



United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for
the former Yugoslavia

AUTOPSY REPORT
GLOGOVA GRAVE SITE

CASE NO: GL05 010B

AUTOPSY DATE: 12.10.99
MORTUARY: Visoko

SUMMARY:

A largely complete body apart from the breastbone and a few ribs, a number of vertebrae from the spine and some of the small bones of the hands and feet. The remains were largely skeletonized but there was a layer of calcified material on the surface of many of the bones making them brittle and causing erosion. Presumably this was related to the soil conditions. There was some greasy material present as well.

As established from anthropology examination, the person was male, young – aged between 16 and 21 – and measured from 172 to 188 cm in height. There were no particular identifying features.

Many of the bones were fractured, particularly the ribs, shoulder blades and spine, but also the face and pelvis. Most, if not all, of these probably occurred after death however, particularly given the brittle and eroded appearance of the bones. It would certainly be impossible to exclude this. There was also a fracture of the right upper arm bone at the shoulder, which may have occurred in life, but it was difficult to confirm this one way or the other.

There were no other findings, and given the doubts over the injuries found, it is best to leave the cause of death in this person as unascertained.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

It is my determination that the cause of death in case number **GL05 010B** was:

Unascertained

This formal report is based upon the autopsy report that I prepared at the time of my examination. Both reports truly and accurately reflect my findings.

Signed:.....

Dr. John Clark, MB ChB FRCPath Dip. FM

Date: 12.10.99

A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF REMAINS:

Largely complete body in clothing, mostly skeletonized but with both greasy and hard calcified material adherent to the bones, making them brittle

B. CLOTHING:

- Dark blue shirt, extensively tattered
- White vest. extensively tattered
- Tattered waistband of pair of jeans
- Portions of unidentifiable green garment
- Portions of unidentifiable white garment
- Portion of a leather belt

OTHER ITEMS:

None

C. IDENTIFYING FEATURES:

Sex:

From examination of soft tissues: Not possible

From anthropology details: Male

Age range (from anthropology data): 16 - 21

Build: Not possible

Height (cm):

From estimation of intact body: Not possible

From anthropology data: 180.1 +/- 7.7

Hair:

Head hair: Not possible

Facial hair: Not possible

Teeth:

General description: Natural teeth in lower jaw, and a few in upper jaw, much of which is missing

Retained for dentist: No

Tattoos: Not possible

Scars: Not possible

Other features: None

D. BODY PARTS MISSING: See Anthropology Report

E. INJURIES:

i. **Findings on fluoroscopy:**

Radiographer: Patricia Campbell

- Possible irregular metal fragment in trunk

ii. **Main injuries described:**

Probably Probably Can't
ante-mortem post mortem tell

Head and Neck:

1. Fracture of left maxilla with fragments missing

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Trunk:

2. Ribs right : fractures of several ribs at angle and at spine, but many portions missing
3. Ribs left : fractures of 3 – 11 at spine
4. Right and left scapulae – extensive fractures of blades of both
5. Spine – fragmentation and erosion of many vertebrae, with large number missing
6. Pelvis – fractures of left pelvic bone anteriorly and through rami.
– fractures or erosion of both borders of sacrum

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Limbs:

7. Right humerus – fracture of head

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F. INTERNAL TISSUES:

Brain – largely semi solid but calcified where adherent to bone

H. SAMPLES AND ITEMS RETAINED:**SOCO:** Ronnie Govender**Bullets/Shrapnel:**

None

Anthropology:

None

DNA:

Right femur

Tooth

Other:

None