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Eleven Germans, prisoners in the detention camp at Amherst, N.S., escaped some time between midnight on Monday and daylight this morning and are now at large. Four of these men have previously escaped from military custody and are regarded as especially dangerous. The men who made their getaway are: William Schaeffer, Louis Karl Vecerman, Paul Kuhnel, William Schroeder, George Kleinworth, Gustav Hartwig, William Wagner, August Meyer, Fred Schultz, Harry Bollmeier and Carl A. Volmer.

The method of escape was sensational. The internment camp is located in the outskirts of Amherst and is surrounded by what was supposed to be efficient guards, barbed wire fences, etc. In addition, there is a military guard on the camp patrolling all sections of it, day and night.

During the night the prisoners named tunnelled under the enclosure to a spot about 150 feet distant and made their escape. Four of the men had in their possession maps showing various railway lines in New Brunswick and other information of value.

Hartwig, regarded as the ring-leader of the gang, was arrested in St. John shortly after the war broke out. He was working on one of the dredges engaged in the harbor development work at Courtenay Bay when arrested by one of the detectives attached to the city police force.

It was then found that he had in his possession maps of the harbors on the Atlantic coast from St. John as far south as Virginia and in the case of the Canadian harbors, these maps were marked with soundings and other charted information. From St. John he was taken to the military prison in Halifax, where he made a sensational getaway by swimming from the prison to shore with his clothes in a bundle on his head. He returned to St. John and was captured here on a schooner about to sail to New York. Then he was taken to Amherst and up to Monday night had been interned there.

Notification of the escape of the prisoners was sent to police and military officials in Maritime Province points and a close watch is being kept.