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My porter touched his cap to me. "Everything is here, monsieur," he said, "and the train will stop directly opposite up on the No. 1 line. This is my sister Madeleine, who has come to tell me about Auguste."

"Auguste is our cousin," explained Madeleine, "and he is coming to the station to see my brother. My brother was his favorite when we were children. Here he is now!" she cried. And I turned and saw a group of three advancing along the quay.

After the affectionate greetings were over my porter turned to me and said: "This is my cousin Auguste, monsieur. He is just home from Germany."

"Then you are a soldier?" I asked, as I shook hands with him.

"Not yet," he replied. "The government has given me fifteen days' leave before I join my regiment."

"Auguste has done his service," said Madeleine. They were all very proud of their cousin and stood close around him in a little circle.

### Before War Began

"But yes," said Auguste. "I did my three years before I went to Germany, and I have been home every year since for my two weeks' training. I was just coming home last year when the war broke out, and they made me prisoner."

"Oh," I said. "So you have been in one of the internment camps."

"It is so, monsieur," he replied. "Three days before war was declared they took me and all the other Frenchmen and made us prisoners in a camp."

"Before war was declared?"

"But yes, monsieur, three days before war was declared."

"Where was that?"

"It was in Saxony, monsieur. I would not want to say too closely. My wife and children are still there, and it would be bad for them. But it was not far from Dresden."

"Were your wife and children also made prisoners?"

"My wife is German, and my children were born in Germany."

"And how long have you lived in Germany?"

"Fifteen years."

"Did you have to work?"

"Only the French. The English and Russians did not have to work, but they built a factory for making asphyxiating gas shells, and the French prisoners had to work in the factory."

"Did you work in it?"

### Wrecked Factory Thrice

"I wrecked it three times," he replied. "It made 40,000 shells a week. The first time I damaged the furnace, and it took them four days to repair it. Then I spoiled the acid tanks and they ran for more than four weeks making shells that were worthless before they found it out. The third time I wrecked the furnace again, and it took three days to repair it. But then they began to suspect me, monsieur. They watched me too closely. I could be of no more use there, and—well, drew a plan of the factory and escaped. It is for that plan that the government has given me fifteen days' leave before I join my regiment."

"Was it hard to get away?"

"My wife did not want me to go. She was afraid they would capture me and shoot me."

"Your wife?"

"Yes," he replied. "When I escaped from the camp I went to say goodbye to my wife and children. My wife cried and begged me to go back and give myself up. She said I was sure to be captured and then I would be shot. But her sister came in while I was there. Her sister's husband and his two brothers are fighting in the German army. One of his brothers has been wounded and has the Iron Cross. And she said that I was right to go. She said that I was French, and it was right for me to want to fight for France. She told my wife to let me go. So I kissed my wife and children and came back to France."

"It was in June that I escaped, and they caught me just as I got to the Swiss border and started to take me back again. But I escaped once more, and this time got home. It took me two months."

"Haven't you done enough?" I asked.

"Do you want to fight now?"

"Oh!" he cried, raising his clenched fists, "give me a gun and a bayonet in my hands!"

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