

RECORD OF THE POST-MORTEM EXAMINATION

of ----- ALEXANDER BERARDELLI ----- of the male sex, and of the apparent age of 45.

Made at Randolph, County of Norfolk, on the sixteenth day of April, 19 20, by George B. Magrath, John C. Fraser, Assistant.

In presence of Fred E. Jones, M.D.
Daniel V. Higgins, M.D.
and others.

Medical Examiner.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION. (A)

1. Bodily Peculiarities.

Height,	5' - 8"	Approximate Weight,	160
Eyes,	Brown	Hair,	Black, slightly gray.
Malformations,	0	Deficiencies,	0
Ulcers,	0	Scars, Spots,	0
Tongue,	Natural	Teeth,	Good
Nostrils,	Dry blood	Ears,	Natural

Noteworthy appearances of the

Neck, chest, abdomen, Rigor mortis

External genitals, extremities, }
Back, anus, } All natural

2. Injuries (described with reference to fixed points).

1. On the rear surface of the left upper arm was found a punctured bullet wound 0.2 inch in diameter.
 2. On the left side of the back, about 6 inches from the spine and 2 inches below upper part of axilla was found another bullet wound 0.2 inch in diameter.
 3. On the left side of the back about 6 inches from the spine and 1 inch and a half below crest of ilium was found another punctured bullet wound 0.2 inch in diameter.
 4. On the back of the right shoulder 6 inches from the spine and 2 inches below the upper part of the shoulder was found another bullet wound 0.2 inch in diameter.
- All of the above were entrance wounds.

Direction,

Edges and surroundings of wounds,

All had more or less discolorations.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION. (B)

3. *Head.*

Soft parts, **Natural**

Outer, inner and cut surfaces of the bones, 0

Longitudinal sinus and dura mater, 0

Pia Mater, **Veins goodly filled**

Brain,	{	Hemispheres,	0
		Ventricles,	0
		Basal ganglia,	0
		Cerebellum,	0
		Pons and medulla,	0

Base of skull, after removal of the dura, 0

4. *Spinal Canal.*

Bony walls and surrounding soft parts,

Dura mater and pia mater,

Cord, { color,
density,

THORAX AND ABDOMEN. (C)

Position of diaphragm, left side at **5th rib**, right side at **5th intercostal space**

Displacement, if any, of abdominal organs, 0

Abnormal contents of the abdomen, { quantity, **Some fluid blood and clots**
quality,

THORAX. (D)

5. *Plural Cavities.*

Contents, { quantity, **Adhesions on left side and blood stained. Clot**
quality, **on right.**

Surface, { smoothness,
lustre, 0
opacity,

6. *Pericardium.*

Contents, { quantity, **Some clear amber colored fluid.**
quality,

Surface, { smoothness,
lustre, 0
opacity,

7. *Heart.* { size,)
 { shape,) **Normal**
 { color,)
 { consistency,)

Condition of coronary vessels, **Healthy**

Contents of each cavity, { quantity, **Left ventricle post mortem clot.**
 { quality,

Condition of valves, **Good**

Color and consistency of muscle, **Brick red**

8. *Lungs.* { size, **Left lung - near apex was found circular wound.**
 { shape, **Right lung - on outer surface was found ragged wound.**
 { color, **Blood stained tract.**
 { consistency,

Section, { smoothness, **Some froth on pressure.**
 { color,
 { moisture,

Contents { quantity, **Stained.**
(Air, blood, liquid or solid material), { quality,

Condition of bronchi and pulmonary artery, **Dark and pasty fluid.**

9. *Larynx, Pharynx and Esophagus.*

Contents, { quantity, **Empty and intact**
 { quality,

Lining membrane,

10. *Aorta, abnormalities,* **Ragged wound near diaphragm surrounded by clot.**

ABDOMEN. (E)

11. *Spleen.* { size,)
 { shape,) **O**
 { color,)
 { consistency,

Surface,

Section, { smoothness,
 { color,
 { moisture,
 { distinctness of trabeculae and follicles,

12. *Stomach and Intestines.*

Degree of distension and appearance of surface,

Contents of different parts, { quality,
 { quantity,

Appearance of mucuous membrane and glands,

Condition of appendix in peritonitis,

Stomach holds 500 c.c. pea soup-like material. Jejunum showed a bullet wound. Perforating wounds in small intestines.

13. *Liver.* { size,
shape, 0
color,
consistency,

Surface,

Section, { smoothness,
color,
moisture,
relative proportion and color of lobular regions,

Condition of gall-bladder in peritonitis,

14. *Pancreas*, appearances in case of hemorrhage
in or about the gland, 0

15. *Supra-renal Capsules*, abnormal appearances, 0

16. *Kidneys.* { size,
shape,
color, Light gray
consistency,

Adherence of fibrous capsule, Capsule free. Left lower part lacerated wound.
Renal artery torn.

Section, { color,
moisture,
thickness of cortex and pyramids,
color and opacity of cortex,
color of Malpighian bodies,

17. *Bladder.* { size,
thickness and tension of wall,

Contents, { quantity, 0
quality,

Appearance of mucuous membrane,

18. *Uterus.* { size,
shape,
color,
consistency,

Surface,

Length and breadth of cavity,

Thickness and vascularity of wall,

Contents, { quantity,
quality,

Lining membrane,—cervical canal,

“ “ of vagina,

Ovaries,—corpora lutea, if any,

Surface and substance of the broad ligaments,
in suspected pregnancy,

OTHER DATA NOT PREVIOUSLY NOTED:

History of the bullet wounds is hereby told:

- No. 1 entered the muscles of the left arm near the shoulder joint, went through the chest muscle, the second intercostal space, lung, anterior mediastinum of the left side, and lodged against the inner surface of the third rib on the right.
- No. 2 entered the muscles of the back on the left side and was found in the Pectoral muscle on the same side.
- No. 3 entered near the left hip on the back, went through the muscles, ilium, peritoneal cavity, and was found in the rectus muscle on the right side.
- No. 4 entered the back of the right shoulder going through the muscles, fourth rib, intercostal space, pleural cavity, lung, aorta, intestine, renal artery, left kidney, and lodged in the left illiacus muscle.

The course of the different bullets left evidence of ruptured blood vessels and injured organs. The clothing worn at the time of his death showed circular holes corresponding to the wounds found on the body. A double-breasted dark gray woolen overcoat, a sack coat of dark gray worsted, black vest, blue serge trousers, brown cotton shirt, balbriggan union suit, black socks, and laced black shoes. Vest and shirt wet with blood at their upper parts.

And I further declare it to be my opinion that the said Alexander Berardelli came to his death by hemorrhage and shock following bullet wounds.

I certify that, in my judgment, the cause and manner of this death could not be ascertained by view and inquiry, and that an autopsy was necessary for that purpose.

Dated at East Weymouth, in the County of Norfolk
this thirty-first day of January, A. D. 19 21 .

John C. Fraser

Medical Examiner.

RELATING TO THE DEATH OF

ALEXANDER BERARDELLI

Medical Examiner's Report of Autopsy.