PRESS CALL

THE first full-length statue of a First World War private will be erected at the start of next year's commemoration and on November 23 the media are invited to view the clay original.

Sculptor John Doubleday will open his Great Totham studio from 10am to 4pm and the work may be filmed or photographed from noon. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

Private Herbert Columbine VC represents all Tommies who fought for their country in appalling conditions.

The project – whose patron is the actress Judi Dench -was the vision of Michael Turner whose unexpected death on November 2 deprived him of seeing its culmination.

The author of *Herbert Columbine VC*, Carole McEntee-Taylor will be in attendance to sign copies of the biography. The event will also be attended by the High Sheriff of Essex,

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