



HISTORY OF SIGNALLING IN 100 OBJECTS THE TELEPHONE SET D MARK 3



The Telephone Set D Mark 3 was introduced into service in 1915. It became the standard telephone of the British Army and overall was extremely successful. It remained in service until 1940. Not only was it a telephone, but it also incorporated a buzzer and an earpiece shown in the picture above. It could be used as a Morse transmitter and receiver when the line quality was poor, which was frequently the case during trench warfare on the Western front. Normally we associate WW1 cable laying with the cable drum to the right, laid in communications trenches or over open ground. The quality of the cable shown did not have good transmission quality hence the use of Morse telegraph.

However, by the end of the War the RE Signal Service had to lay and construct much more complicated telephone cables using overhead telegraph poles similar to those seen still today. This included telephone construction around camps such as the ones at Fovant in Wiltshire. The third picture shows ice damage in 1918 that required a serious amount of maintenance and repair!

