

ISLE OF WIGHT OBSERVER Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1918

Mr. and Mrs. W. WHITE, of South View Cottages, Crossways, have had the pleasure of welcoming back one of their eight surviving sons serving, Sergt. Reg WHITE, R. F. A., after a long absence from England and home. Sergt. WHITE had been in India six years, and was then among the R. G. A., guarding the forts in that country. He volunteered for active service, and was then sent to Mesopotamia, where he has been for two years and nine months. He also went with the relief party to Kut, and on the way thither was promoted to corporal, then to sergeant. At Charaban he met with his brother, Gnr. Dick WHITE, R. F. A., whom he had not seen for nearly seven years. The brothers spent the night together there, sleeping under a wagon. Sergt. WHITE walking the six miles back in the morning to rejoin his regiment, a tramp he doubtless regarded as a very small payment for the pleasure the meeting afforded him. He likewise had the gratification of greeting three other brothers on Sunday, who were fortunately able to get home to meet him. Sergt. WHITE was formerly a popular member of the Seaview Football Club, and before leaving for India, was presented with a gold medal as a mark of the esteem and appreciation of his fellow members. He is now enjoying a month's leave before going again to face the foe. It is notable that during the period of his absence, Sergt. WHITE has not had a day's sickness.

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