

GERMAN PRISONERS ARE WELL TREATED

Reservists Confined in Toronto Barracks Get Good Meals and Accommodation.

If British prisoners in Germany are as well treated as German prisoners in Toronto, there need be no anxiety in regard to relatives now in Kaiserdom.

There are over sixty prisoners of war in Stanley Barracks, Germans and Austrians, most of whom are army reservists, whose attempt to leave Canada against the orders of the Government led to their arrest. They are housed in the sergeants' mess. When the weather is unpleasant they are confined to their rooms in the second storey of the building, divided into four squads of about 15 in each in four different rooms, behind stout iron bars. For the most part they are rough, sturdy-looking fellows of the laboring class, seemingly taking their confinement as a matter of course and enjoying it. In one room some of them gathered around a table playing cards; one or two lay on couches, while others read. Austrians, for the most part, are kept separate from Germans.

When the weather is fine they are led out into a large enclosure fenced high with wires turned in at the top, so that it would be impossible to climb out. In this enclosure the men sometimes play quoits and football. Rubber quoits are also provided for use in rooms. When the prisoners are in the enclosure a soldier guards each of the four sides, while another stands at a guardhouse on a tower. It takes twenty-two men to guard the lot.

The 48th Highlanders, now in charge of the barracks, have had no trouble, but when the prisoners are in the building four guards pace up and down outside. No unauthorized person is allowed to go near. There are also guards inside, with a guard marching to and fro outside each room where the prisoners are contained.

To aid the night guard, lights of strong candlepower have been strung along the roof on four sides.

The prisoners receive better meals than the Canadian regulars. Seventy-five cents a day is allowed for food, while the Government allowance for regulars is only twenty-five cents a day. The prisoners eat together in one dining-room, which is capable of accommodating 100. There are also bath rooms for the prisoners, including a shower, and in the next building the hospital with its sixteen beds is ready to look after them, if necessary.

The men pay for tobacco themselves. The officers have been amazed at the amount of money that some of them apparently have at their disposal. The prisoners come under the charge of Major W. H. Collins of the headquarters' staff, who has charge of all the barracks in this military division.