



# Young Heritage Hunters

## MK Academy Research World War I A Gallant Soldier



Albert French in military uniform



Memorial erected for Albert French



A booklet called 'Under-Fire' is held at Living Archive. In it there is a story of a soldier who fought for 'King and Country'. There is also information about Albert French who has a different story to tell.

In the booklet there was a story of 'a Gallant Soldier' in hospital...

"I had an operation, cutting my right thigh through to the bone...' When it was off, the doctor was astonished at its progress and said, "I cannot understand your wound healing in such a short time, unless I put it down that you are a Teetotaller." I said "Yes doctor, I am proud to say I am".

Interestingly the soldier and the doctor makes light of the injury by talking about it in this way.

Albert French came from Wolverton, running off to join up, just leaving a note for his family. He was too young to be a soldier and lied about his age to go to war. Although, many saw this action as patriotic; his brother said that he should not have been there. He was killed in battle at the age of 17.

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Find out more about Albert French's letters visit: [www.mkheritage.co.uk/la](http://www.mkheritage.co.uk/la)

