

HE MAY HAVE BEEN A GERMAN SPY

England Being Scoured For a Man Who Fought Sentry and Made His Escape.

Salisbury Plain, Jan. 15.—Military and civil police are looking for Private Victor Cobb, of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto. Posters have been circulated throughout England bearing his photograph and details regarding his appearance generally. He has been missing for over a month.

According to reliable source incriminating evidence of espionage was found in his possession when he was first arrested about two months ago in London. There was every indication that he would have been sentenced to several years' imprisonment. But the day before his trial he secured a file, severed his handcuffs and fought the sentry who was on guard duty so successfully that he managed to make his escape.

Cobb was supposed to have come from Owen Sound, Ont., where he enlisted. It has been found out that his real home was Hanover, Ont., and his people were of German extraction.

Shortly after leaving England he went to London on leave for four days, but stayed there for several weeks. A search party under Staff-Sergt. Miller, a former Toronto detective, found the private sporting about the Hotel Cecil in dress suit and showing absolutely no regard for money. Miller put Scotland Yard on to him, and shortly after Cobb was arrested.