

CAPTURED

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Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles
A True and Thrilling Tale of the Experiences of a Wounded
Canadian Officer Who Fell into the Hands of the Enemy

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XIX.
On Thursday, Oct. 12, Dr. Meyer informed me that on the following Tuesday he would operate to remove the splinters from my arm. On Friday we heard the Swiss commission was coming to the hospital and I decided to present myself. I remembered the trouble that Gray had had, and confided in the doctor that I would be able to see my family. He agreed that my arm would be useless for a year, but said he would not let me see the commission until after he had operated. The next day there was a strong rumor—we were never given any official notice—that the commission would visit the hospital on Tuesday. The doctor was unable to operate on Sunday or Monday, but agreed to do it that very morning if I had eaten no breakfast, as otherwise it might be very dangerous. I was taking no chances on missing the operation, so I was starting at hunger. I had in reality just finished a royal breakfast of cereals and fried sausage.

The loneliness of my position was impressed on me more than ever as I lay in bed for the three days following the operation. During this time I could not sleep and was given morphine every night. I thought a great deal of home and the approaching Christmas season, and took much satisfaction in looking in the letter I wrote while in bed a check to buy presents for some of the friends who had been so good to me. I was fortunate in having my checkbook in my pocket at the time I was captured.

Barnes Successful.
On Tuesday afternoon I was told that the Swiss commission had arrived and that I was to get up and go to the French captain's room and wait till I was sent for. Barnes was to see the commission, too, and we could not concentrate our minds on any one thing as we waited for the time for our fate to be decided. At length the inspector appeared at the door and beckoned to Barnes, who went out, only to reappear in a few moments wearing a smile from ear to ear. We knew that he had passed. I was sent for almost immediately.

In the center of the Grande Salle

was a group of patients and German doctors. In their midst I could distinguish the three Swiss doctors by their high white caps with the long patent leather peaks. I was taken to one side and a sanitaire removed the bandages from my arm and displayed a deep gash stuffed with iodoform gauze.

Passed Commission.
Presently a Swiss doctor approached, examined my arm and asked several questions regarding the loss of movement in my hand. He was very nice and spoke English fluently. It turned out that he had been in Canada and had visited in several cities which I knew quite well. It was a strange feeling, talking to the friendly neutral who was in a position to aid you. Dr. Meyer brought up the other two doctors and explained my case to them, adding that I was very anxious to get to Switzerland to see my wife and family. They held a short consultation and then gave some instructions in German to an orderly who sat at a desk writing. The inspector whispered in my ear "Congratulations (congratulations). I had passed the first commission. I hardly knew whether to laugh or cry."

Was Disappointed.
I went back to the room, closely followed by the inspector, who grabbed the French captain and urged him to present himself for examination. He was finally persuaded to go, and came dashing back in a moment to undress. I never saw a man remove his clothes so quickly. He was gone a long time, and was very dejected when he returned. Shrugging his shoulders, he said that the Swiss doctors had been very nice to him, but had told him that he was too far recovered to be accepted.

When the excitement had subsided we talked over the idea of all living together, as Barnes and I had been told that we would not be sent away for re-examination in "Constance" for about three weeks. The matter was decided, and in the course of the next day or two I moved down, bag, but no baggage.

The room occupied by the French captain and Barnes had been before the war, the office of the head mistress of the school. It opened off the Grande



Lieutenant Douglas, at the left; his friend, the French captain and Lieut. Barnes, taken in the courtyard of the prison hospital at Cologne before Switzerland.

Salle and had two windows overlooking the courtyard. Just inside the door and on the right was a small hand basin. Along the same wall and in the corner next a window stood my bed and locker.

Against the opposite wall stood the other two beds; at the foot of which, and between them, was a desk piled

with books. The little inclosure thus made contained an armchair and two lockers. A table between my bed and the basin held a back-ground board, and a few dishes and the phonograph. All this furniture so completely filled the room that when you walked in it was almost necessary to back out like a crab.

(Continued Monday.)

Indefatigable Student.

The French captain was a charming man of about fifty years of age. He had entered Lazaret VI when it was opened about the end of 1914. Since that time he had occupied the same room and had there recovered in solitude from his very serious wounds. He was an indefatigable worker, and as soon as he was able commenced the study of French law in some books which he had ordered from Paris for a year and a half he lived almost alone and kept himself from going mad by very hard reading. In sheer desperation he had taken up the study of German with a sanitaire and even attempted English by himself. The latter he gave up until he commenced again with Moodie. His habits were well defined. Every day at precisely the same hour he did the same thing, whether it was the study of a certain language or a walk on the balcony.

By the middle of 1917 he was well enough to go to camp but he managed to stay on because he took his studies very seriously and thought that in his little room in the hospital he would have a better opportunity for reading than in camp, where he would probably be placed in a room with six or seven other men.

Opening the Window.
His progress in English was remarkable, but in spite of that our conversations were usually held in French. The only time he spoke English was when we were all in bed. Just as Barnes and I were trying to get to sleep he would come out with some long sentence he had been planning for five or ten minutes.

Lake, Mr. other Frenchmen he had an aversion to having the window open at night. He insisted that, being near the door, which was always closed, he felt a draft. My bed was right in front of the window in question, but we humored him and went to bed with the window closed and the curtains drawn. As soon as he was asleep one of us would get out of bed and quietly open the window.

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TWO DIVORCES GRANTED FRIDAY

Four Others Went Off the List at Short Calendar Session of Superior Court—Other Cases Disposed of By Judge Warner—No Assignments Made Yesterday.

Two divorces were granted and three went off the list at the short calendar session of the superior court in this city on Friday. Judge Donald T. Warner was on the bench. The short calendar matters were disposed of as follows: Donahue vs. Marsh, et al. argument of demurrer of defendant O'Neil, went off the list; O'Sullivan vs. Sinigaglia, Mrs. C. answer or other pleadings or default went off the list; Margulio vs. Margulio, alimony pendente lite, went off the list; Pitcock vs. Lutzker, disclosure of defense, if no defense, judgment of foreclosure, limitation of time, judgment granted and time limited to first Monday in February; Hefflon vs. Hefflon, to be heard as uncontested divorce, went off the list; Cufon vs. Amazon, Admir. appeal from probate, judgment was granted; C. M. Shay Fertilizer Co. vs. N. Y. N. H. & H. R. Co., default for failure to plead, two weeks in which to plead; G. S. Alexander & Co., Inc. vs. Wilcox, judgment granted; Mintz vs. Goldman, et al., second order of notice granted; Merritt vs. Buddington, that default be reopened, went off the list; Penniman vs. Penniman, disclosure of defense, went off the list; Hollander vs. et al. vs. Abramson, default for failure to answer, Judge took the papers; Bill vs. Bill, second order of notice was granted; Holbrook vs. Darow, et al., foreclosure of mortgage and limitation of time, judgment granted and time limited fixed.

Uncontested Divorces—Goldberg vs. Goldberg, divorce granted on grounds of intolerable cruelty; MacFarlane vs. MacFarlane, went off the list; Shirley vs. Shirley, went off the list; McDonald vs. McDonald, went off the list; Peabody vs. Peabody, went off the list; Bowman vs. Bowman, divorce granted on grounds of habitual intemperance and intolerable cruelty.

No assignments were made.

WOODSTOCK

Agricultural Meeting—Theft Detecting Society Elects Officers—Mercury From 4 to 24 Degrees Below Zero.

No services were held at the congregational church Sunday on account of the cold weather.

Agricultural Meeting.
The Windham County Farmers' association and Senectot Grange held a meeting at Agricultural hall, South Woodstock, Wednesday evening to discuss agricultural problems for 1918, with a view to assist the government in producing all the food possible.

Elected Officers.
The Woodstock Theft Detecting society held its annual meeting at North Woodstock. Edward L. Chamberlain was elected president; Charles M. Perrin, vice president; David Aldrich, treasurer; William M. Gallup, clerk.

Principal William A. Perkins is suffering from a sprained ankle.

Misses Harriet Sampson and Estelle Prink are home from Wellesey. Miss Rilla Child from New Britain and Miss Susan Sumner from Bristol.

4 to 24 Below.

The mercury the past week has varied at sunrise from 4 to 24 degrees below.

LEDYARD

Surprise Party Given Miss Jessie Browning—Rev. F. S. Robbins Leaving Baptist Church—Increase of Pension for Mrs. M. A. Morgan.

Mrs. Margaret Barrett held a surprise party at her home on New Year's night for Miss Jessie Browning, teacher in District No. 4. Games of various kinds were played and prizes were awarded. Refreshments were served at the close.

Mrs. Olin H. Avery is critically ill at her home. Her sister-in-law, Mrs. Isaac Chapman, has been staying a few days with her.

Dudley D. Taylor III.
Dudley D. Taylor has been ill during the past week. He has been attended by a Norwich physician and is now somewhat improved. His son, Theodore Taylor, who is employed by the ship and engine company at Groton, had assistance in his work for a few days on account of the illness of his father.

Leaving Baptist Church.
After five years of service as pastor of the First Baptist church (Peckham) Rev. Mr. Robbins has worked hard for the rebuilding of the church and both he and Mrs. Robbins have faithfully performed a great work. Rev. Mr. Robbins will be greatly missed in that parish. The state convention will supply speakers for the future until a regular pastor is called. The late Eunice Wood of Ledyard left a sum of money in her will for that purpose.

GLASGO

Thread Mill Starts Up, Following Holiday—Many Attend Firemen's Dance.

Glasgo Thread Mill resumed work Thursday after being still since Saturday noon for New Year's.

Mabel Blanchard was a week end guest of Misses Dora and Ella Eccleston, returning home Wednesday afternoon.

William Wiseman spent Sunday in Natick, R. I. the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Eccleston. Mrs. Wiseman is a visitor at Mrs. Eccleston's.

Fourteen Degrees Below Zero.
There were few at church Sunday because of the intense cold. The thermometer stood at fourteen degrees below zero.

Miss Ruth Campbell spent New Year's at her home as did also her sister, Mrs. Hassler, from Teftville.

Mrs. Marshall spent the holidays at Voluntown.

Mrs. Peter Selway was a recent guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Downing.

Henry Wiseman spent Tuesday at his brother's, William Wiseman's.

School in the Eighth district commences the winter term Monday, January 7th.

Firemen's Dance.
The dance in Social hall Monday evening, given by the firemen, was well attended.

Manchester—The regular motemen and conductors of the Connecticut Company who pass the home of Clarence Wickham at Laurel Park were each given \$1 worth of Thrift Stamps as a New Year's present by Mr. Wickham.

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3359	Forever is a Long, Long Time	Soprano
3360	Peacock Strut—Fox Trot	Xylophone, Orchestra Accompaniment
3361	Medley of Irish Jigs	Accordion, Piano Accompaniment
3362	It's a Long Way Back to Mother's Knee	Tenor
3363	Good-bye Broadway, Hello France!—One-Step	Orchestra
3364	Cute Little Wigglin' Dance—Fox Trot	Jazz Band
3365	Long Boy, Rube War Song	Steve Porter
3366	Sea Makes a Man a Man	Bass
3367	We're Going Over	Quartet
3368	It's a Long Way to Berlin, But We'll Get There	Baritone and Chorus
3369	Cheer Up Liza Fox Trot—"Cheer Up"	Orchestra
3370	Melody Land—"Cheer Up"	Baritone and Chorus of Girls
3371	That's Why My Heart is Calling You	Tenor
3372	Royal Italian March	Band
3373	I'll Remember You, Love, in My Prayers	Soprano and Chorus
3374	There It Goes Again	Tenor and Chorus
3375	Hail! Hail! The Gang's All Here!	Male Voices, Quartet
3376	If Convegno—Divertimento	Clarinets, Orchestra Accompaniment
3377	Torn 'n' Sprung	Baritons in Neapolitan
3378	I Don't Want to Get Well	Baritone
3379	Song d'Automme—Valse	Symphony Orchestra
3380	Wake Up, Virginia, and Prepare for Your Wedding Day	Male Voices, Quartet
3381	I'd Feel at Home If They'd Let Me Join the Army	Comic Song
3382	Wonderful Thing, A	Soprano
3383	Where the Sunset Turns the Ocean's Bids to Gold	Tenor
3384	Comin' Thro' the Rye	Boy Soprano
3385	Nightingale's Song—Prelude	Tenor and Chorus

MANSFIELD DEPOT

Wyman-Homer Engagement Announced—Almost Impossible to Heat Houses—Two Weddings in Bigelow Family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Wyman have announced the engagement of their daughter, Grace Katherine, to Willis H. Homer of New Haven. Mr. Homer recently enlisted in the U. S. army and is now located at Camp Upton, N. Y.

Poor Coal, Little Heat.
Sunday morning thermometers registered 18 degrees below. Complaints have been general from dwellers in both large and small houses, that with the inferior coal now being sold, it is almost impossible to heat living apartments to a degree even approaching comfort.

John Johnson was a Christmas visitor at the home of his parents. He recently enlisted in the U. S. army. Since leaving the employ of Alfred Oden, Mr. Johnson has been employed in New Britain.

Mrs. Alfred Oden is out after a re-

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A party of young people assembled at the chapel Monday evening and watched the old year out and the entrance of the new. They then went to the church and sang out the old, rang in the new.

Icehouses are being filled with excellent ice from 12 to 16 inches thick.

Long Stretch of Cold.
Wednesday morning was the fifth that the mercury ranged from 8 to 18 degrees below zero. It is seldom that we have five consecutive days with so low a temperature. Thursday morning was more summery, the mercury being at zero.

There was a whist at Yeomans hall Thursday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross.

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POMFRET CENTER

Red Cross Drive Results in 100 Members—Heavy Ice Stored—Everett E. Brown Ill With Grip.

The local branch of the Red Cross covering the western part of the town including Abington, secured 100 members in its Christmas drive.

George Botham has been in Newtown Center, Mass., during the holidays, visiting his son.

Mrs. Anne P. Smith and Misses Sarah and Mary Averill, spent the Christmas vacation with Mrs. Everett E. Brown.

Cowlands and La Plaisance have filled their ice houses with 12 1-2 inch ice.

John Pritchard is entertaining his father and mother from Vermont.

Everett E. Brown has been confined to the house several days with the grip.

New Canaan—The ice men seem to be the only happy people in town and they are preparing to harvest a crop of 20-inch ice.

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