

FATHER FREDERICK WHITE. S. D. B.

Everyone knew him as Fr. Freddy White; he was that sort of man. News came through from Australia that he had died of a heart attack on the 4th June 1976, a couple of days after his 69th birthday.

Some six years ago Fr. White went to Australia and by all accounts, has spent happy years there. He had been helping in the parish in Adelaide but last year, finding, oddly enough, that city too cold for him during the Australian winter, had asked to be transferred to Sydney. Here he made himself useful by doing some remedial work with backward boys and helping occasionally in the neighbouring parishes. Fr. White began his fifty-two years as a Salesian in England in various schools. He was ordained in 1934 at Southwark Cathedral by Archbishop Amigo and appointed to the staff at Battersea. However, it was at Farnborough where he spent most of his active life. He joined the community in 1940 and, besides his teaching, soon became known as an enthusiastic sportsmaster. During the War years he took great interest in the Services and served whilst still at Farnborough, as chaplain to the R. A. M. C. at Crookham, moving to the Household Brigade at Purbright and finally to the R. A. M. C. camp at Mytchett, where he remained until he left Farnborough in 1969. He made many friends in the services and he was particularly remembered for his work with Army families throughout the area.

On account of his quite serious heart condition it was thought that a change of climate might be beneficial and it is very comforting to know that he met great kindness in Australia in his final years. He will certainly be missed by generations of Farnborough Past Pupils.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE.