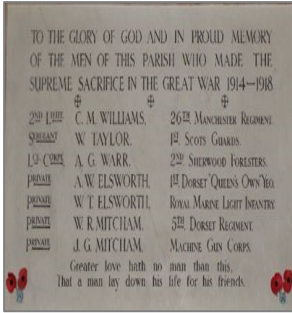



Ludgershall Roll of Honour  
THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918

 <p>TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN PROUD MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THIS PARISH WHO MADE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE IN THE GREAT WAR 1914-1918</p> <p>2<sup>ND</sup> LI<sup>FT</sup> C. M. WILLIAMS. 26<sup>TH</sup> MANCHESTER REGIMENT SERJEANT W. TAYLOR. 1<sup>ST</sup> SCOTS GUARDS 1<sup>ST</sup> CORP. A. G. WARR. 2<sup>ND</sup> SHERWOOD FORESTERS SERJEANT A. W. ELSWORTH. 1<sup>ST</sup> DORSET QUEENS OWN REG SERJEANT W. T. ELSWORTH. ROYAL MARINE LIGHT INFANTRY SERJEANT W. R. MITCHAM. 5<sup>TH</sup> DORSET REGIMENT SERJEANT J. G. MITCHAM. MACHINE GUN CORPS</p> <p>Greater love hath no man than this, That a man lay down his life for his friends.</p> <p>St Mary's Church Woolland Roll of Honour</p>	 <p>Vis-En-Artois British Cemetery</p>	<p><b>WILLIAM TAYLOR</b> of Shroton, Dorset</p>
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Date of birth	1885	Baptised	
Birth registered	Sept Q 1885 Blandford Reg District Vol 5a Page 252		2
Birthplace	Shroton, Dorset		2

Father	Arthur Taylor b.1852 Gillingham Dorset. Occupation 1911 - Farmer	3
Mother	Sarah (nee Collins) b.1855 Fifehead Neville Dorset. Married March Q 1883 Blandford Reg District	2
	Sarah Taylor d.1895. Arthur Taylor re-married Alice Downton age 26 in 1903 who had one son, Percy age 4	
Siblings	Thomas b.1883, Randolph b.1886, George 1888-1908, Felix b.1890, Herbert 1891-1914, Walter 1892-1913,	3
Step-Siblings	Ernest b.1904, Victor Ralph b.1905, Stanley b.1907, Cecil Richard b.1909, Blanche Victoria b.1911	3

Residence 1901	Kingston, Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset. Occupation - Butcher's Asst. With Aunt & Uncle William and Mary Thorne	3
Residence 1911	Rawlsbury Farm, Ansty, Dorchester, Dorset. Occupation - Working on farm	3

Wife	Mary Victoria (nee Elsworth). Married 2.8.1911 St Mark's, Easton, Bristol. William - Police Constable Devizes
Children	Arthur William b.04.12. 1911, Eric born 1.03 1913, bapt 16.05.1913 St James Ludgershall, Ronald b.16.11. 1918

Rank	Sergeant	1
Regiment	1 <sup>st</sup> Battalion Scots Guards	1
Enlisted	5 August 1914	1
Service Number	5949	1
Medals	Victory and British War Medals	4
Date of Death	27 September 1918 age 34	1
Cause	Killed in Action	1
Burial/Memorial	Vis-En-Artois Memorial, Pas-de-Calais, France. Memorial Ref: Panel 3	1

<p>NOTES</p>  <p>Regimental Badge Scots Guards</p>  <p>Wiltshire Police logo</p>	<p>21 February 1905 enlisted Scots Guards age 18 years 6months 21 February 1907 granted 1st Good Conduct Badge 21 February 1908 transferred on expiration of Army service 27 June 1911 (Station Books Wilts Constabulary) at Divisional HQ Devizes, Warrant No. 80 05 August 1911 transferred to Marlborough Division, beat Bell Street and Biddesden, Ludgershall; rank 4<sup>th</sup> C.C. 12 November 1912 transferred to Amesbury Division, rank Constable, beat unchanged 05 August 1914 re-joined Regiment 29 March 1916 promoted to Corporal 17 April 1917 promoted to Sergeant. Height 5' 8" weight 141 lbs fresh complexion, grey eyes, dark brown hair. Church of England. 13 January 1917 entered France 25 July 1917 wounded in action and gassed 07 August 1917 transferred to 3 Convalescent Depot, Treport, Trouville Area 15 August 1917 admitted to 3 Canadian Gen Hospital, Boulogne with WO gas shell</p> <p>Wife Mary Victoria buried 03 Aug 1943 St Mary's Woolland, Dorset age 56 along with 2 sons - Arthur d.1934 and Eric d.1940 Son Eric baptised 16 May 1913 St James Ludgershall. Ludgershall Electoral Rolls 1915 &amp; 1918: Willie and Mary Victoria living at Butt Street near Police Station.</p> <p>Commemorated: Ludgershall War Memorial, St James' Church Memorial Plaque, Salisbury Cathedral Book of Remembrance, Plaque at Police HQ Devizes, St Mary's Church Woolland Dorset</p>
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1 = Commonwealth War Graves Commission  
4 = WWI Medal Rolls Index Card 1914-1920

2 = Free BMD Birth Index 1837-1915  
5 = Ludgershall Parish Records

3 = 1891/1901/1911 Census