

some little time before the Ridgways came in; we were just about finished when the Ridgways came in. After we had finished our meal I had a drink at the bar and then walked out to the door. I think I was by myself when I had that drink. I did not walk up to the bar with Graham, I think he was out before me. It was after all this that the fight apparently started. When I left the milk bar, right down at the spot where the Ridgways were, to join Graham outside, the fight had not started in any way. I do not remember Quinn making some jokes about the nose of one of the Ridgways while I was at the milk bar. I did not hear anyone referring to anyone as a Dago. I did not hear Quinn asking for something. When I was having my milk at the milk bar ~~xx~~ I was not standing right opposite them, I was a little way from them and I had my back to them. The milk bar is right at the end of the cafe. I must have been within a foot or so of them. I was not taking any notice of them. I had not been drinking anything else but milk. When I got up from the table to go and have a milk drink, I think Graham got up and went outside. When I had finished my drink and came past the Ridgways Graham had left the cafe. As to joining Graham when I got outside, I do not think I did go with him, I just stood at the car and made a smoke. I do not think Graham was at the car. I do not know where he was standing, I just walked out there to the car and had a smoke. We each paid for our own meal. The first thing I ~~x~~ saw when I looked behind was a number of men fighting. If it is suggested that everybody at that table appeared to be fighting, I say I do not know ^{about} every one. I do not know who was fighting, but it looked as if everyone was fighting. As I was standing having the milk drink there were about ~~xxxx~~ four or five men standing at that table. I had known Bert Ridgway by sight before this. When they came through the door they were all fighting together. Bert Ridgway

was among those ^{fighting} their way through the door. As to being sure, I am not too sure of that. As to not being sure of anything that night, and as to remembering who came ~~through~~ through the door last of all, I could not say as to that. Bert Ridgway was fighting with the others; there would be about four coming through the doorway fighting together. I do not know Mr. Dalton, the man now standing up in court. I do not remember seeing him fighting. I do not ~~remember~~ remember him having a fight, or having anything to do with the men on the footpath. I did not see him there. As to where Bert Ridgway went when he came through the door, I think he went straight out on to the roadway. If you suggest everything was so quick and confused in the ~~xx~~ dark that I did not know who was who in the fight, I say that is the position. It was very dark outside. Everybody around was grouped around the fight. I could not tell who was fighting in a group in that darkness. I think three of them continued to fight out on the roadway. I think I saw Bert Ridgway there. I am not prepared to swear he was. I am not too sure who was there. I remember the dead man Quinn. I do not remember his appearing to be giving some other man a good hiding. As to remembering him appearing to be more than holding his own with his man, I do not think so; I do not know. I signed a statement in connection with this matter, it was made to the police. I only signed one statement. I see the statement produced, that is my signature on that statement. Before I made the statement I did not endeavour to conceal anything from the police. I said in my statement some of the men standing around the table were getting heated. I do not know if Quinn was one of the men getting very heated.

EXHIBIT No. 5.

Statement of Lawrence Antonie.

to SEN. DET. DONNELLY: In regard to the knife I saw flash, I could not describe the knife. It was dark. I just saw it as quickly as anything and it was gone. As to the flash being

as big as an insect, or something larger, it appeared to be a pretty big knife. I said a number of people appeared to be fighting in the cafe. I could not say whether some of those people were acting as peace-makers. I said I saw Graham outside. I could not say whether he was there when I first went out, but I saw him afterwards. I was talking to him about ten minutes afterwards. I did not know exactly where Graham was when I first went out. I have been handed this statement of mine. Looking at the third last paragraph, it reads -"As soon as the kicking was over the three men, including Bert Ridgway who had been fighting Quinn, ran away towards the railway gates. When Bert Ridgway was running away he still had the knife in his right hand." As to that being true, I do not know, I did not see him running away.

TO THE CORONER: I have identified the signature on that statement as mine. At the time the police took the statement from me it was read over to me before I signed it.

TO SEN. DET. DONNELLY: I read that portion of my statement, commencing - "I walked around the back of the car on to the road, I then saw Quinn stagger or crumple up and fall to the roadway, then one of the men who was fighting him, kicked Quinn two or three times about the head or the top of the body. Before this and as I came around the back of the car I saw Bert Ridgway stoop down and make a swing at Quinn, who was on the ground, with his right hand in which he had a big knife, it was downward swing. I could not see if it connected or not as Bert Ridgway was partly between Quinn and I. When I saw Bert Ridgway make the swing at Quinn, Quinn was trying to rise and was on one hand and it was following the stabbing that he was kicked." As to that portion of my statement being true, yes, that is true.

TO THE CORONER: As to why I did not say that in the first place when
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Ixx was asked all the questions, I just said I saw the
knife and that. I am 18 years of age. I reached the
Eighth Grade in school.

(Signed) L. Antonie.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 13th. DAY OF MAY, 1947.

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CORONER.

KEVIN CHARLES PATRICK FELSTEAD on his oath saith:

My full name is Kevin Charles Patrick Felstead, and I am a factory hand residing at 33 Mitchell Street, Benteigh. I am 16 years of age. I did not know the deceased, Vincent Quinn, but I have seen him around. On Saturday night, the 19th of April this year, at about midnight, I went with Kenneth Dixon to the Hamburger shop in Centre Road, Benteigh. After our arrival there we each had two hamburgers. We were playing on a machine in the shop while we were eating them. Somewhere about 12.30 a.m. I saw Vincent Quinn come into the shop with two other men. I have seen one of those men here today. He is at the back of the Court. That is Mr. Dalton. I have seen another one outside the Court today. When Vincent Quinn came in with these men he went to the end table down by the drink counter. There were other men at that end table. I am not sure whether there were three or four. Some of them were standing. I then arrived at the milk counter and bought a couple of malted milks. I did not hear Quinn being introduced ~~by~~ to some of the men at that table at that stage. As to hearing anything going on between Quinn and the men at the table, they were arguing with each other - abusing each other. I heard an introduction in the vicinity of that table. I could not say who it was that was being introduced. I did not know any of the men who were at that table when Quinn came up, only Mr. Quinn when he came up. I noticed a man in Court today who was at that table when Mr. Quinn came up. That is the man in the blue coat over there (Bert Ridgway). I do not see anyone else in the Court that I recognise. I drank part of my malted milk and then the fight started. I went outside and left the glass on the front of the car and I walked across the road. As to hearing anything just before the fight started, they were abusing each other over the table. I think they were both abusing each other - Quinn, and I would not be ~~so~~ too sure who the other man was. One of the men took his coat off

before that - they were going to have a fight - and then he put it back on again. I do not know which one it was. I have not got a very good memory for faces, and I do not know any of the men's names. As far as I saw the incident in regard to the taking the coat off only happened the once. When the coat was taken off I think it was hung up on a hook above the table. The two men at the table were abusing each other and Bobby Hovell came out and tried to stop them, and one of them pushed him to the floor. The man who owned the shop put some, I think, steak and eggs on the table at about that stage, and they overturned the table. I could not say who it was that overturned the table. As to seeing what happened to Vincent Quinn when the table was over, all I know is that the fight started then and I went straight outside. I could not say ~~who~~ who was taking part in the fight at the time I left. I think Vincent Quinn was; he was in the fight outside. I was outside for a matter of a couple of minutes before they came out the door. The first fight outside took place just near the big window. I will indicate on photograph No. 2 where the first fight started. The boy Quinn was one who was fighting there, and I recognised the boy Ridgway as one of them. That is the one with the blue coat on. As to there being any other man fighting near the window, there were three altogether. I could not say how he was dressed, I was across the road - in the middle of the road really. The third man who was in this altercation would be taller than the boy Ridgway. I know how Mr. Quinn was dressed. I saw Bobby Hovell do something; when they started fighting near the window he came out to push them away from the window over towards the gutter. I could not clearly see who the men were who were striking the blows at that stage. There were three involved altogether counting Mr. Quinn. I was viewing this from the centre of the road. I had a fairly clear view. As to seeing anything of a knife at any stage

*Quinn & Boy Ridgway
+ one other
fight near
window.*

↑ ? Bert Rigby

while the fight was going on on the road, I saw one of the boys - I could not say which one it was - strike Quinn with a knife. I would say that I saw Quinn struck in the vicinity of the chest. The blow came across like that (indicating) and seemed to catch him in about the chest. Quinn was standing in the manner I indicate and the blow seemed to go across like that (indicating). I agree that it was a sweeping blow about shoulder high and hit somewhere about the chest. Quinn fell in the gutter then, and they kicked him twice and ran off, as far as I could see. That is all I saw. I could not say who kicked him. I could not make out who it was in the light, it was not a very good light. This person appeared to kick Quinn in the face to me. As to how many were taking part in the fight when it was going on on the roadway, I did not see it on the roadway. I saw it on the footpath near the gutter and there were three in it then. It appeared to be just about where I indicate on photograph No. 1. (Indicating a point where the edge of the shadow falls on the kerb). Quinn actually fell down in the gutter. I think the point where he fell would be about where I indicate on photograph No. 1. (Indicating a point an inch to the east of the shadow). The man who was kicked was Quinn. After Quinn was kicked they ran off up the road towards East Bentlyigh, up to the railway gates. Two men ran away. The two who were fighting Quinn ran away. I could not identify those men at that stage. I say that during the period I was watching the fight no one else was fighting Quinn other than the two men who ran away. Those men had been fighting in the street for only a matter of a minute before I took up a position from where I could see everything. That was out in the street. It would be about three minutes altogether counting the time in the shop. They were fighting out in the street for about one minute before I had them under observation. I could not give any indication of the size of

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This was on the
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(near the gutter)
I think it
was Bert Rigby
who kicked him

the knife that I saw in this man's hand. I know the size of a pocket knife. It would be larger than a pocket knife. It would be about the length I indicate. I am speaking of the length of the blade. I agree that would be about 8 inches. I could not say what width it was.

TO MR. DUNN: As to how long after I came out to the front of the shop that the fighters came out, I think it would be just behind me, just after I came out. I went across the road and I was towards the centre of the road. I watched it from there. I did not see all the fight outside until the stabbing took place. I saw them come out, and when I turned around they were fighting. As to whether that must have been only a split second, only the time that I took to turn around, they could have been fighting while I was walking across the road away from them. As to whether they were fighting on the footpath all that time from when I saw them fighting on the footpath until I saw the kicking, they were coming over towards the gutter. They were all on the footpath. They were not fighting out on the road at all. I say that they were all on the footpath. I do not know Mr. Dalton, but he was there. I saw him at the shop. When I saw him outside the shop, he was helping the boy Quinn. That was after Quinn had been stabbed and they had run off. I did not see Dalton having a fight with Bert Ridgway. If other witnesses have said that they saw Dalton and Bert Ridgway fighting somewhere I say that I did not see them together outside at all. I only saw two men and the boy Quinn ~~fight~~ having a fight outside. That was all on the footpath. I made a statement to the police. The signature on the statement produced is my signature. If you say that in my statement I said "One of the two men who were fighting him then kicked Quinn on the face about the forehead. I only saw the one kick. I looked away as soon as I saw Quinn stabbed and when I looked back I saw him kicked, he could have been stabbed again and kicked again while I was looking

away" and today I have said that I saw two kicks and asked me which would be correct, I say I think it would be one; I am a bit confused today. What is in my statement would be more likely to be accurate.

EXHIBIT 6. Statement of Kevin Charles Patrick Felstead.
It was fairly dark outside the shop. It was hard to see who was who. I could not recognise the faces from where I was.

(Signed) K. FELSTEAD.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS TERTIY 13TH DAY OF MAY, 1947.

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CORONER .

HAROLD GRAYDON WIGNALL, on his oath saith:

My full name is Harold Graydon Wignall and I am Deputy Government Medico-Legal Chemist, State Laboratories, Melbourne. On the 21st April, 1947, I received from Senior Det. Donnelly, three parcels and one envelope, the contents of each of which I have examined with the following results:

(a) Parcel marked - "Quinn. Shirt, suit, singlet, shoes and socks."

My examination of these garments showed that they were all heavily bloodstained.

Singlet - the neck of this singlet had a cut in it one inch in length at a position 2 inches to the right of the front centre line.

Trousers - in the lower part of the right leg of these trousers on the outer side at a distance of 5 inches from the cuff, there was a horizontal cut 5 inches in length. Heavy blood clots were present at this position.

(b) Parcel marked - "1 suit of clothes and shirt worn by worn by Isbert Robin Ridgway re murder of Vincent Quinn".

Coat - this coat showed the presence of bloodstains on the lining of each sleeve at the cuffs and also on the outer surface of the right hand front at a position 2 inches below the bottom button.

Handkerchief - in the right hand pocket of ~~xxx~~ this coat there were three handkerchiefs. A coloured-bordered one showed bloodstains at several places. One of the white handkerchiefs had some very small bloodstains on it.

Trousers - on the outer side of the right leg of these trousers there was bloodstains at a distance of 12 and 18 inches respectively up from the cuff on which blood was also present.

In-side the right hand pocket of these trousers there were some stains which I proved to be blood.

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Small bloodstains were also present inside the top edge of the hip pocket on the right hand side of these trousers.

Shirt - at the back of this shirt on the right hand outer surface there were small smears of blood. They were at a position 8 inches from the bottom edge and $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the side seam.

Three buttons were missing from the front opening of this shirt. One of these buttons, the third lowest one, had apparently been forcibly pulled off, the material beneath being torn.

(c) Parcel marked - "1 suit and shirt worn by ^{Walter} James Ridgway. Re murder of Vincent Quinn."

Coat - on the outer side of the right sleeve and also on both lapels of this coat bloodstains were present. Blood was also present on the lining inside the right sleeve at the elbow of this coat but this blood appeared to be old and discoloured.

Trousers - blood was present on both of the cuffs and the lower leg portions of these trousers.

Shirt - a large bloodstain was present on the right hand cuff of this shirt. Smaller blood stains were on the left cuff.

(d) Envelope marked "Exhibits re murder of Vincent Quinn".

Button - this was a small four-holed pearl button. It did not correspond with the buttons on the shirt in parcel "B" (Isbert Ridgway) which were two-holed composition buttons.

On April 22nd. 1947, Mr. Quigley handed me a sealed glass jar labelled:-

"City Morgue, Melbourne. 21/4/47. Stomach and contents of Vincent Quinn for analysis. For any evidence of alcoholic beverage. K.M. Bowden, 21/4/47".

I have examined the contents of this jar. The reaction was acid. There was no smell of beer, wine nor spirits

present. The stomach contents consisted of a meal of meat and vegetables. On analysis of the liquid portion of the stomach contents, I found only traces of alcohol present in them.

There was no evidence of an alcoholic beverage being present in these stomach contents.

I see the button produced. That is the button that was handed to me. Although not an identical type of button to those on the shirt, it is a button that could be used on a shirt; it is a shirt button.

EXHIBIT "D".

Three parcels of clothing, marked "a", "b" and "c".

EXHIBIT "E".

Envelope and shirt button.

TO THE CORONER: Disregarding the blood present on the lining inside the right sleeve at the elbow of the coat contained in parcel (c), marked "1 suit and shirt worn by ~~xxxxxxx~~ Walter Thomas Quinn, which I said appeared to be old and discoloured, the whole of the rest of the bloodstains on all of the clothing examined by me ~~xxxxx~~ were all of recent origin. I could not say those bloodstains would be about the same age, occurring from blood spilt about the same time; but they were all of recent origin. In regard to the length of time that alcohol will remain present in a body after death, referring to the stomach contents, it would not remain any length of time, it would be practically all absorbed through the stomach walls into the blood stream in half an hour. I do not mean that applies to after death. Supposing a man's stomach had a quantity of alcohol in it, that he was killed and there was a ~~x~~ lapse of 24 hours before I made my analysis, I would expect to find the same quantity of alcohol then as when he was killed.

TO MR. DUNN: If a man was killed some hours after he had had his last drink of alcohol, I would not expect to find the alcohol in his stomach contents. In some cases half an hour would be

sufficient for the alcohol to go through the stomach walls into the blood stream. To some extent it depends upon the amount of food in the stomach. In an empty stomach it would be practically all gone in half an hour ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and in two hours it would be all gone. The alcohol would tend to go through the stomach wall into the blood stream quicker than it would if the stomach had any food in it. The parcel (c) did not contain any boots.

(Signed) H.G. Wignall.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 13th. DAY OF MAY, 1947.

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CORONER.

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I N Q U I S I T I O N (Resumed)

held at

T H E C I T Y M O R G U E -- M E L B O U R N E,

on

Thursday, 15th. May, 1947.

BEFORE:

J. W. MARWICK, ESQ., P.M., City Coroner.

UPON the body of VINCENT PATRICK QUINN.

SEN. DET. DONNELLY appeared to assist the Coroner.

MR. R. DUNN appeared on behalf of Walter Thomas Ridgway and
Esbert Robin Ridgway.

PETER MATHEW HUNT on his oath saith:

My full name is Peter Mathew Hunt and I am 13 years of age. I am a schoolboy. I reside at 37 Bendigo Street, Bentleigh. On Saturday night, the 19th of April, this year, I went to the pictures at Glenhuntly. I returned from the pictures with the lad Dixon and the lad Felstead. On our way home we went to the Hamburger shop at 309 Centre Road, Bentleigh. When we arrived there it would be about a quarter past 12. On entering the hamburger shop I bought a hamburger and ate it. I was playing on a machine in the shop for some time. The machine was on the right-hand side of the front door of the shop. It was in the front of the shop. While I was there I heard something unusual going on, I heard a man swearing. I heard some singing. That was coming from down by the milk counter. At that time I looked to see who was singing and swearing. There was a man in a blue suit; he seemed to be swearing. I can see that man present today. That is the man I indicate, Bert Ridgway. At that time Bert Ridgway was seated. There were about four men at the table where he was when I first heard the ~~sing~~ singing. Shortly after that I saw Vincent Quinn come in. When he came in he was standing at the table where Bert Ridgway and the other men were. I do not know whether he was alone, I just saw him on his own. I saw him standing at that table. The next thing I heard the start of an argument. I could not hear what was said in that argument. I could hear an argument. I could see who was having the argument - the boy Quinn and the two Ridgways. The second Ridgway I refer to is in Court today. That is the man over there, Walter Ridgway. They started arguing, and the man in the blue suit took off his coat and there was a fight. He took his coat off and put it on again. As to what happened next, he took it off and the boy in the grey suit hit the boy Quinn. He hit him with his fist. That hit the boy Quinn on the chin. I cannot recall anything being said

About 3 men
were helping

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by anyone just before that and which led up to that blow. I heard someone say "If you want a fight I will give it to you." I do not know who said that. I think it was a boy in a grey suit. It could not be the boy Quinn who said that. After that they started fighting. After the blow that hit Quinn on the chin, the two Ridgways, the boy Quinn and the men that were standing around the table joined in the fight. I know the boy Bobby Hovell who works there. He tried to stop them from fighting. At that stage I had ordered a malted milk and had finished it. When the fight was on I went outside. There is a paddock next to the hamburger shop and when I went outside I stood in front of that. I indicate on photograph No. 1 where I stopped, (indicating the east side of the driveway shown in photograph No. 1). After I went outside I saw the boy Quinn fall on the ground. The two Ridgways knocked him on the ground. I could not say who came out of the shop first. As to the first I saw of Quinn and the two Ridgways after they came out of the shop, they came outside and they were fighting outside. They were fighting just in front of the window. When I say they were fighting I mean that they were hitting him and kicking him. Quinn was also fighting back. I did not see anything of a sheath or anything of that nature in the shop. When Quinn was in the shop and he received this punch he was still standing up. At that particular ~~he~~ time he was just by the wall near the chairs. His head touched the wall. I know what caused his head to touch the wall, it was when the boy Ridgway hit him. The fight outside first took place just near the window. That was the big window on the right-hand side. I indicate on photograph No. 2 where the fight took place (indicating near the word "fish" on the eastern window). It would be about three minutes after I came out of the shop that this fight took place near the window. The boy Hovell did something with the men who were fighting at the window. He tried

*on the footpath
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to push them away from the window to stop them smashing it. They then went over near the gutter. They were not on the footpath, they were on the road. As to what took place on the road, the two Ridways were hitting Quinn and he fell on the ground and one of the Ridways kicked him in the face. I could see which one it was that hit him. It was the big boy Ridway. I agree that is Wally Ridway. When Quinn was on the roadway he was trying to get away with his feet. I did not notice what he was doing with his hands. There was no other person in this group at the time the fight was going on. I did not see any other person fighting on the roadway than the boy Quinn and the two Ridways. At about the time of the kicking incident I saw something else happen. I saw the one in the blue suit go like that (indicated) with something in his hand. It was something about six inches long. I could not say what colour it was. It was dark and I could not see what it was. It was something long in his hand. It appeared to be a knife. It could have been something similar to the knife produced. I say that the length of the blade was about six inches. That blow struck Quinn's chest. Quinn was then lying on the ground. Just before the kicking Quinn was knocked down on to the ground. I could not say how he fell.

TO THE CORONER: He was lying on his back.

TO SENIOR DETECTIVE DONELLY: I did not notice anything particular about his legs at the time he was falling. I had not noticed the knife at all prior to the time I saw it used by Bert Ridway when Quinn was on the ground. the two Ridways ran off up towards the station. I was about two yards away from this fight while it was going on on the roadway. I did not have a clear view of what was going on. There was nothing that obstructed my view. I do not know how I explain the fact that I did not have a clear view.

TO THE CORONER: I mean that I could not see clearly because it was

*Two Ridways were forcing + kicking him.
One of them was like that (demonstrating) with something in his hand.
Quinn was lying on ground.
Only two men were about Quinn.*

It was seen Dalton outside

dark. There was nothing between me and the fight. There was nothing there to prevent me from seeing if it had been light.

TO SENIOR DETECTIVE DONNELLY: Quinn was not down at any time while the fight was going on on the footpath. No kicking took place on the footpath. After I saw the two men run away I just saw Quinn lying on the ground. I did not take much notice of him. As to noticing anything about him, he was coughing up blood. There was blood about where he was lying; there was a lot in the gutter. I waited until the police came along and I then went home.

TO MR. DUNN: I live with my people. I am supposed to get home of a Saturday night as early as I can. I usually get home at about half past 12. I was delayed on this night because we had to walk home from the pictures. We caught a bus at Thomas Street and walked from there to Bentleigh. I was still not in a hurry, I was dawdling along. I do not go to this hamburger's much. I went on this particular night because I felt ~~knaggy~~ hungry. I still go to school. I attend St. Joseph's, Malvern. I am a friend of the Quinns. I have always been a friend of the Quinns. I have known the family for about five years. I agree that I resented Vin Quinn being killed. Asked if I blame the Ridgways very much for that, I say I do not know. I have not talked this over with the Quinn family ever since. I have never talked it over with them. I have talked to the Quinns since when I was coming in in the car. They drove me in. They drove me home after the last day of this inquest. I did not speak to them at all about this inquest and what went on on Tuesday. I never said a word to them. That is the truth. I did not hear this case discussed on the way home when I was with the Quinn family. I realise that I have to tell the truth in these matters. That is the truth that I did not hear one mention of this case after I left the inquest on Tuesday with

the Quinns. I did not hear the Quinns saying that they would like to get the Ridgways. Asked to think again as to whether I heard them saying that, I think one of them said "He had better keep out of my way". He said that to another fellow in the car. The boy Quinn said that to the other fellow in the car. I do not know the name of the other fellow he was talking to. I have not told the Quinns that I would make it as hot as possible for the Ridgways. When I went down for the malted milk at the counter in the shop the fight had not started then. I know Bert Ridgway. He was sitting down on one of the chairs. He was sitting with his back to the milk counter. He was nearest the milk counter, facing the door. Walter Ridgway was standing in the middle of the table. He was on the door side of the table. He was facing Bert. He was standing the whole time. I am sure of that. Quinn was standing just near the wall. He was near the wall that runs down the side of the cafe. He was down near the milk bar. I see the plan of the cafe on the plan produced (Exhibit C). I see the two tables near the milk bar which are marked on the plan. Quinn was standing near the wall I indicate. I will mark with a cross where Quinn was standing, and I will mark with a circle where Bert Ridgway was sitting. I agree that Quinn was standing just next to Walter Ridgway. I saw the start of the fight. When the fight started Bert Ridgway was at the table. He remained seated at the table. Bert took a part in the fighting then. As to who he was fighting, they were all on to the boy Quinn. The two Ridgways were on to him. I have stated that there were a number of other men fighting there also. They all joined in. They were trying to stop the boy Ridgway from hitting Quinn. I do not know how they were trying to stop him; I do not remember. I am not saying that because I think it might hurt the Quinns. Quinn's friends were in amongst the fighting. They were fighting. As to

whether Bert Ridgway was fighting across the table, they tipped the table up. I saw Bert Ridgway and Quinn fighting across the narrow table. I do not know where Walter was then. I do not know if he was there at the time that Bert Ridgway and Quinn were fighting across the table, I ran outside. As to remembering who came through the door first after I got outside, the whole crowd of them. I do not know how many there were in the crowd. There would be about a dozen. I agree that it was an all-in brawl at this time. It was hard to see who was fighting who. There were about five on ~~the~~ Quinn's side. I think they were winning the brawl at that time. The Ridgways seemed to be getting the worst of it until they got outside. The main fight outside took place just near the gutter on the road. There was a motor car outside. The fight took place just in front of the lights of the motor car. As to what happened to Quinn's supporters who were winning the fight in the cafe when they got out on to the road, they just stood back. As to what they did, they just stood there. They rushed out. When they rushed out they just stood there. I say that there were only three fighting outside. I see the gentleman standing up in Court (Dalton). He was not fighting anyone outside. After the boys Ridgways ran he picked Quinn up. I know Mr. Dalton by sight. I have been coming in in the truck with him every day. I did not know his name. That is the truth. Before Quinn was knocked over he was not doing anything outside. I did not see him having a tussle with Bert Ridgway. He was not having a tussle with him at some time. He did not have a fight or a wrestle with this man; I am definite about that. Mr. Dalton and Bert Ridgway did not come together outside the shop. I was watching the whole time. If it is said that other people have sworn that they were having a bit of a tussle outside the shop window I say that Mr. Dalton was not doing anything outside before Quinn got knocked over; he was

just standing there. Quinn's other friends, who were fighting in the shop, were not taking any part in the fight. I do not know who first knocked Quinn over outside the shop. He was only knocked over once. He never got up after that. I say that Quinn was near the gutter when he was knocked over outside the shop. I indicate on photograph No. 1 where he was when he was first knocked over. I agree that is just about on the shadow which is shown in photograph No. 1. Quinn moved from there. He crawled over to the gutter, over to where he was coughing up the blood. He crawled over there. That is the truth. He started crawling after they ran away. As to how far he crawled, it was just over to where the pathway is. He crawled there the whole way. As to whether anybody helped him at all, after he stopped some men picked him up. As to whether he was crawling along the gutter, he crawled to the gutter and he coughed up blood there.

TO THE CORONER: He fell somewhere near the shadow in the gutter which is shown on photograph No. 1. Then he crawled to the driveway. After the Ridgways had run away he crawled that far. It was there that he coughed up the blood. I did not notice him cough up any blood at the spot where he fell or between where he fell and where he stopped.

TO MR. DUNN: I am sure that I am not making this up. I agree that he crawled quite a little distance. He crawled to the driveway I have indicated on the east side of photograph No. 1.

TO THE CORONER: He was crawling along on his hands and knees. He was not half upright and staggering.

TO MR. DUNN: He was on his hands and knees. The crowd were then just watching. The Ridgways had gone by this time. It is correct that he was kicked by Walter Ridgway where I first indicated on photograph No. 1, just near the shadow. I am not making this up. When he was stabbed I think his head

was facing towards the car. His feet were facing towards the railway line and his head was facing west - that is, the opposite way to the railway. He was lying parallel to the gutter. It was after I saw him kicked that I saw him stabbed in the gutter once by Bert Ridgway. After the stabbing he crawled to his final resting place. I did not see Bert Ridgway coming out of the cafe. I saw Walter Ridgway come out of the cafe. I saw Quinn come out of the cafe. As to what Quinn was doing when he was coming out of the cafe, he was trying to run out. He was fighting with somebody as he was coming out of the cafe. As to it being correct that I was standing by the driveway the whole time this fight was on, I went down to where he coughed up the blood and watched it from there. I was standing on the driveway for a start. In my evidence previously I said I watched the fight from there. I watched the fight from the driveway where he finished up. I watched the whole fight from there. There was nothing between me and the fight. I agree that the fight took place quite a good distance away from me. The other 30 or 40 people from the cafe were up the top. They were on the other side of the fight. There was no one on my side at all, not one person. That is the truth. I was with the other boys, Kevin Felstead and the boy Dixon. They were not down my end at all. I was the only one down my end. The other people were about four yards away from the fight. They were further away than I was. They were further away than I from the fight. ~~It~~ Nobody interfered at all. I am prepared to swear that there were only three people in the fight outside the cafe. I do not know what I would say if it is sworn that there were at least five people fighting outside the cafe. It is possible that there were five fighting outside the cafe; I only noticed three. It was fairly dark outside. As to what made me say it was a knife if I were some distance away and whether I could see the flash of the blade, I say

yes. As to the blade being a similar colour to the blade of the knife produced, it was dark. It was a dark coloured blade. Somebody told me afterwards that it was a knife. I agree that is the reason I say it was a knife, because someone told me afterwards. I first made a statement to the police a couple of days afterwards. That was the first time I was spoken to by the police. I made a statement. The statement produced is the statement I made; that is my signature on it.

EXHIBIT 7 Statement of Peter Mathew Hunt.

I have never been in trouble in the Children's Court.

TO SENIOR DETECTIVE DONNELLY: I stated that the object which I saw flash was about six inches long. It was roughly about an inch in width. It appeared to me to be a knife. I told Mr. Duan that in the cafe there were some men trying to stop the fight. As to how they were trying to stop the fight in the cafe, they were saying "If you want to fight get outside." They did something further to prevent blows being struck, they were trying to put them outside. When they got outside I saw only three men fighting - the two Ridgways and Quinn. I cannot say whether or not there was any other person trying to prevent the fight in any way. I had never seen Mr. Dalton prior to that night. The first time I saw him that night was in the cafe. He was at the table where this fight took place. I do not know whether he took any part in the fight in the cafe. The first occasion I saw Mr. Dalton outside the cafe was when he was with the boy Quinn. During the whole Court proceedings here, up until this morning, I have not been in Court. I was requested to remain outside the Court and not come in.

(Signed) P. HUNT.

TAKEN AND SWORN BEFORE ME AT MELBOURNE THIS 15TH OF MAY, 1947.

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CORONER.

KENNETH H HOWARD DIXON on his oath saith:

My name is Kenneth Howard Dixon and I reside at 2 Milton Avenue, Bently. I was a stablehand, but I am not any more, I now work in a woodyard. Shortly after midnight on Saturday, the 19th of April of this year, I went to the hamburger shop in Centre Road, Bently, with Kevin Falstead and the lad Hunt. On arrival there I had a couple of hamburgers and I played on the machine in the shop for a while. That machine is in the corner of the shop near the front window.

Whilst I was there there were a good many people in the shop, roughly I should say about 30; it may have been more and it may have been less. I know the two Ridgways by sight only. They were there in the shop. I point those men out in Court, (indicating Esbert Ridgway and Walter Ridgway). When I first saw them they were in the corner of the shop the furthest away as one goes in through the door that was near the milk counter on the east side of the shop. When I first saw them there were others with them, there were about six in the group, including the Ridgways. I heard someone sing out to hurry up with the meal that someone was having. At that stage there was a fair amount of noise going on at the Ridgways' table. I could not say whether, at that particular time, anyone was seated at that table over there. I had seen Vincent Quinn at different times. (I saw him come into the shop.) I only know that Mr. Dalton and another man, I think, was with him. That was a Mr. Trinder. ~~xxxx~~ After I first saw the Ridgway boys and the other men at the table, I could not say for sure when Mr. Dalton and one of the Trinders came in. I do not think it was any great length of time but I could not give any estimate, I did not take much notice of the time. When I noticed Vincent Quinn come in I was playing on the machine there. He was standing up at the side of the table, nearest to the door. I never noticed him go anywhere later on. I saw him near the table, near the milk counter, with the other men. Mr. Dalton

and two of the Trinders were with him then. The next thing that happened was that there was a bit of a brawl in the shop and I got outside. I did not stay at the machine all the time, I moved over to the hamburger counter. When the fight started in the shop I was getting a malted milk at the milk counter, at the extreme end of the shop. At that time Kevin Felstead was getting a malted milk with me. At that stage there was a bit of noise going on at the Ridgways' table, so we moved back then. It was just an argument so far as I could see. I could see who was taking part in the argument, it was the boy Quinn and one of the Ridgways, so far as I could make out. I could not say for sure which one of the Ridgways it was. About that time the boy Hovell came up, just when the argument started. He tried to stop it. I saw him fall down and I went outside then. Just before I went out I did not hear anyone say anything about fight; I did not take ~~xx~~ much notice. There was a coat removed about that stage, one of the Ridgways removed his coat, that was the youngest Ridgway. I do not know his first name. I cannot see too good. Leaving the witness box and standing on the floor of the Court I see the man I refer to, it was this man to whom I point (Walter Ridgway). I think it was him, I could not be sure; but one man removed his coat. After that he put the coat straight back on or practically straight back on. As to hearing anyone say "Come outside and I will fight you", I would not be sure. I may have heard it, but I cannot say that was said. It could have been Vincent Quinn, I suppose, who said that. Just before I left there was a bit of a brawl started in the shop and I then went outside. I could not say who struck the first blow. I could not say who was actually in the fight when I left the shop, there were a lot of them running about there. I could not say for sure if Vincent Quinn was in the brawl when I left. When the boy Hovell intervened he got knocked down on the floor; a man elbowed him. I think

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number of supporters