



# Woodford Remembers



## Pte. Reginald Arthur White

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1894 – 18 October 1918

#### Family

Reginald's grandfather was John White, b Woodford in about 1818 who married Ann Cook in 1838. In 1841 they lived in Grafton Road Twywell, with their eldest child Sarah. Their fifth born (of eleven) was William White (Reginald's father) who was born in 1849 in Twywell. On 30<sup>th</sup> November 1868 William married Fanny Warner in Twywell. William and Fanny had three children prior to Fanny's death at the age of 34 years in March 1884.

William White married again in 1890, this time to Charlotte Richardson, of Islip, who was employed as a house servant to Rev Waller of Twywell. The couple had three children Frank William (b1891), Reginald Arthur (b 1894) and Herbert Rowland (b1897). In 1891 William White was known to live in the lower part of Twywell, but in 1901 and 1911 he and his family lived in the former Railway Inn (now known as Rosedale). William was an Ironstone miner and was also the Licence holder and in 1911 the two eldest sons were pressers in the Ideal Clothiers Factory in Woodford. In March 1914 he relinquished the license to Arthur March of Brigstock which is probably the time the family move to Woodford. Charlotte died in the latter part of 1916 and was buried in St Nicholas Church Twywell, on 4<sup>th</sup> December 1916. William is believed to have moved to Woodford at about that time.

#### Army Service

Reginald was originally in the Royal Army Service Corps (223878) later transferring to the "B" Company of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the Tank Corps (78683). The Kettering Guardian records a letter sent to William White of High street Woodford stating "It is my sad duty to have to inform you that Private R A White was killed in Action on the 17<sup>th</sup> October, under the following circumstances. His tank was in action when a shell came through the back of the machine and killed your son. I am thankful to say, however, that he suffered no pain as he was killed outright. I may say your son had always done well with the company and met his death performing his duty very gallantly to the best of his abilities". The report goes on to say that "Private White was the second son of Mr William and the late Mrs Charlotte White of Woodford, formerly of the Railway Inn, Twywell. Prior to joining up in September 1916 he was employed at the Ideal Clothing Factory".

#### Burial / grave

Buried in Busigny Communal Cemetery Extension, Grave VI.B.07

#### Dependants

None

#### Commemoration

Woodford War Memorial

St Mary's Church Memorial, Woodford



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