

PTE H. W. BENSTEAD.—News has at last reached Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Benstead, of 12, Gwydir-street, through the British Red Cross Society, that their second son, Pte. H. W. Benstead, Gloucester Regt., previously reported as wounded and missing on Oct. 9th, 1917, was killed in action on that date. A sergeant, now wounded and in hospital at Italy, has made the following statement: “Having gained our objective at Passchendaele Ridge, I was returning to our battalion headquarters with a message, when I saw him lying dead in a shell-hole near Winchester Farm. I with others went over and identified him. Our pioneers went out later and buried those of our fellows who had fallen. He was a real good fellow and a splendid stretcher-bearer, and was in my platoon. He came out with a Cambridge-shire draft, and was transferred to our battalion.” Pte. Benstead was employed as a cook at Gonville and Caius College before joining up in November, 1914. He was 22 years old.

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