



# Young Heritage Hunters

## MK Academy Research World War I Cobb's cards



Lucy and Lauren carrying out research



Fredrick Cobb lived in Bletchley. He bought and owned a hat factory in Luton. Luton was famous for hat production and got the town the nickname the Hatters.

He fought in the trenches. During his time there, he sent postcards home to his family. The messages were brief but showed that his family were in his thoughts. One said 'From Fred, in the trenches should you like to be here.'

The following message was probably sent to his mother 'With love from your darling boy Fred.' The messages did not reveal much about what he did or how he felt but this message gives an insight.

'From your ever loving and true darling Fred. Your letter was very nice and it cheered me up so dear

and I do love you so, when I get home I can tell you how I love you.' This was sent to his wife Charlotte who died in the 1970s.

Searches were carried out on [www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) and [www.findmypast.co.uk](http://www.findmypast.co.uk) to find war records of Fredrick Cobb. While we found a couple of records that were similar, they were not for the same person. This helped us to realise that it is not easy being a heritage hunter.

### By Lauren and Lucy.

Cards, medals and souvenirs from Frederick Cobb are on show in the display case with the kind permission of Lucy Brignell and her family. She is Frederick Cobb's great, great, great, great grand daughter.