

"The dial was carefully examined by me and I could not find any evidence of it having been damaged in any way. In my opinion a knock on this dial would definitely not open any safe. It is my further opinion that this safe could only have been opened by the use of the correct combination. Lieut. MacAllister told me that he had counted his cash and balanced it at approximately 11:30 a.m. on 5 Jan 45 and that at approximately ten minutes to twelve he had put the cash away in the cash box, locked the cash box and placed this cash box in the safe. He stated that Tpr. DeBruyne had been in the room where the safe is kept at the time he put the cash box in the safe. He stated that he had whirled the dial of the safe and it turned very easily, and that he had made a remark to DeBruyne, "Well, that's done for another week" or words to that effect. He stated that he had then gone and had his lunch at his Mess, caught the 12:45 p.m. train to Toronto, had been in the station a short time and then had taken another train to Ottawa where he spent the weekend with his wife, and that he had returned on the late C.N.R. train on Sunday night, arriving at Camp Borden at approximately 0345 hours, at which time he had gone directly to his quarters. Lieut. MacAllister stated he arrived in his office around 9:10 a.m. and Capt. Seddall was waiting to inspect his cash. He stated that he opened the safe, the dial of which he found very hard to turn. He then brought the cash box out, had difficulty in opening it with the use of the key and on opening the same found the Canadian currency in bills to be missing, but the silver and coppers had not been taken. During the time I was questioning Lieut. MacAllister I asked him how he opened the safe and he stated that whenever anybody was in the room the dial would be screened by his body cutting off the view to any other person. I asked him how many times he had opened the safe since the day he changed the combination on 3 Jan until he closed it on 5 Jan and he told me fifteen to twenty times.

Cross-examined by the accused :-

- Q- Did you ascertain if the Pay Office was left open and unattended during 5 Jan to 8 Jan?
- A- I questioned Tpr. Bedard and he told me that approximately the only time this Pay Office might have been left open was between 6:15 p.m. and approximately 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, 7 Jan, during which time he had attended a show, but he thought that he had left this door locked.
- Q- During this investigation was the safe examined by a safe expert at all?