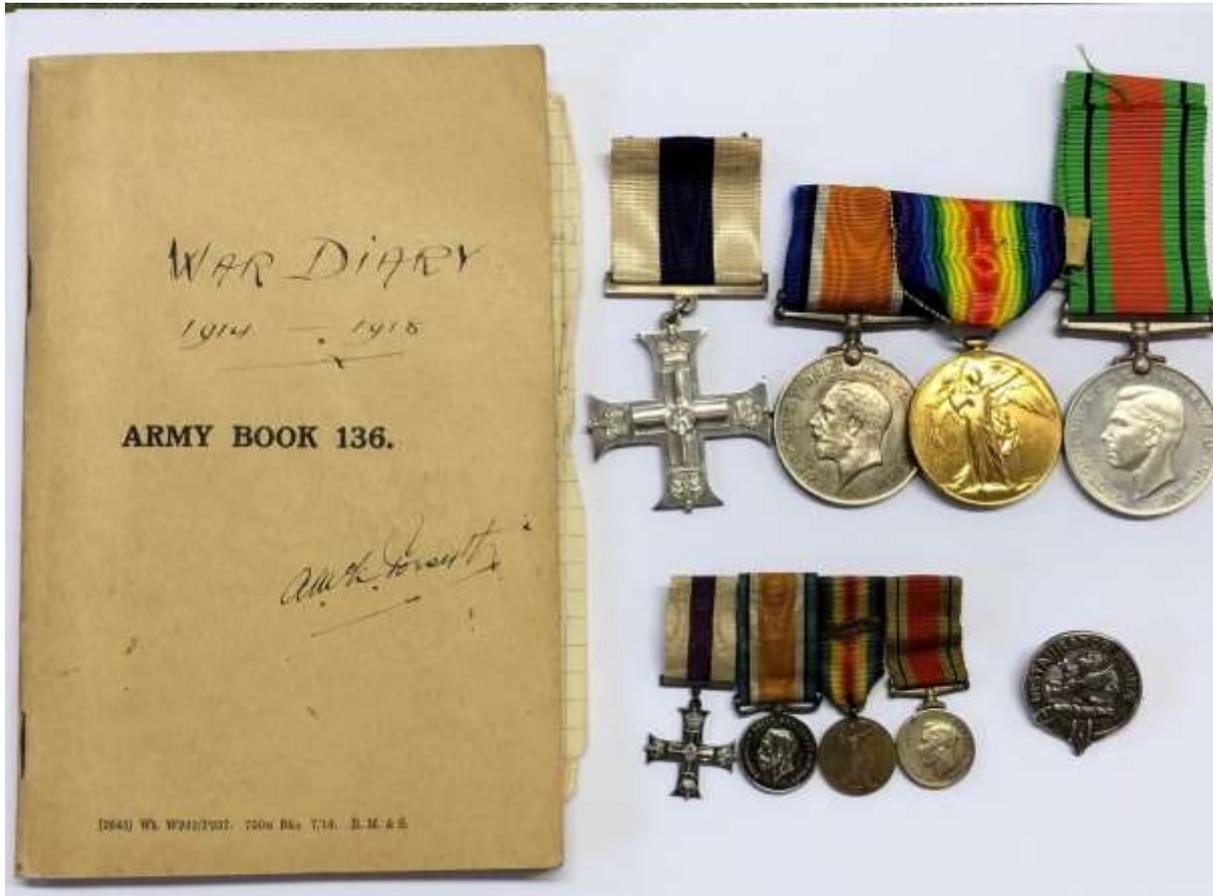


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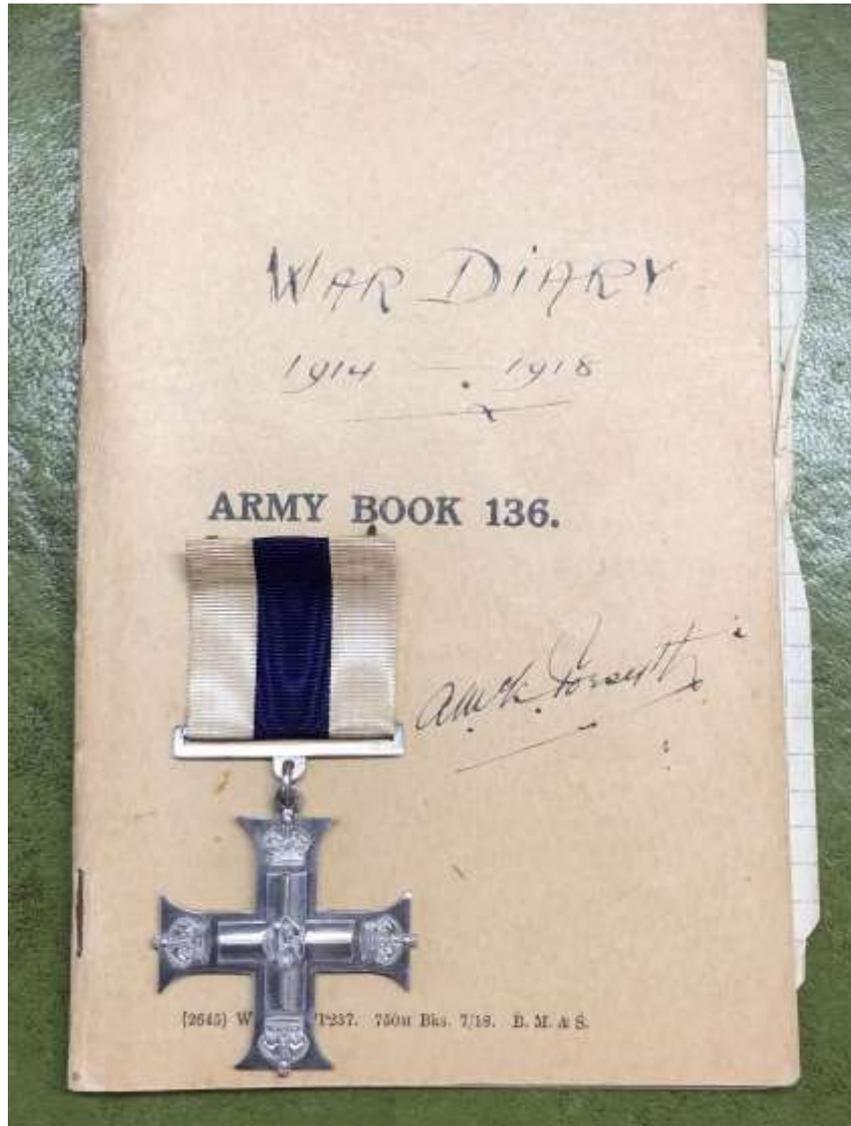
A group of First World War medals and personal items belonging to Captain Forsyth, including a Military Cross, are estimated to sell for up to £1,000 in the Charterhouse December collector's auction.



“Interest remains high for medals, militaria and collectors’ items,” commented Richard Bromell. “However, it is not just the medals which buyers wish to own, but also the back story to the recipient and related items which is just what this lot offers.”

Captain Angus McKenzie Forsyth was born in Nottingham in 1893. Before the war he worked as an accountant. With the medals, which comprise a Military Cross, British War Medal, Victory Medal and Defence Medal, are his Mentioned in Dispatches certificate, sword and scabbard, a pair of horse riding spurs, his silver cigarette box monogrammed with his initials, press cutting and medallions.

However, it is perhaps his War Diary which is perhaps the most interesting piece which ties together his war story.

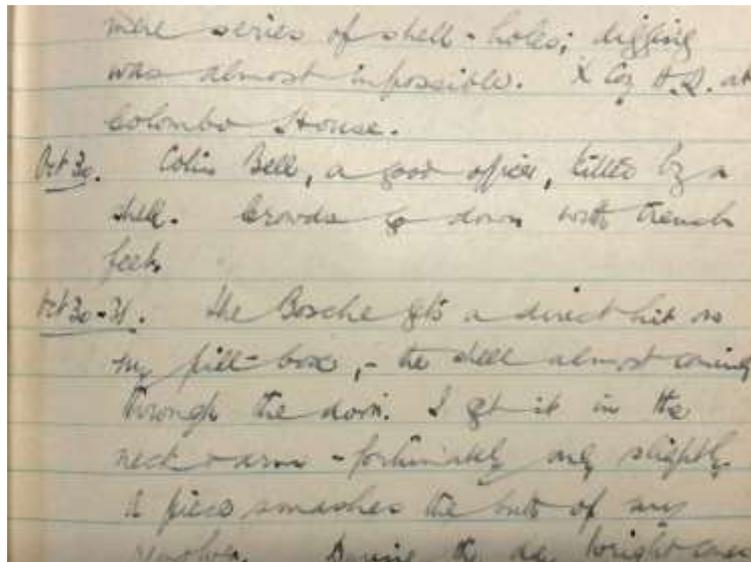


He enlisted in 1914, just after the start of the war and served with the Notts & Derbyshire Regiment. He was awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. In an attack he led his company with great determination, capturing the objective and killing and capturing a large number of the enemy. With utter disregard for his own personal safety he was instrumental in beating back four separate strong counter-attacks with great loss to the enemy. His fine coolness under fire inspired his men greatly.

On 23rd September (1914) his diary entry reads "I duly enlisted, and was accepted, despite my physical shortcomings. Proudly deported a rosette on my buttonhole. My people did not share my enthusiasm!"

30th/31st October (1917) "Colin Bell, a good officer, killed by a shell. Crowds go down with trench feet. The Bosche get a direct hit on my pill box, the shell almost coming

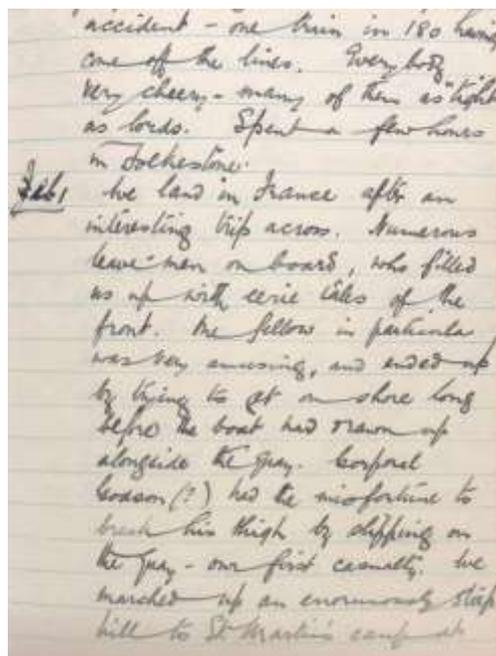
through the door. I get it in the neck and arm – fortunately only slightly, a piece smashes the butt of my revolver...”



more series of shell-holes; digging was almost impossible. X by H.D. at
Columbo House.
Oct 30. Colin Bell, a food officer, killed by a
shell. Crawls to down with trench
feet.
Oct 30-31. The Boche gets a direct hit on
my pill-box, - the shell almost coming
through the door. I get it in the
neck - arm - fortunately only slightly.
A piece smashes the butt of my
revolver. I use the air bright case

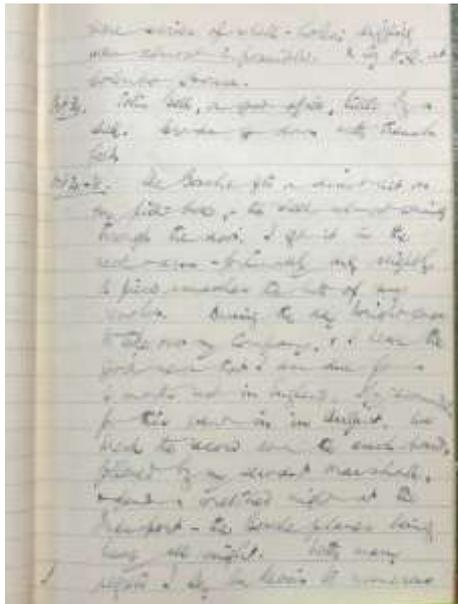
14th November (1914) “My 21st birthday! Fortunately a Saturday, so we left camp at midday & spent the rest of the weekend feeding on the numerous parcels I received.”

1st February (1916) “We land in France after an interesting crossing....Corporal Godson (?) had the misfortune to break his thigh by slipping on the quay – our first casualty...”



accident - no train in 180 hours
one off the line. Everybody
very cheery - many of them as light
as birds. Spent a few hours
in Rochester.
Feb 1 we land in France after an
interesting trip across. Numerous
leave men on board, who filled
us up with series titles of the
front. The fellow in particular
was very amusing, and ended up
by trying to get on shore long
before the boat had drawn up
alongside the quay. Corporal
Godson (?) had the misfortune to
break his thigh by slipping on
the quay - our first casualty. We
marched up an enormous steep
hill to St Martin's camp at

Xmas Day (1917) “Give the men a feed of roast pork.



The last diary entry is for 25th November (1917) "I join the 20th Officer Cadet Battalion at Crookham, where I remain until the end of my soldiering,"

The medals and related items, which come directly from a descendant of Captain Forsyth, are in the Charterhouse auction on Friday 13th December in Sherborne estimated to sell for £700 - £1,000.

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their busy auction programme with model cars, trains, coins, medals, toys and other collectors' items in December followed by pictures, Beswick and automobilia in January with specialist classic & vintage motorcycle and car auctions in February.

For further information regarding these specialist auctions, or to arrange a home visit, contact **Richard Bromell** and the team of experts at Charterhouse, The Long Street Salerooms, Sherborne **01935 812277** or email info@charterhouse-auction.com