

Gunner of Renown



Royal Australian Artillery Historical Company

Captain Thomas Charles BAKER, DFC, MM and Bar

(1897-1918)

Thomas Baker enlisted the AIF as a reinforcement gunner joining 16th Battery that had arrived in France in time for the first battle of the Somme in mid-1916. He won the MM as a signaller with a forward observer party and a Bar to the MM for putting out a fire in a gun pit containing ammunition.

He yearned to fly and was accepted into the Australian Flying Corps first as a mechanic and then as a pilot. He flew his first operational mission in June 1918 and shot down 8 enemy aircraft, many at very close range, before he was shot down and killed a few days before the Armistice.

For more information follow the link below.

<http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/baker-thomas-charles-5111>