

Bankside  
Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 1916

To Mr. Chas. W. Lodge  
Dear Sir

In answer to your Memo asking for information regarding my nephew Mr. P. M. Hardy, am sending you the following. He was born at Bankside Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 1890, was educated at St. Peter's College, then went on to the University where he gained his B.Sc. degree in 1913. In 1914 he went to England, & returned through America after the outbreak of war; in June 1915 he enlisted, was in the Exhibition camp for a time, then transferred to Mitcham, he studied in the N.C.O. school there & rose from the ranks of "Private" to "Lieutenant". He left Australia in 1915 Feby 12<sup>th</sup> for Egypt with the 14<sup>th</sup> Reinforcements of the 9<sup>th</sup> Light Horse; after being in Egypt some time, his men joined the artillery & wished that he could go to France with them, but the authorities kept him in Egypt to train fresh Reinforcements, before his men left they presented him with their "Flag" which he has sent home.



As far as we know, he has never been wounded, although the Officer in front of him was killed, this was on an engagement near the Suez Canal against the Turks: since then he has studied in the Machine Gun section at Zeitoun and passed very successfully -

Hoping that this is what you require for the Commemorative

I remain,  
yours sincerely  
A. E. Hardy -