Lest we Forget*

### World War I



**6558 PRIVATE**

**A. C. POND**

**11TH BN AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY A.I.F.**

**10TH AUGUST, 1918**

## Arthur Charles POND

Arthur Charles Pond was born in 1890 at Little Sutton Farm, Sutton Parva, near Heytesbury, Wiltshire, to parents William & Maria Pond (nee Arnold). His birth was registered in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire in the September quarter of 1890.

The 1891 Census for England recorded Arthur Pond as an 8 month old living with his family at 9 Sutton Pava, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire. His parents were listed as William Pond (Farmer, aged 41, born Motcombe, Dorset) & Maria Pond (aged 37, born Chilmark, Wilts). There were 6 children listed in this census, Arthur being the youngest – Frank (aged 9, born Shaftesbury, Dorset), Sidney (aged 8, born Shaftesbury, Dorset), Kathleen (aged 6, born Gillingham, Dorset), Maud (aged 4 born Sutton Veny), Lily M (aged 2, born Sutton Veny) & then Arthur. Also included was Winifred Snelgrove (General Servant, aged 15, born Sutton Veny).

The 1901 Census for England recorded Arthur Pond as a 10 year old living with his family at Sutton Parva Farm, Sutton Veny. His parents were listed as William Pond (Farmer, aged 51) & Maria Pond (aged 47). There were 6 children listed on this Census – Mabel A. (aged 21), Sidney (aged 18), Lillie (aged 12, born Sutton Parva), then Arthur (born Sutton Parva), May M. (aged 8, born Sutton Parva) & Dorothy M. (aged 5, born Sutton Parva).

Arthur Charles Pond attended Emwell House Private School in Warminster.

The 1911 Census for England recorded Arthur Charles Pond as a 20 year old, single, Farm Manager living at East Hill, Heytesbury, Warminster in a 5 roomed dwelling. His sister, 18 year old Margaret Mary Pond was also listed with Arthur. Arthur's parents – William Pond (Farmer, aged 61) & Maria Pond (aged 57) were listed as living at Codford St. Mary in a 7 roomed dwelling. Maria & William had been married for 36 years, having had 11 children, 4 whom had died. Also listed was their daughter Dorothy Pond (aged 15).

Arthur Pond, aged 22, was listed as a passenger aboard *Gothic* which departed from the port of London on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 1912 & was bound for Sydney Australia. Arthur Pond was one of a number of passengers that had contracted to land at Fremantle, Western Australia.

Arthur Pond was a 26 year old, single, Farm Labourer from Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1916 with the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6558 & his religion was Baptist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr William Pond of Codford St. Mary, Wiltshire, England. His Attestation Papers show that he had served 3 years with Wiltshire Yeomanry back in England.

Pte Arthur Charles Pond embarked from Fremantle, Western Australia on HMAT *Suffolk* (A23) on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 1916.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Pte Arthur Pond was marched in from Australia to 3<sup>rd</sup> Training Battalion at Folkestone on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 1916.

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1917 Pte Pond proceeded Overseas from Folkestone aboard SS *Victoria*. He joined the Base Depot at Etaples, France & was struck off strength on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 1917.

Pte Pond joined the Battalion in the Field on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 1917. He was admitted to Hospital on 26<sup>th</sup> March, 1917 with Bronchitis & was transferred through several Clearing stations & Hospitals when on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 1917 he was sent to Convalescent Depot. Pte Pond joined Base Depot on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 1917.

Pte Arthur Charles Pond was listed as Missing in Action on 6<sup>th</sup> May, 1917 then reported as Not Missing but Wounded in Action. He had received a bullet wound in his right arm & again was transferred through several Clearing Stations & Hospitals. He was transferred to Base Depot on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1917 & marched out to his Unit on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 1917.

Pte Arthur Pond was admitted to Hospital in the Field with Influenza on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1918. He was discharged from Hospital on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 1918 & rejoined his Unit on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1918.

Pte Arthur Charles Pond was Killed in Action on 10th August, 1918 in France.

The Red Cross Wounded & Missing File for Pte Arthur Charles Pond contains 2 letters –

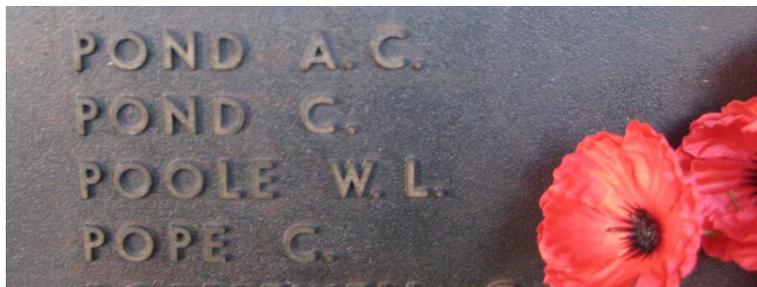
- *Wounded 6.5.17. - Buried Memorial Plot Heath Cemetery Plot 7. Row 1. Grave 6. Cert by Captain Speddings List 23.7.19*
- *Missing 6.5.17 – Previously reported missing now reported not missing – Admitted to hospital wounded 6.5.17. Cert by A.I.F. Headquarters 1.6.17*

A Memo from Lieutenant P. Carrington, Adjutant 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion A.I.F. for Commanding Officer states – *No. 6558 Pte Pond A.C. Killed in Action 10.8.18. This man was killed by a bullet and was buried by his comrades at Location X 24A Sheet 62D about 2500 yards south of Herleville, France.*

Pte Arthur Charles Pond requested in his Will dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 1916, that all his money & possessions be left to Dorothy M. Pond youngest daughter of William Pond – Arthur's sister.

Pte Arthur Charles Pond was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Pond's father – Mr William Pond (both sent November, 1922).

Private A. C. Pond is commemorated in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 63.



(Photos by Cathy Sedgwick)



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Arthur Charles Pond – service number 6558 as being 28 years old & served with 11th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of William and Maria Pond of Middle Farm, Codford St. Mary, Wilts, England. Born at Sutton Parva, Wilts, England.

(37 pages of Pte Arthur Charles Pond's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

Information obtained from the Australian War Memorial (Roll of Honour, First World War Embarkation Roll, Red Cross Wounded & Missing) & National Archives



## Australian Newspaper Reports

### THE ROLL OF HONOUR

#### Wounded

A. C. Pond

(*Sunday Times*, Perth, Western Australia - Sunday 24 June, 1917)

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### THE ROLL OF HONOUR

#### Killed in Action

A. C. Pond (England)

(*Sunday Times*, Perth, Western Australia - Sunday 13 October, 1918)

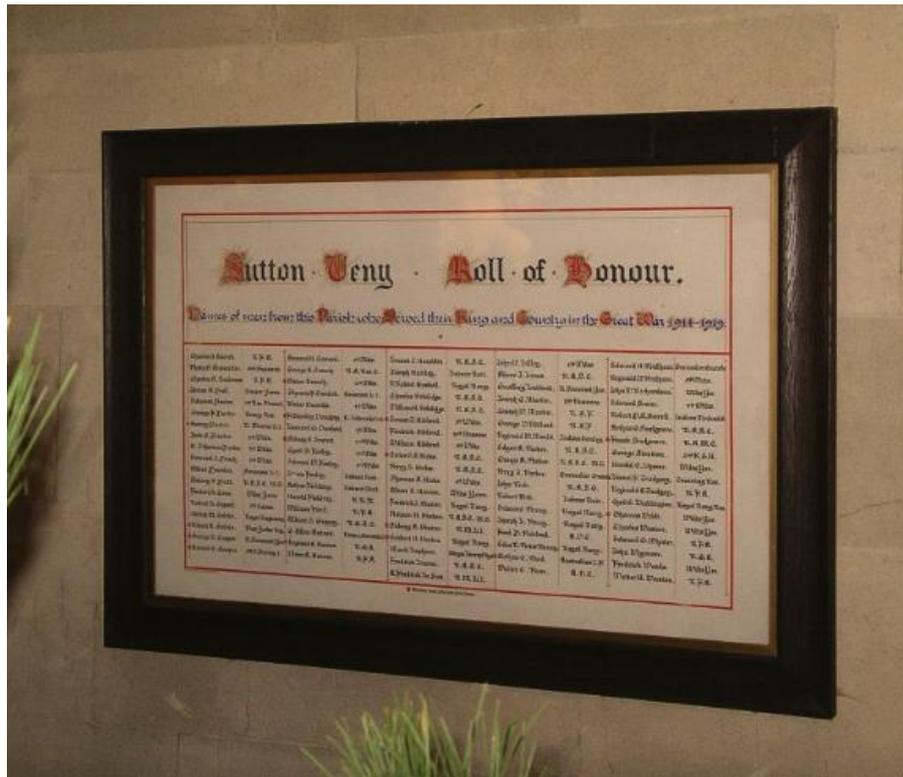
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Pte A. C. Pond is remembered on the World War 1 Memorial plaque in St. Mary's Church, Codford, Wiltshire.



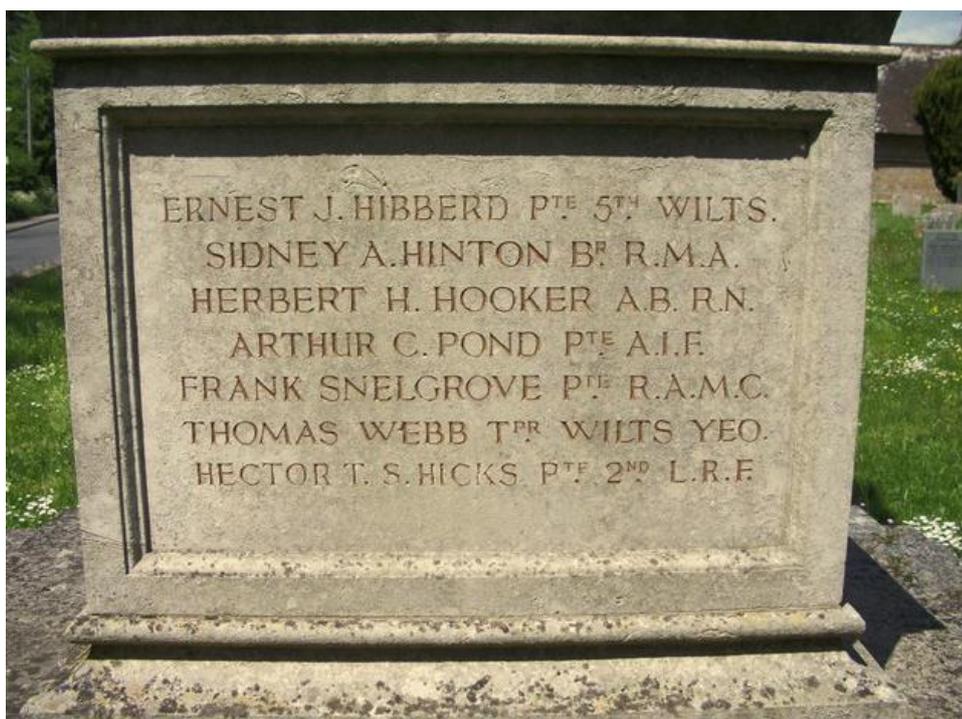
(Photo courtesy of Romy Wyeth)

Arthur C. Pond is remembered on the 1914 -1919 Roll of Honour located inside St. John the Evangelist Church at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



A. C. Pond is also honoured in the Casualties of World War 1 Diocese of Salisbury Memorial Book for the parish of Sutton Veny..

Arthur C. Pond is also remembered on the Sutton Veny War Memorial located in the foreground of St. John the Evangelist churchyard.





**Sutton Veny War Memorial** (Photos courtesy of Andrea Charlesworth)

Pte A. C. Pond is also remembered on his parents' Headstone located in the Churchyard of St. John the Evangelist Church, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo by Andrea Charlesworth 2012)

*In Loving Memory Of  
Maria, Wife of William Pond*

*Who Passed Away*

*Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> 1919, Aged 65.*

*Also of Their Children,*

*Frank William,*

*Died April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1909, Aged 18.*

*Kathleen,*

*Died May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1904, Aged 19.*

*Arthur Charles, Fell In Action,*

*Aug 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918, Aged 28*

\_\_\_\_\_ *We Are Safe And They*

*William Pond*

\_\_\_\_\_ *1937, Aged 86*



## **Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France**

The Villers–Bretonneux Australian National Memorial is a World War I memorial, located near the commune of Villers-Bretonneux, in the Somme département of France. The memorial lists 10,773 names of soldiers of the Australian Imperial Force with no known grave who were killed between 1916, when Australian forces arrived in France and Belgium, and the end of the war. The location was chosen to commemorate the role played by Australian soldiers in the Second Battle of Villers-Bretonneux. The memorial also serves as the Australian National Memorial to all the Australian dead during the Western Front of World War I.

The memorial consists of a tower within Villers-Bretonneux Military Cemetery, which also includes a Cross of Sacrifice. The tower is surrounded by walls and panels on which the names of the missing dead are listed. The main inscription is in both French and English, on either side of the entrance to the tower. (CWGC)



*(Photograph courtesy of In Memory by Pierre Vandervelden)*



*(Photo by Marc Roussel – April, 2008)*

*To the Glory of God and in memory of the Australian Imperial Force in France and Flanders 1916–1918 and of eleven thousand who fell in France and have no known grave.*

They rest in peace, while over them all Australia's tower keeps watch and ward.

—King George VI, 22 July 1938