

17. I ran down the middle of the road with Maureen. The crowd were shouting “Fenian Bastards”. I think F and E were screaming at them to stop, just standing screaming, “help, help!” I was shouting at a group of Protestants to get off Robert, to choose some other road. I am informed that a witness known as Jonathan Wright, at page **9141** of his statement, speaks of a man shouting towards a crowd of Protestants, wearing a blue shirt, striped tie, smart dark trousers and very short hair, about a number 2 cut. I can confirm that this was about the length of my hair in those days.

18. I went into the crowd to help Robert, who was still being kicked. I swung a few punches to try to get the crowd away from him, but I do not think I connected with anyone. I was not going in to fight; I was just trying to break the fight up. I am told that, in his statement to the police at page **267**, Witness B records that he saw a man with a blue shirt and tie in his mid-thirties, with short, ginger hair trying to stop the fighting, and being thrown out of the way by Marc Hobson. I do not recollect seeing Marc Hobson. I was hit myself a few times, but there were no marks on me; I am told that someone else’s blood was later found on Robert, but it could not have been mine because I did not bleed at any stage.

19. Maureen attended to Robert and she was kneeling down cradling his head into her lap. D was being attended to by F and E so I did not go to see how he was. I thought Robert was bleeding from around the back of his head, but I did not look to see exactly what was wrong because he was being looked after by the girls. I did not see any bottles around Robert, and I do not know whether he was hit by a bottle causing other liquid to collect on the ground. I continued to try to keep the crowd away from Robert as they were still kicking out at him. There were no attacks made on the women, but Maureen was in a position where she was at risk of being assaulted.

20. When I was cross-examined in court, I described the attack as lasting about 10 minutes. This is recorded in the court transcript at page **8325**. It may be that it did not last as long as that, but it just felt like that.