There were 8 general hospitals, 5 stationary, 1 British Red Cross and a Convalescent Depot at Rouen throughout most of the war.

> The majority of burials took place at St Sever



St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France

## **GEORGE HENRY BAKER**

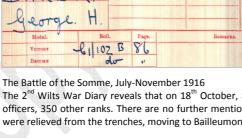
of Langford, Wiltshire

| Date/place of birth | 1893 Langford  | 5 |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Birth registered    | June Q 1893 Wilton Reg District 5a 208   | 2 |
| Baptised            |  |   |
| Father              | Henry Keeping Baker of Dinton, Wiltshire. Married June Q 1892 Wilton Reg District 5a 403                     | 2 |
| Mother              | Matilda Jane (nee Jackson) of Southampton  | 2 |
| Siblings            | Bertram, Fred, Dorothy, Stella   | 5 |
| 1901 Census         | 2 Tucking Mill Square, West Tisbury. Age 8, at school. Mother Matilda, widow, living on own means            | 5 |
| 1911 Census         | Pond Head, Ansty. Age 18, occupation Cowman on farm (with brothers Bertram & Fred, sisters Dorothy & Stella) | 5 |

| Rank              | Private  | 3 |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Regiment          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalion (Duke of Edinburgh's) Wiltshire Regiment | 3 |
| Enlisted          | Devizes (Residence at time of enlistment Swallowcliffe Wiltshire)  | 6 |
| Service Number    | 19064  | 3 |
| Medals            | British War / Victory  | 4 |
| Date of Death/Age | 11 November 1916 age 23  | 3 |
| Cause of Death    | Died of Wounds   | 6 |
| Burial/Memorial   | St Sever Cemetery Extension, Rouen, France. Grave Ref 0.1.P.5      | 3 |



George Baker and his brother Bertram died in WW1



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Wiltshire Regiment were part of 7th Division. In October 1914 they landed in Zeebrugge to aid the westward evacuation of the

Belgian army. Once the Belgians were through, the Division moved westward; the infantry entrenched at Ypres and were the first British troops to occupy that fateful place.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilts War Diary reveals that on 18<sup>th</sup> October, after 3 days of intense fighting, their estimated casualties were 14 officers, 350 other ranks. There are no further mentions of casualties between 20 October and 11 November when they were relieved from the trenches, moving to Bailleumont (SW of Arras).

It seems probable that George Baker was wounded during those 3 dreadful days in October when the Wiltshire's lost so many men. He would have been evacuated to one of 15 hospitals near Rouen where he died and was buried.

Brother 24125 Pte Bertram Seymour Baker, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, died 23 March 1918 age 21

£9.10/- War Gratuity paid to Mrs Annie Feltham Sole Legatee

Commemorated: Memorial Plaque St James' Church, Ansty (right)



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**Ansty Plaque**