

Ernest was born at Islington, UK in 1884, the son of Edmund and Emily Rose Baker. On 6th May 1907 he married Maria Annette Greenwood and had three children, Edmund Charles (b.1908), Ernest John (b.1911) and Kathleen (b.1916), all born in the UK.

On 11th August 1914 he enlisted into D Company, AN&MEF stating that he was labourer and that his wife, at 6 Dundas Terrace, Dryden St, Notts, was his next of kin.

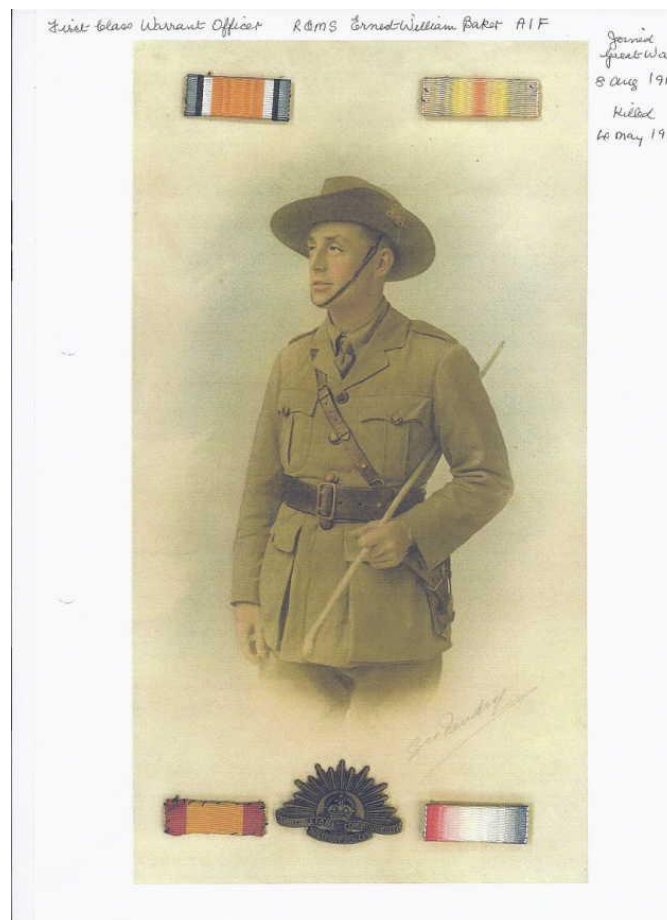
Ernest returned from Rabaul and was discharged on 4th March 1915, term expired, having served 206 days.

On 17th April he enlisted into the 20th Battalion, regimental number 1032, and left Sydney with the battalion aboard the BERRIMA on 26th June 1915. He was landed on Gallipoli on 22nd August 1915, the day after being promoted corporal. On 24th Sept 1915 he was appointed RQMS (Staff Sergeant).

In March 1916 he moved with the battalion to France and died of his wounds at Querrieu, France on 14th May 1918.

Pte George Ramage, Reg No, 6828, stated; _

"Q/M/Sgt. Baker is buried in the Cemetery at Querrieu and an oak Cross is erected on his grave. I helped to put the Cross up, but did not see him wounded, but he died of shell wounds on the road going to Querrieu. Lt. Blair was killed the same day as Baker."



There are a series of letters home written by Ernest at the Australian War Memorial covering the period Dec 1914 to 14th Feb 1918.

Ernest's son, Ernest John, served with distinction with the British Army in Word War two, also as a Staff Sergeant and earned a Military Medal.

Ernest is buried at the British Cemetery, Querrieu and is remembered on Panel 90 at the Australian War Memorial, Canberra.