
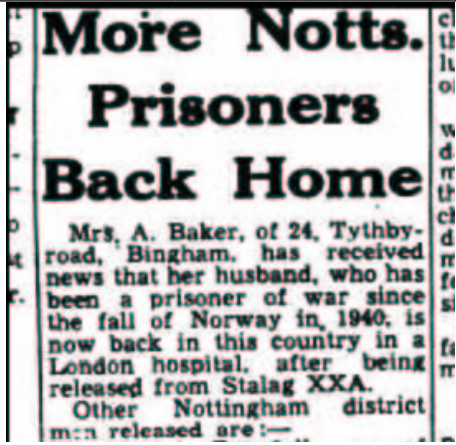


<b>Private, 8<sup>th</sup> Btn. Sherwood Foresters 4976060</b>	<b>Albert John Baker</b>	<b>24 Tythby Road</b>	<b>Source: RBL/newspaper report</b>
Born	19 November 1917		
War Service	<p>The 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion was formed as a territorial Army Unit to recruit in Nottinghamshire. HQ at Newark</p> <p>Albert was 26 when war broke out. We do not know the date he joined the TA – possibly before he was married in 1936. Normally, as a married man with children he would not have been conscripted, but as TA soldier he would probably have been automatically called to full time service.</p> <p>In the spring of 1940 Germany launched attacks against Scandinavia and Western Europe. Norway was strategically and economically important to both Germany and the Allies. Hitler decided to pre-empt an Allied move and German troops invaded Norway by sea and air on 9 April 1940.</p> <p>In April 1940, the 8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters landed in Norway as part of the ill-fated attempt to assist the Norwegian Army against the Germans. The Battalion had had little training and was not fully equipped; a situation made worse when the ship carrying its vehicles and heavy equipment was sunk. The Battalion became involved in a withdrawal through mountains and deep snow pursued by ski troops supported by aircraft and tanks; the remnants eventually being evacuated to Scotland.</p> <p>Albert Baker was captured and transferred to prisoner of war camp Stalag XXA in Torun, Poland.</p>		 <p>30 January 1942</p>
1939 register	24 Tythby Road Ethel May Hickman, b. 27 Sep 1895 <i>Five closed records</i> Irene Elizabeth Baker, b. 9 Dec 1917 John Roy Mark Baker, b. 12 Dec 1936	Day work Poor Law institution Unpaid domestic duties	

	Margaret Ann Baker [Wills], b. 29 Dec 1937		
1939 Register	7 Mill lane, Orston Henry M Baker, b. 10 November 1890 Susan, b. 8 July 1893 William, b. 9 October 1919 Arthur B, b. 28 January 1931 <i>Two closed records</i>	Wheelwright and Joiner Domestic Servant Wheelwright, joiner, undertaker Builders Labourer <i>One of these may be Albert. (Note – on original enumeration document these are on next page but same house number. Next records after these are for number 8 Mill Lane.)</i>	
Marriage/ children	Albert J Baker married Jane Elizabeth Hickman Sep. 1936 Bingham. Note: although “Jane” appears in Free Bmd and other marriage records, “Irene” is clear on 1939 Register and in death records. He was a joiner from Orston, as was his father, Henry Mark Baker (from marriage certificate). Son: John Roy Mark Baker, b. 12 Dec 1936 Bingham Margaret Ann Baker, b. 29 Dec 1937 Bingham Janet M Baker b. Sep 1940 Bingham Diane E Baker b. Jun 1945 Bingham, no father shown on birth certificate		 <p>1 May 1945</p>
Father's Family Census 1911	Orston, Nottinghamshire (grandfather) Arthur Baker b. 1866, Lincolnshire (father) Henry Mark Baker, b. 1891, Grantham		Wheelwright and joiner
Mother's Family Census 1911	(father) John T Hickman, b. 1898 Newark	Petty Officer, Royal Navy in 1936 (marriage certificate)	
Bingham Cemetery	Hickman Ethel May a wife & mother died 4 Feb 1974 aged 79 Hickman SE died 29 Dec 1935 aged 74 Hickman William Herbert died 28 Apr 1976 aged 77		

Death/probate	5 Edinburgh Drive, Bingham, d. 30 December 1978. Probate: 10 May 1979 £2185.
Deaths	Irene Elizabeth Baker July 1946, Nottingham. Dob 1917 Albert J Baker, Sep 2006, DoB 19 Nov 1917