

**ST JAMES CHURCH TAUNTON**  
**WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL PROJECT**

# **William Dade**



**Name:** William Dade

**Rank:** Private

**Service Number:** 19600

**Regiment:** Coldstream Guards

**Battalion/Unit number:** 3rd Battalion

**Date/year of Birth:** 1895

**Place of Birth:** ?

**Date of Death:** 14th September 1914

**Place of Death:** France

**Memorial:** La Ferte-Sous-Jouarre Memorial

William Dade lived at home with his parents, Samuel and Emily Dade, at 5 St James Street, Taunton. On the 1911 census he was working as an Under Gardner, while his father worked in a fish shop, although in February 1914 he joined the army, signing up for the Coldstream Guards. As a regular soldier he was quickly posted to France once war broke out. He was reported missing on 7th October 1914, and presumed killed in action on or about 14th September, probably in the First Battle of the Aisne preventing the German offensive towards Paris.

On 24th March 1915, many months after William had gone missing, the following article appeared in the Taunton Courier:

*"Mr. and Mrs. E. Dade of 5, St James Street, Taunton, would be glad to receive information about their son, Private William Dade, who enlisted in the Coldstream Guards on February 16th 1914, the same day as the late Private E. Thorn. He left England for the Front on August 31st last, and was reported missing after an engagement on October 7th. On March 8th Mrs. Dade received a reply to a letter addressed to the War Office stating that enquiries had been made in Germany, and a report had come from the Central Committee of the German Society of the Red Cross, sent through the American Embassy in Berlin, stating that no information relative to their son was available in Berlin at present. The anxiety is naturally very trying to the parents, who would be relieved to receive any tidings of their son from comrades at the Front, or soldiers who have returned to England."*