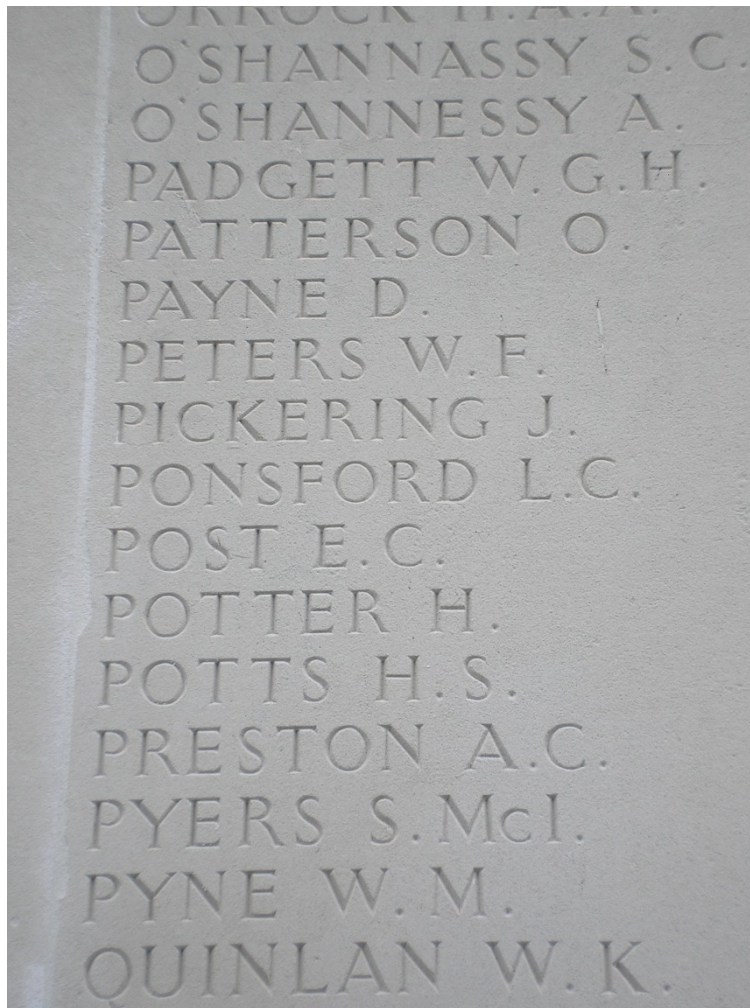


PONSFORD, Leonard Charles



Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France
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Leonard Charles Ponsford undertook an Orchard Special Course May-July 1915 when he was aged 22. At the end of July he joined the 8th Battalion at Broadmeadows Camp, embarking from Melbourne at the end of the year aboard the *Demosthenes*. The battalion sailed from Alexandria to Marseille for service on the Western Front at the end of March 1916. He was reported missing during a night attack at Pozières on August 18, and a Court of Enquiry held in March 1918 determined he had been killed. He was 23.

Like fifteen other HAC men whose remains have never been found, he is commemorated on the Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France. His name is absent from the Soldiers Memorial Hall Honour Roll at Hawkesbury.

Leonard was one of six brothers who enlisted and the only one not to survive the war. One brother, Walter, was awarded the Military Medal.