# HOW METAL IDENTIFIED TWO SOLDIERS FROM THE FIRST WORLD WAR

By

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# Census showing J Beer and his family where he lived in Devon

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Surname:	
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Age:	
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Index Number of Admission:	
16669	
Rank:	
Private	
Service Number:	
14044	
Years Service:	
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Months With Field Force:	
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Date of Admission for Original Ailment:	
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Religion:	
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Regiment:	
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Battalion:	
10th (Service) Battalion (Why is this important?)	
Other unit info:	
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Archive Reference:	
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First name(s)	John Henry
Last name	Beer
Service number	14044
Rank	Private
Regiment	Devonshire Regiment
Battalion	10th (Service) Battalion.
Residence	Torquay
Birth place	Torquay
Enlistment place	Exeter
Death year	1916
Death day	25
Death month	11
Cause of death	Died of wounds
Death place	Salonika
Theatre of war	Balkan Theatre
Supplementary Notes	
Category	Military, armed forces & confil
Subcategory	First World War
Collections from	Great Britain, UK None

### Two records from the army showing J Beer's medical record and where he is buried

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# The baptism and death notice of J Beer



The metal artefacts that helped to identify the soldier from the first world war to the Dorset Regiment



### The new head stone for the soldier from the Dorset Regiment



The poppy wreath showing the two regiments of Bedfordshire and Dorset which were placed with the remains and new resting place of the soldiers