

PERIPATETIC TRIAL HELD IN BOMB CASE

Court Continues in Session
During Tour of Bayonne
Police Headquarters

WALKING WITNESS HEARD

Lieut. Doyle Tells of Receipt
of Explosive, Allegedly Sent
by Morro Castle Hero

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A "walking court trial," which attorneys said was unprecedented in New Jersey, was started today when Judge Thomas H. Brown of Special Sessions temporarily transferred a criminal trial session from the Hudson County Court House here to the scene of the alleged crime—Bayonne Police Headquarters.

The case was that of former Patrolman George W. Rogers of the Bayonne Police Department, charged with attempting to kill his superior officer, Lieutenant Vincent J. Doyle, with a home-made bomb. Rogers, the radio operator who four years ago tapped out an SOS from the radio room of the ill-fated liner Morro Castle and who later received a medal for bravery, waived trial by jury this morning.

Doyle, who lost three fingers of his left hand and suffered a fracture of his left thigh in the bomb explosion March 4, was "star witness" at the trial this afternoon.

The judge led a procession of assistant prosecutors, defense counsel, a court stenographer and witnesses from room to room at Bayonne headquarters. The blast occurred in the radio repair room on the second floor.

Elaborate diagrams of the headquarters building had been presented in court by the prosecution, but the judge preferred viewing the scene of the crime before resuming the trial tomorrow morning at the court house.

During his half-hour tour, Judge Brown conducted the session with all the dignity of the court room, but in place of a robe he wore a topcoat. The court stenographer had some difficulty in keeping pace with the procession and recording Doyle's testimony. Reporters took notes "on the run."

At the Court House, Doyle testified Rogers informed him that a package had been delivered for him and was lying on a table in the garage office at headquarters. He said Rogers accompanied him to the office. A note appended to the package said it contained a fish tank heater. Still accompanied by Rogers, Doyle said he went to the radio repair room to test the heater. Rogers left the room before he inserted the heater plug into an electric light socket, Doyle said. The moment the plug was inserted there was an explosion.

Doyle repeated parts of his testimony at Bayonne police headquarters.