

# PRIVATE OF 23RD

## MAY BE ALIEN SPY

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Gave Name as "Anderson,"  
but Is Thought to Be  
German

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IS NOW UNDER ARREST

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Claimed to Be United States  
Citizen and Claimed Landlady  
as Next of Kin—Investi-  
gation Ordered

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Whether "Private Anderson," of the 23rd Battalion "Westmount Rifles," for active service, is a German spy or not is a question that is interesting military authorities considerably just now. In any event, he was arrested yesterday morning as a precautionary measure, and turned over to the Provost Marshal, Major Date, who will hold the necessary inquiries.

It was stated at 23rd Battalion quarters yesterday that so far they had little direct information on the matter, although sufficient evidence had been gained to make it advisable to put Pte. Anderson under arrest, pending a full investigation.

So far as could be ascertained yesterday, Anderson claims to be an American citizen, but it was stated that he was plainly a German, his accent and manners proclaiming his German antecedents. This German appearance started a close watch upon Anderson's connections. It was found that he had been boarding with a Mrs. Donnelly, whose son-in-law, when called, was surprised to see their ex-boarder, whom they took to be a German, and who had frequently expressed himself as a sympathizer with the German cause, serving in the ranks of a British regiment enrolled to fight the Germans.

Information was at once laid with Lt.-Col. Fisher. This brought out the fact that Anderson in enlisting had claimed to be an American citizen. It was discovered also that he had given the name of his boarding mistress, Mrs. Donnelly, as his next of kin, claiming her as his aunt. Investigation showed that she was no relation at all of Anderson's.

These facts, coupled with the German appearance of the man, were considered sufficient to warrant his arrest, and an investigation to show whether he was really a German spy.

It was stated yesterday by officers concerned that there was no direct evidence against Anderson, except the information laid by the son-in-law of his landlady, upon which the arrest was made, but that a thorough examination would be made by Major Date.

"All the evidence we have," said an officer connected with the arrest, "is that this man seemed to be a German, that he gave an English name, and alleged that he was an American citizen, while apparently he gave wrong information regarding his next of kin. The circumstances were sufficiently suspicious to warrant an investigation, and this will be held."

Anderson joined the 23rd Battalion about a week ago, and was passed by the medical examiner. Since then some suspicion had been aroused regarding him, and this culminated in his detention at the Provost Marshal's quarters, pending a complete investigation of his record.