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Who was Flambeau? Not a politician, not a detective, but a dog - a dog so special that in the city of Lanslebourg, with full military honours, they unveil a memorial to him. No - this isn't Flambeau, but a stand-in. From 1931 to 1933 Flambeau belonged to the 3rd Battalion the Alpine Infantry Regiment, based at Fort Sollières,. He was the communications link between the fort and the city of Lanslebourg, and from Lanslebourg each day he set out on his journey across the mountains.

Flambeau knew all to dangers of these Alpine slopes but, sure-footed, he picked his way towards the Fort of Sollières, two thousand, seven hundred and eighty metres up. He warden the Colonel of the Alpine Infantry decided to bestow upon his memory, The Order of the Regiment. But Flambeau had a greater claim to that high honour.

Out of the snows of avalanches, no less than ten times he rescued victims - still alive. In Lanslebourg and Fort Sollières they will not soon forget the name of Flambeau.