

Escaped Austrians Returned to Camp

Fruitless Tramp of Four Hundred Miles Through Virgin Forest

Cochrane, Sept. 7. — After traveling nearly four hundred miles on foot through virgin forest, passing no trace of civilization throughout the whole route, and living principally on berries, five Austrian prisoners, who escaped from the internment camp at Spirit Lake about four weeks ago, were brought back here, and will be returned to the camp. The first sign of civilization which the fugitives encountered in their long flight was at Gillies Bay, about 25 miles from Ville Marie, Que. Here the Hudson's Bay factor learned from the Indians of the presence of the Austrians in the vicinity, with the result that he communicated with the police at Ville Marie and the men were arrested.

The men when they left camp took with them a supply of spikes, with which they were able to construct rafts to cross the rivers. It was the discovery of one of these about a week ago which led to a hot chase after the fugitives. Lieut. M. L. Doyle, of the Spirit Lake internment camp, started out, accompanied only by one guide, in pursuit of the men, and they made the journey to Gillies Bay in less than a week. They found traces of the fugitives throughout the journey, but by the time the officer reached Gillies Bay his quarry was already safely in custody in Ville Marie.