

Daniel CASEY, 7/1982

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PRIVATE W. CASEY.

Private William Casey, who was wounded in the left buttock on October 6th, is the eldest son of Mrs Groves and the late Patrick Casey, of Balfour, where he was born 30 years ago and educated. Prior to enlistment with the 21st Reinforcements, in September, 1916, he followed the trade of a blacksmith, which trade he learned with Mr S. Collett, Gore, and James Dunlop, Mataura Island, in which latter place he was for seven years. He is the eldest of a family of five sons, three of whom went to the war, the other two being rejected upon enlistment. His brother Patrick accompanied him in the 21sts and was killed, whilst **Daniel** (7th Reinforcements) is now fighting in France, as a sergeant. While at Mataura Island he married Miss M. Duthie, a sister of the well-known Duthie Bros., of "The Bend," and is now the father of two young children. After leaving Mataura Island he went to Kakanui, Timaru, and finally Lobum, from which place he enlisted. Belonging to a very athletic family, he was a successful runner, cricketer and footballer, having played for Mataura Island Cricket Club, Seaward Downs Football Club, and competed with credit at various sports, including the Balfour gathering, at which he won two races when down on final leave last Christmas. He was popular among a wide circle of acquaintances for his cheery, generous and unassuming ways.