

TWO GERMAN WAR PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM FORT HENRY

In broad daylight, on Wednesday afternoon, two German war prisoners made their get-a-way from Fort Henry, and the military authorities are scouring Eastern Ontario for the missing men of Hun descent.

The Germans made their escape about three o'clock, but just how they got away, will be the subject of an official investigation. As far as can be learned, the Germans simply walked off in front of the nose of their guard. Both men can speak very good English and this is something that will benefit them a great deal in making a successful escape.

It is understood that the absentees were not noticed until roll call in the evening, and if such is the case they would have quite a good start. However, several clues are being followed, and it is expected that the drag net will be able to land the two missing men.

As a result of this recent outbreak, there are now five Germans missing from the fort. It will be remembered that early in the summer three Germans escaped in a motor boat. The men had been assisting in making some repairs to the boat when they made their escape. They got away to the States, and although search was made for them, no trace could be secured of their whereabouts.

The two men who got away on Wednesday afternoon, no doubt headed for Uncle Sam's territory, as over there they would have a far bet-

ter chance of keeping their identity under cover.

All the night trains were searched, and the authorities along the border have been advised to be on the lookout for the runaways.

An Intern Anxious for Work.

That time hangs heavy on the hands of the interned soldiers and civilians in Fort Henry is apparent from the letter which is printed below. The Germans, evidently, are not overworked in these times when labor is so scarce, and many of them have difficulty in keeping themselves employed.

The following letter was written to Chicago by No. 794, Gustave H. Kiefer, several days ago from Fort Henry, and the desire for work on the part of the prisoners is shown.

"I have as much as twelve to fourteen hours of leisure a day, and would like to use my idle time in some kind of work such as addressing envelopes, rewriting statements and books, translating English into German and vice versa, or working out calculations in any currency, or anything at all that will pay forty to fifty cents a day. I would be greatly obliged as to how I shall be able to get in touch with some people who need such work."

The writer of this letter is a very clever man, and has been at the fort for some time. He is a German reservist, and apparently is well educated.