

RIPTON GIVEN FAIR TRIAL

HE PROVED TO BE A GERMAN
AND A SPY.

Enlisted in the 8th C. M. R. at Barrield Camp—Little Game Was Soon Discovered.

The two escaped German prisoners who are at the Herald House, Clayton, N. Y., tell a story of an Albany, N. Y., boy named George Ripton, being held at the fort without being given a trial.

Inquiry in official circles shows that the charge is false. Ripton was a trooper in the 8th C. M. R. at Barrield. He was in the habit of making frequent trips to Clayton and returning with "much money." In a local hotel at the time a citizen reported hearing and interpreting the language used by him with certain friends as being German. The talk and other things convinced the military authorities of the need of an investigation, and his belongings were searched. Lieut.-Col. J. R. Munro discovered that he was carrying six passports of as many different countries and all are dated 1915. When before witnesses at the detention compound he admitted being a German he was interned at Fort Henry. The military authorities claim to have proof enough to warrant the most serious charge against him, and this will probably be done if he continues his present method of pleading innocent of being a German.