

15th September 1922

PROCEEDINGS of INQUEST

held upon the body of

953 ✓

Arthur Roy Johnson.

at Melbourne Morgue.

Received at the Crown Law Offices,

21 SEP 21

192

C.L.O. ✓

R. H. Cole, Coroner.

INQUISITION.

VICTORIA }
To WIT. }

AN INQUISITION for Our Sovereign Lord King George V., taken at
the Morgue, Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the 15th
day of September A.D. 1921 in the twelfth
year of the reign of our said Lord the King, by me, Robert Hodgson Cole,
gentleman, a Coroner of our Lord the King for the said State, upon the view
of the body of Arthur Roy Johnson
then and there lying dead.

Having inquired upon the part of our Lord the King, when, where, how,
and by what means the said Arthur Roy Johnson

(1) His or her.

came by his death, I say that

(2) Here state cause
of death, if known;
if unknown, doubt-
ful, or no evidence,
state the fact ac-
cordingly.

on the 3rd day of September 1921
at Melbourne in the Melbourne Hospital
Deepdene Arthur Roy Johnson died
from a gunshot wound in the head self-inflicted.
at the same place on the same day.

20718.

I find that he died by his own act
which temporarily means

In witness whereof, I, the aforesaid Coroner, have to this Inquisition
put my hand this 15th day of September

A.D. 19 21

Thomas H. Cro

Coroner.

Victoria Police.—(47.)

City Morgue Rsl St Station.

Melbourne

Police District.

4th September 1921 192

REPORT of

Sen Const Watson 4778.

Relative to

Death of Arthur Roy Johnson at Melb Hosp

Dr Cole
Coroner.

Dr Middleton reports the death of Arthur Roy Johnson aged 18 years, late residing at 163 White Horse Road Balwyn, single .

He was taken to the Hospital by his father Charles Johnson and admitted at 10 p.m on the 3rd inst suffering from a gunshot wound in the head state to have been self-inflicted with a pea rifle.

He died 20 minutes after admission.

The Deepdene Police have been instructed to forward a report for the information of the Coroner.

Watson
Sen Const 4778.

Victoria Police.—(47.)

Deepdene Station.

Bourke

Police District.

D. Cole
(City Coroner)

Sept. 4th

1921

REPORT of

Const. F. W. Flewter

Relative to

Death of Arthur Roy Johnson

NH
I have to report that at 10 pm
3. 9. 21 from something I was told of
proceeded to 163 White Horse Rd Malvern I
there ascertained that Arthur Roy Johnson
Salesman residing with his parents as
above had shot himself in the head
with a pea rifle & that his father Charles
Henry Johnson had removed him in an
ambulance to the Melbourne Hospital
where he was admitted & died shortly
afterwards, I learned that he had been
subject to fits and at times was very
melancholy, that at the age of 14 he had
enlisted & served two years on active service
he received injuries to the head & had
also been gassed.

I examined the room which
deceased had occupied & found the bed
clothing disarranged & besmeared with
blood, I also found the pea rifle produced
& an empty shell in the chamber ~~on the~~
~~floor~~

The letter attached was found among
other letters on the bed

F. W. Flewter
Const. 4239

COPY.

Goodbye everybody.

I am so sorry Mother but do not worry as I will be happy where I am going. I will never be any good and it is best for me to be gone and rid of the world.

I was never a very bad boy but the war has upset me. They are getting £100,000 loan for the soldiers to meet obligations. I wonder if they would meet their obligations to me. Well goodbye Mother dear and please do not worry, I was never a happy boy. Give the letter to Marge, I love her dearly but we can never marry now.

Please send for Marge O'Connor at once 3 Gillman Street, Auburn, if I am not dead.

Received the original letter of which the above is a copy - on behalf of Mrs Elizabeth Johnson,

*H. Mansbury
Detective
13.12.21*

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* CHARLES HENRY JOHNSON

on ~~his~~ oath saith, I am a TAILOR

residing at 163 WHITE HORSE ROAD BALWYN

* Christian and Surname in full.

I saw the body of the deceased at the morgue and I identified it as that of my son Arthur Roy Johnson. He was aged 18 years. I last saw him alive on the 3rd September when he had shot himself. I saw him before that on the Friday night. He was all right then. He has been very peculiar at times. I identify the writing on the paper produced as that of the deceased. I knew that he had a pea rifle. The rifle produced was his. He had ammunition for it. On the 3rd inst at about 7.30 p.m. I went home ^{to} and he was home before me and his mother said that he was ^a long time in his room and she went and screamed and then I went ^{and} saw him lying across the bed. I did not see the gun till after the doctor said that he shot himself. He had cleared away when he was 13 ¹/₂ years and enlisted when that age and was away for 2 years. He was all right at times ^{but} and was very despondent and upset.

Paper produced R.H.

Rifle produced R.H.

R.H.

C. H. Johnson
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Taken and sworn before me the *18th* day
of *September* 19*21* at *Melbourne*
Mount St John
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

HORACE OSWALD JOHNSON

on ~~h~~ oath saith, I am a

CARPENTER

residing at

163 WHITE HORSE ROAD BALWYN

* Christian and Surname in full.

I last saw my brother before he shot himself at 7.15 p.m. on the 3rd inst I was going out and he was coming in He did not speak to me I said to him "Who won the Football Match". I thought there was something the matter with him by the way he spoke I was used to his speaking that way I said "What is the matter with you" He said "Nothing" He used to lay down crying after he had the fits and was in mental pain.

H. Johnson

Taken and sworn before me the *15th* day
of *September* 19 *21* at *Melbourne*
Mrs H. C. ...
Coroner.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent*

FREDERICK KLOESTER

on h~~is~~ oath saith, I am a

CONSTABLE OF POLICE

residing at

DEEPDENE

* Christian and Surname in full.

On the 3rd inst I went to the residence of deceased. I was shown into the bedroom of the deceased. The piece of paper was handed to me by a neighbour who was in the house. There were a number of people there. I found the rifle produced in a corner of the room. I did not see any other cartridges about. I did ^{not} look for them.

MM

F. V. Kloester

Const. 4239

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of *September* 19*21* at *Melbourne*
Robert H. Co.
Coroner.