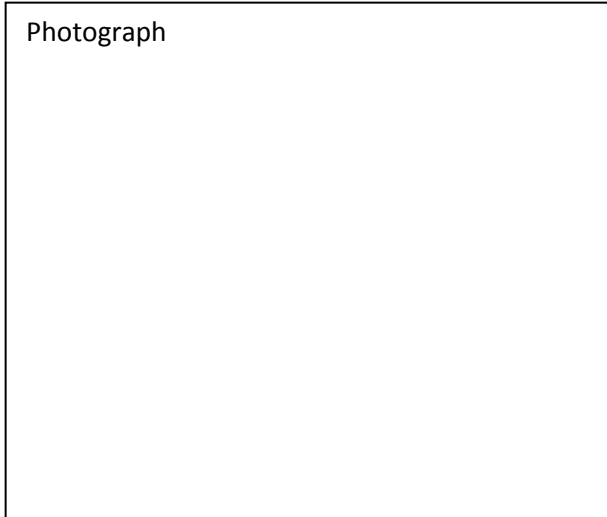


<i>Name</i>	Horace Arthur WHITE
<i>Birth Place</i>	Bugbrooke
<i>Occupation 1911</i>	Grammar School pupil
<i>Date of Birth</i>	Last quarter of 1893
<i>Date Enlisted</i>	Possibly August 1914



<i>Parents</i>	Arthur James Thomas WHITE and Ellen WHITE (née JEFFEREY)
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<i>Married</i>	Emily Maud VICK, a trainee school-teacher from Sheffield, in the second quarter of 1917, in Sheffield
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<i>Information from National Roll of the Great War</i>
No entry found.

<i>Additional Information</i>
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Horace Arthur WHITE was the son of Arthur WHITE, a master bricklayer who worked for the Grand Junction Canal Company. In 1911 he was a senior pupil at Northampton Grammar School for Boys.

He must have volunteered soon after the outbreak of war, for he was a Private and then quickly a Lance-Corporal (both with regimental number 2831) in 23<sup>rd</sup> (County of London) Battalion, the London Regiment in the autumn of 1914. This was short-lived, as he was commissioned as a Temporary Second Lieutenant, from 18 December 1914 (as announced in the *London Gazette* of 18 December 1914, at page 10823, destined for the 'Infantry' but with no regiment shown), and later posted to the Northamptonshire Regiment. Pre-war 'Territorial Force' units such as the London Regiment were seen as a useful source of potential officers and perhaps this is why Horace enlisted there, though he could also have been studying in London by then.

After further training in England, Horace went to France in September 1915, though it is not clear with which unit he served then. At some time he transferred to the Royal Irish Fusiliers and was serving with their 7/8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, when he was severely wounded in the head on 20 November 1917. Sadly, he died of his wounds two days later, at Number 20 Casualty Clearing Station (CCS). (The first curt and un-punctuated telegram to his family – his father in Bugbrooke – reporting that Horace was in the CCS, said he was there "... with dangerous gunshot wound compound fracture skull ... permission to visit cannot be granted").

The 7/8<sup>th</sup> Battalion was an amalgamation from 15 October 1916 of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalions, both formed at Armagh in September 1914, but in France since February 1916 and already reduced by casualties.

Horace had been recommended for promotion, according to correspondence from his widow to the War Office and he was already referred to as 'Lieutenant' in official records at the time, but he was paid as a Second Lieutenant. Subsequently he was retrospectively promoted to Lieutenant with effect from 4 August 1917, as apparently announced in the *London Gazette* of 4 February 1918 [entry not found]. This would be of benefit to his widow in terms of back-pay and any gratuity or pension.

Horace is buried in Bucquoy Road British Cemetery at Ficheux, south-west of Arras. He had qualified for the 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal, which should have been sent to his widow, along with a Memorial Plaque and Condolence Slip, and a separate Memorial Scroll.