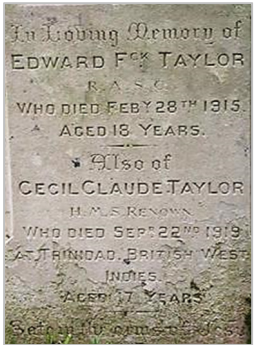



Tisbury Roll of Honour
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

 <p style="text-align: center;">Edward Frederick Taylor</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">St John the Baptist Church, Tisbury</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EDWARD FREDERICK TAYLOR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">of Tisbury, Wiltshire</p>
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Date/Place of birth	Chicksgrove 1897	2
Birth registered	March Q 1897 Tisbury Reg District 5a 195	5
Baptised	21 March 1897 St John the Baptist Church Tisbury	1
Father	Charles Frederick Taylor of Sherborne, Dorset. Married Dec Q 1896 Tisbury Reg District 5a 461	5
Mother	Fanny Jane (nee Stevens) of Chicksgrove	2
Siblings	Cecil Claude and Rose	2
1901 Census	6 Beaufoy Terrace, (above laundry) Lambeth, London. Age 4. Father's occupation Railway Porter	2
1911 Census	Chicksgrove, Tisbury. Age 14, Messenger Boy. (With maternal grandparents, mother wdwd & re-married Ernest Shute)	2

Rank	Driver	3
Regiment	Army Service Corps attached 1st South West Mounted Brigade	3
Enlisted	Tisbury	6
Service Number	T/262	3
Medals		
Date of Death/Age	28 February 1915 aged 18	3
Cause	Accidentally shot, died Salisbury Infirmary (Salisbury & Winchester Journal)	
Burial/Memorial	St John the Baptist Churchyard, Tisbury, Wiltshire	3



 <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edward's headstone in St John the Baptist churchyard carries a dedication to his brother Cecil Claude Taylor, WW1 casualty, who died in Trinidad, British West Indies, age 18 years</i></p>	<p>Shooting Tragedy at Tisbury - Territorial's Sad Death</p> <p>A distressing shooting accident occurred at Tisbury on Saturday afternoon, when Edward Taylor, a driver in the 1st South Western Mounted Brigade, Army Service Corps (Territorials), received injuries from which he died in the Salisbury Infirmary on Sunday morning.</p> <p>Driver Taylor and a comrade, Driver William Coombs, had arranged to go out shooting on Saturday afternoon and Driver Taylor called at the house where his friend was staying. Driver Coombs loaded a small rifle of the Winchester pattern, and took it into the scullery where Driver Taylor was waiting. He placed the rifle on the table and it was immediately discharged. The muzzle was pointing directly towards Taylor, who received the charge in his stomach.</p> <p>Medical assistance was immediately procured and the removal of the injured ... <i>(unreadable)</i> ... an operation was performed but it was found impossible stop the haemorrhage and the unfortunate young man died on Sunday morning.</p> <p>An inquest into the circumstances of the occurrence was conducted at the Salisbury Infirmary on Monday evening by the Salisbury City Coroner (Mr S Buchanan-Smith) and a jury, of whom Mr W H Blanchett was the foreman. The inquiry was attended by the Chief Constable Mr F Richardson and Lieutenant Harman.</p> <p>Mrs Shute, wife of Ernest Shute, groom, of East Dinton, said the deceased was her son by a former marriage. His name was Edward Taylor, and he was 18 years of age, and a driver in the 1st South Western Mounted Brigade, A.S.C. He lived with her brother at Chicksgrove, near Tisbury.</p> <p>On Saturday, in consequence of a communication, she went to the Salisbury Infirmary where she found her son was a patient. She remained with him till 1.15 on Sunday morning, when he died.</p> <p>The Coroner: Did he say anything to you, Mrs Shute? Mrs Shute: Yes. 'Don't worry, mother. It is a pure accident'. Did he say anything else? He said he would not have had it happen for anything.</p>
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<p><i>£3.00 War Gratuity paid to Mrs Frances Shute (mother)</i></p>  <p>Tisbury War Memorial</p>	<p>Leslie Gauler, a boy seven years of age, living at Chicks Grove, said he was staying at the same house with Edward Taylor. After dinner on Saturday his grandmother went to Tisbury to do some shopping and he accompanied 'Teddy'. They went to Mrs Coombs house at East Tisbury. When they got to the house he saw William Coombs come from the living room into the scullery. He had a gun in his hand and he placed it on the table. It went off and knocked 'Teddy' down.</p> <p>Bertie William Thomas Coombs, a driver in the 1st South Western Mounted Brigade, A.S.C., Territorial Force, said he was living at Chicks Grove, East Tisbury, with his parents. He went into Tisbury for drill every day. Driver Taylor occasionally did some shooting with his cousin, William Coombs, and sometimes with him. On Saturday witness returned from Tisbury between one o'clock and half past one, and had dinner with his mother and father and cousin. During the meal Edward Taylor called at the house and went into the scullery. His cousin got up about a minute later, and taking a small rifle of the Winchester pattern from the corner of the hall, went into the scullery with it.</p> <p>The Coroner: Did you hear anything? Witness: I instantly heard the report of a gun going off. What did you do? My mother got up from the table and I followed her into the scullery. What did you see? I saw Edward there and my cousin told me what had happened – that he went to lay the rifle down on the table and immediately it touched the table it went off. Witness added that he saw a wound in Taylor's stomach. He reported the matter to Lieutenant Harman, who advised him to get the Tisbury doctor to attend the injured man.</p> <p>What did your cousin tell you he was doing with the rifle? He said he took the rifle and laid it down on the table and as soon as the rifle touched the table it went off. Did he say anything else? He told me to get a doctor at once. Witness added that the injury was dressed by the doctor who said Taylor must be taken to the Salisbury Infirmary at once. Witness accompanied him to Salisbury. During the journey Taylor said nothing about the accident, but he told him that as soon as he got better he would get rid of the thing (ie the rifle). The rifle belonged to Taylor and witness, who purchased it between them. The Foreman: Was it at full cock when your cousin placed it on the table? Witness: I cannot say. The Foreman: It could not go off alone. Replying to the Coroner, witness said he had used the rifle which had a rather light pull, although it was safe.</p> <p>Albert William Thomas Coombs, a driver in the 1st South Western Mounted Brigade, A.S.C. said the deceased was a chum of his. On Saturday February 27th between one and two o'clock, he was in his uncle's house at Chicks Grove, where he was billeted. While he was having dinner, Taylor arrived. Witness picked up the rifle, loaded it as he went into the scullery, and placed it on the table. It went down with a bit of a jar, and the charge went off. He had previously made arrangements with Taylor to go out shooting. When he placed the rifle on the table Taylor was standing about a yard away. The muzzle was pointing towards him. Immediately after the discharge he fell. He put his hand upon his stomach and said 'Oh'. He asked witness to lay him down on the floor, and he did so and sent for a doctor, under whose instructions he was subsequently taken to the Infirmary. The rifle had a light pull.</p> <p>The Coroner: You say the rifle jarred on the table. Witness: Yes, sir, I put the butt on the table and let the other part slightly drop. Could anything have hit the trigger in any way? No. Simply the jar caused it to be discharged? Yes, sir. The Foreman: It is not usual to load the gun indoors before you go out shooting, is it? Witness: No, sir. Well, why did you do so? I was loading it to go straight out. You don't generally load a gun until you go out, especially a military man? No, sir.</p> <p>Mr H Rawlence, House Surgeon at Salisbury Infirmary, said Taylor was admitted at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon. He was in a state of profound collapse and was restless. He had a wound about the size of a pea just below the breast bone. The Assistant House Surgeon obtained the assistance of Dr Henderson, and an operation was immediately decided upon because Taylor was evidently suffering from haemorrhage, which was increasing. An operation was performed at 6.45. They were unable to stop the haemorrhage and Taylor's mother, who was in the waiting room, was told that there was practically no hope of his recovery as there had been so much blood loss and no means of stopping it. Despite every attention, he died on Sunday morning from haemorrhage and shock.</p> <p>Military Funeral</p> <p>The funeral of the deceased took place, with military honours, at Tisbury, on Tuesday afternoon. The body was conveyed from Salisbury by train, and was met at Tisbury railway station by members of the T & S Column of the 1st South Western Mounted Brigade under the command of Lieutenant Harman and Lieutenant G.A. Bull (officer in charge of the depot) and a number of Kitchener's Army who are billeted in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>The cortege was headed by the firing party, under Staff Sergeant Major Dredge. Then came the coffin, draped with the Union Jack, and carried by six local Territorials, six others acting as pall bearers. The family mourners followed and after them came the remainder of the deceased's comrades in the Territorials and members of the Loyal Warder Lodge of Oddfellows, of which deceased was a member. The approach to the church was lined by Boy Scouts and the cortege was met at the church gates by the clergy and the choir. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev C.A. Hutchinson, and the Rev A.E. Saul. At the graveside the firing party fired three volleys and the 'Last Post' was sounded by the buglers.</p> <p><i>Salisbury & Winchester Journal, Saturday 6th March 1915</i></p>  <p>Commemorated: War Memorial & St John the Baptist Church Plaque, Tisbury</p>
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