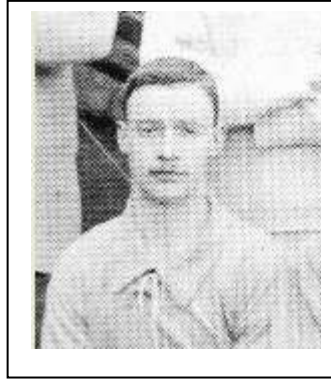


<i>Name</i>	Alexander Cecil BAKER
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Shoeing Smith
<i>Date of Birth</i>	29 December 1897
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	25 January 1915 at Woolwich, London



<i>Parents</i>	Edwin Joseph BAKER & Mary Burrows BAKER (née FAULKENER)
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<i>Married</i>	Alice Louise FEARY on 15 April 1916 in Northampton
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>

Alexander (probably known as Cecil in the family, as this is how his widower father listed him in the 1911 census), was one of six surviving children of Edwin Baker.

Alexander was working as a shoeing smith for Francis Chapman, the blacksmith in Bugbrooke, before his enlistment in the Army Service Corps (ASC) on 25 January 1915, as number TS/5815. His pre-war experience clearly helped him, for on 25 February 1916 he was promoted Acting Farrier Corporal.

On leave and with permission, he married Alice FEARY on 15 April 1916 in Northampton and they had a daughter, Gwendoline Queenie, born on 21 November that year.

On 26 February 1917 he embarked for France on SS *Siptah*, landing at Le Havre the next day. He remained in France, serving with 429 Company, ASC, in 42 Divisional Train, until 19 March 1919, when he left for England and some leave.

He was demobilised on 17 April and transferred to the Reserve. He had been confirmed in his Acting rank on 27 September 1917 and had at some stage been re-numbered 79941.

He qualified for the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.