

*Timaru Herald.* 21 January 1916 (PP) [18/09/2013]

Mrs W. Anderson, of Geraldine, who has a son at the front, has just undergone a very painful experience through the blundering of the dead letter office officials. Mrs Anderson had heard from her son that he had been wounded, but that he had recovered and was returning to the trenches. She wrote two letters subsequently to him on September 28 and October 5, but these were both returned a few days ago to her by the dead letter office, and marked "Reported killed." Naturally, this was a great shock to the family, and the uncertainty as to the truth of the report accentuated the anxiety. A telegram was at once sent to the Minister of Defence, and after a delay of a day and a half a reply was received as follows: — "Minister of Defence directs reply 6-401, James Anderson, not officially reported killed. Will cable Egypt Base Records." On Wednesday Mrs Anderson received a long letter from her son, dated in November. He was very anxious to know why he had not received any letters from home.

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Private James Anderson (wounded) is a son of Mr W. K. Anderson, of Geraldine, and later of Christchurch. Private Anderson, who is a little over 30 years of age, was born in Christchurch, and educated at the West Christchurch School. He was apprenticed to the building trade, and while still in his early twenties left New Zealand for America, spending a number of years in the United States, subsequently going to England. Returning to New Zealand a few years ago, Private Anderson resumed his occupation as a builder in Timaru, and when the war broke out he enlisted, and was appointed to the South Canterbury Machine-gun Section. He served throughout the Gallipoli campaign from the landing to the evacuation, but when the troops returned to Egypt he underwent an operation for varicose veins, subsequently recovering and going to France with the New Zealand troops.

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Mrs Rodman, of Geraldine, has received advice that her brother, Private James Anderson, was wounded slightly on the 16th inst. Private J. Anderson is a son of Mr W. K. Anderson, late of Timaru, and he left with the Main Body with the machine-gun section. He was at the landing at Gallipoli, and though he had a slight break-down he had fought till the 16th inst. without being wounded.

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### **WELCOME HOME.**

#### **TO LANCE-CORP. J. ANDERSON**

Lance-Corporal James Anderson, one of Geraldine's Main Body soldiers, returned home by the express on Friday, and was met at the steps of the Post Office by a number of citizens who had assembled. There was not so great a number present as had gathered on Wednesday when Lance-Corporal Anderson was expected, but the Mayor said this was due to the people having only been made aware of his coming a short while before.

When Dean Bowers' car pulled up the soldier was greeted by some of his old acquaintances, and Mr B. R. Macdonald gave him a civic welcome, stating that another of their Main Body heroes had returned. Lance-Corporal Anderson had been at the landing at Gallipoli, and later had served in France, where he had been wounded. The Mayor called for cheers which were heartily given.

Lance-Corporal Anderson said he had not expected a reception, but he thanked the people for their welcome. (Applause.)