



Lieut. Frederick Balfour McBryde



Played with Adelaide University



Football Club: Intervarsity 1911

Cricket Club: 1909/10 (B grade)

Degrees: LLB (1912), BA (1920)

Background

Coinciding with the Centenary of Anzacs our incentive behind the series of biographical publications is the Adelaide University Football and Cricket Club's desire to honour our players who served in the Great War (1914 - 1918). These brave men put on hold their academic, professional and sporting careers for King and Country in the name of peace and freedom. The AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Committee is endeavouring to identify every one of our players who served and prepare life stories on all. This is to ensure their sacrifices and further contributions to society will be recognised by future generations.

On Anzac Day 2015, the Centenary of the Gallipoli landing, a memorial plaque was unveiled on the Adelaide University Oval Pavilion and this was followed by the erection of a picket fence between the pavilion and the scoreboard with each picket bearing a plaque with the name of an AUFC/AUCC player who served.

The following documentation relates to the life of Frederick Balfour McBryde. It is compilation of information and photographs collected from a variety of historical sources.

The AIF Project

<https://www.aif.adfa.edu.au/showPerson?pid=193195>




Frederick Balfour McBRYDE

Place of birth	Melbourne Victoria
Religion	Church of England
Occupation	Solicitor
Address	Adelaide, South Australia
Marital status	Married
Age at embarkation	24
Next of kin	Wife, Mrs Natalie McBryde, Robe Terrace, Medindie, South Australia
Enlistment date	25 July 1915
Date of enlistment from Nominal Roll	25 July 1916
Rank on enlistment	2nd Lieutenant
Unit name	50th Battalion, 9th Reinforcement
AWM Embarkation Roll number	23/67/3
Embarkation details	Unit embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A48 <i>Seang Bee</i> on 10 February 1917
Rank from Nominal Roll	Lieutenant
Unit from Nominal Roll	50th Battalion
Fate	Returned to Australia 18 July 1919
Date of death	17 April 1977

Service Record

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=1938113>

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AUSTRALIAN  **MILITARY FORCES.**

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ATTESTATION PAPER OF PERSONS ENLISTED FOR SERVICE ABROAD

No. D1037 Name McBRYDE Frederick Balfour
Unit "C" Coy, 2nd DEPOT BATTN. (Rec'd Commission)
Joined on JAN 10 1916

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

1. What is your Name?	1. <u>Frederick Balfour McBryde</u>
2. In or near what Parish or Town were you born?	2. In the Parish of _____ in or near the Town of <u>Melbourne</u> in the County of <u>Victoria</u>
3. Are you a natural born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown.)	3. <u>N.B.</u>
4. What is your age?	4. <u>23 1/2</u>
5. What is your trade or calling?	5. <u>Judges Associate</u>
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period?	6. <u>NO</u>
7. Are you married?	7. <u>NO</u>
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address to be stated)	8. <u>(Uncle) Mr. Frederick Frank McBryde</u> <u>Manager AMP Society</u> <u>Melbourne South Australia</u>
9. Have you ever been convicted by the Civil Power?	9. <u>NO.</u>
10. Have you ever been discharged from any part of His Majesty's Forces, with Ignominy, or as Incurable and Worthless, or on account of Conviction of Felony, or of a Sentence of Penal Servitude, or have you been dismissed with disgrace from the Navy?	10. <u>NO.</u>
11. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge	11. <u>2 Years Scotch College, Melbourne Cadets.</u> <u>2 1/2 Years MP's College Cadets, 9 Months Laura Rifle Club, 4 Months 75th Batt. East. Good musketry Certificate Mitham Dec 1915.</u>
12. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service?	12. <u>Yes</u>
13. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds?	13. <u>NO</u>
14. (For married men, widowers with children, and soldiers who are the sole support of widowed mother)— Do you understand that no Separation Allowance will be issued to you in respect of your service beyond an amount which together with pay would reach 1/- per day?	14. _____
15. Are you prepared to undergo inoculation against smallpox and enteric fever?	15. <u>Yes</u>

I, Frederick Balfour McBryde do solemnly declare that the above answers made by me to the above questions are true, and I am willing and hereby voluntarily agree to serve in the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia within or beyond the limits of the Commonwealth.

And I further agree to allot not less than two-fifths of the pay payable to me from time to time during my service for the support of my wife ^{three-fifths} wife and children

Date JAN 10 1916 FB McBryde
Signature of Person Enlisted.

* This clause should be struck out in the case of unmarried men or widowers without children under 18 years of age.
† Two-fifths must be allotted to the wife, and if there are children three-fifths must be allotted.

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RSL Virtual War Memorial

<https://rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/explore/people/81990>

MCBRYDE, Frederick Balfour

Service Numbers: Not yet discovered

Enlisted: 10 January 1916

Last Rank: Lieutenant

Last Unit: 50th Infantry Battalion

Born: Melbourne [Victoria], 12 May 1892

Home Town: Not yet discovered

Schooling: Not yet discovered

Occupation: Solicitor

Died: Circumstances of death not yet discovered

Cemetery: Enfield Cemetery, S.A.

Memorials: Adelaide HB05 Attorney General's Department Old Treasury Building (Medina Hotel) 1***, North Adelaide HB2-3* Christ Church

World War 1 Service

10 Jan 1916: Enlisted

10 Feb 1917: Involvement 50th Infantry Battalion

10 Feb 1917: Embarked 50th Infantry Battalion, HMAT Seang Bee, Adelaide

11 Nov 1918: Involvement Lieutenant, 50th Infantry Battalion



Lieut. F.B. McBryde

Australian War Memorial

<https://www.awm.gov.au/collection/C1163?search>



F.B. McBryde – back row third from left

Group portrait of the Officers of the 50th Battalion.

Left to right, back row: Lieutenant (Lt) William Leslie Scarborough; Lt Alexander Mills, DCM; Lt Frederick Balfour McBryde; Lt Matthew Mackay McGregor (died of wounds 3 May 1918 in France); Lt Frederick William Wakelin, Croix de Guerre; Lt John David Lockley Craven; Lt William Vernon West; Lt Ralph Elsmere Claridge; Lt Frederick Taylor Goodes; Lt William Rignold Wills.

Middle row: Lt John Leslie Waldron, MM; Lt Walter James Hale; Lt Gordon Stanley Irwin Queale; Lt Charles Angas Willcox; Lt John Hunt; Lt Leslie Elliott Harding, MC; Lt Cleveland George Edwards; Lt James Norman Loudon, MC and bar; Lt Joseph Waine, MC; Lt William Stewart McKay (killed in action 24 April 1918 in France); Lt John Holroyd Hill, MC; Lt Percy Edward Nuttall, MC.

Front row: Temporary Captain (Capt) Raymond George Goodman; Capt William Russell De La Poer Beresford, MC; Capt Frank Herbert Hancock (killed in action 24 April 1918 in France); Major William Murray Fowler, MC; Lieutenant Colonel Alfred George Salisbury, CMG, DSO and bar, Croix de Chevalier; Lt Lancelot Beck Smith, MC; Capt Randall Lance Rhodes, MC; Lt Henry Kay (killed in action 24 April 1918 in France); and Lt Herbert William Carlton, MC and bar.

Biography

Early Life

Frederick Balfour McBryde was born Frederick Balfour Schultz, the son of Charles Augustus Schultz and his first wife Charlotte¹ Balfour in Melbourne (Victoria) on 12 May 1892.

Frederick's father was born and educated in Sydney; he was with the head office of A.M.P in Sydney (1877-1884) then transferred with the A.M.P. to Melbourne (sub accountant 1884-1894), New Zealand (accountant), and Melbourne (accountant) before being appointed resident secretary to South Australia from 1904 till his death in 1914. Frederick's mother passed away when the family was in New Zealand and Charles later remarried a Miss Biddle.

Schooling

Frederick was educated at Scotch College, Melbourne and at St Peter's College, Adelaide. He passed his Junior Public Examinations at St Peter's in 1905 and won the Form VA prize for Latin. In 1906 Frederick competed for St Peter's in the Inter-collegiate sports and passed his Senior Public Examinations. He passed his Higher Public Examinations in 1907 and 1908 and was on the general honours list in 1908. Frederick was a member of the Cadets while at both Colleges.

University

In 1909 Frederick commenced studying Law at Adelaide University. He attended the University Ball in 1912. His LLB was conferred in December 1912.

University Sport

Cricket

Frederick played cricket for the University in the 1909/10 season (B Grade).

Football

Frederick played football for Glenferrie in the Amateur League but was eligible to play for the University and represented the University at the 1911 Intervarsity.

Athletics

Frederick competed in the 1911 University Sports coming second in the 220 yards flat.

Early Career

Frederick was articled to Messrs Knox and Hargrave. While he graduated in 1912, Frederick had to wait until he turned 21 in 1913 to be admitted to the bar. In March 1913, Frederick joined the service as Third Associate to the Supreme Court. In August 1915 Frederick's uncle, Frederick Frank Schultz (who had succeeded Frederick's father as A.M.P. resident secretary to South Australia) changed his name by deed poll to Frederick Frank McBryde. By October 1915 Frederick and his stepmother had also changed their names to McBryde. Frederick applied to the court to have his name changed on the roll and to ensure he did not lose precedence due to his change of name.

In addition to playing football for Glenferrie, Frederick was a member of the Adelaide Rowing Club.

¹ Victorian Department of Justice Online BDM Search (1891/4302) – Chas Aug Schultz and Charl Balfour



F.B. Schultz – Back Row – Right Hand Side

World War I

On the 10th of January 1916 Frederick enlisted as a private "C" Coy, 2nd Depot battalion. On joining up Frederick was described at 23 years 7 months, 5'9 ¼", with a medium complexion, grey eyes and dark hair. On the 16th of January Frederick was appointed a Corporal and on the 1st of February 1916 he was sent to N.C.O. School at the Mitcham Camp and was appointed as a Sergeant. After attending the school for officers at Duntroon, Frederick received his commission on 25th of July 1916 and was appointed as a 2nd Lieutenant, 50th Battalion, 9th Reinforcements.

On Thursday 9th of November 1916 Frederick married Natalie Lucas, elder daughter of the Hon. E. Lucas, M.L.C., Medindie at "Innisfall", and the residence of the bride's parents.

Frederick embarked from Adelaide, South Australia, on board HMAT A48 *Seang Bee* on 10th of February 1917. He was at the 13th Training Battalion, Codford and the Candahar School of Instruction before proceeding to France on 8th of August 1917. He was promoted to Lieutenant 1 March 1918. On the 5th of October 1918 he transferred to the Australian Corps Infantry School.

From the 14th of February to 24th of June 1919 he was granted leave for non-Military employment. During that time, he studied at the Council for Legal Education, Lincoln Inn Fields. He returned to Australia on "The Orsova" on 18th of July 1919. His appointment was terminated on 13th of November 1919.

After WWI


After the war Frederick resumed his duties at the Supreme Court as associate to the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray) and recommenced studying at Adelaide University receiving his BA in 1920.

On the 12th of April 1920, Frederick and Natalie's son Lucas was born at Quambi, South Terrace. Tragically Natalie died on the 28th of May 1920, Natalie died aged 25, and she is buried at the North Road Cemetery, Nailsworth. The couple had been living at Kent Town.

Frederick played tennis and attended dances and balls and in August 1922 he was appointed an honorary magistrate. At various times, to cover periods of leave, Frederick was the Acting Public Trustee. In August 1923 Frederick was appointed Deputy Master of the Supreme Court.

**DEPUTY MASTER OF COURT
WAS BRILLIANT SCHOLAR**

Frederick Balfour McBryde, who was appointed Deputy-Master of the Supreme Court two years ago, joined the service in March, 1913. He was first articled to Messrs. Knox & Hargrave, and in 1912 took his LL.B. degree at the Adelaide University. Mr. McBryde was admitted to the Bar the following year, having had to wait until he was 21 years of age. He is one of the many brilliant



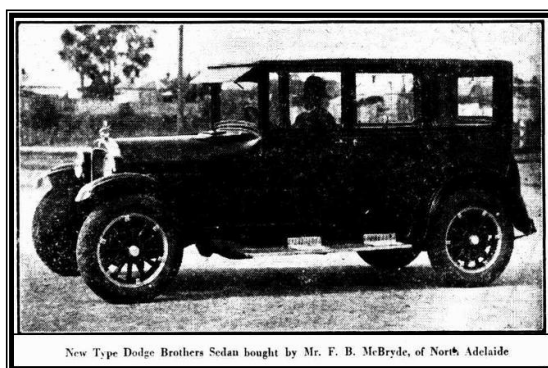
Mr. McBryde

scholars who saw active service in the European war, having enlisted in 1916, gained his commission at the Duntroon Military College, and embarked with reinforcements to the 50th Battalion. He served with his unit in France, and after the armistice took a further course in law at the Inns of Court, London.

On several occasions he has performed the duties of the Public Trustee and the Master. For a time he was Associate to the Chief Justice (Sir George Murray).

In January 1924 Frederick purchased a Dodge and may have been one of the people who provided cars to take people to the Supreme Court picnic in March 1925. In January 1926 Frederick was awarded his Intermediate Certificate by the Federal Institute of Accountants.

The picture below (from June 1926) shows the new type of Dodge purchased by Frederick.



The pen portrait below was published in the *News* in January 1927.

Deputy Master of Supreme Court

Mr. Frederick Balfour McBryde, B.A., LL.B., deputy master of the Supreme Court, was educated at Scotch College, Melbourne, and at St. Peter's College, Adelaide.

When he matriculated at Adelaide University Mr. McBryde decided to enter the legal profession, and he was articled to Messrs. Knox & Hargrave. He had a brilliant career when he continued his studies at the University, and literally swept the decks, with honors in physiology, physics, literature, and law.

He obtained the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1912, when he was only 20 years of age, and had to wait for admission to the Bar until he had reached the age of 21 years. Later he graduated in arts.

In March, 1913, Mr. McBryde was appointed associate to Sir George Murray (Chief Justice), who was then Mr. Justice Murray. When His Honor succeeded Sir Samuel Way as the head of the judiciary he continued in that capacity until he was appointed Deputy Master.

Having received a commission in the school for officers at Duntroon, Mr. McBryde enlisted for active service, and became an officer in the 50th Battalion. He saw much active service in France, and returning to Britain in July, 1919, he attended the law lectures of the Council of Legal Education at the Inns of Court.

On his return to Adelaide Mr. McBryde resumed his duties at the Supreme Court. On several occasions he has performed the duties of Acting Public Trustee, Registrar of Companies, and Deputy District Registrar of the High Court of Australia.

At present he is Acting Master of the Supreme Court in the absence on leave of Major W. L. Stuart.

Mr. McBryde has always taken a keen interest in sport. He played for Glenferrie Football Club, and was a leading oarsman, having been associated with Adelaide Rowing Club for many years.

He is a member of St. Peter's Old Collegians' Association, Lodge of Freemasons, and of the Commonwealth Club.

In May 1927 Frederick was appointed from the roles of Deputy Master of the Supreme Court, Chief Clerk in Equity, Deputy Registrar in Admiralty, and Registrar of Companies, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions to the role of Acting Master of the Supreme Court, Acting Registrar in Admiralty and Registrar of Companies, Industrial and Provident Societies, and Trade Unions.

Frederick married Florence May Battye (b 1899) on 30 January 1927 and on 17 July 1938 their son, Ian Balfour McBryde, was born at North Adelaide.

June 1929 it was stated "Mr. F. B. McBryde (Deputy Master of the Supreme Court) has been selected by the Government as representative of the second division of the Public Service on the Public Service Board of Enquiry in place of Prof. L. G. Melville, who has resigned."

In November 1932, Frederick after about seven years as Deputy Master, was appointed Master of the Supreme Court, Registrar of Probates and Registrar in Admiralty by the Executive Council. In December that year he was present when Chief Justice (Sir George Murray) was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor.



F.B. McBryde – fourth from left

In December 1932 Frederick and Florence took a pleasure cruise to Noumea. From 1933 Frederick's name appeared frequently in the Sports Section of the papers playing golf. He became a member at Kooyonga and played in a number of A.I.F. Golf Days. By 1934 Frederick and his family were living at Palm Street, Medindie. In 1935 he became a member of the newly formed Duplicate Bridge Club. In January 1936 Frederick took a period of extended sick leave but the papers did not report the cause and by September that year Frederick was well enough to win the Law Society Golf competition. Frederick also became a member of the Board of Examiners of Clerks (articled). In March 1937 the salary for Frederick's roles was £1,150 p.a. and by December 1939 it had risen to £1,231 17/6.

Frederick was present in August 1934 when Sir Winston Dugan became the new Governor of South Australia.



F.B. McBryde – Right

World War II

Frederick enlisted in the Volunteer Defence Corps (VDC) as a Private on 5th April 1942 and then appointed as a Lieutenant on 7th July 1942. He was described as 49 years 10 months, with a fair complexion, dark hair, going grey and blue eyes. He stated that he had a broken nose in 1912 and his tonsils removed in 1926. He was placed on the Reserve List on 25th November 1945.

His WWII Service Record (SN S68345) is at:

<https://recordsearch.naa.gov.au/SearchNRetrieve/Interface/ViewImage.aspx?B=6416309>

Frederick's elder son, Lucas McBryde, became a Flying Officer in the RAAF. In November 1942 Lucas became engaged to Roberta Malcolm and the couple married in late December 1942. Lucas was awarded the D.F.C. for numerous sorties against enemy targets. He became a Flight Lieutenant, No. 250 Squadron (RAF).

NAME	McBRYDE, Lucas		
Award	D.F.C.	Reg.No.	407005
Rank	F/LT.	Service	R.A.A.F.
Recommended by Governor-General on	O - R		
Promulgated in London Gazette on	25/8/44. G. H. File R.A.A.F. 3.		
Promulgated in Commonwealth of Australia Gazette on	31/8/44.		
Citation (G. H. File RAAF 889)	Numerous sorties against enemy targets.		
Insignia received from London	25/5/46.	PN LONDON.	16/12/46. G. H. File 1/80.
Insignia presented by	The Governor of South Australia,		
At Government House, Adelaide,	On	19/11/46.	G. H. File ADELAIDE/12.
Address of recipient on presentation date	31 Esplanade,		
	TENNYSON. Via GRANGE. SOUTH AUSTRALIA.		
Remarks			
Other Awards			

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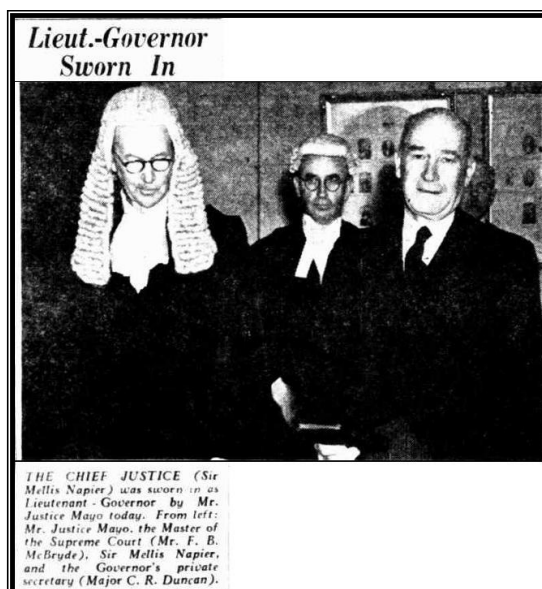
<p>D.F.C. TO S.A. AIRMAN</p> <p>The D.F.C. has been awarded to Flight-Lieutenant Lucas McBryde (Grange, South Australia) for gallantry overseas.</p> <p>The announcement was made by the Minister for Air (Mr. Drakeford) yesterday.</p> <p>The citation states that F/L McBryde has led many attacks against enemy bridges and gun positions and has attacked enemy shipping with dash, achieving great success. Throughout his operational career, he has displayed gallantry and determination of the highest order, achieving conspicuous success in numerous sorties against enemy targets.</p> <p>F/L McBryde's wife, Corporal F. R. McBryde, is at present stationed in Melbourne as a drill instructress in the W.A.A.A.F. She was an inspector in an aircraft factory before she married, and she joined the Air Force soon after her husband sailed for overseas in December, 1942.</p>
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Frederick administered the Oath when Sir Willoughby Norrie became Governor in December 1944.

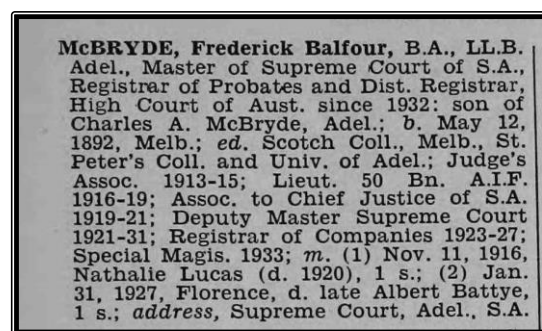


F.B. McBryde – Right

Frederick was present when the Chief Justice, Sir Mellis Napier was sworn in as Lieutenant Governor in May 1947.



F.B. McBryde – Centre



"Who's Who in Australia", 1947

Sadly, on the 19th of August 1950, Frederick's second wife, Florence, passed away at their home at 8 Palm Street, Medindie. Florence was buried at the West Terrace Cemetery.

In 1953 Frederick was a present at the swearing in of a new Governor, Sir Robert George.



F.B. McBryde – at Right in Wig and Gown

While the beginning of 1953 had brought sadness to the family, the latter part of the year was more joyful with the birth of Frederick's first grandchild, Bronte, a son, born to Lucas and Roberta. This was followed in December by the engagement of Frederick's younger son, Ian to Helen Lines of Medindie. The couple married in October 1954.

Frederick was awarded a Coronation Medal in June 1953. In the Queen's Birthday Honours List of 9th of June 1955, Frederick was made a Companion of the Imperial Service Order (ISO). Frederick retired from his role as Master of the Supreme Court in 1957, aged 65 years.

Death

Frederick passed away on 17 April 1977, aged 85, and was cremated at the Enfield Memorial Park, SA.

Legacy

Frederick's younger son, Ian Balfour McBryde attended St Peters and Adelaide University, gaining a Bachelor of Engineering. he became a Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (A.M.) for services to scouting in the Australia Day honours List in 1978.

Profile Compiled by: Beth Filmer (AUFC/AUCC WW1 Memorial Group)

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(Trove Newspaper articles tagged – FB McBryde (Schultz))
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"Who's Who in Australia", 1947

Note

Frederick McBryde is mentioned in the book:
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