

1917 Diary of C.F.Castle.

All the entries he made in his Ancient Order Of Foresters Diary for that year, while serving at the Front.

Day	Date in 1917	Diary entry
Tu	24 April 1917	Drew 10 Franks
F	11 May	Drew 30 Franks
M	28 May	Drew 50 Franks
S	16 June	Drew 40 Franks
M	02 July	Drew 40 Franks
M	16 July	Letter from Charlie
W	18 July	Letter and Almanack Posted. Drew 40 Franks
Tu	24 July	Work at Haverincourt Wood Laying cable
W	25 July	Work at Haverincourt Wood Letter from Birmingham
Th	26 July	Work at Haverincourt Wood
F	27 July	Work at Haverincourt Wood
S	28 July	Work at Haverincourt Wood
Su	29 July	Sundry jobs in Camp
M	30 July	Sundry jobs in Camp. Went out on Night work
Tu	31 July	Rest. On Picket at night
W	01 August	Sundry jobs in Camp
Th	02 August	Letter from Mother and H Hawkes
F	03 August	Work at stables in Etricourt. Sent letter to Mother
S	04 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
Su	05 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
M	06 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
Tu	07 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
W	08 August	Work in Averincourt Wood
Th	09 August	Drew 40 Franks Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
F	10 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
S	11 August	Laying cable
Su	12 August	Laying cable
M	13 August	Work at Averincourt Wood Picket duty
Tu	14 August	Laying cable
W	15 August	Laying cable
Th	16 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
F	17 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
S	18 August	Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
Su	19 August	Picket duty Laying cable in Averincourt Wood
M	20 August	Laying cable
Tu	21 August	Laying cable
W	22 August	Laying cable
Th	23 August	Laying cable
F	24 August	Laying cable
S	25 August	Laying cable
F	31 August	Paid 30 Franks

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S	01 September	Night work laying cable in Averincourt Wood
Su	02 September	Holiday
M	03 September	Sundry jobs at test points in Averincourt Wood
Tu	04 September	Same as day before. Picket Duty at night.
W	05 September	Night work, laying in front of Averincourt Wood
Th	06 September	Night work, laying cable in front of Averincourt Wood
F	07 September	Night work, laying cable in front of Averincourt Wood
S	08 September	Night work, laying cable in front of Wood
Su	09 September	Night work, laying cable in front of Wood
M	10 September	Moved Camp to Metza
Tu	11 September	Making Gas Chamber in L Dug Out
W	12 September	Making Gas Chamber in U Dug Out and started K Dug Out
Th	13 September	Returned back from Metza to Etricourt
F	14 September	Stable picket at Etricourt. Farewell Concert
S	15 September	Sundry jobs at Camp. Picket Duty at night.
Su	16 September	Sundry jobs at Camp
M	17 September	Stable Picket. Lent C/p Waters 5 Franks
Tu	18 September	Left Etricourt and entrained at Baporime West
W	19 September	Mrs H Hawkes died. Arrived at - in Belgium and tracted to Whatava. Watered and fed horses then on to -
Th	20 September	Grooming, etc., at Camp
F	21 September	Grooming, etc., at Camp
S	22 September	Out exercising horses and sundry jobs at Camp. Paid 30 Franks.
Su	23 September	Did Sanitary Duty at Camp. Had half day off.
M	24 September	Grooming at Camp. Went out on Night Work at Canal Bank.
Tu	25 September	Went out on Night Work at Canal Bank. Under heavy shell fire. Half party got lost.
W	26 September	Day off. Received news of the death of Mrs. H Hawkes.
Th	27 September	Grooming and sundry jobs at Camp. 2 Years Service in. At night, disturbed by heavy Air Raid over Camp. No damage or ca(s)u(a)lty.
F	28 September	Went to repair Dugout on Canal Bank.
S	29 September	Grooming and sundry jobs at Camp.
Su	30 September	French Airman brought an en aroplaine down
M	01 October	Sundry jobs at Camp
Tu	02 October	Exercising and grooming
F	05 October	Paid 30 Franks
S	06 October	Terrible shell fire. Out on working party from 4 am till 6.30 pm. Burying cable at Parteridge Farm.
Su	14 October	Sunday (sic) jobs at Camp. Letter from home, Percy.
M	15 October	Stable Picket Day
Tu	16 October	Lent J. Arden 2 1/2 Franks
S	20 October	Stable Picket Day
M	22 October	Lent J. Fellows 2 Franks
S	27 October	Charlie Birthday, age 27. Started on Night Working Party at 8 pm. No bed.
Su	28 October	Were up the Line from 4 o'clock a.m. till 6 o'clock p.m. on working party without food.
M	29 October	Reported sick. Excused Duty. Suffering with Flu.
Tu	30 October	Sick. Excused Duty. Suffering with Flu. Terrible Air Raid over Camp.
W	31 October	Light Duty.

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Th	01 November	Grooming etc.
F	02 November	Day Stable Picket
S	03 November	Drew 30 franks. Lent C. Johnson 6 franks.
Su	04 November	Moved up to Canal Bank to the Remaining Sappers
M	05 November	Repairing Dug out to live in.
Tu	06 November	Working Party up the Line
W	07 November	Same
Th	08 November	Same
F	09 November	Same
S	10 November	Moved back to 19 Core at St Sixty. Lent W. Hall 1 1/2 franks
Su	11 November	Hut Building for 19th Core at St Sixty
M	12 November	Moved nearer the Line for Working Party.
Tu	13 November	Out on Armoured Cable
W	14 November	Out on Armoured Cable
Th	15 November	Out on Working Party
F	16 November	Stayed in Camp. Had a Bath etc.
S	17 November	Stayed in Camp
Su	18 November	Stayed in Camp
M	19 November	Stayed in Camp
Tu	20 November	Laid Armoured Cable 7 pairs from Wood House to Stray Farm
W	21 November	Stayed in camp
Th	22 November	
F	23 November	Went out and put in new Test box on buried route from C.F.Dug Out to R. Dug Out.
S	24 November	Went and finished Test Box etc., from C.F. Dug Out to R. Dug Out. Drew 60 Franks
Su	25 November	Went and took Diagram of Test Points on buried route from O. Dug Out to C.B. Dug Out
M	26 November	Stayed in Camp
Tu	27 November	Stayed in Camp
W	28 November	Went and tested buried route from C.F. Dug Out to C.B. Dug Out.
Th	29 November	Went and laid line from A. Dug Out to C.B.Dug Out. 7 pair Armoured
F	30 November	Took on the Cooking Arrangements
S	01 December	Cooking
Su	02 December	Cooking
M	03 December	Cooking
Tu	04 December	Cooking
W	05 December	Cooking
Th	06 December	Moved to new Dump at Wolston
F	07 December	Taking charge of Dump at Wolston
S	08 December	Unloading stores at Wolston Dump
Su	09 December	Loading and unloading Stores at Wolston Dump
M	10 December	Unloading stores Wolston
Tu	11 December	Unloading stores
W	12 December	Unloading stores at Wolston Dump
Th	13 December	Unloading stores at Wolston Dump
F	14 December	Unloading stores Wolston
S	15 December	Unloading stores at Wolston Dump
Su	16 December	Moved up to A. Dug Out on Canal Bank
M	17 December	General Fatigues
Tu	18 December	Set in sharp frosts. General Fatigues
W	19 December	General Fatigues. Drew 50 Franks.
Th	20 December	General Fatigues.
F	21 December	General Fatigues.