

GERMANS ESCAPE THROUGH TUNNEL

Troop of Cavalry Scouring Vernon for Alien Party Who Dug Way to Freedom.

Advices reaching Vancouver today indicate that the entire strength of the 30th B. C. Horse Regiment is out ranging the country around Vernon for some trace of an escaping party of interned Germans, who escaped from the prison camp yesterday by tunneling under the fenced enclosure. A number of prisoners got away and the occupant of a house adjoining the camp is in the provincial gaol, awaiting trial for aiding and conniving in the escape.

By accident the tunnel through which the escaping men passed, was discovered leading under the camp main kitchen and out into the backyard of the adjoining house. It is strongly

suspected that assistance was ready for the escapes upon the outside, and that automobiles were awaiting them after they emerged from the tunnel. A party of men was observed rowing a boat across the west arm of Okanagan Lake, four miles from the camp, and this clue is being followed.

The man under arrest as an accomplice was given his discharge from the internment quarters not long ago when he produced papers showing that he had come from Russia. It is said, however, that while he lived in Russia, he is in reality a German.