

NINE GERMANS ESCAPED ◀ FROM CANADIAN FORT BY MEANS OF STRING

Boston, Feb. 4.—How he escaped from the Citadel, a British military prison at Halifax, N. S., where he and other German reservists had been confined several months, was told by Frank Schmidt, of Vera Cruz, Mexico, a non-commissioned officer in the German army reserve, who arrived here yesterday. Nine prisoners scaled the walls of the Citadel by means of a rope surreptitiously woven from pieces of twine. They had previously cut the bars of a window with a saw made from a steel table knife.

"Ten of us wanted to celebrate Emperor William's birthday so we set last Thursday for our attempt to escape, said Schmidt. "We slipped through the opening made with the knife and crouched under the wall in the darkness until the sentry's back was turned. Then I threw the rope over the top of the wall and a hook which we had placed on one end caught. Nine of us climbed the rope and dropped safely on the other side, but the last man was captured. Four of the nine were retaken shortly afterward."