

FAKING OFFICER HAD A GOOD STORY

Told How He Had Charge of Execution of Spy.

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MONTREAL, April 12.—The man arrested in Ottawa under the name of Robert William Gunter, and charged with falsely representing himself, posed here as Major Campbell, D.S.O., M.C., etc., of the British army.

He made himself prominent about theatres and hotels, where his war stories excited much interest and some doubt. Two months ago he first visited Montreal as the representative of a European booking agency, with a mission to engage talent for Australia. The second time he came in all the glory of a major's uniform with nine decorations, and gave his name as "Major Campbell," of the British army, attached to the Canadian Civil Re-establishment Board, to which he was giving his services free. He called on Manager Wright, at the Princess, and apologized for misrepresentation on his first visit saying that he had come as a theatrical agent as a disguise as he was at that time employed by the British Secret Service. "Major" Campbell got along swimmingly in Montreal. His honors helped him much, and he was a good story teller.

Shooting a Spy.

He told a number of people that he had been the man who had had charge of Carl Lody, the first German spy to be shot at the Tower of London during the war. "Major" said that on the evening before the sentence was to be carried out, he had taken Lody out to Carlton Hotel London, for dinner and then brought him back to the tower to be in readiness for shooting the next morning. Morning dawned, and he, the Major, was also in charge of the firing squad. As Lody was about to be shot, the "Major's" story ran to a credulous audience. Lody had said to him: "Just a moment Major. I have one request to make. Allow me to give the word of command." So the Major consented. Lody then asked for a cigarette, the Major handed him his cigarette case, and the doomed man, lighting, walked to the wall, puffed several times, and then said: "Fire."

A Final Tribute.

"He was the bravest man I ever knew," commented the "Major," in telling that story.

The "Major" found himself at times without funds, but this did not embarrass him, for there were a number of people, including a military officer, who were ready to help him.