

Australian Red Cross Society Wounded and Missing  
Enquiry Bureau files, 1914-18 War  
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**2942 Trooper  
Ernest John Baker**

**6th Light Horse**



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6th Light Horse, A.I.F.

BAKER R.J. Pte. No. 2942.

"Died of Wounds, 29/3/18."

Informant described Baker as about 5 feet 11 inches high, well built, fair complexion, aged about 26.

Informant states that they both belonged to "B" Troop, "B" Squadron. On the 28/3/18, the Regiment was in action at Amman to the east of the River Jordan, Palestine. While they were advancing against the Turks about 2.30 or 3 p.m., Baker was hit by Machine Gun fire. Informant did not see him hit, being back with the horses, but saw him at the Field Dressing Station just behind our front line. He was conscious, but Informant never spoke to him. Baker spoke however, to one of his mates named Toms. The staff were very busy with the wounded men at the time, so that Informant could not investigate very much. Baker was taken away on a Camels conveyance to Tady, called Ain-es-Sirabout four miles, where there was a General Field Hospital, and died that night or the next morning. The Ambulance buried him near the Field Hospital.

According to Informant, Baker was a well liked chap.

Informant - Sergeant - Major F. Fitzgerald, No. 216,  
"B" Troop, "B" Squad, 6th Light Horse.

Home Address - Hunts Grove,  
Manilla, New South Wales

W.E.G.

Anzac Information Bureau,  
SYDNEY.

28/12/18.

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A.I.F. 6th L.Horse.

BAKER  
E. J. 2942

"D/Wounds"

Died of wounds March 22/18 at 2nd L.H. Mld. Amb, buried 30-3-18,  
by Rev. J.P. Wilkinson, Fleet Amman Square, Palestine.  
Cert. by A.I.F. Hqrs 23-7-18.

London  
27-7-18

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6th Light Horse, A.I.F.

BAKER R.J. Pte. No. 2942.

"Died of Wounds. 29/3/18."

Baker was in B squad, and his number was 2942. He was wounded at Amman on the 26/3/18 and picked up and taken to a Casualty Clearing Station, where he died in about 24 hours. It was wired to me on the 29/3/18 at Head-Quarters, which was in the middle between A and C squadrons. I can remember it quite well; he was not one of those who were captured such as Burlace, No. 233, Cannon No. 1386, Lambert No. 2346 and Spencer No. 2382. I was orderly Room Sergeant and thus knew of it officially.

Informant - H. B. Chisholm, No. 102,  
5th Light Horse, Head-Quarters.

Home Address - The Rectory,  
Coona.

H.S.O.  
A nzac Purlough,  
Hawson Chambers,  
26/12/18.

(Cairo)  
SYDNEY BUREAU.

A.I.P.  
6th Australian Light Horse.

BAKER, R. J. No. 2942.

D/W 22. 3. 18

He was known as "Jack", was married, and was an Englishman.

Witness was a patient at an English Casualty Clearing Station, suffering from pneumonia, and pleurisy, at Es-Sult, when Baker was brought in. He had been shot, and was weak from loss of blood, though still conscious. They were both in the same tent, but witness was too ill to speak to him, however he heard him say "Oh Maude" before he passed away, two hours after admission. He made a hard fight for it and died bravely..

Witness was told he had been wounded by machine gun fire during our advance, on the day of his death. Witness produced a photograph shewing himself lying amongst several bodies awaiting burial, the service having been read over them, when the Scotch burying party examined their bodies, one man thought Witness was alive, which proved correct. After remaining unconscious for 6 days, he gradually recovered.

Witness - Trooper J.S. Cleary, 6th Light Horse.

Home Address - Redbank, Pictou, N.S.W.

F. de V. Lamb, Major,  
H.M.T. "Euripides",  
21/3/19.

J.S. Cleary

SYDNEY BUREAU. *Cairo*

6th A.L.H. A.I.P.

2942  
BAKER, R. J. 2942.

"D/W. March 22/18."

He was about 22 or 23 years of age. Medium height, rather fair, and an Englishman, and known as "Jack Baker." I did not actually see him killed but it was known in the Regiment that he was shot through the stomach by M.I. Bullet and died shortly after. This occurred at Amman, on the Hedjaz Railway. I know no details as to burial.

Informant:- Troop. R. C. Friend. 2942.  
"C" Squad.. 6th A.L.H.

Searcher:-

R. T. Pfeiffer,

Adm. Hdqrs.,

on board H. T. "Czaritza" 20/3/19.

Adelaide 27/5/19.

A.I.F. 6th L.H.

BAKER.  
E.J. 2942.

"Died of Wounds". 22.3.18.

and  
Buried Amman Es Salts District Military Graves- about 30 miles E.N.E. of  
Jericho.

Cert. by A I F Hdqrs List. 3.7.19.

London.  
17.7.19.

CAIRO.

6th Light Horse Regt.

BAKER.  
E. J., 2942

D/W. 22nd March 1918

I saw casualty severely wounded through the chest and arm. We carried him back to the S/B in the hollow. As I was hit soon after I did not see him again. I understand he died the same evening at the Dressing Station at a place called Amman. He was an average sized chap, fair complexion, and he came to Australia about five years prior to the War.

Informant:- 1207

Cpl. W. McCann

6th L.H.

Postal Address:- Summer Hill  
SYDNEY

H.W. Whalebone

H.M.A.T. "Prinz Ludwig"

6/9/19

6th L.H.R.

BAKER

E.J. - 2942 -

<sup>of Wounds 22/3/18</sup>  
"Died Prisoner of War"

Buried - Amman & Es Salt District Mil. Graves, about 30 miles  
East North East of Jericho, Palestine.

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Melbourne 20.10.1920

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