 tin box story
of love and war

people thought it strange that charlie bell should be fighting in the south african war, for charlie was a south african and had never been to the colony. it was a strange story, for charlie was a south african when he was born, but when he was 4 years old his parents moved to england. charlie went to school in england and then joined the army to fight for his country. in the south african war, charlie was a soldier for the british army. he was the only south african in the regiment. on the day of the battle, charlie was in command of a platoon. the british army was being attacked by the south african boers. charlie ordered his men to advance and they did so. the battle was a hard one, but in the end the british army won. charlie thought it was a good day for the british army and he was proud to have been a part of it. he returned to england after the war and started a family. his wife was a south african and they had three children. charlie was a good husband and father and he was well liked by his community. he died in 1918 of the spanish flu.