

"Outwitting the Hun"

By Lieutenant Pat O'Brien
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It worked out nicely. When we came to the first potato patch that afternoon we told our guards that we wanted to sit down. In the course of the next five minutes each of us managed to get a potato or two. Being Irish, I got six.

When we got back to the prison I managed to steal a handkerchief of sugar, which, with some apples that we were allowed to purchase, we easily converted into a sort of jam.

We now had potatoes and jam, but no bread. It happened that the Hun who had charge of the bread was a great musician. It was not very difficult to prevail upon him to play us some music, and, while he went out to get his zither, I went into the bread pantry and stole a loaf of bread.

Most of us had saved some butter from the day before, and we used it to fry our potatoes. By bribing one of the guards we induced him to buy some eggs for us. They cost 25 cents apiece, but we were determined to make this banquet a success, no matter what it cost.

The cooking was done by the prisoner on cook, whom, of course, we had to bribe.

When the meal was ready to serve it consisted of scrambled eggs, fried potatoes, bread and jam and a pitcher of beer which we were allowed to buy.

That was the 29th of August. Had I known that it was to be the last real meal that I was to eat for many weeks, I might have enjoyed it even more than I did, but it was certainly very good.

We had cooked enough for eight, but, while we were still eating, another joined us. He was an English officer who had just been brought in on a stretcher. For seven days, he told us, he had lain in a shell-hole, wounded, and he was almost famished, and we were mighty glad to share our banquet with him.

We called on each man for a speech, and one might have thought that we were at a first-class club meeting. A few days after that our party was broken up and some of the men, I suppose, I shall never see again.

One of the souvenirs of my adventure is a check given me during this "banquet" by Lieutenant James Henry Dickson, of the Fifth Royal Irish Fusiliers, a fellow prisoner. It was for twenty francs and was made payable to the order of "Mr. Pat O'Brien, Lieutenant." Poor Jim forgot to scratch out the "London" and

substitute "Courtral" on the date-line, but its value as a souvenir is just as great.

When he gave it to me he had no idea that I would have an opportunity so soon afterward to cash it in person, although I am quite sure that whatever financial reverses I may be destined to meet, my want will never be great enough to induce me to realize on that check.

There was one subject that was talked about in this prison whenever conversation lagged and it was, "What were the chances of escape?" Every man seemed to have a different idea and one way, I suppose, was about as impracticable as another. None of us ever expected to get a chance to put our ideas into execution, but it was interesting speculation, and, anyway, one can never tell what opportunities might present themselves.

One suggestion was that we disguise ourselves as women. "O'Brien would stand a better chance disguised as a horse!" declared another, referring to the fact that my height (I am six feet two inches) would make me more conspicuous as a woman than as a man.

Another suggested that we steal a German Gotha—a type of airplane used for long-distance bombing. It is these machines which are used for bombing London. They are manned by three men, one sitting in front with a machine gun, the pilot sitting in the rear with another machine gun. We figured that, at a pinch, perhaps, seven or eight of us could make our escape in a single machine. They have two motors of very high horsepower, fly very high and make wonderful speed. But we had no chance to put this idea to the test.

I worked out another plan by which I thought might have a chance if I could ever get into one of the German aerodromes. I would conceal myself in one of the hangars, wait until one of the German machines started out, and, as he taxied along the ground, I would rush out, shout at the top of my voice and point excitedly at his wheels. This, I figured, would cause the pilot to stop and get out to see what was wrong. By that time I would be up to him, and as he stooped over to inspect the machine I could knock him senseless, jump into the machine and be over the lines before the Huns could make up their minds just what had happened.

It was a fine dream, but my chance was not to come that way.

There were dozens of other ways which we considered. One man would be for endeavoring to make his way right through the lines. Another thought the safest plan would be to swim some river that crossed the lines.

The idea of making one's way to Holland, a neutral country, occurred to everyone, but the one great obstacle in that direction, we all realized, was the great barrier of barbed and electrically-charged wire which guards every foot of the frontier between Belgium and Holland and which is closely watched by the German sentries.

This barrier was a threefold affair. It consisted first of a barbed wire wall six feet high, six feet beyond that was a nine-foot wall of wire powerfully charged with electricity. To touch it meant electrocution. Beyond that, at a distance of six feet, was another wall of barbed wire six feet high.

Beyond the barrier lay Holland and liberty, but how to get there was a problem which none of us could solve and a few of us expected to have a chance to try.

Mine came sooner than I expected.
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Government Takes Over Hospitals in New York

New York, April 19.—The government will take over the Sea View Hospital, on Staten Island, and the Otisville Sanatorium, at Otisville, N. Y., city institutions, to be used partly for wounded soldiers, it was announced here yesterday after a conference between federal and municipal officials.

After the war the city will take the hospitals back without any payment on its part.

HIGHER WAGE SCALE FOR WORKERS IN NAVY YARD

Washington, April 19.—A new scale of wages for civilian workers in Atlantic coast navy yards will be put into effect May 1, the Navy Department announced yesterday afternoon. It grants 18 to 20 per cent pay increases and makes the navy yard pay conform with wages paid in shipyards.

HOUSE REFUSES SENATE \$2.50 WHEAT PRICE RATING

Washington, April 19.—Proposed increase of the government guaranteed price of wheat to \$2.50 was defeated last night in the House, which rejected by a vote of 167 to 93 the Senate amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill making the change.

WILLIAMSPORT BOARD VOTES OUT GERMAN

Williamsport, Pa., April 19.—At a special meeting last night the school board voted unanimously to discontinue the teaching of German in the Williamsport High school after next month. The present college preparatory students may complete the term.

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