

Surname	Baker
Forename	Charles Alfred
Initials	C A
Age	22
Honours/Awards	
Date died	09/08/1916
Rank	Private
Regiment	The King's (Liverpool Regiment)
Unit/Squadron	1 st /10 th Bn.
Service Number	5385
Cemetery/Memorial	Thiepval Memorial
Grave Reference	Pier and Face 1 D 8 B and 8 C
Further Information	Son of Mr and MRs Charles F. Baker, of, 9, Annesley Road, Somerville



Chronicle News

Fine All-Round Athlete

Tragic Evidence Of Identity

The death is announced of Private Charles Alfred Baker (King's Liverpool Regiment), who was killed in action on August 9th. Official notification has been received by the father, Mr. Charles F. Baker, who will be recognised as the well-known Magazine bowler, of, 9, Annesley Road, Somerville.

No indication is given as to how the gallant soldier met his death, and unhappily the news had been further confirmed in a somewhat unexpected manner. It appears that a lady friend of the deceased has received a letter from another "Tommy" at the front saying that he has found a photo in the pocket of a dead soldier and her address is written on the back. The missive to the young lady reads as follows:-

"Just a few lines to let you know that I have in my possession a photo with your name and address, which I found in the breast pocket of a poor unfortunate soldier who had been killed in action, and whom we buried on the battlefield. We have to take everything from them and find out who they are, and we are having a few days' rest, so I took the opportunity to write to you, as this was the only address I have. I believe him to belong to the ----- I will send the photo."

Twenty-two years of age, Private Baker was a good all-round sport, being an enthusiastic cricketer, footballer, boxer, swimmer, and billiard player. His education was initially received at St. Joseph's, Seacombe, and completed at the Higher Elementary School. He enlisted in October, 1915, and had been out at the front just over five months.

Two other brothers are serving in H.M. Forces, one being employed on a transport and another attached to the Cheshire Regiment.

References and Acknowledgments

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