

**Gloucester Old Cemetery,
Gloucestershire, England**

War Graves



Lest We Forget

World War 1



3181A PRIVATE

A. G. BOND

37TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

29TH OCTOBER, 1918 Age 20

Our Loved One

Peacefully Sleeping

Albert George BOND

Albert George Bond was born in 1898 at Bendigo, Victoria to parents Edward and Ethel Beatrice Bond (nee Glasson).

Albert George Bond was an 18 year old, single, Farm Hand from West Bendigo, Victoria when he enlisted on 28th September, 1916 with the Australian Imperial Force (A.I.F.). His service number was 3181 & his religion was Methodist. His next of kin was listed as his father – Mr Edward Bond, of 277 King Street, West Bendigo, Victoria. As Albert George Bond was under the age of 21 years, he needed his parents' consent to enlist in the Australian Imperial Force for Active Service Aboard. Edward & Ethel Bond both signed their consent on 17th November, 1916

Private Albert George Bond was posted to Depot 24 at Royal Park on 12th October, 1916 for recruit training. He was transferred to "D" Company Domain on 8th November, 1916 then transferred to 8th Reinforcements of 60th Battalion on 28th November, 1916.

Private Albert George Bond embarked from Melbourne, Victoria on HMAT *Medic* (A7) on 16th December, 1916 with the 60th Infantry Battalion, 8th Reinforcements & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 18th February, 1917.

Reinforcements were only given basic training in Australia. Training was completed in training units in England. Some of these were located in the Salisbury Plain & surrounding areas in the county of Wiltshire.

Private Albert George Bond was marched in to 15th Training Battalion at Hurdcott, Wiltshire from Australia on 18th February, 1917.

Private Albert George Bond was transferred to 67th Battalion at Windmill Hill Camp from 60th Battalion on 28th April, 1917 & taken on strength the same day.

Owing to the duplication of Regimental number, the letter "A" was added to Private Albert George Bond's service number – 3181 to 3181A on 29th June, 1917.

Private Albert George Bond proceeded overseas to France via Southampton to reinforce 37th Battalion on 25th August, 1917. He was marched in to 3rd A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) at Rouelles, France on 26th August, 1917. Private Bond was marched out to his Unit from 3rd A.D.B.D. on 31st August, 1917 & was taken on strength on 37th Battalion on 1st September, 1917.

Private Albert George Bond was wounded in action on 12th October, 1917. He was admitted to 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 12th October, 1917 with gunshot wounds to right thigh. Private Bond was transferred to 3rd Casualty Clearing Station then transferred to Ambulance Train. He was admitted to 11th Stationary Hospital at Rouen, France on 13th October, 1917. The Hospital admissions sheet records on the 16th November, 1917 "*wounds healed but says he is still weak, Dizzy.*" Private Bond embarked for England on Hospital Ship *Panama* on 17th October, 1917.

Private Albert George Bond was admitted to War Hospital at Stratford-on-Avon, England on 18th October, 1917 with gunshot wounds to right thigh – severe. He was discharged on 14th November, 1917 & was to then report to Hurdcott.

Private Albert George Bond was marched in to No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 15th November, 1917. He was medically classified on 16th November, 1917 as B1 A1 (Fit for Light Duty only). Private Bond was medically assessed again on 29th November, 1917 & "*felt weak*" and was classified as B1 A2 (Fit for Overseas Training Camp in three to four weeks). He was improving & classified on 5th January, 1918 as B1 A3 (Fit for Overseas Training Camp in two to three weeks). Private Bond was classified as B1 A4 (fit for Overseas Training Camp when passed dentally fit) on 15th January, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond was admitted to Isolation Hospital from 20th February, 1918 to 26th February, 1918 with Scabies.

Private Albert George Bond was marched in to Overseas Training Brigade at Longbridge Deverill, Wiltshire on 2nd March, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond was marched in to 2nd Training Brigade at Fovant, Wiltshire on 15th March, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond was admitted to Group Hospital, No. 3 Command Depot on 7th April, 1918 with Tonsillitis & some Pharyngitis. He was discharged on 13th April, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond was marched in from Hurdcott Hospital to 9th Training Battalion at Fovant on 16th April, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone on 13th May, 1918 from 9th Training Battalion at Fovant. He was marched in to New Zealand Base Depot at Etaples, France on 14th May, 1918 then marched out to join his Unit on 16th May, 1918. Private Bond rejoined his Unit in the Field on 23rd May, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond was sent to Hospital sick on 21st August, 1918. He was admitted to 10th Field Ambulance on 22nd August, 1918 – cause NYD (Not yet determined) Pyrexia (fever). Private Bond was transferred to 37th Casualty Clearing Station on 23rd August, 1918. He was transferred & admitted to 3rd General Hospital at Le Treport on 23rd August, 1918 with an “*Inf. stomach*”. Private Bond was transferred to Australian Convalescent Depot at Havre, France on 28th August, 1918. He was discharged to Base on 5th September, 1918 & marched in to A.I.B.D. (Australian Infantry Base Depot) at Havre, France on 5th September, 1918. Private Bond was marched out from A.I.B.D. on 9th September, 1918 & rejoined his Battalion in the field on 24th September, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond was wounded in action (2nd occasion) on 29th September, 1918. He was admitted to 12th Casualty Clearing Station on 29th September, 1918 then transferred & admitted to 2nd General Hospital at Havre, France on 30th September, 1918 with gunshot wounds to left thigh. He was invalided to England wounded on 1st October, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond was admitted to V.A.D. Hospital at Cheltenham, England on 2nd October, 1918 with gunshot wound to left thigh – slight.

Private Albert George Bond was admitted to Red Cross Hospital, Gloucester, England on 3rd October, 1918.

Private Albert George Bond died at 2 am on 29th October, 1918 at Red Cross Hospital, Gloucester, England from wounds received in action – gunshot wounds to left thigh was the official cause. The Hospital admissions form recorded “*Severe pneumonia from which he died. The wound had healed.*”

A death for Albert G. Bond, aged 20, was registered in the December quarter, 1918 in the district of Gloucester, Gloucestershire, England.

Private Albert George Bond was buried on 1st November, 1918 in Gloucester Old Cemetery, Gloucestershire, England – Plot number NG. 2580 and has a Commonwealth War Graves Commission headstone. From the burial report of Private Albert George Bond - *Coffin was Elm with brass fittings. The deceased soldier was accorded a full Military funeral, Firing Party, Bugler and Pallbearers being in attendance. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack, and surmounted by beautiful flowers sent from Comrades of V.A.D. Hospital, Cheltenham & also Sisters and Nursing Staff. The “Last Post” was sounded at the graveside, and the Rev. B. Bailey conducted the burial service. The grave will be turfed and an oak cross erected by the A.I.F. London. Administrative Headquarters, A.I.F. London were represented at the funeral.*

Private Albert George Bond requested in his Will, dated 12th July, 1917 that all his real & personal estate be bequeathed to Mrs Ethel Beatrice Bond, 277 King Street, West Bendigo, Victoria.

Private Albert George Bond was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Private Bond's father - Mr E. Bond, as the closest next-of-kin. (Scroll sent June, 1922 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

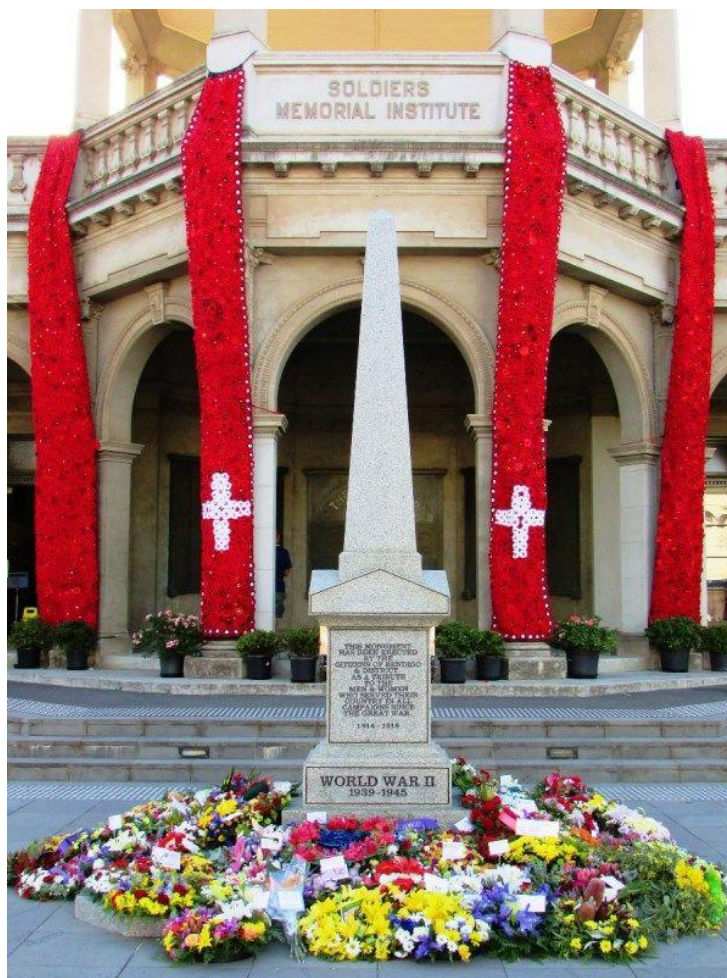
The Commonwealth War Graves Commission lists Private Albert George Bond – service number 3181A, aged 20, of 37th Battalion Australian Infantry. He was the son of Edward and Ethel Beatrice Bond, of 277 King St., West Bendigo, Victoria.

Private A. G. Bond is commemorated on the Roll of Honour, located in the Hall of Memory Commemorative Area at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra, Australia on Panel 127.



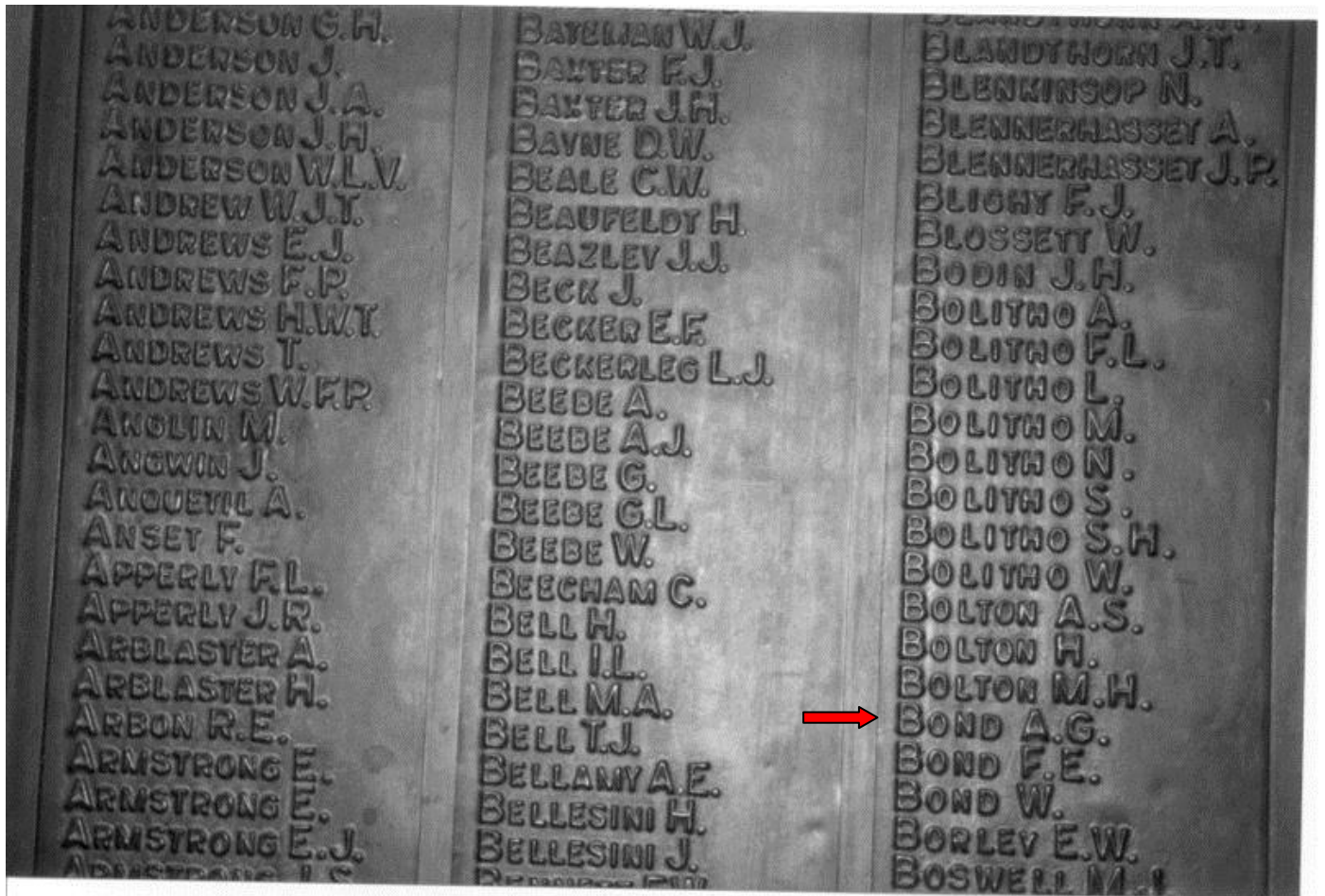
Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

The Bendigo War Memorial Obelisk, located outside the Bendigo Soldiers' Memorial Institute, does not contain individual names.



Bendigo War Memorial Obelisk (Photo from Monument Australia – Sandra Brown)

A. G. Bond is remembered on the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Hall Honour Roll, located at Soldiers Memorial Institute, Pall Mall, Bendigo, Victoria.



Returned Soldiers' Memorial Hall Honour Roll

(Photo from Victorian Heritage Council)

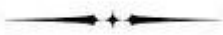
(60 pages of Private Albert George Bond's Service records are available for On Line viewing at National Archives of Australia website).

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





(Photo from *Bendigonian*, Victoria – 6 December, 1917)



Newspaper Notices

BENDIGO DEPOT

TO CLOSE ON SATURDAY

RECORD PERCENTAGE OF ACCEPTANCES

..... Nine volunteers attended yesterday , Eight passed the medical test, and the remaining case was deferred. The new recruits were:- Albert George Bond, farm hand, 277 King Street, Bendigo;

(*The Bendigo Independent*, Victoria – 29 September, 1916)

BENDIGO AND DISTRICT CASUALTIES

WOUNDED

PTE A. G. BOND

Mr and Mrs E. Bond, of 227 King street, have been notified by the Defence Department that their second son, Private A. G. Bond, of the 37th Battalion, has been wounded.

(The Bendigo Independent, Victoria – 17 November, 1917)

BENDIGO AND DISTRICT CASUALTIES

WOUNDED

PTE A. G. BOND

Mr E. Bond, of King Street, has been notified by the Defence Department that his second son, Private A. G. Bond, of the 37th Battalion, has been admitted to the Stratford-on-Avon Hospital, England, suffering from gunshot wound in the right thigh. Private Frank Bond, his brother, is in the Denmark Hill Hospital suffering from illness caused by gas and shell shock.

(The Bendigo Independent, Victoria – 21 November, 1917)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

THE CASUALTY LISTS

BENDIGO AND NORTHERN DISTRICT MEN

WOUNDED

Pte A. G. Bond, Bendigo

(Bendigonian, Victoria – 20 December, 1917)

PRIVATE A. G. BOND

Mr and Mrs E. Bond, of King-street, have been notified that their second son, Private A. G. Bond, of 37th Battalion, late 60th Battalion, died from wounds in the Boutiset Hospital, Gloucester, on the 29th October. Only recently information was communicated to the parents that he had been admitted to the hospital suffering from a mild gunshot wound in the thigh. The deceased, who was previously wounded in October, 1917, was 20 years of age. The eldest son, Private F. E. Bond, who is now in Bendigo, and a former member of the "Advertiser" staff, was returned from the front after several months severe fighting on the Armentieres front.

(Bendigonian, Victoria – 7 November, 1918)

AUSTRALIANS AND THE WAR

Died of Wounds

Pte A. G. BOND, 20, son of Mr and Mrs E. Bond, of king-street, Bendigo, died from wounds in Boutiset Hospital, Gloucester, on 29th October. Deceased, who belong to the 37th Btn. (late 60th Btn.), was previously wounded in October, 1917.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 8 November, 1918)

DEATHS

On Active Service

BOND – A tribute in memory of Private _____ Bond, who died on the 29th October, of _____ received in France.

-Inserted by his sincere friend, Doris

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 12 November, 1918)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BOND – In loving memory of Pte Albert G. Bond, king-street, Bendigo, died of wounds received in action 29th October, 1918.

Loved by all who knew him. His duty noble done.

-Inserted by his old pal, R. Carter, Chelsea station, Victoria.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 October, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BOND – In loving memory of my dear pal, Pte A. G. Bond, King-street, Bendigo, died of wounds received in action 29th October, 1918.

There is a link death cannot sever-

Love and remembrance last for ever.

-Inserted by his old pal, Reg. John, South Yarra.

(The Age, Melbourne, Victoria – 30 October, 1920)

IN MEMORIAM

On Active Service

BOND – In loving memory of Private A. G. Bond, died of wounds received in action 29th October, 1918. Fond remembrance lasts for ever.

-Inserted by Reg.

(*The Age*, Melbourne, Victoria – 29 October, 1921)

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 A. G. Bond does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

Our Loved One Peacefully Sleeping

Gloucester Old Cemetery, Gloucestershire, England

During the two world wars, the United Kingdom became an island fortress used for training troops and launching land, sea and air operations around the globe. There are more than 170,000 Commonwealth war graves in the United Kingdom, many being those of servicemen and women killed on active service, or who later succumbed to wounds. Others died in training accidents, or because of sickness or disease. The graves, many of them privately owned and marked by private memorials, will be found in more than 12,000 cemeteries and churchyards.

Gloucester Old Cemetery, which is in two distinct parts, contains burials of both wars. All but a few of the 158 First World War graves are in the original ground, 81 of them in a war graves plot. Of the 94 Second World War burials, 60 form a separate war graves plot known as 'B' ground. There are also 10 non World War service burials and 7 Foreign National burials here.

There are 4 Australian War Graves in this Cemetery – three from World War 1 & one from World War 2.

(*Information & photos from CWGC*)



Gloucester Old Cemetery, Gloucestershire



Photo of Private A. G. Bond's Commonwealth War Graves Commission Headstone in Gloucester Old Cemetery, Gloucestershire, England.

