

it was one of the Trinders, I think his name is Johnny. I know the man Roger Dalton standing up in Court, I know him slightly. As to seeing him at the table when the fight started, he was in the shop, but I do not know if he was at the table at that time. When I left the shop I saw the struggle at the window. I know Vincent Quinn was in it, but I could not say who the other one was. I only saw two in the struggle near the front door. As to what happened then, Bobby Hovell came out and pushed them away from the window. He pushed them out into the gutter. Looking at the photograph No. 2 produced, showing the front of the shop, I point out on that where I saw Vincent Quinn and the other man, it was in front of the window, under the name "Fish and Grills", on the eastern window. Hovell pushed them away from the window then, the struggle went on in the road and another chap ran out then. I think he was standing somewhere near the window or somewhere near there; he ran over like. I did not see much of what happened in the roadway. I saw a pair of legs going up in the air. Before I saw the legs going up there were three men engaged on the roadway. I could not say who those men were; I could not say for sure. About that stage I heard someone call out "Don't do it", or something like that. I could not say in what type of voice that was called out. I said I saw a man's legs go up in the air. So far as I could make out Quinn seemed to be lifted up in the air, not very high, and his legs seemed to be up in the air. Quinn did not remain in the air, when he was down he just seemed to stagger a bit. I think one of his mates helped him along a bit and he stayed in the gutter then. I would not say if he finally fell in the gutter.

TO THE CORONER: When I saw something happen to Quinn his legs seemed to go up in the air. He seemed to fall then. He came straight down on the ground. So far as I could make out he fell on his back.

TO SENIOR DETECTIVE DONNELLY: As to what I meant when I said he staggered to the gutter, he just seemed to walk, falling like. He was trying to walk along, like. When I saw him in this falling position I would not be sure if one of his mates grabbed him or not; but the next I remember was that his head was on one of his mate's legs, and that mate was holding his head up. While he was falling the two men who were with him, fighting him, came in. Then they disappeared. That was when he tried to get up and fell over. After Quinn's legs went into the air I do not know if there was any further fight, I would not be sure, only I thought someone was kicking him. I did not see anything of a knife or anything of that nature at that time. When Vincent Quinn was on the ground after the fight he was making a noise. It was just a sort of gurgling noise he was making. I saw blood there, it was coming out of his mouth, so far as I could make out. The two men fighting him had disappeared then, towards the Bentleigh railway station. About this time the boy Hovell ran up to the police station. There was no further attack on Vincent Quinn at all after these two men ran away. I saw a car parked there that night, it was parked nearly opposite the door of the hamburger shop, on the same side of the street. It was fairly close in to the kerb. Whilst this fight was going on in the roadway there were three men fighting. I do not think I saw anyone else interfere in any way.

None touched Quinn once he got to the place where he died. Both were flying whilst was in front of the car.

TO MR. DUNN: I have something wrong with my eyesight. I wore glasses until I busted them about two weeks ago. I am short-sighted, anyway I think it is that. I was down having a milk drink at the counter and Kevin Felstead was with me. I do not know whether the boy Hunt was with us or not, anyway, he did not order a drink. So far as I know Kevin Felstead and I ordered a drink each. The three of us were in the shop together. I was not a friend of the Quinn family. I only knew Vincent by sight. No one has driven me in and out to the inquest, I

have come in by myself. As to anybody telling me it would be better for the Quinns if I did not remember Quinn saying he offered to fight Ridgway, as to realising that if Quinn offered to fight one of the Ridgways it would be better for the Ridgways, I do not know anything about that. I made a statement to the police. As to saying in that statement that Quinn said to one of the Ridgways "Come outside and I will fight you", I would not be sure if it was Quinn said it - someone said it. As to why I would tell a policeman or a detective x that Quinn said "Come outside and I will fight you", I do not know; but I think that is what he said. Apart from the words he used, it is true that Quinn was offering to fight somebody in the shop. I do not know if Quinn looked to be in a pretty aggressive sort of mood. As to his looking a little bit in a sort of fighting mood, I do not know. I never saw him put his fists up or anything there, so far as I can make out. I had my glasses on that night. Just before the fight started Quinn was standing on the side nearest to the door, at the table, I think he was standing just near the chair. He was up near the wall of the cafe. I did not see him start the fight in the cafe. I only saw a little bit of a brawl. I could not say for sure if he was in it; there were a number of people in the brawl. There may have been at least half a dozen in it, or there may have been only four or five. I was already outside when the fighters got outside. I was standing about four or five feet away from the door. I indicate my position on photograph No. 2, I was standing about the dividing wall on the western end of the shop; on the footpath. I could not say where Peter Hunt was for sure. There were a fair number of people all around the fighters. All I could see was three fighting outside. As to it being possible there were others fighting outside, I could not say, because of the crowd; there may have been. I now know Mr. Dalton. I did not see him taking part in the fight outside. He could have taken part, I suppose, without my knowing. I

only saw three. I know Quinn was one of those three because I saw him come out of the door. When Quinn's legs went up in the air they did not go up to a height of six feet, they went about two feet six inches high from the ground. I do not know if he hit the ground fairly hard then. From where he hit the ground then, where he fell, he moved after that. I do not know whether he moved a few feet or not, but all I saw was him getting up. I do not know whether his mates helped him from where he lay. He seemed to be getting up afterwards, so far as I could make out. That was after he was kicked. His mates did not hold him up off the ground, they only held him on their leg, they had their knee under his head. That was not just about the spot where he was knocked down. As to how he got to where his mates held him up, I think he staggered there. He fell to the ground near the gutter, I suppose it would be about two feet from the gutter. It was near the shop, on the eastern side of the shop shown in photograph No. 1. He finished up near ~~the~~ the paper in the gutter at the eastern side of photograph No. 1. I saw one man appear to kick Quinn. It was immediately after that that the two men ran away; I am pretty sure of that. There was nothing done to Quinn after the men kicked him. I could only make out that one man kicked him. No one else touched him after that. I should say there were about 30 people in the cafe. They streamed out immediately the fight started. They were not all clustered around the fighters, they were out in the road, behind the car, and so on. I made a statement to the police. When I made the statement I believed it true. That is my signature on the statement produced.

EXHIBIT NO. 8 Statement of Kenneth Howard Dixon.

TO SENIOR DETECTIVE DONELLY: I have said I busted my glasses. That was after I saw this fight. My glasses were in good condition on the night of the fight, because I would not have gone to the pictures if they had not been in good condition. As to whether

the boy Hunt could have been at the milk counter and had a drink and I not notice him, he could have done so. So far as I can remember, thinking back, I think Hunt had a lemonade and then we ordered ours. So far as I can recollect he was served first.

TO THE CORONER: When I am wearing my glasses I can see quite clearly. If I had my glasses on now, I could tell the time by that clock in the Court.

(Signed) K. DIXON.

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

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CORONER.

ALLAN CLARENCE TRINDER on his oath saith:

My full name is Allan Clarence Trinder and I am a maintenance worker residing at 5 Lindsay Street, Moorabbin. On the 19th of April this year, with my brother Charlie, I went to 21 Bruce Street, Bentleigh. That is the home of the Ridgway brothers who are present in Court today. I was there saw the two Ridgway brothers. We later went to the St. Kilda Town Hall. We were refused admission into the dance. The two Ridgways and Charlie were with me at that stage. From there we went to the Caulfield Town Hall. There was a dance on there. The four of us attended that dance. As to my condition in regard to liquor at the time I left the dance, I was pretty full. I was in a fit condition to observe the condition of my brother and my two friends. They were all pretty well the same. We returned to the Hamburgers in Centre Road, Bentleigh. We arrived there at about 12.30. On arrival there we ordered suppers. I think we ordered steak and eggs. Following the ordering of the supper we sat down at the table. That table was in the far corner of the shop - that is, the corner near the milk bar. Bert and Wally Ridgway and myself went to the table. My brother Charlie was standing up near the milk bar. He was about six feet from us. There were three sitting down at that table so there must have been three chairs there. The two Ridgways and myself were sitting down. I am not sure what was occurring there while we were waiting for supper; I think we opened a bottle of gin and started drinking it. I had brought that gin there. We used one of the cups out of the hamburger shop to drink the gin out of. We were there for about 15 minutes and I saw someone I knew come in. Roger Dalton, my brother and Vin Quinn came in. After they came in they introduced Quinn to Wally and Bert Ridgway. Dalton and my brother Jack were over at the counter at that time, ordering supper, I think. After Vincent Quinn was introduced to the

Ridgways a fight seemed to flare up. They were arguing the point for a while. As to what they were arguing over, Vin was saying to Walter that he had a long nose. He said something to Bert, and the fight started. Vin said something to Bert and the fight started. I could not rightly say what that was. I do not remember what he said. Whatever was said he did his block - Bert did his block. They then went out in the street. Before that Bert threw off his coat. He took his coat off. As to what happened then, the last I saw of them was that they were walking out the door. Nothing happened before that; they seemed to be throwing punches. Wally and Bert and Vinny Quinn were throwing punches. I think Wally was fighting Vin at the time. As to being able to say if Quinn was fighting Walter Ridgway, they seemed to be in it together. I do not think anything happened to the table about this time. I hopped up and tried to stop them from fighting. I could not say if the table remained in the same position all the time. I hopped up and tried to stop them fighting. The last I saw of them they were going out the door. Just before that I saw something of a lad that worked there named Robert Hovell. When I started to stop the fight he jumped on my back. He and I started scuffling together then. I think Roger Dalton came over at that time. Nothing happened in regard to Dalton, I never saw anything. After I finished with the lad Hovell I then went to the front door. I went out in the street. As to where the two Ridgways and Quinn were at that time, I saw the two Ridgways moving up the road. They were moving up Centre Road towards the gates. There was no fight in progress outside when I got out there. I saw Vin lying down, with my brother and Roger Dalton. There was nothing happening near the front door. I did not see any persons engaged in a fight outside. The last thing I saw out in the street was Bert and Wally moving up the road, and Vin lying on the footpath, with my brother and Roger Dalton. I did not see anything of a knife at any stage; I never saw a

knife all night. I did not see anything of the sheath produced during the evening, or at the safe or outside. I never saw it at all. When I first saw Vincent Quinn outside he was with my brother and Roger Dalton. They were holding him up. I left to go up and get a doctor. Between the time I came out the door and that particular stage I did not see anything at all in relation to any fight. I did not hear anyone call out outside. It is correct that I ran to get a doctor. I returned to the shop. I returned immediately after I could not get the doctor. When I returned he was not moving at all; his eyes were shut. I thought he must have been dead when I saw him lying like he was. I stayed there until the ambulance came. I never went to the telephone then. At a later stage I went to the telephone. The number I rang was XU2 - -

(At this stage the Coroner warned the witness that he was not obliged to answer any questions that might incriminate him).

TO SENIOR DETECTIVE DONNELLY: I rang the Ridgway's home about half past 4 or 4 o'clock in the morning. I think it was Mrs. Ridgway or her sister, Mrs. Fraser, who answered the phone. I asked her to get one of the boys out of bed. Bert Ridgway came to the phone. I said to him "You had better pack the bags because Quinn died." There was no mention as to what might ultimately occur. There was no mention of who might visit them. I do not recollect anything said in regard to police. As to whether I had visited the Ridgway's home many times before the death of Quinn, I was up there on the Saturday night. Previous to that I had been there quite a few times. I had been in Walter Ridgway's sleepout. They used to sleep together at the time when I was up there. I was shown a knife on one occasion. The knife was in the sheath when I saw it. I could not say whether or not the sheath produced is similar to the one I saw in that sleepout. It resembles it. As to the knife produced being similar to the knife I saw, I saw the knife in its case. I could not say if it is the one or not. It is correct that I

only saw the handle of the other knife. I could not say if the handle of that particular knife is similar to the one produced. I never took much notice of it at the time. I could not say how it ^{compares} ~~compares~~ for size. Vincent Quinn had had a couple of drinks, you could see that. I would not say he was drunk, he was about half full I suppose. I made a written statement in connection with this matter. As to whether I have given the identical evidence today - -

MR. DUNN OBJECTED. Objection upheld.

TO MR. DUNN: It is correct that when I realised the man was dead I was anxious to keep out of it as much as possible. It is correct that I was anxious to keep my brother out of it as much as possible as well. It occurred to us that we may possibly have been involved in the trouble that might follow the death. If you suggest that for that reason I have, in any statements I have made to the police or made today, tried to keep my brother out of it as much as possible, I am not saying that. As to whether my brother Jack who came into the shop with Quinn was a friend of Quinn's, we were all good mates. My brother Jack was a friend of Quinn. When the fight started in the safe I would not say that my two brothers and I joined in as well, we tried to stop them. We were not in the brawl. My brothers were not in it at all. As to whether they were not trying to stop it also, Jack walked outside. I could not say if that was only after he tried to stop it. As to why I think Hovell jumped on my back if I was not in the fight but was merely a peacemaker, I was trying to stop them; I might have done my block. If you suggest that in addition to me doing my block a number of other people in the immediate vicinity also did their blocks, I suppose they would have. I suppose you would call it an all-in brawl that started in the safe. It is correct that when somebody jumped on my back I threw him to the floor. I thought he might be in the fight as well as anybody else. As to Charlie being in it like

everybody else, I would not say that he was in it at all myself. Charlie was standing at the back the last I saw of him. He was not mixed up in the brawl just as much as I was. I could not say if Dalton was in it right up to his neck. When the waiter was thrown to the floor we were in the cafe. I threw the waiter to the floor. I could not say how many other people I threw to the floor in the cafe, I could not say if I threw more than one to the floor. It is hard to remember. I did not go out of the shop before the Ridgways. I went out after the Ridgways. When I got outside the shop I say that the fight was over. I am not saying that because I want to try and keep Charlie and Jack out of it; I am telling the truth. If you suggest that when I got outside there was an all-in brawl, I could not say anything about that because when I came out of the shop I just saw them moving off. That is the truth. When Quinn came into the cafe he had apparently never met the Ridgways before, not to my knowledge. As to it being Quinn who started picking on Walter Ridgway, he said something about his nose. It is correct that he said that a few times. It is correct that he called one of the Ridgways a Dago. Quinn was not in an argumentative mood; I would not say that he was in an argumentative mood. I could not say why he was picking on their noses and their nationalities, or what they looked like. I did not hear Quinn say "Come on, I will fight you", or words to that effect. I could not say who struck the first blow. It is correct that at the start it was Quinn and Wally who were fighting. The police first interviewed me on the Saturday night down at the hamburger shop. They asked me what I had seen. I told them I had seen the flash of a knife. It is correct that at first I said I had not seen anything. At first I said that I had not witnessed any fight at all. I do not know what changed my mind; I was broken up when I went to Vin's funeral. I

went to Vin's funeral on the Tuesday. I agree that I talked to the Quinn family quite a bit there - I did not say much to them. They were very hostile against the Ridgways. As to whether I then decided I would tell the police something, I did not care what I said on the Tuesday when Detective Donnelly came out. I tried to make it a bit dirty for the Ridgways. I said something about a knife. It is correct that in fact I had never seen a knife at all. I told a deliberate lie to the police about seeing a knife in the fight. It was fairly dark outside. When I came out of the shop there was a big crowd around. They were all on the footpath fairly close to Quinn. That is my signature on the statement produced. That is the statement I made to the police after the funeral.

EXHIBIT 9 Statement of A. C. Trinder.

TO SENIOR DETECTIVE DONNELLY: I have identified this statement as my statement. I will read that portion of my statement which is as follows: "When I came out the front door I saw Bert, Wally and Quinn fighting. I am not sure whether there was anyone else fighting with them, at this stage I saw a knife flash about shoulder high in the group who were fighting, it was in someone's hand and was swung from right to left. I did not see whether it struck anyone or not. Immediately I saw Vin go to the ground and lay there, he started to bleed badly. As Vin Quinn fell to the ground Wally and Bert Ridgway ran away towards the station. I did not hear Vin Quinn calling out 'Don't do it, don't do it.' I then ran to get a doctor, my brother Jack and Rodger Dalton were attending to Vin Quinn when I left. When I returned from trying to get the doctor I saw that Vin was dead." The next portion I am asked to read is as follows - "I am a constant visitor to the Ridgway home and about three months ago I was in Wally Ridgway's sleepout and he showed me a jungle knife in a sheath. He told me that he had brought it home from the islands. I

had a good look at the knife and sheath. The knife I saw flash in the hand of one of the men in the brawl outside the hamburgers was similar to this jungle knife, but I cannot say it was the same one. I did not see the knife after the stabbing on this night. Vin Quinn appeared to have had a few drinks on this night. Something was said to Wally by Quinn, I did not hear what it was and immediately Wally seemed to get excited and the fight started."

TO THE CORONER: The version I have given on oath is the correct one. If I am told that the one I gave to the police in my statement, which I have read, was very similar to evidence that has been sworn to by a number of witnesses, I would say that a few of them were telling lies.

(Signed) A.C. TRINDER.

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

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CORONER.

THOMAS CHARLES TRINDER on his oath saith:

My full name is Thomas Charles Trinder and I am a carpenter residing at 5 Lindsay Street, Moorabbin. About 8.20 on Saturday, the 19th of April of this year I went with my brother Allan to 21 Bruce Street, Bentleigh. Bert Ridgway and Walter Ridgway lived there. Following that, I went to the St. Kilda Town Hall. My brother and I were some distance behind, Walter and Bert Ridgway went up to the door but they were barred from going in. We then went to the Caulfield Town Hall, we attended a dance there. I think we had a couple of bottles of liquor there. We later returned to the hamburger shop in Centre Road, Bentleigh - the four of us. As to my condition, I had had a fair amount of liquor then - when coming home from the Caulfield Town Hall we opened a bottle of gin on the tram. I was pretty well under the weather, we all were pretty well under the weather. We got to the hamburger shop somewhere after 12 o'clock. I never went anywhere from there, I remained there. I stood at the counter. I stood somewhere right near the end of the hamburger counter, that would be near the milk counter. I could not say what became of the Ridgway brothers. They went outside.

TO THE CORONER: The two Ridgway brothers sat down at the end table near ^{them} the milk counter. My brother sat with ~~him~~ and I stood up.

TO SEN. DET. DONNELLY: While I was waiting for my supper my brother Jack, Vincent Quinn and Roger Dalton came in. I could not exactly say what happened after they came in. I had my back turned to them. I think my brother introduced Vin Quinn to Bert and Walter Ridgway. Following on that I heard a bit of a noise going on, but I never turned around. It was arguing, or something. I just stood at the counter, I never turned around to see what was going on; I had my back towards them. When I had my back towards them I went over to the counter to talk to somebody. I do not remember who that was. While I was in that position I heard

someone arguing the point, I could not exactly say who it was. I might have heard a bit of bad language. I did hear a bit of bad language. I could not exactly say who was using it. Apart from the argument, I did not hear anyone say anything else in the shop. As to what I did next, I stopped at the counter. I could not say exactly how long I stood at the counter; it was not hours. I did not see any fight in the shop at all. I did not take any part in any fight in the shop. At some stage during the evening I did turn and face away, but I did not take any part in the fight. At ~~the~~ ^{some} stage while I was in the shop did I see the two Ridgways, my brothers, Quinn and Dalton had left the shop. I came out of the shop and the brother had Vincent Quinn in his arms and Roger Dalton had him by his feet. Vincent Quinn then was just to the left as one comes out of the door. I indicate on photograph No. 1 produced where the spot was, just near where the paper is shown in the gutter. I noticed something unusual about Vincent Quinn, he was lying almost parallel with the gutter and he was covered in blood when I saw him. That blood was on the right-hand side of his face, or the left-hand side - one of the two. I waited until the police and ambulance arrived that night - we all did. I did not see any fight at all in the street that night. I did not take any part in a fight in the street that night. I was in the company of the Ridgway brothers all night. I did not see anything of the sheath now produced in Court. I did not see anything of the knife similar in pattern to the one produced in the Court. If it had been said there was a fight in the shop apparently whilst I was there, I say I never saw it. I turned away and I never looked at it. As to knowing a fight had occurred by any other means than ^observation whilst I was in the shop, I did not.

TO THE CORONER: I heard a commotion going on. I did not turn round to look at it.

TO MR. DUNNE: Approximately, I was facing the milk bar counter while the commotion was going on, I should say for about four or five minutes. My hearing is not too bad. I did not hear the table go over for a start. If I had heard a table go over I might have turned to look around. I might have ~~xxxxxx~~ heard the young lad get thrown to the floor then a foot or so from where I was, but I could not say why I did not look around. I might have fell to sleep standing at the counter. As to the milk I was drinking going to my head, it might have gone to my head. As to being in this brawl right up to my neck, I say I was not, I ~~xxxx~~ ^{had} nothing whatsoever to do with it. As to being ^{an all} in ~~the~~ brawl in the cafe, and that I am trying to protect myself, that is not so.

TO THE CORONER: I have taken the oath on the Bible here, to tell the truth.

TO MR. DUNN: I was friendly with the Quinns, and I went to the funeral on the following Tuesday. I did not discuss how the death had occurred. I just said to one of his brothers it was a terrible thing. That is all I ever mentioned about this case. I have not come in with them each day to the inquest, I have come in by train. I did not even look around once, not even a slanting glimpse, to see what was going on. That is my signature to the statement produced, it is a statement I made to the police.

EXHIBIT NO. 10 Statement of T.C.Trinder.

TO THE CORONER: I told Sen. Det. Donnelly I was fairly under the weather that night. That is correct. As to what I mean by that, that I was so drunk I did not know what was happening around me, I say I had a fair amount of liquor and I suppose I might have fallen asleep at the counter for all I know.

(Signed) T. TRINDER.

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

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CORONER.

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JOHN HAMMOND TRINDER on his oath saith:

My full name is John Hammond Trinder, and I am a carpenter residing at 5 Lindsay Street, Moorabbin. On Saturday afternoon, the 19th April, this year, I went to the races with Roger Dalton and the deceased, Vincent Quinn. I did not leave them and join them later on the Saturday night, I was with them all the time. I would say that I went to the hamburger shop in Centre Road, Bentleigh, shortly after half past 12. As to my condition in regard to liquor, we had had a few drinks. I knew what I was doing. As to Vincent Quinn's condition, he would be about the same as ourselves, I suppose. The deceased, Vincent Quinn, Roger Dalton and I entered the hamburgers together. Bert and Wally Ridgway and my two brothers were sitting in the far corner. That is the corner furthest up, the eastern corner, near the milk counter. As to any introduction taking place, I just said "This is Vin" to the two Ridgways. My brothers already knew him. I walked over to the counter to order the supper and they started arguing the point. I said "I am going outside if there is any fighting or arguing." I immediately walked outside. When I left they were arguing the point. When I was outside I heard them scuffling in the shop. When I went outside I took up a position about five or six yards from the doorway, going towards the Bentleigh station. I indicate on photograph No. 1 where I stood. I have indicated the eastern end of the shop wall - that is, towards the Bentleigh station. I was there for at least three or four minutes before anyone came out the front door. While I was there I heard like a fight going on inside. I took no notice of it. THE next thing was that a lot of people came out the door - I do not know how many exactly. The deceased, Vincent Quinn, and the two Ridgways all came out of the shop. I noticed Roger Dalton's cap in the doorway. I looked up and I saw them come out of the shop, and I saw his cap in the doorway. The Ridgways and Quinn started fighting

J.H. TRINDER.

They were fighting for a minute or so, not much longer, and I saw the two Ridgways run down the road. The fight I saw was just off the gutter, going towards Bentleigh station, practically opposite the doorway. The two Ridgways and Vincent Quinn were in the fight, no one else. I did not see anyone else try and intervene. There were quite a few people watching this fight; there were a lot of people outside. I would say there were at least a dozen or more. As to how close the nearest man would be to the three men who were fighting, they were off the gutter and everybody else was standing on the footpath. None of that group were on the roadway at all, not that I know of. I did not notice them. Quinn was trying to fight the Ridgways. As I say, it was all over that suddenly. During the progress of the fight I did not see anything happen to Quinn. I just saw him fall and I went over and picked him up. He fell a little further on from where the fight finished, and he got up and stumbled again. He finished up, I suppose, about ten or twelve yards from the hamburger shop. I indicate on photograph No. 1 where he finished up. That is near where the piece of paper is shown in the driveway. I immediately held his shoulders off the ground and remained holding him until the police and ambulance came. The two Ridgway brothers ran down the road towards the Bentleigh station. When I was holding Quinn's head up he was bleeding very badly. I noticed a wound in his chest. I stayed until the police arrived. I did not see anything of a sheath, like that produced, there on that night. I never saw it at all, it was only what I was told afterwards. I did not see a knife or anything of that nature. Vincent Quinn had been with me all the afternoon and all the night. Until this fight started there was no sign of any marks or abrasions about his face or any bruising of his ear that I noticed. He had not been in any fight anywhere previously that day that I know of. I agree that he was

with me all the afternoon and evening and that I would know if he had been in a fight. Before the brawl I did not notice any injury to his ear or face. If he had had any bruising or injury there I would have noticed it.

TO MR. DUNN: I was in Quinn's company throughout most of the social evening. He did not get into any arguments there that I know of about some cakes at supper. I do not remember him demanding more cakes, a girl refusing to serve him, and her husband coming along and quietening him down. As to whether I was with him during supper, I was with Roger Dalton and Quinn in the corner; I got up and gave a few songs, and that is the only time I was not with him. I remember him having supper. I do not think there was any argument with a young lady who was serving cakes. I suppose he might have asked for more, like anybody generally would. As to remembering the girl's husband coming along, I would not know him, as to whether I remember a man coming along, I only knew two persons in the place. I do not remember some man coming along after the girl with the cakes and quietening things down. I do not say it did not happen; I would not say it happened. Quinn was not in a pretty argumentative mood that night to me or anybody else. He did not appear to be to me. As to whether he was in an argumentative mood in the cafe that night, I do not know what it started over. There was noise going on everywhere, and I said "I am going outside." I was at the table before that. I did not hear him pick on Walter Ridgway's nose. I never heard what was said. I did not hear him pass some nasty remarks. I never heard what was said. As to it being that I do not want to know, I would certainly say it; I am here to say those things. Although I was there I did not hear one thing that Quinn said, or one thing that anybody else said. I did not see one blow being struck; I was out of the shop all the time. As to why, if there were just words being said, I thought there would be anything more, I did not want

to be in anything like that. I just walked out of the shop. It is not my character to be arguing in a shop like that. I was not arguing, but anybody else could have been in the fight. I am not used to being in fights, I have never been in a fight before. I heard arguing going on and voices raised, and that is why I walked outside. After I went outside I did not look in. As to why I did not look in to see if the argument had cooled down, it was not any of my business. I was going to wait outside until they had finished. I was not going to have any supper; I was not set on supper then. I had not ordered supper, I walked over to order it. I agree that I did not even bother to look up to see ^{whether} ~~what~~ the argument was over. I deny that the true fact of the matter is that I was in helping Quinn in the fight in the shop. As to whether I would have been prepared to let him fight it out for himself even if there were ten against him, if they had come outside and fought I might have helped him out. The two Ridgways and Quinn did come outside. As to whether I helped him out, it was too late to then, it was all over that suddenly. I would say that they were fighting outside for about two minutes. During that two minutes I did not attempt to help Quinn out. I disagree with the statement that I did and that I took part in this all-in brawl outside. I had done nothing wrong at all. I saw the patrol police when they came that night. I told them the truth. I said what I had seen outside. I did not tell any lies at all. I told them that I did not see a knife used at all. My brother was not with me. My two brothers were inside. The first one to come outside was Roger Dalton. My two brothers were with me when I was questioned by the police. I did not hear my brother tell any lies to the police, because I did not know where they had been. I knew they were inside the cafe. I did not hear my brother say he had not seen the knife at all. We were asked questions separately. If you suggest that my

two brothers and I have decided, to save our own skins, that we will not say anything about this fight and ask me if that is not the true position, I could not say anything about the fight because I was outside. I did not see what actually went on in the shop at all. When I was outside the shop I was standing just on the corner near the vacant allotment. I was on the corner of the shop going towards Bentleigh. I was standing there on my own. There were others further down, on the other side of the shop. There were at least a dozen people standing there. I was the only one on the railway side of the shop. I am sure of that, positive. I am positive that I was at the time it occurred. I do not know the boy Peter Hunt who is standing up in Court. I have never seen him. I did not see him that night. I do not remember seeing the boy Dixon who is standing up in Court there that night. I do not remember seeing the lad Felstead, who is standing up in Court, there that night; I cannot say I did. I cannot say that they were standing just near me. When the incident occurred outside Quinn dropped to the road. He got up again. He got up himself. He did not start fighting again after that. As to how many men were in the group in the immediate vicinity, when he fell down the people came around on the roadway. As to whether they were not scattered all around just before he dropped, I noticed most of the people on the footpath. That is where I saw the majority of them. My view was not obstructed by a car. The car was just on the other side of the doorway, in the street. It was on the western side of the doorway. It is correct that they were the only three who were fighting outside. Somebody else may have joined in, but I did not notice them. It would be possible that they may have joined in. I know Mr. Dalton. I did not see him in it. As to where he was, he came out of the shop and when I picked up Quinn I immediately sang out to Dalton. He came out of the shop just as the Ridgways ran down the road. That is the

truth. I am sure of that. If Mr. Dalton has sworn that he had a tussle with Bert Ridgway outside in the street, I cannot remember that. It is not possible that I have forgotten a lot that happened outside. Dalton is a friend of mine. As to whether I have arranged with Dalton that I would say I did not see him, I said nothing to him. I have not even discussed the case. I saw him about a fortnight after it happened, and that was the first time. I said something about the case, but I never mentioned anything like that. I was at the funeral of Quinn. I never heard any hostility expressed towards the Ridgways. I was with my brother Allan and my brother Charlie at the funeral. I did not hear Allan say after the ~~funeral~~ funeral that he intended to go to the police and say he had seen a knife. When we were at the races we had a fair few drinks, I would not like to say how many. We did not have as many as 20 or 30. I would say we had 10 or 12. We had about a dozen at the social. As to whether that did not make Quinn a little bit under the influence, he was a man who could hold his beer. I have not seen Quinn in many fights; I have never been in his company in a fight yet. As to whether the Ridgways were fairly drunk, everybody seemed to have a few when I saw them. I agree that everybody seemed to be under the influence of liquor. It appeared to me, when I was in the shop, that a drunken brawl was about to start.

(Signed) J.H. TRINDER.

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

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CORONER.

WILLIAM REX BIRD on his oath saith:

My name is William Rex Bird and I am a Constable of Police attached to the Mobile Traffic Branch, Russell Street, Melbourne. At 12.55 a.m. on the 20th of April, 1947, I was on duty in a police car with Constable Bryant, when we received a call to 309 Centrex Road, Bentleigh, where I saw the deceased Quinn lying in the gutter in Centrex Road, at the spot indicated in the photograph and plan produced. I see the photograph produced, it shows the centre of the driveway and the gutter, and there are pieces of paper shown in the photograph, which were put over the blood stains. The spot is also indicated on the plan produced by an arrow pointing to the pitchers. Quinn was then alive and breathing but he did not speak. He was bleeding freely from the mouth, a chest wound and a head wound. There was a large pool of blood on the roadway beneath him, and there were also two pools of blood on the roadway at intervals towards the shop. We had an ambulance sent for and on arrival deceased was transported to the Alfred Hospital. I accompanied the body and at the casualty department of the hospital the body was examined by Dr. T. Lewis, who pronounced life extinct in my presence. I then removed the body to the City Morgue. Deceased was wearing the clothes produced, which appeared to be heavily blood stained. We were later joined by Sen. Det. Donnelly, Detectives Currer and Hume, and about 4.45 a.m. I accompanied them to Ridgway's home at 21 Bruce Street, Bentleigh, where in a sleepout at the rear, I saw Walter Thomas Ridgway, the man before the Court. The door to the sleep-out was locked on the inside, he opened it, he was dressed in his singlet and shorts. Sen. Det. Donnelly said "We are police, and we want you to get dressed and accompany us to the Detective Office." Standing between the head of his bed and a wireless set I saw the pea rifle produced.

EXHIBIT "F".

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Pea rifle.

Walter Ridgway walked towards his wireless set and as he arrived at his set, I heard the police wireless station signal on this wireless. During the time we were in the room several signals came from the police transmitting room. I inspected the pea rifle, and as I was doing so, Walter Ridgway said "Look out, it is loaded". The pea rifle was cocked, but to fire it the bolt had to be pulled further back. There was a bullet in the rifle, this is the bullet produced.

EXHIBIT "G" Bullet.

He got dressed in the grey suit, now produced. We then went into the yard where we were joined by his brother, Isbert Robin Ridgway, and we returned to the Russell Street Detective Office where I remained with Isbert Robin Ridgway, while Walter Thomas Ridgway was interviewed. At the completion of that interview I ^{was} ~~saw~~ with Walter Thomas Ridgway whilst his brother was being interviewed. I heard the police station D.24 on the wireless in the room. As to how the set came to be tuned in on that station, when we arrived it was a matter of a few seconds till I heard the police signals coming from the wireless. I did not hear any other station. I did not see him turn on any switch.

(Signed) W.R. BIRD.

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

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CORONER.

ENSOR ALEXANDER BRYANT on his oath saith:

My full name is Ensor Alexander Bryant, and I am a Constable of Police attached to the Mobile Traffic Branch, Russell Street, Melbourne. At about 12.55 a.m. on the 20th of April, 1947, I was on duty in a police car with Constable Bird when we received a call to 309 Centre Road, Bentleigh. I have been present in Court and I have heard the evidence given by Constable Bird in regard to what occurred on our arrival and it is true. I did not accompany the body to the Alfred Hospital thence to the Morgue with Constable Bird but I was present with him and the detective later in the morning when the Ridgway brothers were seen at their home and Constable Bird's evidence in this regard is true. Immediately on our arrival at the scene I felt deceased's pulse and it was very feeble. He was bleeding freely from the mouth. About 20 seconds after our arrival deceased's head sagged and I then felt his pulse and for his heart beat and there was none.

(Signed) E.A.BRYANT.

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

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CORONER.

CYREL CURRER on his oath saith:

My full name is Cyril Currer and I am a Detective at Melbourne. At about 2.30 a.m. on Sunday, the 20th day of April, 1947, I joined Sen. Det. Donnelly and Detective Hume at Hewitt's Hamburger Shop, 309 Centre Road, Bentleigh. We made an inspection of the footpath and roadway in the vicinity of these premises. On the roadway, five feet from the northern end and eight paces east from the door of the shop, I saw a small quantity of blood. About three feet east of this, and about six feet from the kerb was a larger patch of blood. Then there was a thin line of blood extending eastwards and taking an irregular course to its ending in the gutter on the north side of Centre Road, at a distance of 14 paces from where the blood first started. At this spot the blood had congealed and extended over an area of two feet by two feet six inches, and in the centre it was about three-quarters to an inch deep, as shown in photograph No. 1 produced. The first patch mentioned has a small piece of paper on it, as shown in the photograph. That is almost opposite the doorway - it is not actually opposite the doorway but it appears to be so in the photograph. The next patch is also marked by a piece of paper and the large amount of blood in the gutter that has been mentioned and the driveway mentioned is also marked with a large piece of brown paper, as shown in the photograph. We immediately began investigations and at about 4.45 a.m., accompanied by Sen. Det. Donnelly, Det. Hume and Constables Bird and Bryant, I went to 21 Bruce Street, Bentleigh. We all entered these premises. In a room on the back verandah I saw Esbert Robin Ridgway, now present in Court in custody. The door of this room was locked and it was opened by him. With Sen. Det. Donnelly I entered this room, and we introduced ourselves to him. On the floor of this room and at the foot of the bed I saw the knife sheath produced.

Blood
on roadway

D/GB.

CURRER.