

*Ashburton Guardian*. 10 May 1919 (Papers Past) [01/11/2025]

**MAN BREAKS HIS NECK.**

CHRISTCHURCH, May 10.

Alexander D. Matheson, a returned soldier, about thirty-four years of age, met his death yesterday under distressing circumstances. On returning from driving with his uncle, with whom he resided on the Belfast Road, the horse was taken out of the vehicle and left in the yard. Shortly afterwards the animal bolted. Mr Matheson went after it, and was riding it back when he fell off and broke his neck. It is not known whether anything caused the horse to shy and throw its rider. An inquest will be held to-day.

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A Press Association message from Christchurch states: The inquest on Alexander Matheson, who was fatally injured by a fall from his horse, was held this morning. The evidence showed that deceased, who was riding a young and restive horse, lost the reins, and in an endeavour to regain them fell and broke his neck. The coroner returned a verdict accordingly. Deceased was a returned soldier, having only arrived that day by the *Kia Ora*. His people live in Scotland.

*Timaru Herald*. 10 May 1919 (Papers Past) [01/11/2025]

Alexander D. Matheson, a returned soldier 34, single, residing with his uncle at Belfast, was thrown from a horse last evening and killed, his neck being broken. — (Press Association.)

*Star*. 10 May 1919 (Papers Past) [02/11/2025]

**ACCIDENTS & FATALITIES.**

**INQUEST.**

An inquest on the body of Alexander D. Matheson, thirty-four years of age, who fell from a horse at Belfast last evening, was held before Mr S. E. M'Carthy, Coroner, at the Courthouse at noon to-day. The evidence showed that the deceased, a returned soldier, who had arrived by the *Kia Ora*, was riding a young horse. He appeared to have dropped the reins, and in endeavouring to regain them had fallen from the horse and broken his neck. The Coroner found a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

*Press*. 12 May 1919 (Papers Past) [01/11/2025]

**CASUALTIES.**

**A SOLDIER'S DEATH**

The Coroner, Mr S. E. McCarthy, held an inquest at the Courthouse, on Saturday morning, touching the death of Alexander D. Matheson, aged 34, as a result of a fall from a horse at Belfast, on Friday night.

After evidence had been given by Martin Burke and Constable Miller, the Coroner returned a verdict that deceased had broken his neck as a result of falling off a young restive horse. The deceased had returned from the front in the *Kia Ora* on the day of the accident.

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CASUALTIES.

A FATAL FALL.

(Per Press Association)

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The inquest on Alexander Matheson, who was fatally injured by a fall from a horse, was held this morning. The evidence showed that the deceased who was riding a young, restive horse, lost the reins, and in an endeavour to regain them, fell and broke his neck. A verdict was returned accordingly.

The deceased was a returned soldier, having only arrived that day by the *Kia Ora*. His people live in Scotland.

*Otago Witness*. 14 May 1919 (Papers Past) [01/11/2025]

CASUALTIES

Alexander D. Matheson, a returned soldier, aged 34 years, and single, residing with his uncle at Belfast, Canterbury, was thrown from a horse on the 9th, and was killed, his neck being broken. Evidence showed that the deceased, who was riding a young, restive horse, lost the reins, and in endeavouring to regain them fell and broke his neck. A verdict was returned accordingly. The deceased was a returned soldier, having just arrived by the *Kia Ora*. His people live in Scotland.