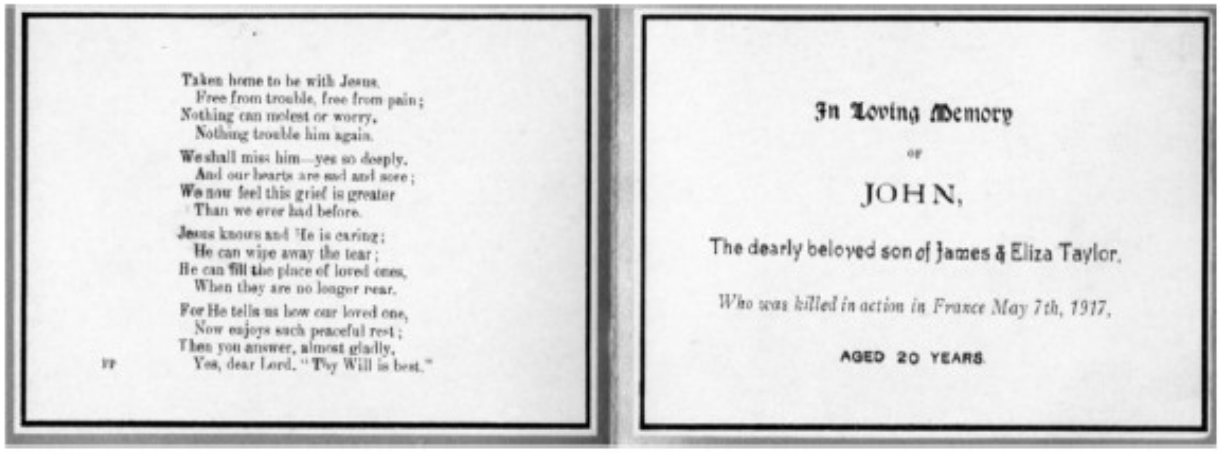
Newspaper cutting May 1917

DEATH OF PRIVATE JOHN TAYLOR.

The death occurred in action on the 7th inst.[5] of Private John Taylor, London Regiment, the eldest son by his second wife of Mr. James Taylor, of Barnfield, Hoadley's Lane, St. John's, Crowborough. He was only 20 years of age, and received his education at St. John's Schools, being afterwards employed as a messenger at Crowborough Post Office. Later, he went as a waiter to the Crest Hotel, and had held situations in a similar capacity at Worthing and Tunbridge Wells. Mrs. Taylor has received the following letter from Second Lieutenant, E. C. Ackerman, London Regiment:—

Dear Madam,—I am very sorry to have to inform you that your son was killed on the 7th inst. I could not write and inform you before, as we are only just out of the line. He was killed by a shell while on duty, and I am glad to say that his death was instantaneous. Your son was very popular with the men, and we are very sorry for you in your trouble. We buried him the same night very near where he fell.

The parents received the official notice of Private Taylor's death on Saturday. Mr. Taylor has six other sons, three of whom are serving and one has been discharged. His two younger boys are attending St. John's School. His two eldest sons by his first wife, viz., Charles and Stephen, are in France with the Canadian and Motor Transport respectively and Thomas is with the R.F.A. in Salonica. Of the four sons by his second wife William has received his discharge from the Army, and John, as above mentioned, has been killed.



Taken home to be with Jesus,
Free from trouble, free from pain;
Nothing can molest or worry,
Nothing trouble him again.

We shall miss him—yes so deeply,
And our hearts are sad and sore;
We now feel this grief is greater
Than we ever had before.

Jesus knows and He is caring;
He can wipe away the tear;
He can fill the place of loved ones,
When they are no longer near.

For He tells us how our loved one,
Now enjoys such peaceful rest;
Then you answer, almost gladly,
Yes, dear Lord, "Thy Will is best."

PP

In Loving Memory

OF

JOHN,

The dearly beloved son of James & Eliza Taylor,

Who was killed in action in France May 7th, 1917,

AGED 20 YEARS.