



Young Heritage Hunters

MK Academy Research World War I True Stories of Courage: Under Fire



World War I recruitment poster



World War I greetings card sent from the front

There are many stories that have been passed down through generations and recorded in magazines about the soldiers, sailors, widows, bereaved, injured and attacked people and prisoners of war. A pamphlet was created called 'Under Fire' to raise money for the 'Royal Soldiers Rest' that included true stories.

One story tells us about friendship and courage. A man lost all his flesh from his knee to his hip on both legs and one of his friends gave some of his skin to be grafted to his mate. He said 'we must help our chums.'

In another story, a once beautiful French village was destroyed by the Germans. The German soldier's bodies were buried in the front garden of a house. Over time the graves were covered in weeds and grass until they had nearly vanished. The British Regiment in their free time repaired the site and put up crosses. A six foot wooden cross was put up in the cemetery. It said "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us".

This spirit made us proud of our gallant men.

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