

BENTLEY, G. A., Private, 2/1st London Regiment (Royal Fusiliers).

He joined in October 1915, and in December of the following year was sent to France. There he was in action in the Battles of Arras, Bullecourt, Ypres, the Somme, and Amiens, where he was wounded. Invalided home, he served on recovery with the Royal Army Pay Corps until demobilised in March 1919. He holds the General Service and Victory Medals.

BENTLEY, J., Private, Royal Berkshire Regiment.

He volunteered in April 1915, and drafted to France was in action in the Battles of Ploegsteert, Vimy Ridge, the Somme, and Arras. He was then sent to Salonika, and was engaged in heavy fighting in many parts of the line, fighting throughout the final Advance in the Balkans. He returned home and was demobilised in February 1919, but rejoined in the following May, and was ultimately demobilised in April 1920. He holds the General Service and Victory Medals.

BERESFORD, W. J., Sgt., Q.O. (R. West Kent Rgt.)

Volunteering in September 1914, he proceeded to France in the following year, and was in action on the Somme. In July 1916 he was buried by the explosion of a shell, and was invalided home. After his recovery he rejoined his unit at Chatham, and did valuable work in training recruits of the New Armies until the conclusion of hostilities. He holds the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals, and was demobilised in February 1919.

BERRETT, S. J. C., Private, 3rd London Regiment.

On attaining military age he joined in September 1918, and was drafted to the Western Front on the completion of his training. During his service in France he was severely wounded in the fourth Battle of Ypres, and was invalided to hospital. After receiving treatment he was discharged as medically unfit for further service in November of the same year, and holds the General Service and Victory Medals.

BERRY, A. (M.M.), Corporal, R.F.A.

He volunteered in 1915, and later in the same year embarked for France, where he was in action at Loos, Vimy Ridge, the Somme, Arras, and Ypres, and was gassed in action in 1918. Invalided home, he received hospital treatment, and on his recovery rejoined his unit in France. He was awarded the Military Medal and Bar at St. Julien, for conspicuous gallantry in attending to the wounded under heavy shell-fire, and holds in addition the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals. He was demobilised in May 1919.

BERRY, E. (Sen.), Private, 32nd Middlesex Regt.

He joined in June 1918, at forty-six years of age, and was engaged on important coastal defence duties at various stations. He rendered valuable services, but was unsuccessful in obtaining his transfer overseas, being over age for active service. He was demobilised in January 1919.

BERRY, E., Wireless Telegraphist, R.N.

He joined in February 1916, and in the same year proceeded to the North Sea in H.M.S. "New Zealand." He took part in the engagements off the Skagge rack, and was also engaged on patrol and convoy duties between Norway and England. After the Armistice he assisted in escorting the German Fleet which surrendered at Scapa Flow. He holds the General Service and Victory Medals, and was demobilised in March 1919.

BERRY, G., Air Mechanic, R.A.F. (late R.F.C.)

Joining in May 1917, he was drafted a month later to Mesopotamia. Whilst in this theatre of war he saw service at Basra, Baghdad, and Mosul, and in many minor engagements. He also acted for a time as an aerial gunner. Returning home in May 1920, he was demobilised, holding the General Service and Victory Medals. 61, Tyler Street, Greenwich, S.E.10.

BERRY, J. (M.M.), Rifleman, Rifle Brigade.

He volunteered in May 1915, and on the completion of his training was drafted to France in July 1916. He took part in the heavy fighting on the Somme, and at Arras, and Ypres, and was wounded in March 1917, and again in the following July, when he was awarded the Military Medal for his courage and devotion to duty in remaining at his post in spite of severe injuries. In May 1918 he was taken prisoner, and was held in captivity in Germany until the following December, when he was repatriated. He was then engaged on important guard duties at prisoners-of-war camps until September 1919, when he was demobilised, holding in addition to the Military Medal, the General Service and Victory Medals.

BERRY, J. R., Pte., Duke of Cornwall's Light Inftry.

Volunteering in August 1914, he proceeded to France in the following July, and served at Loos, Armentières, Vimy Ridge, and the Somme. He was wounded at Ypres, and admitted into hospital at Rouen, and received treatment. After his recovery he returned to the front and was in action at Cambrai,

the second Battles of the Somme, Havrincourt, and the fourth Battles of Ypres, where he was wounded again in September 1918 and invalided home. He holds the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals, and was demobilised in February 1919. 53, Avondale Road, Peckham, S.E.15.

BERRY, W. H., Sergt., 3rd (King's Own) Hussars).

A serving soldier since 1896, he was sent to France at the outbreak of hostilities and fought in the Retreat from Mons. Owing to ill-health he was invalided to hospital in France, and later to Netley Hospital, and was discharged as medically unfit for further military duty in January 1916. He had then completed twenty-two years' service with the Colours, having previously fought throughout the South African Campaign for which he holds the Queen's and King's South African Medals (with five clasps). He also holds the Mons Star, the General Service, Victory, and Long Service and Good Conduct Medals.

BEST, H. W., Private, 16th (The Queen's) Lancers.

Volunteering in August 1914, he proceeded to France in the following June, and took part in operations at Loos, the Somme, Arras, and Vimy Ridge, where in 1916 he was wounded. Evacuated to England, he underwent treatment at Southall Hospital, and on recovery returned to the Western Front, and served in the Retreat and Allied Advance of 1918. After also serving with the Royal Irish Rifles, he was demobilised two months later, and holds the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

BEST, T. L., Private, 6th Dorsetshire Regiment.

Volunteering in August 1914, he landed in France in the following year, and was engaged in heavy fighting at Ypres, Loos, the Somme, Arras, and Cambrai. He also was in action in many engagements during the German Offensive and Allied Advance of 1918. He was demobilised in 1919, and holds the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

BEST, T. W., Private, Sherwood Foresters.

Joining in May 1917, he embarked for the Western Front later in the same year, and fought in many important engagements. He was severely wounded in the following year during the German Offensive, and returning to hospital in England, died on April 27th, 1918. He was entitled to the General Service and Victory Medals.

BESTE, H. P., Private, Essex Regiment.

A reservist, having served throughout the South African War, he was mobilised in August 1914, and proceeded to France. He fought in the Retreat from Mons, and in many other engagements of note, and was also in action in heavy fighting during the Retreat and Advance of 1918. Returning to England after the Armistice he was demobilised in February 1918, but re-enlisted in the following June and was sent to France on salvage work. Whilst so employed he died suddenly from heart trouble on February 4th, 1920. He held the Queen's and King's South African Medals, and was also entitled to the Mons Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

BESTER, S., Private, 5th Royal Fusiliers.

He volunteered in September 1914, and served at various depôts until proceeding to the Western Front in 1916. He was in action in the first Battle of the Somme, where he was wounded, and invalided home received hospital treatment, on recovery returning to France. He fought at Arras, and throughout the German and Allied Offensives of 1918. He was demobilised in 1919, and holds the 1914-15 Star, and the General Service and Victory Medals.

BESZANT, F., Pte., 2nd London Regt. (R. Fusiliers).

Volunteering in February 1916, and completing his training he was engaged on important duties at various stations with his unit. Owing to ill-health he was not sent overseas, but rendered valuable services until invalided out in August 1916.

BEZANT, J. W., Private, Training Reserve.

He joined in July 1916, and completing his training served at various depôts on important duties with his unit. Medically unfit he did not obtain his transfer to a theatre of war prior to the cessation of hostilities, and eventually was invalided out of the Service in February 1919.

BETTISON, H., Pte., 1st London Regt. (R. Fusiliers).

Volunteering in December 1915, he was stationed at various depôts until drafted to France in 1917. He fought in the Battles of Ypres, Passchendaele, and St. Julien, and was wounded and invalided home. On recovery he was transferred to the Labour Corps, and returned to France in 1918. He served throughout the Offensive of that year, and returning to England after the Armistice was demobilised in November 1919. He holds the General Service and Victory Medals.