

Private Fred Kay[©] Regimental number: unknown

Unfortunately, little information was provided about Fred in the chaplains' journal.¹ Despite the best efforts of volunteer genealogists as part of this project, without the regimental number or even the regiment's name it was not possible to conclusively identify this **Fred Kay** in order to be able to tell his personal story. That the chaplain's entry is incomplete is not altogether surprising: during the period 7 July 1917 to 13 July 1917, when this soldier was likely admitted, No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station admitted a total of 1790 wounded, as many as 653 on one day.² In spite of this, the chaplain did manage to send a note to his mother on 11 July (probably 1917)—sadly no details were provided. The chaplain also noted that Fred was wounded in the arms and legs.³

As this name did not appear in the burial records of the Adinkerke Churchyard Extension⁴ where others who died around the same time were buried, it is possible that Fred survived. Regardless, his contribution to the war effort should be recognized and valued.

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¹ "Name Index," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa* (www.bifhsgo.ca: accessed 2 May 2025), entry for Kay, Fred, Research source: No. 1 Canadian Casualty Clearing Station

² "War Diaries of the First World War: 1st Canadian Casualty Clearing Station 1914/08/13-1919/03/31," *Library and Archives Canada* (<https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/discover/military-heritage/first-world-war/Pages/war-diaries.aspx>: accessed 1 March 2023)

³ "Name Index," *British Isles Family History Society of Greater Ottawa*, entry for Kay, Fred

⁴ "Adinkerke Churchyard Extension," *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* (www.cwgc.org: accessed 7 March 2023)