

*Temuka Leader.* 28 July 1917 (PP J11/03/2023] ?

Mr **William Foster**, well known in the Temuka district as a farm contractor, while on a visit to Auckland, enlisted, and is now in camp with the 30th Reinforcements, and intends coming south on final leave.

*Press.* 16 January 1918 (PP J11/03/2023]

**FIRST DIVISION.**  
The "Gazette" contains the names of the following First Division men who are automatically called up:—  
**SOUTH CANTERBURY.**  
FOSTER. William. contractor. Timaru.

*Press.* 16 January 1918 (PP J11/03/2023]

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

**William Foster**, farm contractor, of Timaru, husband of Mrs Dreda **Foster**, 11 Collingwood street, New Brighton, called up in the ballot, First Division, enlisted some time ago, and left with the 30th Reinforcements.

*Star.* 16 January 1918 (PP J24/03/2023]

BALLOT NOTES

**William Foster**, farm contractor, of Timaru, husband of Mrs Dreda **Foster**, 11, Collingwood Street, New Brighton, who has been called up in the First Division in the ballot, enlisted and left New Zealand with the Thirtieth Reinforcements.

*Star.* 16 September 1918 (PP) [22/05/2023]

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*Lyttelton Times.* 17 Sep 1918 (PP) [11/03/2023]

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forcements.

*Star.* 7 April 1923 (Papers Past) [23/03/2023]

**MAGISTRATE'S COURT.  
TO-DAY'S CASES.  
CHRISTCHURCH.**

Mr H. Y. Widdowson, S.M., presided over the sitting of the Magistrate' Court this morning.  
"NO DISAPPEARING TRICKS!"

William Foster was charged with failing to provide adequate maintenance for his wife. The wife was represented by Mr A. W. Brown.

In the box the complainant said that she did not ask for a separation order. There were no children of the marriage. For fifteen months she had not seen her husband. He had gone away one day without saying where he was going. Reading a paper to the magistrate, the witness said that the defendant's people had encouraged him to leave her.

He had been badly affected through the war, and was now given to wandering and hiding himself and his money. She had reason to believe that he had his life savings put away. Her husband was a farm worker, but would not work for less than £5 a week. His sole object was to keep his money and evade payment.

At the present time she was in delicate health. She had not been able to pay the rent of 7s a week, and had to seek charitable aid and do a little work.

Her husband had left her starving and totally unprovided for. "His people want his money instead of me," said the complainant.

The magistrate: Are you getting a pension from the Department?

The complainant replied, "No." She had got a pension of 15s up till six months ago.

Giving evidence, the defendant Foster said that at present he was earning 25s a week gardening at Temuka. He had no money at all. Before the war he had made it a rule not to work for less than £5 a week - but not now. Owing to his injuries he could not do heavy work. When arrested he had about £13 or £14. He had gone away from his wife and said nothing of his whereabouts in order to get a little peace and quietness.

"You seem to think the matter a joke," said the magistrate.

"Oh! No!" answered Foster cheerfully.

"I want you to understand that when I make an order against you it has to be obeyed. Otherwise you can expect no consideration from this court. No disappearing tricks this time," said the magistrate in fixing maintenance at the rate of 20s a week. Past maintenance totalling £10 was ordered to be paid.

*Press.* 9 April 1923 (Papers Past) [23/03/2023]

**THE COURTS.  
MAGISTERIAL.**

(Before Mr H. Y. Widdowson, S. M.)  
MAINTENANCE.

William Foster appeared charged with failing to provide maintenance for his wife. He explained that he had been to the war, and while on service had been wounded and was now suffering from shell-shock. He was at present employed on a farm, and his weekly earnings were 25s.

To Mr A. W. Brown, who appeared for the wife of the defendant, Foster stated that he had some £13 or £14 in his possession when he had been arrested. He admitted having left his wife and having failed to give her any money for some considerable time past.

A maintenance order was issued against him ordering him to pay 20s per week towards the support of his wife, along with £10 of the money found in his possession when arrested, and £1 in solicitor's fee.