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he handed Scarfe a two-mark piece, equal to one and ten pence, or forty-four cents. He gave us his name before leaving, and my recollection is that it was something like Eitelbert. Evidently he was a brother of the Duchess of Connaught, whom we knew to have been a German princess whose brothers and other male relatives all enjoyed high commands among our foes.

We remained in the fouled church all that day and night and until the following morning. No more food appeared. We were marched down to the railroad under heavy escort, crowded into freight cars and locked in. The guards were distributed in cars of their own, alternating with ours. Our wounds remained unattended to.

At every station they thundered: "Come out, Canadians!" They lined us up in a row while a staff officer put the same questions to us in nearly every case. They were particularly interested in the quality of our rations and asked if it was not true that we were starving and if our pay had not been stopped. The guards invariably explained to the civilians that these were the Canadians who had put the throats of the German wounded. The mob surged round and reviled us, while the guards, in high good-humor, translated their remarks, unless, as was frequently the case, they were made to the officials in English for our benefit. The other British soldiers were left in their cars.

Our wounded were getting very badly off by this time. It was impossible to avoid trampling of one another. It was very dark at last and the one small window in the roof was closed as soon as we drew into a station. When taken out we were under heavy escort and were allowed no opportunity to clean up the accumulated filth of the car. We suffered terribly for food and water, and some of the wounds began to turn, so that what with exhaustion and all we grew very weak.

At one station the guards took us out and made us line up to watch them eat of a hearty repast which the Red Cross women had just brought them. And we were very hungry. When we too asked for food they said, "Nix, Nix." They met us at every station, including women of all classes, who called us Engländer Schwein and who at no time gave us the slightest assistance, but instead devoted themselves to the guard.

We did not receive any food during this trip, which lasted from the morning of one day until the night of the next. We had gone since the day of our capture on the coffee received at headquarters in Polygon Wood and the single issue of water, bread and bacon received in the church, the latter of which we could not eat; a total of three days and nights on this ration.

We pulled into Giessen at eleven, the night of May tenth. They made a Roman holiday of the occasion. The entire population turned out to see the Engländer Schwein. There was a guard for every prisoner, and two lines of fixed bayonets. The mob surged round, heaping on us insults and blows, particularly the women. They spat on us, with hate in their eyes. We had to take that or the bayonet. These were the acts not only of the rabble, but also of the people of good appearance and address. One very well-dressed woman came rushing up. Under other circumstances I should have judged her to be a gentlewoman.

She was screaming invectives at us as she forced her way through the crowd. "Schwein!" she screamed, and struck at the man next me. Then, drawing deep from the very bottom of her lungs, she spat the most foul-in-lie face.

### The Prison Camp at Giessen

We had a mile and a half march to the prison camp. Those who were past walking were put in street cars and sent to the laager, where upon our arrival we were shoved into huts for the night, superfluous of course. This was our introduction to the prison camp of Giessen.

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