

In Memory Of

ARTHUR TAYLOR

**Private 12146
1st Bn., Black Watch (Royal Highlanders)
who died on Thursday, 28th June 1917**

Born Godley, Cheshire

Enlisted Manchester

Died How Died of wounds

Theatre of War France & Flanders

Additional Inf. Son of Fred and Elizabeth Ann Taylor, of 4, Deal Street, Hyde.

Commemorative Information

Cemetery: COXYDE MILITARY CEMETERY, Koksijde, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium
**Grave Reference/
Panel Number:** I. B. 53.

Location: Coxyde Military Cemetery is located 1 kilometre beyond the village of Koksijde on the N396 towards De Panne. From Koksijde Dorp the N396, Houtsaegerlaan crosses the Zeelaan and at the same time changes its name to Robert Vandammestraat. 1 kilometre along the Robert Vandammestraat N369, on the right hand side, lies the cemetery.

Historical Information: In June, 1917, the British Fourth Army took over 6.5 kilometres of front from the sea to a point South of Nieuport, and they held this sector for six months. Coxyde was about 10 kilometres behind the front line; and the Cemetery had already been begun by the French troops who were relieved. The village was used for rest billets, and was occasionally shelled; but the Cemetery was found to be reasonably safe, and it became the most important of the British graveyards on the Belgian coast. It was used at night for the burial of the dead from the front line. The French troops who took over in December, 1917, continued to use it, and during 1918 British Naval personnel based on Dunkerque were buried in it. After the Armistice, the remains of British soldiers were re-buried in the Cemetery. Ten of them had been buried in isolated graves. Nineteen came from Furnes Road British Cemetery, Coxyde, a cemetery made in July, 1917, by the 2nd Manchesters and the 49th (West Riding) Division on the East side of the road to Furnes. Twenty five (of whom 22 belonged to the 49th Division) came from Oosthoek Military Cemetery, Adinkerke, 3 kilometres South-West of Coxyde. From the 1939-45 War, the majority of the casualties occurred during the defence of the Dunkirk-Nieuport perimeter in May 1940. There are now over 1,500, 1914-18 and over 150, 1939-45 war casualties commemorated in this site. The 16th Highland Light Infantry erected in the Cemetery a memorial to 1 officer and 28 men who fell at Lombartzyde on the 11th July, 1917, during the German attack on Nieuport, and of whom 15 are buried in Plot I, Row B. The cemetery covers an area of 7,766 square metres.