



The battle raged on for several days, as the overwhelming numbers of Germans, 50 Divisions in the front against the BEF with a further 31 held as their Reserves. Ultimately, the Germans almost broke through the final line of defence held to a large extent by support rather than frontline troops. The Germans had advanced over the debris of 3 years fighting and re-supply became a problem. Clifford, who was assigned to a service Battalion fell during this final phase.

He was the son of Henry and Ellen Baker, of Ferry Rd., Fingringhoe, Colchester. He was born in Fingringhoe and enlisted at Colchester. In 1901 his father, Henry Baker was aged 43 having been born in Langenhoe & living in Fingringhoe working on a farm as a Horseman . Clifford had a brother Joseph, who was 18 (farmer), a sister Martha , who was 11 (school), a brother Alfred, who was 13 (Yardman on Farm). His sister Jessie was aged 8 and died during the war (1914-18) from natural causes. Clifford in 1901 was 4 , Dorothy was 4 months old and Lewis was not born then, nor Edith or Effie. Alfred worked on the farm & Colchester Trams. He later served as a Lance Corporal in the Royal Sussex Regiment.



1914-1919 Victory Medal; 1914-1920 War Medal

Name.		Corps.	Rank.	Regt. No.
BAKER.		K. R. Ref. C.	Pte.	R/19330.
Clifford. W.				
Medal.	Roll.	Page.	Remarks.	
VICTORY	M/101 B/27.3416.			
BRITISH	do	do		
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Theatre of War first served in				
Date of entry therein				



Commonwealth War Dead

Grave/Memorial Reference: Panel  
61 to 64

Cemetery: POZIERES MEMORIAL

The POZIERES MEMORIAL relates to the period of crisis in March and April 1918 when the Allied Fifth Army was driven back by overwhelming numbers across the former Somme battlefields, and

the months that followed before the Advance to Victory, which began on 8 August 1918. The Memorial commemorates over 14,000 casualties of the United Kingdom and 300 of the South African Forces who have no known grave and who died on the Somme from 21 March to 7 August 1918. The Corps and Regiments most largely represented are The Rifle Brigade with over 600 names, The Durham Light Infantry with approximately 600 names, the Machine Gun Corps with over 500, The Manchester Regiment with approximately 500 and The Royal Horse and Royal Field Artillery with over 400 names. The memorial encloses POZIERES BRITISH CEMETERY, Plot II of which contains original burials of 1916, 1917 and 1918, carried out by fighting units and field ambulances. The remaining plots were made after the Armistice when graves were brought in from the battlefields immediately surrounding the cemetery, the majority of them of soldiers who died in the Autumn of 1916 during the latter stages of the Battle of the Somme, but a few represent the fighting in August 1918. There are now 2,755 Commonwealth servicemen of the First World War buried or commemorated in this cemetery. 1,375 of the burials are unidentified but there are special memorials to 23 casualties known or believed to be buried among them. The cemetery and memorial were designed by W H Cowlshaw.

OTHER MEMORIALS Saint Andrew's Fingringhoe & the Methodist Chapel Fingringhoe



THE UNITED BENEFICE OF ABBERTON, EAST DONYPOND, FINGRINGHOE, LANGENHOE