

Fitzhardinge, Frederick Noel Berkeley

ASC 1907-8.

"Paddy", "Noel"

"Paddy" served at Anzac with 7th L.H.R. for nearly two months before the evacuation. He was reinforcement, from his 12th L.H.R. This posting is not shown in ASC history. Returned to the 12th in Egypt. Posted to Camel Corps in July '16. Prior to Xmas '16 suffered GSW to thigh and hand, in an action where he was awarded D.C.M. Not mentioned in the history was the award of MID.

Frederick enlisted in WW2. His dossier is not on line, but his listing does give the details: N278511, born 25/3/1892, enlisted Paddington. Next of kin Ada Fitzhardinge.

What is your Name?	1. <i>Fitzhardinge Frederick Berkeley</i>
In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of <i>Blubbos</i> in near the Town of <i>Blubbos</i> In the County of <i>Blubbos</i>
Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)	3. <i>Yes</i>
What is your age?	4. <i>23</i>
What is your trade or calling?	5. <i>Bank Clerk</i>
Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?	6. <i>No.</i>
Are you married?	7. <i>No.</i>
Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated) ..	8. <i>Mother C. A. Fitzhardinge Church St. Blubbos NSW</i>

Age	<i>23</i> years	<i>—</i> months
Height	<i>5</i> feet	<i>5 1/2</i> inches
Weight	<i>124</i>	lbs.
Chest Measurement	<i>30. 33 1/2</i> inches	
Complexion	<i>Fair</i>	
Eyes	<i>Blue Good</i>	
Hair	<i>Fair</i>	
Religious Denomination	<i>C of E</i>	

3/10/15	C.O. Rgt	Joined and taken on strength of 7th L H Regt.	Gallipoli Peninsula	2/10/15
<i>25/1/15</i>	<i>Must</i>	<i>Disembark</i>		
<i>27/1/15</i>	<i>C.O.</i>	<i>Regt</i>	<i>Gallipoli</i>	<i>2/10/15</i>
1/2/16.	2nd L.H. Bqde. H.qtrs.	Transf to 12th L.H. Regt and marched out to Oasis Camp Heliopolis.	Maadi.	21/2/16

25.1.17. 3rd. Bn. 14. Co. To be Sergeant. Sina i P'la. 11.11.16
 11.5.17 AIF. list 176. Awarded D.C.M. For Conspicuous Gallantry in Act
 Extract from London Gazette and Skill during the attack, and was largely
 Anzac. Supp. No responsible for the Small number of Casualties
 29981-12.3.17. incurred by the Brigade. He was Wounded.

F. WARDING Fredrick Noel Bickly 855 12th L.H.

Emo. at Sydney per ASI "Chilka" 25.6.16. *Emo from Aus*

11.11.16 Trans and T.O.S. 3rd Anz Btn I.C. Bde ex 12th L.H.
 2.10.15 T.O.S. from 12th L.H.R.
 21.2.16 Trans to 12th L.H.R.
 21.2.16 Trans to 12th L.H.R. and m/o to Oasis Camp Helle
 21.2.16 Trans from 7th L.H.R.
 2.10.15 T.O.S. of 7th L.H.R.
 1.7.16. To be T Sgt with 14th Camel Coy
 27.12.16 GSW R/Tnigh
 22.2.16 Trans from 7th L.H.R. MEPC
 9.7.16. let to 4th Coy of imp Camel Corps
 AWARDED DCM FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY IN ACTION
 8.1.17 Trans to 14th A.G.H. GSW/Tnigh
 15.1.17 Disc to duty ex 14th A.G.H.
 27.16 T.O.S. of 14th Coy ex 2nd L.H.R.
 1.7.16. Appointed T.Sgt
 23.12.16 To Hosp wounded. 27.12.16 Adm to 24th Sty Hosp.
 GSW Rt/Tnigh GSW Hand Sgt.
 23.12.16 Revt. to rank of Tpr on adm. to Hosp
 8.1.17 Adm to 14th A.G.H. GSW R/Tnigh
 15.1.17 Disc from 14th A.G.H. to Unit
 19.1.17 Joined 14th Coy I.C.C. ex Reserve Coy
 16.1.17 Rejd ex Hospital
 18.1.17 Mcd out to 14th Coy.
 19.1.17 Awarded D.C.M.

15.6.17. Trans to 24th Stat Hosp/ D pthneria
 17.6.17. Trans to Choubra Hospital
 9.6.17. To Hospital (Sta 3rd A.Btn 1st Imp. C.Bde.)
 17.1.19 Sick to Hospital ex Bde Hqrs
 18.3.17. Mentioned in Gen Murray's Despatch
 21.7.17. Disc from con. Dep. Abbassia to ICC Dtls.
 8.8.17. Rejd Btn ex Res Dept
 21.7.17. T.O.S. of Anzac Res. Depot ex Hospital
 6.8.17. Posted to No 3 Btn.
 4.10.17 Det. to El Arish Sch. f Ins.
 14.10.17 Rejd ex L.G. School El Arish
 1.11.17 To be 2nd Lt. to complete est. of 1st Imp Camel Bde
 13.12.17 Det. to A.B.D.C. Abbassia
 17.6.17. Adm to M.H. Inf. Choubra ex 24th Stat. Hosp. Dpht
 2.2.18. Det. to School Zeitoun
 14.12.17 T.O.S. of A.B.D. ex Hospital
 23.12.17 Posted to 3rd Btn
 18.3.17 Mentioned in despatches
 4.9.18. Det. to Port Said Duty
 11.9.18. Rejd 15th L.H.R. from Det. at Port Said
 Ref. Ent. in List 271 post for duty with Res. Dep.

1.7.16. Trans from Anzac Sect. L.C.C.
 10.12.18 Det. to 5th L.H. Bde Hqrs
 7.12.18 Att. from 15th L.H.R.
 1.7.18. T.O.S. 15th L.H.R. ex 3rd A.Btn 1st Camel Bde on reorg.
 24.12.17 Rejd ex A.B.D. Co
 Ref. DO 37/6015 dated 16/11/17 should read
 To be 2nd Lt. to comp. est. of 1st Camel. Bde
 1st A. Btn to date from 16.10.17
 16.10.17 PBN 32605
 4.3.18. Rejd ex Zeitoun School
 13.4.18. Imp. Sch. of Ins. Egypt Classed 1st Class
 Officers General Course
 24.4.18. Declared by Stat. Dec. name of FITZHARDING
 1.7.18. Trans and Str. off Str. to 15th L.H.R. on re-org
 26.3.19. Att. for duty
 Undated Apptd. to A.D.C. to T. Brig Gen. Onslow
 17.4.19. Rejd from sick
 29.4.19. Emg. on HT "Dorset" at Port Said for ret. to A.
 early Repat.
 17.4.19 Str. off Att. of Aut Hqrs to 5th L.H. Bde Hqrs
 14.4.19. Str. off Att. of 5th L.H. B. Hqrs to

I have much pleasure in forwarding hereunder copy of extract from Supplement No. 30169 to the London Gazette dated 6th July, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, No. 855 Private P. N. B. Fitzhardinge, Camel Corps.

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MENTIONED IN DESPATCHES

The Secretary of State for War has received the following despatch from General Sir Archibald Murray, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., Commander-in-Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, enclosing a list of those officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, whose names he desires to bring to notice for gallant or distinguished conduct in the field, or for other valuable services :-

No. 855 Sergeant P. N. B. FITZHARDINGE.

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The above has been promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. 174 of 11th October, 1917.

Yours faithfully,

Major.

Officer i/c Base Records.

C. H. Fitzhardinge,
Church Street,
Dubbo, N.S.W.

Confirmation, Mention in Despatches.

RECEIVED from the Officer i/c Base Records, Department of Defence, one Certificate for Mention in Despatches, London Gazette No. 30169 Cert. No. 3611 (Lieutenant F.N.P. Fitzhardinge, 'DCM', 5th Light Horse Bde. Hdqrs.

F. N. P. Fitzhardinge (Signature).
2 July 1917 (Date).

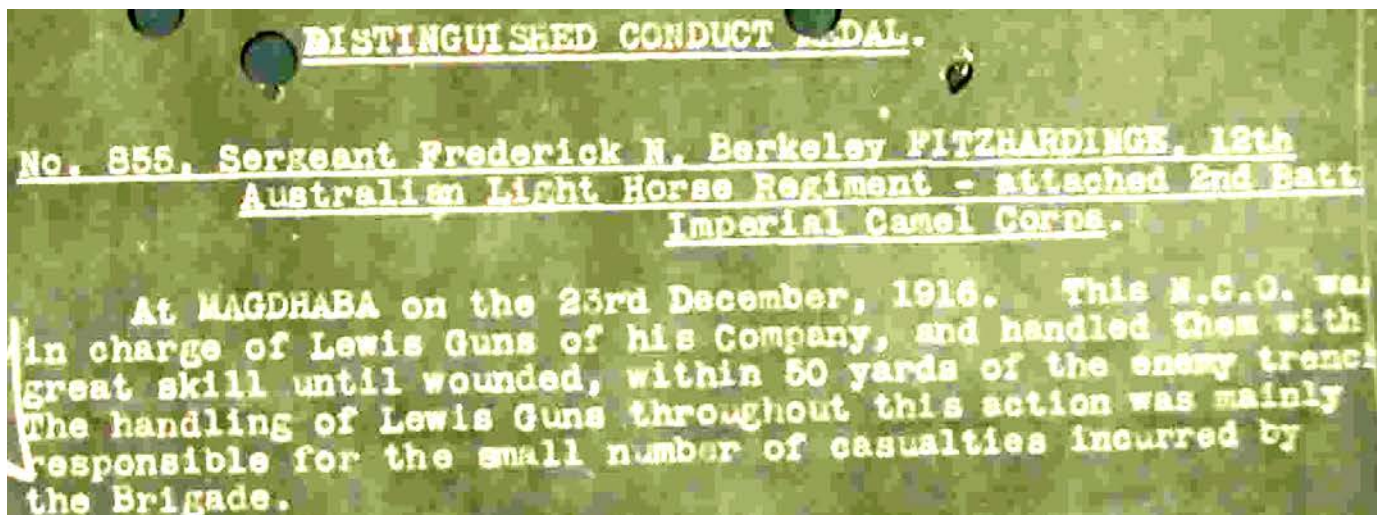
Battle of Magdhaba

23 December 1916 -

Magdhaba, a village located in the northern Sinai desert, was the scene of an action fought on 23 December 1916 when Turkish forces blocking the route to Palestine were attacked by Major General Harry Chauvel's ANZAC Mounted Division, which had the Imperial Camel Corps attached. Success in this hard fought action was secured through a resolute assault with the bayonet by the 1st Light Horse Brigade, commanded by Brigadier Charles Cox, just as Chauvel ordered his force to withdraw. A mounted charge by the 10th Light Horse to secure vital water supplies nearby was also a vital contributory factor in the victory. This action, combined with the success at Rafa on 9 January 1917, opened the way for the final expulsion of the Turks from Sinai.

AWM

Below is citation for D.C.M. announced in London Gazette 12/3/17. Copy as it appears on AWM site.



I have much pleasure in forwarding herunder copy of extract from Supplement No. 29968 to the London Gazette of 2nd March, 1917, relating to the conspicuous services rendered by your son, No. 855 Sergeant F. N. B. Fitzhardinge, Camel Corps.

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AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL

" HIS MAJESTY THE KING has been graciously pleased to approve of the award of the Distinguished Conduct Medal to the undermentioned non-commissioned officer for acts of gallantry and devotion to duty in the Field :-

No. 855 Sergeant FREDERICK NOEL BERKLEY FITZHARDINGE.

For conspicuous gallantry in action. He handled his machine gun with great courage and skill during the attack, and was largely responsible for the small number of casualties incurred by the brigade. He was wounded.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN EGYPT

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3rd. Echelon A.I.F. (Egypt). 580 1 356

Telephone Nos. 43-55-6-7-8.

Australian Headquarters, Egypt,

Teleg. Address:

"STRALIS, CAIRO."

CAIRO, May 2nd, 1916. 191

The Secretary
Department of Defence.
MELBOURNE.

Attached please find a Statutory Declaration dated 24/4/16 duly signed by Lieut. F. N. B. Fitzhardinge (late No. 855 in 12th. Light Horse Regt). 11th. Coy., I.C. Corps, wherein he declares that he enlisted in the A.I.F. under the name of Frederick Noel Berkley Fitzhardinge, his correct name being Frederick Noel Berkeley Fitzhardinge.

This soldier further declares that his Next-of-Kin is, Father, C.H. Fitzhardinge, Solicitor, Dubbo, N.S.W.

O.I.C.
BASE RECORDS,
WAR MEMORIAL. CANBERRA.

LOST R.S.BADGE.

It is advised that on the night of 17/3/44 my Returned Soldier's Badge, issued by the Dept., of Defence, was taken from my room whilst contained in small jewellery box, and I herewith make application to obtain a new one to replace it. The theft was reported to the Police.

2. Enclosed herewith Statutory Declaration. Please advise if any further steps are necessary.



from
N278511 Capt F.N.B.FITZHARDINGE
Staff Capt., "E" Gp. V.D.C.
Box 24. DUBBO. NSW.

Born 1892. Died 1955 (63)
Father, Craven Hyde. Mother, Ada Mariah (Smith)
Wife Bruderline.