

KILLED IN ACTION.—Mr. George Taylor, of High-street, Stoke, has received the news that his son, Private Edward Taylor, of the Coldstream Guards, was killed on the 30th of November. Private Taylor, who was in Canada at the outbreak of the war, immediately left for England to take his part in the defence of his country. He had been fighting in France for two years and eight months, and had been in six important battles. On one occasion he brought his Captain, who was wounded, out of the fighting on his back, and on another occasion brought in another officer after wading a river with him. He had served his country well, having as a volunteer passed through the South African war. The following letter has been received from his officer:—

“With great regret I have to inform you that your son, Private E. Taylor, was killed in action on the 30th of November. He took part in one of the greatest achievements of the Regiment, but was struck by a bullet and died on the battlefield. He was one of the best men in the platoon, and was a man the Battalion could ill afford to lose. Since he first came out he has done consistently well, and was specially mentioned to me by the previous commander of the platoon when I took on. I hope you will accept my sincerest sympathy in your great loss.”

—Much sympathy is expressed in the parish with the bereaved family.