

GENERAL MEDICAL LABORATORY

P.M. No. 701/70

NAME: Don Harris AGE: ? SEX: Male RACE: Caucasian
PLACE OF P.H. EXAMINATION: P.H. Mortuary DATE: 20/11/70 TIME: 11.50 a.m.
RECEIVED: 10/11/70 BY: Pathology 4.30 p.m. FROM: Port Kaituma, North West District
PHYSICIAN: James T. Schellert, o/o U.S. Embassy, Georgetown.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION: The body is that of a male of Caucasian descent, measuring 6'4". It was fully clothed as follows:

Long top boots. Blue denim suit. The pants pocket of which were turned inside out. There was a gold ring in the (L) ring finger. The shirt had 2 bullet holes at the (R) shoulder.

The following were seen:

- (1) Two perforating wounds 1 1/2 cm. by 1 cm. each 3 cm. distance from each other on the (R) shoulder joint - shoulder joint was dislocated.
(2) Contusion of (R) chest lateral aspect in line with axillary fold.
(3) Contusion of anterior part of neck (R) side.
(4) Perforating wound posterior aspect of (L) shoulder joint 3 cm. by 2 cm.
(5) Irregular perforated wound on (L) aspect of chin. There is a bony fragment on orifice of wound. In depth of wound the mandible was fractured.
(6) Perforating wound 2 cm. by 2 cm. It lies 9 cm. from the chin in the root of the neck.
(7) Lacerated wound lower lip 1 cm. The wound communicated with the cavity of the mouth.
(8) Bilateral ecchymosis with subconjunctival hemorrhage.
(9) Multiple small wounds in skin on forehead and face of varying sizes. The largest one 1 1/2 cm. at junction of nasal bone and forehead.
(10) Perforating wound (L) loin 3 cm. by 2 cm. It lies 3 cm. below the rib cage.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION:

PERICARDIUM: This shows some congestion at the lower end.

TRACHEA & BRONCHI: congestion in entire length with some tarry black material in lumen.

THORACIC CAVITY:

RIGHT (R) lung - multiple laceration with fragmentation of (R) lung substance. Bits of bone impregnated in lung substance.

(L) lung - Massive perforation of the lower lobe with fragmentation of lung. Bits of bone in lung substance. The left lung was adherent to the chest cavity.

PERICARDIUM: Perforation of upper surface of the pericardium. There were some increases of epicardial fat. Subendocardial areas show some hemorrhages. The myocardium showed some fibrosis. The Coronary arteries were patent and had early atherosclerotic changes especially in the posterior branch.

A bullet was removed from the (L) chest cavity. The (R) and (L) chest had blood and blood clots to a volume of 500ml. There were fractures of the (R) rib cage, 2nd to 6th ribs.

ABDOMINAL CAVITY:

STOMACH: Perforation in the fundus both sides.

LIVER: There was a perforation in liver, at the (R) side.

PANCREAS: Hemorrhages present in substance of pancreas.

KIDNEYS: The (L) kidney was ruptured at its lower pole.

SPLEEN: NORMAL.

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INTESTINES: There was a rupture of the mesentery of the
intestines and the descending colon was torn

HEAD AND NECK:

SKULL: No fracture seen.

BRAIN: Normal in appearance.

CAUSE OF DEATH: HÆMORRHAGE AND SHOCK FOLLOWING MULTIPLE INJURIES.

- (1) PERFORATION OF PERICARDIUM OF HEART.
- (2) PERFORATIONS OF BOTH LUNGS WITH HÆMOTHORAX.
- (3) RUPTURE OF LIVER, KIDNEYS, DESCENDING COLON AND STOMACH.

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