

Fort Henry In 1837.

In the best of health and 93 years of age, Kingston's veteran citizen, Capt. R. H. McKay, can recall incidents of over three-quarters of a century ago, when prisoners of war were confined in Fort Henry in the years 1837 and 1838. "Little did I think I would live to see the day when the old fort would be used for such purpose again," he remarked.

"I well remember the occasion when two batches of prisoners were brought to the fort. One batch was picked up at Toronto and hurried to Kingston under the charge of a military guard and placed in the fort. A second batch was rounded up down the St. Lawrence River."

Capt. McKay can well remember the sensational escape which thirty of the prisoners made one day. One of them got hold of the plans of the fort, which had been thrown over the wall to him by one of his friends, and by that means he was able to find the places by which a person could get out in case of an emergency.

After scanning the plans over a scheme was arranged and these thirty men made their escape through one of the submarine passages.