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## Stop a Moment !

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*Written for The Advance.*

### Tommy Atkins in Prison

(Continued from last week)

When stationed at Preston I had an opportunity of gaining a more accurate knowledge of the soldier's life in prison, as I was detailed to relieve the provost sergeant of the regimental prison during his annual course of musketry instruction and target practice, which generally occupied from two to three weeks, according to the weather. In a district prison the occupation of the prisoners was more varied, owing to the greater number of prisoners usually found there, as it was comprised of all the prisoners from the different corps from each station within the military district. I shall therefore confine myself to the usual discipline of a military prison.

When a prisoner was handed over to the provost sergeant he is first rigidly searched to a certain that he has nothing contraband in his possession, such as tobacco, pipes, matches, pocket knives, etc. He was then seated on a stool and the sergeant cut all the hair off his head close to the scalp, without the aid of a comb or regard to neatness, the man's head, after the operation, having much the appearance of a sheep that had been shorn by the hand of a clumsy operator. A soldier with his hair thus cut was always known to be a bad character, or, to use a military phrase, a cell bird. The prison grounds consisted of about two acres adjacent to the barracks and enclosed by a brick wall. The prison was a long one-story brick building. Down the middle was a broad passage or hallway with two long tables and benches in the centre. At the entrance and to the right was the sergeant's quarters, to the left a room for his four assistants, private soldiers selected and struck off all other duty for that purpose. Extending along each side of the hallway was a row of cells about 6x9 feet, a small barred window in the far end and a heavy door, iron bar and lock in the front end. At the far end of each cell was a low platform 6x2 feet, with a low step (pillow) at the head—this platform was the prisoner's nocturnal resting place. Above it was a metal shelf for his knapsack. He had no arms or accoutrements; they were deposited in the company's arm chest until his return to duty. In each cell was a long handled scrubber, a broom and a bucket. The entrance to the prison yard was by two large, heavy doors in the wall, with a small door in one of them for ingress or egress on foot The doors were kept closed, and a sentry stationed on the outside during the day. At sunset the sentry was posted inside, the doors locked and the key given into the custody of the sentry. The gas lights in the hallway burned all night.

GENERAL ROUTINE

Summer—At 6 a.m. the cell doors were opened. Those of the prisoners having beds (they were only provided with a rug or quilt the first seven nights) made them up neatly, placing them at the head of the couch. Each prisoner scrubbed and swept his cell. They were then formed up in the hallway in their shirt sleeves, towel and soap in hand and marched under escort of the four assistants to the ablution room, where they thoroughly washed themselves. Returning to their cells, they cleaned and brushed their clothes, polished their boots, put their full kit into their knapsack, strapped the knapsack on their back, and at 9.30 turned out for knapsack drill, as it was called, pack drill, which consisted in marching around the yard under the sergeant or one or two of his assistants until 7.30. They dare not speak a word to each other or either look to right or left. At 7.30 they were marched back to their cells, took off their knapsacks and placed them on the shelf, again cleaned their boots, etc. At 7.45 they were formed up in the hallway, each man on that side on which was his cell. Right and left face, quick march, halt, front, take your seats, says the sergeant. They take their seats, each opposite his breakfast, sitting erect and placing both hands on their knees until they receive word from the sergeant to commence. Great is the onslaught. The breakfast, consisting of eight ounces of dry and three-quarters of a pint of weak coffee—some, indeed, did not get coffee, being under sentence of bread and water. This sumptuous meal, as all others, is consumed in silence and without turning the head to right or left. The meal finished, down again goes the hands on the knees. Attention, roars the sergeant. Up spring the half-famished criminals. Right and left face, quick march, and the poor fellows are marched back to their cells and locked up, while the sergeant and his myrmidons regale themselves on a more sumptuous repast. At 8.45 they again turn out, cleaned and polished—their hair needed neither comb nor brush—for two hours breaking stone, or perhaps repairing gravel walks in the hospital grounds or about the officers' quarters, re-macadamizing a portion of the parade ground, or digging up tufts of grass which may have sprung up here and there, or such other work as the sergeant may from time to time receive orders to have performed. At 11 o'clock he again turns out as before for one hour of his most arduous and senseless tasks, "shot drill," which is performed in the following manner: Piles of four 24-pounders are placed in a circle in the prison yard. Three of the shots are placed together on the ground to form a base, the fourth rests on them, the piles being about ten paces distant from each other, and one pile for each prisoner. Should there be too many prisoners, the surplus are sent to some other employment under two of the attendants. They do not, however, escape the shot drill—they get their share the next time The men for drill are marched to the circle and halted, each one behind his pile, the sergeant taking up his position in the centre, the men standing like posts awaiting the word to move. Take up shot—each man bends over, and, without bending the knees, lifts the top shot, raises himself to an erect position with the shot resting in both hands, in front and close to the body, at the length of the arms. Quick march, says the sergeant, and the shot-laden prisoners move off, carrying their shot to the next pile, where, without further word of command, they lay their shot on the empty base before them, rise, move to the next pile, take up the shot as before, and move off. This piece of ludicrous clockwork is continued with clocklike precision for one hour, and was worse on the constitution than all other punishment drills put together. Corporal punishment and shot drill have happily been abolished in the army.

*To be Continued*

### Kimberley

Wood bees are the order of the day.

Miss Arletta Johnston of Thornbury spent Saturday and Sunday with old acquaintances. Miss Johnston taught the junior form of our school last year.

Miss Lizzie Weber is opening up a dressmaking shop above W. C. Harris' store.

Mr. T. Bradbury, who has been on the sick list, is able to be around again.

Mr. T. Abercrombie was called to the bedside of his mother, who has been ill, but we are glad to learn is in a much improved condition.

Messrs. William and John Fawcett attended the funeral of their mother, Mrs. John Fawcett, Clarksburg.

Mr. James Austin and daughter of Thornbury spent Sunday at the Traveller's Home here.

Mr. Irwin Fawcett of Heathcote took charge of the service in the Union church here on Sunday.

Mr Hugh Hammond is running two farms this year. Better hitch up, Hugh.

Miss T. Soul and Miss Loughead of Duncan visited friends here recently.

J. W. Ford has engaged Ernest Buckingham of Feversham to take charge of the flour mills for the coming year.

Mr. James Stuart had a wood bee on Wednesday which wound up in a leap year party.

### Priceville

Old King Frost dies hard. We had a decidedly cold snap last week.

The thunderstorm on the 9th that caused considerable damage in the west part of our county, just came within sight of the village and passed by.

Several young men of this vicinity last week acted upon the advice given by Horace Greely, years ago, viz., "Go west, young man, go west." Harry Patton of the village, Robert McLaughlin North Line, Hector McLean, Alex. McMillan and Archie McMillan, South Line, took train on the 11th for the prairie province.

Miss Jennie James, who has been invalided for some time with inflammatory rheumatism, was removed to the hospital at Fergus. Her large circle of warm friends here are pleased to hear that the doctors entertain strong hopes of effecting a complete cure.

McLeod's chopper has been doing a big business lately, often running until near midnight.

Commissioner J. McArthur, representing the county council, attended the Educational convention in Toronto week before last.

Mr. Dave Hincks shot three foxes a short time ago within 50 yards of his barn.

Mr. J. A. McLeod, who has been attending the university, is home for a short time.

Mr. Alfred Hincks moved from the farm to his residence in the village last Monday.

William Conkey has leased 50 acres from Sam Henderson, 0 D.R.

Walter Nichol, who has been a student at Toronto university, won a scholarship at his recent exams.

The class at the public school preparing for Entrance exam. are putting in full time at their studies since Easter.

Mr. Colin McLean of the suburbs sold five steers to Robert Porter of Proton last week for nearly $50 per head.

### Port Law

Stern winter still lingers in the lap of spring.

Mrs. Hemphill has been very ill for some time past.

Mr James Wilson had the misfortune to cut his foot severely, while splitting wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. McKee, visited recently at the latter's parents, Rosemont.

Messrs. Edward Jamieson, Thomas Boyce and John Winters, little John, left last week for the golden west.

The little five-year-old daughter of Mr. Francis Shires fell on the edge of a sharp axe and had her hand very baldy cut.

Mr. George Becroft is removing to the 4th line Osprey. Mr. B. is reluctant to leave his old neighbors and they are just as sorry to part with him.

A meeting was held last week of those interested in Sunday School work on the fourth line with the result that it was decided to re-open school on the second Sunday in May. The following efficient staff of officers and teachers were elected for the current term: Superintendant, F. W. Nicholson; asistant, Mr. J. A. Hutchinson; Librarian, Mr. Herman Dyson; Secretaries, Messrs. Joseph E. McKee and Thomas Chard; teacher of Bible class, Mr. H. Down; other teachers—Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Laura Holman and Mr. H. Holman.

Mrs. D. Taylor, who has visited the past two weeks with friends here, returned home to Owen Sound Tuesday.

### Maxwell

Winter has set in again this (Tuesday) morning.

Mr. Albert Long left recently for Dollar Bay, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews spent Easter holidays at the former's home near Stayner.

Mrs. Charles Brownridge has returned from Arcola, N. W. T., and taken up residence on her farm north of the village.

We were pleased to see Mr. Josiah Gamey able to be out to church on Sunday last.

Mrs. A. N. Brownridge is seriously ill at time of writing.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered in the Methodist church here next Sunday morning, April 24th.

Mr. Henry Hudson of the 10th has been bedfast with a sprained hip. He is 80 years of age and we are glad that he is now in a fair way to recovery.

We congratulate Mr. Fred Ottewell of the 12th on successfully passing the V. S. examination in Toronto recently and wish him the success he deserves in the practice of his profession.

The sap season here promises to be a long one, contrary to the anticipations of some people.

A strange animal with a yell between that of a wildcat and an owl was heard going north from the corner last Thursday night. Would it be worth capturing?


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