

# **JAMES BENJAMIN BAKER**

**Rifleman**

**A/591**

**7th Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps  
died on**

**Wednesday 12th March 1916**

**aged 26**

**JAMES BENJAMIN BAKER**

is buried in

**ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCHYARD, MUCH MARCLE**

*Additional information in the*

*Commonwealth War Graves Commission Register*

Son of Francis Henry Baker of 17, Woodall St., Bloxwich, Staffs. Born at Much Marcle.



**Ledbury Reporter  
& Farmer's Gazette  
Saturday 18th March 1916**

**DEATHS**

**BAKER** March 12th at The Lodge, Much Marcle James Baker aged 27 years

**Ledbury Reporter  
& Farmers Gazette  
Saturday 23rd March 1916**

**LOCAL ITEMS**

**MUCH MARCLE SOLDIER'S DEATH**

We regret to record the death of Rifleman James Baker of the King's Royal Rifles which took place at his home, The Lodge Much Marcle on March 12th. Rifleman Baker went out to Belgium last May and was "gassed" at Ypres in the early part of August. He was sent home to England in September and was in hospital in Brighton. In November he was discharged from hospital and returned home where he remained to his death. The interment took place at Much Marcle Parish Church.

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| Campaign :-  |                | <b>1914-15.</b>   |                   | (A) Where decoration was earned. |                      |
|  |                |                   |                   | (B) Present situation.           |                      |
| Name   | Corps          | Rank              | Reg. No.          | Roll on which included (if any)  |                      |
| (A) <b>BAKER.</b>  | <b>K.R.R.C</b> | <b>PTE</b>        | <b>A591</b>       | <b>MEDAL</b>                     | <b>ROLL</b>          |
| (B) <b>James</b>   | <b>—</b>       | <b>—</b>          | <b>—</b>          | <b>VICTORY</b>                   | <b>M/101 B/3 309</b> |
|  |                |                   |                   | <b>BRITISH</b>                   | <b>Do Do</b>         |
|  |                |                   |                   | <b>15STAR</b>                    | <b>M/2. B 21</b>     |
| Action taken   |                |                   | <i>Discharged</i> |                                  |                      |
| <b>THEATRE OF WAR.</b>                                   |                | <i>(1) France</i> |                   |                                  |                      |
| <b>QUALIFYING DATE.</b>                                  |                | <i>18.5.1915.</i> |                   |                                  |                      |
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James Benjamin Baker was born in Devon in 1880. His father Francis had been born in Much Marcle and was serving with the Royal Marines there. Francis and Priscilla Baker had three children. By 1901 the family were living in Walsall and Francis was a mill sawyer. They had moved to Wednesbury by the time of the 1911 census and Francis was a labourer for a building contractor and James was a labourer in a stone works. Francis' mother Eliza Baker aged 78, was living at The Lodge, Much Marcle in 1911. James enlisted into the King's Royal Rifle Corps and went to Belgium in May 1915. As a result of being gassed he was invalided home and treated in hospital in Brighton. He returned home and died in Much Marcle in March 1916. James Baker is buried in a war grave in Much Marcle churchyard.