

## 281 FETHERSTONHAUGH Cuthbert Murchison

Shore Old Boys



Major C. M. Fetherstonhaugh, D.S.O.



Son of C Fetherstonhaugh Esq Goorianawa Gilgandra born February 10 1879 Entered 1894 Left 1896 (B1) 1st Crew 1st XV South Africa 1900-2 Great War 1914-18 (Major DSO) World War II Grazier Mungerie Coonamble

South Africa 1900-2 Tpr 2Mounted Infantry (Col Knight) 1899 Lt 3Mounted Rifles Federal Military Contingent 1900-1902 Queens Medal 5clasps Kings Medal 2clasps Nom Roll Major DSO 18 LH RTA 20/1/19

Service Record Grazier Joined Lt 12LH 15/4/15 Embarked 12/6/15 MEF Gallipoli TOS 1LHReg Gallipoli 29/8/15 Sinai Palestine Alexandria 27/12/15 WFF Egypt 14/1/16 Capt 12LH 13/3/16 AGH Zeitoun Maj commanding Sqdn 7/2/17 WIA 31/10/17 & DSO 4/11/17 [Beersheba] 12LH 13/2/18 mid 3/4/18 Malaria 11/12/18 Returned 19/1/19 Terminated 20/6/19

**R** BEAN [Gullett] recounts the episode at Beersheba in which Maj Fetherstonhaugh won his DSO. He makes the point that the first thought of Fetherstonhaugh "a South African veteran and a fine old soldier" was for his wounded horse and he "put the animal out of its pain with a shot from his revolver, [before he] rushed on into the trench, **R** emptied his weapon into the nearest Turks, and then fell, shot through both legs." [VI 398]

DSO "On the 31 October 1917, in the attack on BEERSHEBA, this officer was with his Squadron supporting the leading squadron when it came in touch with the enemy trenches which formed the main defences obstructing the attack. The enemy opened a very heavy rifle and machine gun fire. Major FETHERSTONHAUGH, quickly summing up the situation, with great gallantry charged full at the trenches, mingling with the leading squadron, and thereby making the pressure so heavy as to quickly overcome the enemy and so enabled the assault to be carried on successfully to BEERSHEBA. This officer's horse was shot from under him about 40 yards from the trench but he continued to lead his men forward using his revolver with good effect until wounded in both legs"

WW II after Militia until 1939