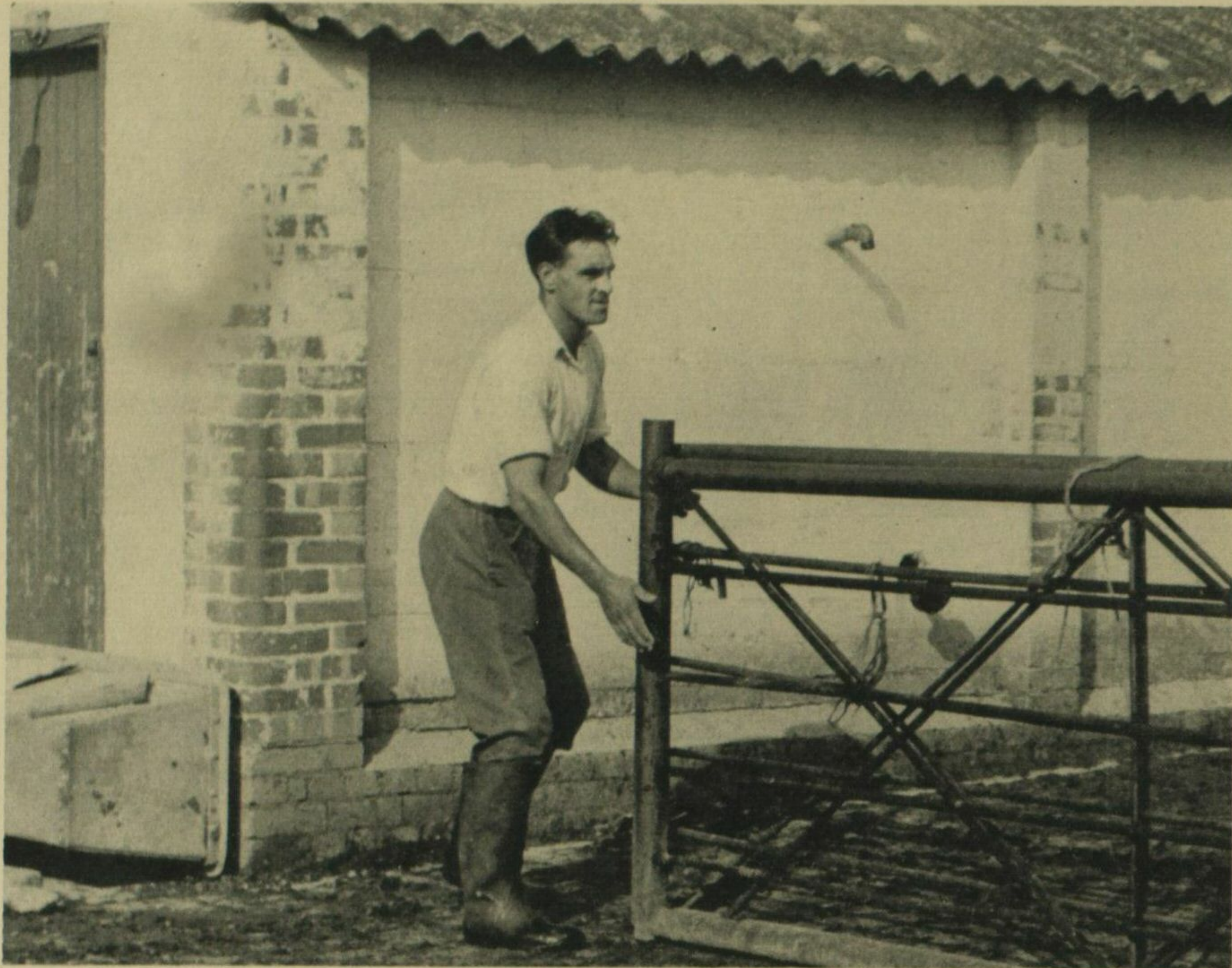


THE MOST DARING AND FRUITFUL MAIL ROBBERY IN ENGLISH HISTORY.



MR. JOHN MARIS, THE FARMHAND WHOSE TELEPHONE CALL BROUGHT THE POLICE SWOOPING ONTO THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HIDEOUT OF THE GANG.



LEATHERSLADE FARM, OAKLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, WITH THE HOLE INTO WHICH IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE GANG INTENDED TO BURY THE MAILBAGS.



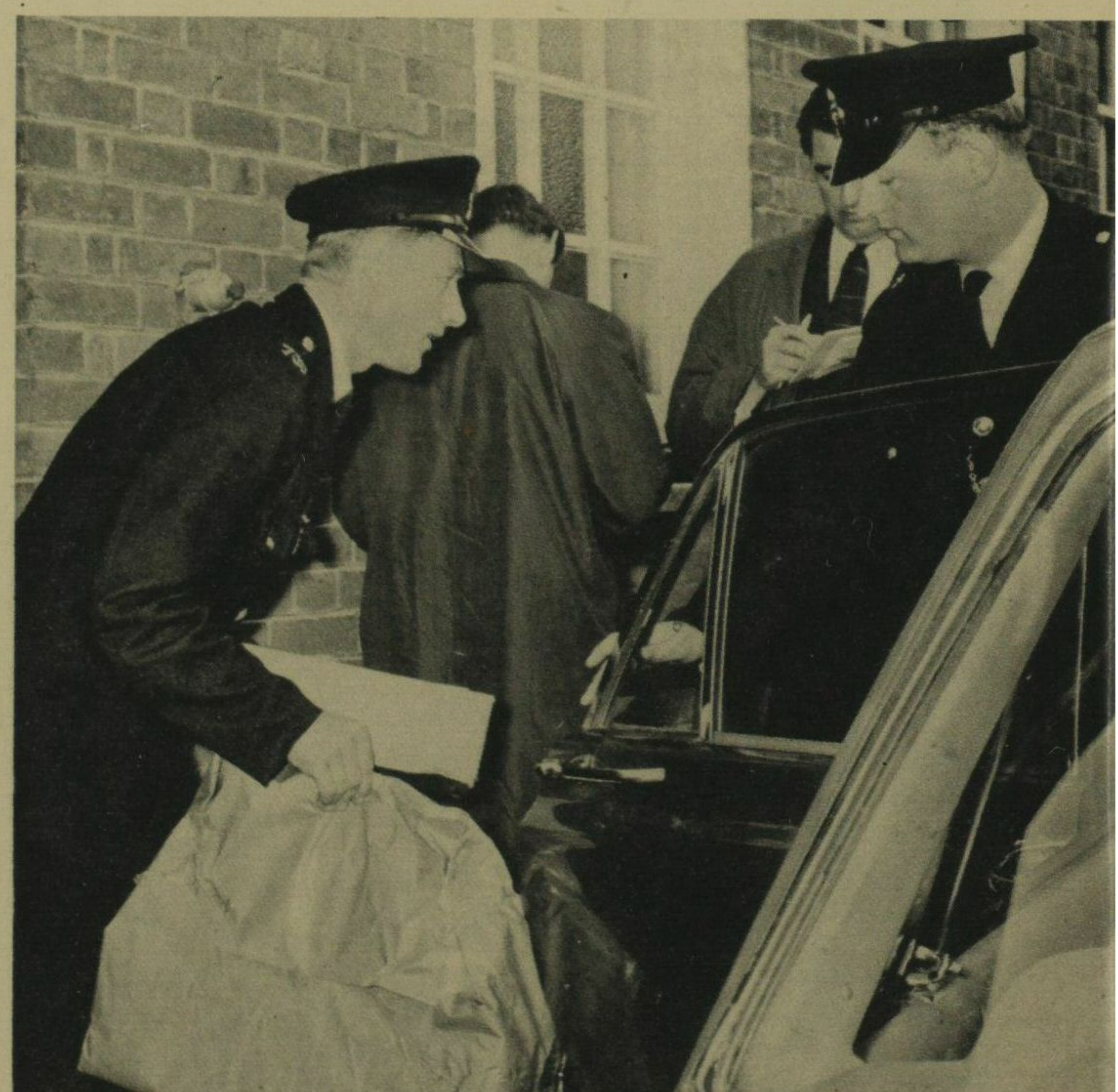
TWO WOMEN ARE ESCORTED, WITH THEIR HEADS COVERED BY A POLICE CAPE, INTO A SPECIAL COURT IN LINSLADE, BUCKS., ON AUGUST 16.



THREE MEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE "GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY." THEY WERE REMAIND IN CUSTODY AT THE LINSLADE COURT.



TWO VEHICLES SAID TO HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH THE ROBBERY: THE VAN WAS FOUND BY THE POLICE TO CONTAIN £50,000 AND THE OTHER CAR CONTAINED SOME FISHING EQUIPMENT.



POLICE CARRY BAGS WHICH CONTAINED OVER £100,900 IN BANKNOTES. THEY WERE FOUND AT A SURREY BEAUTY SPOT NEAR DORKING, ON AUGUST 16.

On August 8 an unknown number of men stole from a mail train approximately £2,631,784 in a remarkably well organised and "military" ambush. Since that time hundreds of police have been called onto the job and as a result of the record reward money, £250,000, offered for information leading to the arrest of the robbers, there have been various clues. Firstly the hideout was found, reported

by Mr. Maris. Then Scotland Yard's Flying Squad went to houses in London on account of reports that men had been missing from their homes since the mail theft. Five people were arrested on August 15 and charged with offences connected with the robbery. Two were arrested in connection with renting a garage in Bournemouth from an elderly widow, whose suspicions were aroused when

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