## **Private Arthur Charles BAKER**



Arthur Charles Baker was the youngest son of William and Maria Baker, born at Lincoln in 1897. In 1916 he enlisted at Sleaford



into the Lincolnshire Regiment and spent almost a year training in England before being drafted out to the Western Front. He then transferred to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers (Service No 242788) and in August 1918 came home on short leave to Fern Cottage, Martin where he lived with his parents.

Shortly after returning to the battlefields of Northern France Private Arthur Baker was sadly killed in action on Sunday 1st September 1918 near Bapaume on the Somme. He was just 21 years old and buried in the HAC Cemetery at Escoust St Mein. A memorial service was held in Holy Trinity church on Sunday 29 September 1918 for Arthur and two other villagers who had been

killed in the war.



