

Six men armed with rifles and shotguns escaped with 1.014.005 in notes after ambushing a Securicor van on a country road near Chatham, Kent, yesterday. Other members of the gang went along a line of 20 cars which had been forced to stop by the ambush, threatened the drivers and seized their ignition keys which they threw into woodland beside the road. One braked in front of the van and, as it slowed, reversed into its bonnet. After failing to cut their way into the van with what is believed to have been a chain saw, some of the gang forced the driver and a guard to open the rear door at gunpoint. Was sandwiched by two vehicles. The other rammed the rear of the van.