

Sutton Veny War Graves

World War 1



Lest We Forget



6557 PRIVATE

C. H. PITTARD

11TH BN. AUSTRALIAN INF.

24TH MARCH, 1919 AGE 35

Though Death Divides

Fond Memory Ever Clings

*CWGC Headstone for Pte C. H. Pittard is located in
Grave Plot # 78. K. 7. of St. John the Evangelist Churchyard, Sutton Veny*

Charles Horace PITTARD

Charles Horace Pittard was born at Gawler, South Australia on 7th April, 1883 to parents Edwin John & Elizabeth Pittard (nee Stone).

The 1910 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Kalgoorlie, Western Australia listed Charles Horace Pittard, brewery hand, living at 337 Hannah Street. Also listed at the same address was Archibald Pittard, labourer.

Charles Horace Pittard married Mary Williams on Perth, Western Australia in 1911.

The 1916 Australian Electoral Roll for the division of Perth, subdivision of North Perth listed Charles Horace Pittard, brewery hand, living at 8 Robinson Avenue. No other Pittards were listed at that address.

Charles Horace Pittard was a 29 year old, married, Brewery Hand from Perth, Western Australia when he enlisted at Perth, Western Australia on 14th June, 1916 with the 11th Infantry Battalion, 21st Reinforcements of the Australian Army (A.I.F.). His service number was 6557 & his religion was Baptist. His next of kin was listed as his wife – Mrs Mary Pittard of Coogee Street, Mount Hawthorn, Western Australia.

Private Charles Horace Pittard embarked from Fremantle on HMAT *Suffolk (A23)* on 10th October, 1916 & disembarked at Plymouth, England on 2nd December, 1916.

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.

Pte Pittard was marched in to from Australia to 8th Training Battalion on 2nd December, 1919 then transferred to 3rd Training Battalion at Durrington, Wiltshire on 17th December, 1916.

Pte Pittard was admitted to Fargo Military Hospital on 19th January, 1917 with an abdominal tumor (severe) & discharged on 22nd January, 1917.

Pte Pittard was written up for being absent without leave from 9 am on 16th April, 1917 till reporting back at 9 pm on 22nd April, 1917. He was awarded 168 hours detention & forfeited 14 days' pay.

Pte Pittard proceeded overseas from 3rd Training Battalion at Durrington via Folkestone on 3rd May, 1917.

Pte Pittard joined Base Depot at Etaples, France on 4th May, 1917. He joined his Battalion in France on 4th June, 1917.

Pte Pittard was sent to 3rd Field Ambulance with Influenza on 24th June, 1917. He was transferred to 56th Casualty Clearing Station on 6th July, 1917 & admitted to 1st Australian General Hospital on 9th July, 1917. Pte Pittard was transferred to Con. Depot at Rouen on 14th July, 1917 then transferred to 11 Con. Depot at Buchy on 19th July, 1917.

Pte Pittard was marched in to 1st A.D.B.D. (Australian Divisional Base Depot) on 12th August, 1917. He proceeded to join his Unit at Havre on 29th August, 1917 & rejoined his Battalion on 31st August, 1917.

Pte Pittard was sent to Hospital in Belgium on 13th November, 1917 & admitted to 10 Sty. at St. Omer on 14th November, 1917. He was transferred to 7th C.D. on 21st November, 1917. Pte Pittard was transferred to 3rd Rest Camp at St. Omer on 28th November, 1917.

Pte Pittard was transferred to Base Depot at Havre on 3rd December, 1917 & proceeded to join his Unit on 6th December, 1917. Pte Pittard rejoined his Unit on 10th December, 1917.

Pte Pittard was on leave to U.K. on 14th February, 1918 & rejoined his Battalion from leave on 9th March, 1918.

Pte Pittard was sent sick to Hospital – 3rd Australian Field Ambulance on 4th May, 1918. He was admitted to 54th General Hospital on 7th May, 1918 with Whitlow finger (slight). Pte Pittard was transferred to England on Hospital Ship *Jan Breydal* on 8th May, 1918. He was admitted to County of Middlesex War Hospital Napsbury St. Albans on 8th May, 1918. Pte Pittard was then transferred to 3rd Auxiliary Hospital at Dartford on 21st May, 1918. Pte Pittard was discharged to No. 3 Command Depot at Hurdcott, Wiltshire on 24th June, 1918.

Pte Pittard was absent without leave from midnight on 1st August, 1918 until 10.45 am on 4th August, 1918. He forfeited a total of 8 days' pay.

Pte Pittard was marched out to No. 1 Command Depot on 6th September, 1918.

Pte Pittard was absent without leave from 0900 hrs on 5th December, 1918 until 1600 hrs on 11th December, 1918. He was awarded 20 days Field Punishment (No. 2) & forfeited a total of 27 days' pay.

Pte Pittard was absent without leave from Sutton Veny from 14th January, 1919 & returned on 7th February, 1919.

Pte Pittard was again absent without leave from 7th February, 1919 until 1545 hrs on 22nd February, 1919. He was awarded 16 days Field Punishment No. 2 & a total forfeiture of 32 days' pay on 3rd March, 1919.

Private Charles Horace Pittard was sent sick to Hospital on 24th March, 1919 & admitted to the 1st Australian General Hospital at Sutton Veny, Wiltshire with an Intestinal obstruction.

Private Charles Horace Pittard died at 7.30 p.m. on 24th March, 1919 at the 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny of an Intestinal obstruction.

A death for Charles H. Pittard, aged 31, was registered in the March quarter, 1919 in the district of Warminster, Wiltshire.

Mrs Mary Pittard had written a letter dated 23rd March, 1920 enquiring into how long her husband was ill before he died. The Red Cross Wounded and Missing file for Pte Charles Horace Pittard contains a letter from Registrar for Officer Commanding 1st Australian General Hospital, Sutton Veny which reads:

"The above mentioned soldier was admitted to this Hospital on the 24th March from No. 1 Command Depot. During the evening of the same day he died from Intestinal Obstruction."

Private Charles Horace Pittard was buried on 27th March, 1919 in St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny - Grave no. 78. From the burial report of Pte Pittard - *Coffin was Elm with Brass Mounts – Deceased was buried with full Military Honours, the coffin draped with the Australian flag being conveyed to the graveside on a Gun Carriage preceded by a Firing Party and Band from 1st Australian Training Brigade Sutton Veny. Six Australians supported the Pall. The "Last Post" was sounded and volleys fired over the grave. A number of Australians followed the remains and were present at the graveside ceremony. Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom were represented at the funeral.*

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



Roll Of Honour WW1 Australian War Memorial Canberra, Australia

Pte Charles Horace Pittard was entitled to British War Medal & the Victory Medal. A Memorial Scroll & Memorial Plaque were also sent to Pte Pittard's widow – Mrs M. Pittard (Scroll sent December, 1921 & Plaque sent November, 1922).

The CWGC lists Private Charles Horace Pittard, 6557, of 11th Battalion, Australian Infantry, A.I.F., as the son of Elizabeth and the late Edwin Pittard; husband of Mary Pittard, of 97 Coogee St, Mount Hawthorn. Born in South Australia.

(72 pages of Pte Charles Horace Pittard'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 file) & National Archives.



[Connected to Charles Horace Pittard:](#)

[Younger Brother - Pte Joseph Alfred Pittard, 6630, 28th Battalion, A.I.F. – killed in action 10th June, 1918. Remembered on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.](#)

[Newspaper Notice:](#)

[PITTARD – Killed in action in France, Private Joe A. Pittard, loved brother of C. H. Pittard \(on active service\).](#)

[He died for his country.](#)

[Inserted by M. Pittard and family, Mount Hawthorn.](#)

[\(The West Australian, Perth – Friday 5 July, 1918\)](#)



Newspaper Reports

FUNERAL REPORTS

PITTARD - The friends of Mr and Mrs. Charles Pittard, of Coogee-st., Mount Hawthorn, are respectfully invited to follow the remains of their late dearly-beloved son, Edwin Thomas to the place of interment, the Baptist Cemetery Karrakatta. The funeral is appointed to leave Messrs. C. H. Smith and Co. Private Mortuary, 281 Newcastle-street, Perth, at 2 o'clock THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON per road. Friends wishing to attend the funeral may proceed by the 2.45 p.m. train leaving Perth. C. H. SMITH and CO., Undertakers 281 Newcastle-street, Perth. Tel 1231.

(Sunday Times, Perth, W.A. – Sunday 12 March, 1916)

**(OPC Note – Edwin Thomas Pittard, aged 0, died on 10th March, 1916. He was buried in section AA 0301 at Karrakatta Cemetery)*

KILLED IN ACTION

WILLIAMS – Killed in action in France on August 15, Private Tom Williams, loved youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Williams, 440 Newcastle Street, Perth, brother of Harry Williams (Perth), Mrs T. J. Allen (Boulder City), Mrs C. H. Pittard (Mount Hawthorn). Age 20 years and 4 months.

So dearly loved, so sadly missed.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Charley and May Pittard and family.

(*Sunday Times*, Perth, W.A. – Sunday 1 October, 1916)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

271st CASUALTY LIST

ILL

C. H. Pittard (Mt. Hawthorn), Severely

(*The West Australian*, Perth – Friday 9 February, 1917)

DIED ON SERVICE

PITTARD - Died from illness while on active service, March 24, 1919, in England, Private Charles Horace Pittard, loved husband of May, father of Nell, Charlie, and Jack, of 97 Coogee-street, Mount Hawthorn. For love, for liberty, and for honour.

PITTARD - Died on active service, at 1st Australian General Hospital, England, Charles Horace, aged 36 years, beloved son of Mrs. E. Pittard Brisbane-street, loved brother of Ted and Jack (on active service), Harold, and George. Perth.

He had fought the good fight.

PITTARD - Died on service with the A.I.F., 1st Australian General Hospital, Charles Horace, beloved brother of George and Maud, 34 Coronation-street, North Perth.

PITTARD - Died from illness, March 24, 1919 while on active service, Private C. H. Pittard, son-in-law of Mrs. M. Williams, Mount Hawthorn; brother-in-law of Mr and Mrs H. Williams and Mr and Mrs S. Allen.

(*The West Australian*, Perth – Thursday 10 April, 1919 & *Western Mail*, Perth, W.A. – Friday 18 April, 1919)

IN MEMORIAM

ANZAC HERO

PITTARD – In loving memory of Charlie Pittard, who died on service with the A.I.F., March 24, 1919.

Ever remembered.

Inserted by his loving wife and children, Subiaco.

(*The West Australian*, Perth – Friday 24 March, 1922)

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 at St. John the Evangelist Churchyard at Sutton Veny. 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)

Pte Charles Horace Pittard does have a personal inscription on his headstone.

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War Graves at Sutton Veny (Photos from CWGC)



Photo of Private C. H. Pittard's CWGC headstone in St. John the Evangelist's Churchyard, Sutton Veny, Wiltshire.



(Photo courtesy of David Milborrow)