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.
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**25.1.17 3rd Bn 14th Co.** To be Sergeant.

**11.5.17 AIF, List 176.**

Extract from Silver Service engineering in action.

He handled his Machine Gun with Great Courage and Skill during the attack, and was largely responsible for the Smallest number of Casualties incurred by the Brigade. He was Wounded.

F. D. ARDING Fredrick Noel Bickly 855 12th L.H.

Embarked at Sydney per A31 "Chimba" 25.5.16.

Transf. to T.O.S. 3rd Anz Bn I.C. Rds ex 7th L.H.

T.O.S. from 12th L.H.R.

Trans to 12th L.H.R.

Trans to 12th L.H.R. and m/o to Oasis Camp Helipolis

Trans from 7th L.H.R.

T.O.S. of 7th L.H.R.

To be T.Sgt. with 14th Camel Coy

G.S.W. R/Ngh

Trans from 7th L.H.R.

9.7.16.

To 4th Coy of Imp Camel Corps

AWARDED D.C.M. FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY IN ACTION

Trans to 14th A.G.H. G.S.W./Ngh

Disc to duty ex 14th A.G.H.

T.O.S. of 14th Coy ex 2nd L.H.R.

Appointed T.Sgt.

23.12.16

To Hosp. wounded. 27.12.16 Adm to 24th Sty Hosp.

G.S.W. R/Ngh G.S.W. Hand Slt.

Recvd. to rank of Tpr. onadm. to Hosp

Adm to 14th A.G.H. G.S.W. R/Ngh

Disc from 14th A.G.H. to Unit

Joined 14th Coy I.C.C. ex Reserve Coy

Rejd ex Hospital

Mend out to 14th Coy.

Awarded D.C.M.
17.6.17. Trans to Choubra Hospital
9.6.17. To Hospital (Sts 3rd A.Btn 1st Imp. C.Bde.)
17.1.19. Sick to Hospital ex Bde Hqrs
16.3.17. Mentioned in Gen Murray's Despatch
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 Scn. 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
13.11.17. Det. to A.E.D.C. Abbassia
2.12.18. Det. to School Zeitoun
23.12.17. Posted to 3rd Btn
18.3.17. Mentioned in despatches
4.9.18. Let. 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.

1.7.18. Trans from Anzac Sect. L.C.C.
10.12.18. Det. to 8th L.H.R. 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 re-org.
24.12.17 Rejd ex A.E.D.C.
Ref. NO 37/015 dated 16/11/17 should read
To be 2nd Lt. to complete est. of 1st Camel. Bde
1st A. Btn to date from 16.10.17
16.10.17
PEN 32605
4.3.18. Rejd ex Mietoun School
13.4.18. Imp. Scn. of Ins. Egypt Classed 1st Class
Officers General Course
1.7.18. Trans and Str. off Str. to 15th L.H.R. on re-org
26.3.19. Att. for duty
Undated
App'td. to A.D.C. to T. Brig Gen. Onslow
17.4.19. Rejd from sick
29.4.19. Em. on HT "Dorset" at Port Said for ret. to A. 
early Reput.
174.19 Str. off. Att. of AWB hqrs to 5th L.H. Bde
14.4.19 Str. off. Att. of 8th L.H. Bde in Hqrs
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 W. N. B. Fitzhardinge, Camel Corps.

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 W. N. B. FITZHARDINGE.

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.
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 hereunder 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.

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).

Australian Headquarters, Egypt,

CAIRO, May 2nd, 1917.

The Secretary
Department of Defence.
MELBOURNE.

Attached please find a Statutory Declaration dated 24/4/18 duly signed by Lieut. F. N. B. Fitzhardinge (late No. 855 in 12th Light Horse Rgt.), 11th Coy., I.C. Corps, wherein he declares that he enlisted in the A.I.F. under the name of Frederick Noel Berkeley 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.