

Soldier Appears Before Registrar

Police Relicent as to Charges Laid Against Him

An element of mystery appears to surround Sydney Turk, a private in the 84th Battalion, who enlisted in Toronto recently and went with the regiment to the camp at Niagara. He was arrested by the military authorities on Monday and was brought under armed guard before Chief Constable Grasett, Registrar of Alien Enemies yesterday. As far as could be learned from the officer under whose charge he was, the soldier had been born in Germany, but on enlisting is alleged to have given a wrong birthplace. He appears to have been naturalized in Montreal three or four years ago.

The police are very reticent about him. Inspector Kennedy explained that the man, in company with two other suspected foreigners, had appeared before the Registrar of Alien Enemies to-day and had been remanded for a week for investigation. The inspector made this statement before he knew that the man's identity was known. When he learned this, however, he said that the man was free and that there was nothing against him. This despite the fact that he was taken out of the City Hall under armed guard and had been remanded for a week by the Registrar.

Asked what nationality Turk was, the inspector said that from what he had learned the man was born in German Poland, but had been in Canada for a considerable number of years. The inspector maintained that there was nothing against the man, but gave evasive replies when asked the reason for his remand and removal under armed guard.

Turk is a splendidly built fellow, standing over six feet high. He still wore the straw hat which the soldiers are wearing. He speaks excellent English.