41 2nd Lieutenant Charles Taylor, age 24

Charles Taylor was the son of Henry and Margaret Taylor and lived with his family at Ford Place, Penshurst. Charles was born in Penshurst as were all his family. Henry Taylor was a farmer. Little is known about Charles save that he fought with the 11th Division Ammunition Column, attached C Battery, 59th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. This Division had seen action in many of the theatres of the First World War, having taken part in the Dardanelles campaign, then, after some months defending the Suez Canal, moved in 1916 to the Somme area. It was to remain in Flanders until 1918.

May 1918 saw a brief respite in the German tripartite offensive on the Allied forces, after the Battle of the Lys, and before the battle of the Aisne which commenced towards the end of the month. During this time Charles was killed aged 24, on 9th May, and he is buried in the Communal Cemetery Extension at Hersin in France.

Records state that in November his effects, of £216 and 17 shillings, were left to his father Henry George Taylor.