

Campaign :—

(A) Where decoration was earned.

(B) Present situation.

Name	Corps	Rank	Reg. No.	Roll on which included (if any)
(A) BAKER	Royal Field Artillery 31. Res. Bty.	1 st Lt GNR	41,544	5-6-19. Enlistment
(B) GORDON ALBERT				30.12.12.

Action taken

MEDAL	ROLL	PAGE
VICTORY	RFA/340 ^B	50191
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15 STAR	RFA/23 ^{AB}	7956

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Correspondence.

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Gordon Albert



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9.12.19	MRS	6203
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56 Lower Richmond Rd.

Marlborough SW 14



INWARD.

A List of the Crew and Passengers arrived in the Ship

CANBERRA

Registered at Melbourne, W B Smith Master,

Burthen, Gross 7707 Nett 4207 Tons, from the Port of London

to Sydney, New South Wales, 15th Sept 1919.

Seaman's Name.	Age.	Town or Country where Born.	Capacity in which engaged.	Name of Passengers.		
				Males.	Females.	Children under Twelve Years.
Bunnahy J. G.	24	London	1st Gen. Serv?			
Daly W.	30	Belfast				
Hames W.	19	Kahlan				
Amos W.	29	"				
Parsons R. B.	19	Stramphin				
Chesley A. T.	16	London				
McRulde J.	22	Glasgow				
Josephs N.	28	London				
Hardy R.	24	N Scotia				
Langdon S. C.	29	London	Chief Cook			
Quitto W.	24	Beth				
Barker S.	24	London	3			
Jandrin	26	"	3			
Bartholomew J.	20	"	3			
Valois J.	18	Greece	3			
Matto J. W.	28	"	3			
Matheson R.	35	Spainway	Ch Baker			
East W. H.	53	England	> do			
Baker S. G.	21	Chiswell	asst do			
Hargray J.	22	Orkney				
Dunn J. B.	48	N Shields	Butcher			
Pilkington S.	55	Manchester	light do			
Harpis E. J.	31	Boural	asst do			
Edgcombe N.	22	Bingham				
James C.	27	Ashurst	Assist Cook			
Hardy J.	17	Stratford	asst do			
Kerndetter C. W.	18	Bahma	2nd Gen. Serv			
Lambert E. M.	28	Newmarket	Stewards			
Byrleson R. W.	34	London				
Wiltshire N.	30	"				
Walsby L. J.	26	Ireland				
Callis J.	21	Samos	1 Gen. Serv.			

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W. B. Smith
Master's Signature

ORIGINAL

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the "WAR BADGE."

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is inserted on the envelope.
London, W.1.

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WAR

Regtl. No.	Rank	Name (in full)	Unit discharged from	No. of Badge and Certificate (To be completed at War Office)	Date of:--		Cause of Discharge (Wounds or Sickness and para. of K.R.)	Age.	Whether served Overseas (Yes or No)
					Enlistment	Discharge			
✓ 33,349	B.S.M.	Pyper. Alexander	5c Res. Bde.	B/224801	13-1-04	15-2-19	Wounds	33	Yes.
✓ 36,151	Dr.	Ashton. John	Class 'P' A.R.	B. 224802	15-3-05	14-2-19		33	Yes.
✓ 193,983	Sig.	Norcross. John	321 Bde.	B. 224803	27-5-16	22-2-19		21	No.
✓ 240,718	Gr.	Cooper. Harry	4b Res. Bde.	B. 224804	9-12-15	22-2-19	Wounds	21	Yes.
✓ 74,874	Gr.	Gray. Chas.	4a Res. Bde.	B. 224805	7-1-15	23-2-19	Gas-Poisoning 25 Para. 392 (XVIA) K.R. Army Order 29 of 1919.		Yes.

✓ 43,946	Dr.	Price. George Wm.	'K' Bty. R.H.A.	B. 224806	22-4-07	14-2-19	Wounds	31	Yes.
✓ 204,272	Gr.	Bowe. Herbert Henry	51 Bde.	B. 224807	8-12-15	5-6-19	Sickness	30	Yes.
✓ 145,365	Gr.	Nicholls. Henry Wm.	114 Bde.	B. 224808	9-12-15	5-6-19	Sickness	29	Yes.
✓ 71,544	pd/lce/ Br.	Baker. Gordon Albert	31 Res. Bty.	B. 224809	30-12-12	5-6-19	Sickness	20	Yes.
✓ 60-537	Dr.	Addie. William	1 Bde.	B. 224810	4-1-15	4-6-19	Sickness	24	Yes.
✓ 117,736	Gr.	Bailey. Frederick Chas.	9 Res. Bty.	B/224811	29-1-16	29-5-16	Sickness	24	No.
							Para. 392 (iii) (c) K.R.		

I certify that the particulars furnished hereon are correct.

Place WOOLWICH.

Date 17 JUNE. 1919.

I.V. 1916 date. * 9 - JUL. 1919 *



F. G. Wynn
COLONEL
R.H. & R.F.A. RECORDS.

Signature and Rank of Officer certifying Claimants' service.

I certify that Badges and Certificates, numbered as above, have been issued to the individuals concerned.

Place _____

Date _____

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Signature and Rank of Officer certifying issue.

"Major Rattray and I are the only two present who have served with other forces," declared Mr **Gordon Baker**. "I was a member of the Australian forces in the Great War, and Major Rattray served with the 'Tomnies.'" He said he had seen the English troops in battle at Beaumont Hamel, an action in which Major Rattray had taken part. "They were the goods," he added.

WEDDING.

BAKER—HANNIFIN.

Wedding bells rang in the marriage, at St. Patrick's Church, Waimate, on April 2nd, of Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mrs and the late Mr J. Hannifin, Waimate, to Mr Gordon Baker, of Kurow, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs Baker, Riverview, N.S.W.

The Church was beautifully decorated. Rev. Father Knight celebrated Nuptial Mass, Miss M. Ferriter singing "Ave Maria" and "O Salutaris." Miss K. O'Brien presided at the organ.

The bride, who entered the Church on the arm of her brother, Mr T. Hannifin, who subsequently gave her away, looked very dainty in her frock of ivory French crepe de chene, with pin-tucked bodice finished with a diamante ornament at the waist, and long sleeves, the skirt being composed of tiers of picot-edged frills. The tulle veil, which had been loaned by a friend, was worn with a coronet of orange blossom. Silver shoes and stockings, and a bouquet of white lilies and maiden-hair fern with white streamers, completed a charming toilette.

Miss M. Hannifin, the bride's sister, was bridesmaid. Her long-sleeved frock of powder blue crepe de chene was made with a panniered skirt, and tight fitting bodice, and she wore a white crinoline hat and silver shoes and stockings. Pink and white sweet peas and asparagus composed her bouquet.

The flower-girl, Elsie Hannifin, sister of the bride, was frocked in shell pink georgette, with frilled skirt, and wore a pink bandeau on her hair. She carried a basket of yellow daisies.

G.A. BAKER

DCM holder dies

14/4/1977

Waimate man who captured Germans single-handed

A man who was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal when he captured 18 German soldiers single-handed at 17 years of age, died in Waimate this week.

He was Gordon Albert Baker, 79, who at the tender age of 15 had come off a cattle station in Australia to enlist in the ranks of the Australian Expeditionary Force during the First World War.

Originally from Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Mr Baker was working on a cattle station in north-western Queensland when he enlisted in the backyard of a Kloncury pub.

Although he was well-developed for his 15 years, the doctor in the recruiting station was unconvinced that Gordon Baker's claim to being 20 was genuine.

He was finally accepted on

the condition that he was 18, could play a musical instrument and would gain parental consent.

Mr Baker had lied that he was 18 and a trombonist — in fact he had never played the instrument.

He had run away from home when 14, and his father's consent was never obtained to join up, the Army forgetting about the conditions in the end.

On December 8, 1914, Mr Baker celebrated his sixteenth birthday when he arrived as a soldier at Cairo.

Mr Baker trained with an Australian light horse regiment at Suez and the following year landed at Gallipoli Peninsula.

After the withdrawal, Mr Baker went to France as an Australian infantry machine gunner, where he experienced the carnage of the Somme.

It was at the Somme where his capture of 18 German soldiers took place.

His experience came after being lost in fog a few hundred yards from his own lines.

Amid the uproar he suddenly heard German voices and when he had realised that he was practically on top of one of their machine guns he let loose with both his hand grenades.

Eighteen German soldiers quickly came up from their dug-out and surrendered leaving their weapons behind them.

Under guard the 18 disarmed Germans were shepherded away by the armed Australian.

On reaching British Army lines close-by, Mr Baker turned over the prisoners to a Hampshire regiment, one of whose officers successfully

recommended him for the DCM.

It evolved later that the German soldiers had been cut off from their own main party and, in surrendering to a lone Australian, had mistakenly thought they were surrounded by the British because of the noise barrage.

Mr Baker came to New Zealand in 1924 as a shearer and went back across the Tasman for a period but soon returned.

He remained in New Zealand after he had married.

Mr Baker worked at the Lake Waitaki power station, also at Cromwell in a mining operation, and later had a coal mining business and then a milk bar in Waimate.

The possessor of a fine voice, Mr Baker sang at many concerts and Anzac Day remembrance services.