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Warrnambool and District Base Hospital

Warrnambool 17th Oct., 1941.

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SMITH Emily

Dr. C.V. Mackay, M.D., F.R.A.C.P.,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE. C.1.

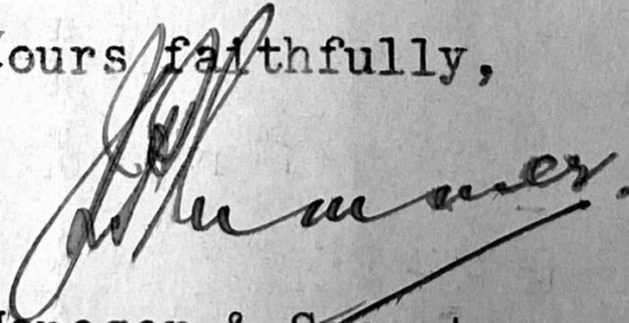
Dear Dr. Mackay,

I am enclosing herewith  
some notes from Dr. E.G. Bannon, con-  
cerning Miss Emily Smith who is at  
present an inmate of this Hospital.

It would be apprec-  
iated if you would advise us as to  
the best means of handling this patient.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

  
Manager & Secretary.

29th October, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls,  
12 Service Street,  
BAIRNSDALE.

Re specimen of breast from  
Mrs. Lavinia Hancock.

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Miss Emily Smith

Osteogenic Sarcoma of mid-third of left femur.

Fell two months ago and caused fracture.

would like to send her to Royal Melbourne  
for treatment.

Stretchers patient on train. ? providing  
Ambulance from Melb.

Edward Banner  
or 10/11/5

20th October, 1941.

Dr. Edward G. Bannon,  
30 Liebig Street,  
WARRNAMBOOL.

Dear Dr. Bannon,

The Manager and Secretary of the Warrnambool Hospital has sent me a recommendation from you concerning your patient, Miss Emily Smith.

Would you kindly let me have some further particulars as to the osteogenic sarcoma of the left femur. Before I put the case for the patient's admission to the Royal Melbourne Hospital before the Medical Superintendent I should like to feel that there is some prospect of a curative result being obtained by treatment.

If admitted to a surgical ward she will be probably transferred at an early date to the radiotherapist who will probably transfer her to the Austin Hospital.

My problem is to decide whether she should not go direct to the Austin Hospital. There she could get the only probable treatment (deep x-ray therapy) under good conditions and an acute bed would not be lost to the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Please let me know your opinion.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

EDWARD BANNON

30 LIEBIG STREET,  
WARRNAMBOOL.

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by Appointment

23/10/41

Dr. C. V. Mackay,  
Spring Street  
Melbourne C.

Dear Doctor Mackay,

Many thanks for your  
letter re Miss Emily Smith.

She first consulted me in December 1940,  
with a fair sized swelling in the lower  $\frac{1}{3}$   
shaft of left femur. It was tender and  
the X-ray report was "chronic osteomyelitis".  
This report was confirmed in Melbourne.  
I then opened into the bone, and at  
once questioned the X-ray diagnosis.  
I sent some of the tissue to Dr. Andrew  
Brennan, who was not able to give  
a definite opinion.

As the week went on the swelling  
increased in size, and then X-ray  
showed osteogenic sarcoma. A  
few weeks ago, Miss Smith fell and  
fractured her femur through the  
tumour. I have had her in bed  
since, just with the leg in a  
comfortable position.

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Radiologically, the chest is clear, and there is no clinical or radiological evidence of metastasis. I feel that amputation would be rather too heroic at her age, & thought deep therapy was the treatment. As far as I know she has very little means at present, & I think she would be a much more suitable patient for the Austin.

She is very anxious now to get to Melbourne for treatment. She does not understand (has not been told) that it is malignant.

With many thanks for your interest and help,

Yours sincerely,  
Edward Bannon

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27th October, 1941.

Dr. Edward Bannon,  
30 Liebig Street,  
WARRNAMBOOL.

Dear Dr. Bannon,

Many thanks for your clinical notes concerning Miss Emily Smith. I shall send a copy to the Medical Superintendent of the Austin Hospital, as I certainly think that this is the most suitable place for her.

I am enclosing forms to be completed for the Austin Hospital, and the patient will be notified when a bed is vacant. The best procedure would be to send her to Melbourne as a stretcher patient by train and to telegraph the Victorian Civil Ambulance, 217 Lonsdale Street, to meet the train, and to take the patient to the Austin Hospital. It would also be as well to telegraph the Austin Hospital as to probable time of arrival at Hospital, about half an hour after arrival of train at Spencer Street.

Arrangements can be made at Warrnambool for the patient to have a second class ticket plus a payment of ten shillings extra for the stretcher, blankets, etc., which are provided by the railway.

It would be necessary for a friend or relative to travel down with the patient. If the relative returns the same day, the payment would be that for a second class single ticket.

If you think that the patient cannot pay her fare to the railway station, or the cost of the ambulance to Heidelberg, the Anti-Cancer Council would meet these charges. If necessary, a free pass can be obtained on the railways from the Victorian Treasury, and I enclose a form for this purpose, or application

Dr. Edward Bannon

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27th October, 1941.

could be made to the local station master.

I shall endeavour to expedite the admission to the Austin Hospital. Please let me know if you can manage at your end or if I can do anything further in Melbourne.

I shall make a point of visiting the patient at the Austin Hospital after her admission. The rest in bed under good conditions will help and the Deep X-ray Therapy plant is new. The prognosis, however, must be bad.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Encs.

CVM.BH

27th October, 1941.

The Medical Superintendent,  
Austin Hospital for Cancer & Chronic Diseases,  
HEIDELBERG, N.22.

Dear Sir,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Dr. Bannon  
of Warrnambool concerning a Miss Emily Smith.

I have advised Dr. Bannon to apply for this patient's  
admission to your hospital, and when the application has been  
received I should be grateful if admission could be expedited.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Enc.  
CVM.BH

22nd October, 1941.

T. J. Sheehan, Esq.,  
ROMSEY.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter and have read it carefully. I shall bring it to the notice of Dr. Kaye-Scott at the Royal Melbourne Hospital for his information.

Please attend the hospital again and your statement will receive full attention.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.B.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVR.BH

For W. Kaye. Scott's information  
pending next attendance.

21.10.41.

AS

Romsey

Oct 19/10/41

Dear Sir

On reading the warning by council for cancer treatment in the age I would like to explain my case to the council some nine or ten years ago I found trouble in passing my water also a slight pain, I went to our local Doctor who examined me & told me I had an unlarget prostate in back passage he said I would have to be operated on as he was not qualified he gave me a letter to Dr Murray Morton in bollins street he examined me & told him I was having trouble with the water so he started using instruments passing them into the bladder started with a very fine one & kept increasing size till he got to size 4 he said he did not think the other complaint was very bad after attending him for some months he said to go home as he thought I would get on all right so I did for some time after but ake started to come again so I went down to St Vincent hospital as an out-patient they gave me an **erall** & started to use the instruments the same Dr Morton but a lot larger ones till they got the passage large enough to put an instrument into the bladder as they thought I might have gravel but I did not only suffered some torture any way they kept on treating me with medicine & had me Ex Rayed a few times they were making no improvement in me any way after I had been Ex Rayed they come to the conclusion they would transfer me to the Melbourne hospital as they did not have the plant there to give me the treatment I required but they have got it in now as this was some ago well when I went to the Melbourne they put me under this radium treatment it ust to affect me while I was getting it but I ust to feel a lot better after wards they also had me under a light there & doing exercise

Would advise the ACC  
to direct patient to  
obtain treatment for the  
spondylitis - pulleys  
at St. G's!

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have hi

I have put me under this radaim three or four times during the six or seven years  
I have been attending there but have not given me any of that treatment now for a  
long time only examin me for the swelling in the back passage now they call me  
down about every three months @ going nothing for me @ I am still suffering  
from an akeing pain down about the bladder generally starts after I pass water  
especially in the cold weather now when I was attending St Vincents the Drs there  
took a lot more intrest in my case than what they have done in the Mellbourne  
there would two three Drs examine at once make you leave a sample of your water  
or bring sample @ they analise it they put under the Ex Ray at different times  
they dont do any of that at the Mellbourne I dont know whether it through the  
numbers they they got to put through that cannot give them attention I was there  
last month @ a lady Dr examined me @ prescribed a bottle of Medisene I am under  
Dr H Scott but dont often see him @ when I do he ask you how you are @ go off and  
leave student with you, sometimes you cant get a bottle Medeser now I am a man sixty  
odd years of age @ to look at I look the picture of health bet twelve @ thirteen  
stone weight I can eat well sleep fairly well @ yet suffering this akeing pain  
now I would like know what the bouncil would advise me to do  
seeing that I am getting no treatment from the hospital @ living forty miles  
out different to be living close to those places I am yours faithfully

J. J. Sheehan  
Park Street Romsey

41 Loch Avenue  
Ballarat

5.10.41

To Follow up Department

Dear Sir

I visited Dr Paul Jones  
on 23/6/41 and I had to report to him on  
24/9/41. I mislaid my card and to day I  
found it, if you can arrange for another  
date on a Monday, I will keep the appointment.  
I am sorry this has occurred trusting  
everything will be O.K.

Yours Truly  
Smith, Joseph

I am enclosing card

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

7th October,

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Joseph Smith, Esq.,  
41 Loch Street,  
BALLARAT.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Enclosed is your appointment card  
marked with a new date which I trust  
will be convenient to you.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.  
Medical Officer,  
Surgical Follow-up Department.

C/o Mr<sup>rs</sup> Wallace Mitchell  
Corner Hooyong & Seymour Rd  
Edinburgh.

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1941

Dear Sir,

I received your letter making an appointment to see Mr Brooke on Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am unable to attend on this date but could come on the following Monday. I am enclosing letter & card for you to make the necessary alteration.

Yours sincerely

E B Smith  
2 Wiseman St  
Auburn.

15th October, 1941.

Miss Edith Smith,  
c/o Mrs. Wallace Mitchell,  
cr. Kooyong & Seymour Roads,  
ELSTERNWICK.

Dear Miss Smith,

Enclosed is your appointment card marked with the  
new appointment date.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

10 Ashmore Street  
E Brunswick

19/10/41

To the E. M. O

A. G. G.

Dear Sir

I am writing to you, as advised by an article in the age of 15<sup>th</sup>. I am 64 years old. have had family of five. children had wonderful health all my young life & up till 9<sup>or 10</sup> years ago, when my heart went wrong, I was treated at Melbourne Hospital the Dr there told me that the artery was blocked up & the left side of the heart was very much enlarged, I was very ill about that time. & went down from 13 st to 10 stone in 4 months. I have regained weight since then up to 12 stone I am anxious now about a new trouble that developed about 2 years ago, it is a small discharge, & an itch, that I don't seem able to master, I also have had treatment for piles & had them cut. about 8 years ago, I sometimes have bleeding from the rectum, I feel very well in myself & never have any pain, will you please write & tell me what you think on the matter, my bowels are stubborn & I don't seem able to digest starchy food, & don't eat much of it, & have been in the habit of taking salts every morning for some years & if I take a little extra of the salts, it seems to cause the bleeding, trusting to hear from you

I Remain

yours Respectfully  
Lillian Standbridge

18th October, 1941.

Mrs. Lillian Stanbridge,  
Ashmore Street,  
EAST BRUNSWICK.

Dear Mrs. Stanbridge,

I have read your letter carefully and would advise you to again seek advice and treatment at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

SMYTH Olivia

2nd October, 1941.

Dr. Douglas H. Mitchell, M.B., B.S.,  
613 Olive Street,  
ALBURY.

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

I should be very grateful if you could let me know the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Olivia Smyth. Mrs. Smyth, who lives at Rand, New South Wales, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 19th June to the 19th August, 1940, and was diagnosed as suffering from Neoplasm of the Brain.

This information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. The Council is attempting to register, and to follow up after their discharge from hospital, all cases of cancer treated at the metropolitan public hospitals.

I hope that you will be able to help us in the matter of Mrs. Smyth, and thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.BH

Heck Robertson

B.S., MELB., F.R.A.C.S.

TELEPHONE:  
No. 36, ALBURY.

"Ormond,"

Olive & Wilson Sts.,  
Albury.

6th October, 1934

SMYTH Olivia

C.V. Mackay, Esq, M.D.,  
Anto-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
Spring Street,  
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Your letter to Dr. D. H. Mitchell  
has been opened by me as he is away on  
Active Service.

Your request has been noted  
and I will let you have the information  
next time Mrs. Smyth visits the Surgery.  
Dr. J. Noel Brown is attending her.

Yours faithfully,

R. A. ROBERTSON,

per

*R.A. Robertson*

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% C. O. R  
Quebec.

The Executive Medical Officer  
Melbourne

Dear Sir

I am worried about pains in the lower part of my stomach.

I am 41 years of age, this pain is low down in the stomach, it is not always in the one place, sometimes in the groin, & across the small of the back. I have been examined by two local doctors, they can not find any tender spots, or swellings, one doctor said as a last resort he would have to X ray, the other gave me treatment & said if this did not fix it he would have to X Ray, it is rather an ache than a pain, as I am only a working man I cannot afford an X Ray, do you think there is any reason to suspect a growth.

If so can I get X Rayed at a reasonable cost, I have given my work address as I do not wish to worry my wife ~~now~~ without some facts.

Yours faithfully  
H. Saunders

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

27th September, 1941.

H. Saunders, Esq.,  
Commonwealth Oil Refinery,  
GEELONG.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 24th September and have carefully read your statement of symptoms. It is impossible for me, on the evidence you have given me, to express any opinion about the presence or absence of a growth.

I would advise you to see again your own doctor in Geelong. If he still considers an x-ray examination of the stomach and intestines to be necessary, ask him for a recommendation to the Geelong Hospital where this procedure could be undertaken for you at a reasonably low cost.

If your doctor is of the opinion that the Anti-Cancer Council can be of any assistance to him in your case I should be glad if he would communicate with me.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

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"COMBAT CANCER WITH CASH"

# Anti-Cancer Council

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Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

11th September, 1941,

SMITH *Thomas*

The Medical Superintendent,  
Mildura Base & District Hospital,  
M I L D U R A.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly inform me whether a pathological specimen was examined at your hospital from a patient, Thomas Smith, aged sixty-four, in June or July of this year?

The patient was seen by a medical man in Mildura who excised a lump in his breast and afterwards sent the patient to Dr. Kaye-Scott who is now treating him at this hospital.

The specimen is stated to have been one of Carcinoma of the Male Breast. If you have any information of this histological examination, I should be glad to have it.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.BH

Communications to  
addressed to the  
SECRETARY

# Mildura Base Hospital

Established 1892

Incorporated 1923

Box 306

Telephones:  
HOSPITAL 41  
SECRETARY 263

Mildura,  
September 13th, 1941.

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,  
Cancer Information Bureau,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital,  
MELBOURNE. C.1.

C.R. 1660

Dear Sir,

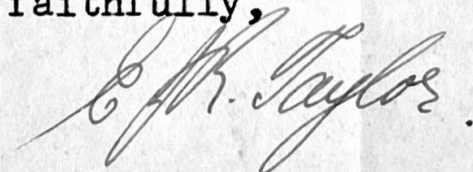
Re Thomas Smith.

Breast was amputated by Dr. J. Bothroyd of Mildura. Tissue was sent to Dr. R.A. Willis of the Alfred Hospital who reported "Moderately active spheroidal celled carcinoma".

Dr. Willis retains the section and paraffin blocks of this tumour and doubtless duplicates would be made available to you.

Later history may be of interest to you. Patient was treated with deep therapy by Dr. Kaye Scott at the Royal Melbourne Hospital four weeks ago, when Radon needles were implanted. He is now back in Mildura and has a severe radium reaction.

Yours faithfully,



MANAGER & SECRETARY.

17th September, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls,  
12 Service St.,  
BAIRNSDALE.

Re Elizabeth LOCARNINI.

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Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

354 Park St

SMITH Charles

South Melbourne

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 1941.

Dear Dr. Mackay

Mr Smith is in good general physical condition when seen yesterday and is getting about the house. He has passage of mucus & intermittent bleeding P. Rectum.

Yesterday had a moderately severe haemorrhage P.R. and through lower limb of colonoscopy - Colonoscopy functions well.

There is no evidence yet of secondary deposits

J. H. Prestone M.S.



# Royal Melbourne Hospital

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

MELBOURNE, C.I.

1st September, 1941.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Chas. Smith, Esq.,  
22 Lyndhurst Street,  
RICHMOND, E.1.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Would you please communicate with me at this Hospital and inform me of the present condition of your health? If possible, I should like this report to be obtained from your local doctor.

The above information is required as an essential part of the follow-up treatment of this department of the Hospital. It enables us, for your personal benefit, to keep a close watch on the progress of your case, and also to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

*C. V. Mackay M.D.*

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Medical Officer,  
Surgical Follow-up Department.

Enc.  
CVM.BH

10th September, 1941.

Dr. J. W. Johnstone, M.S. (Melb.) M.R.C.O.G.,  
354 Park Street,  
SOUTH MELBOURNE.

Dear Dr. Johnstone,

Many thanks for your kindness in sending the  
clinical notes of the present condition of Mr. Charles  
Smith.

These are of considerable assistance to us in  
our cancer "follow-up" work.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.BH

29th July, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls,  
12 Service St.,  
BAIRNSDALE.

Re Malcolm McKIBBON

Filed under "Mc"

Recd.

21/7/41.

20th June, 1941.

Mrs. Edith Sutcliffe,  
89 Fenwick Street,  
CLIFTON HILL, N.8.

Dear Madam,

Your letter has been forwarded to me for reply.

I shall be pleased to see you any morning next week  
between half past nine and twelve midday.

I feel sure that we can arrange some form of satisfactory  
treatment for you.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

89 Grenville St  
Clifton Hill  
-128

Cancer Research  
Hospital  
Spring Street  
Melbourne.

June 19<sup>th</sup> 1948

Dear Sirs/

I trust you will excuse me writing you, but I do so in reference to reading an article in the Paper with regard to Cancer, and if taken in time could be cured.

Could you please inform me if I could make an appointment re ~~exam~~ treatment of a (Persistent Sore) behind the Ear. I attended Melbourne Hospital for a time, the ointment at the time easing it, it has been troubling me about two years, and gets no better, so I should greatly value your opinion if you could grant me an appointment at your convenience.

Thanking you  
Yours respectfully  
Edith Sutcliffe

17th June, 1941.

Mr. G. R. A. Syme,  
Surgeon,  
12 Collins St.,  
MELBOURNE.

Re. Mrs. GRANT J. M.

Filed under "G"

PLEASE SEND ALL REMITTANCES DIRECT TO THE HONORARY TREASURER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR, TOWN  
HALL, MELBOURNE.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

3rd June, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

Joseph Smith, Esq.,  
41 Loch Avenue,  
BALLARAT.

Dear Mr. Smith,

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Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Enc.

10th June, 1941.

The Officer in Charge,  
Out-Patient Department,  
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Mr. Robbie,

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. Chaplin of Ballarat concerning a Mr. Joseph Smith, a patient who was operated upon by Mr. Paul Jones. Would you kindly attach this to the Out-patient Card for the surgeon to see on the 23rd inst.?

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which I have written to the patient and I should be glad if Mr. Paul Jones could see him reasonably early.

Yours sincerely,

COPY

Dr. Chaplin

cr. Sturt & Errard Sts.,  
BALLARAT.

7th June, 1941.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I have examined Mr. Joe Smith of 41 Lock Avenue, and find a soft movable thickening in the sublingual tissues centrally situated. It does not feel glandular to me but I would feel better pleased if he paid you a visit - say Monday, June, 16th between 10 and 11 a.m. if convenient to you.

(Epithelioma L. Lip removed February 1941.

Yours etc.,

(Signed) W. W. Chaplin.

SMITH Joseph

Carcinoma Lip

Mr. Paul Jones

10th June, 1941.

Joseph Smith, Esq.,  
41 Loch Avenue,  
BALRARAT.

Dear Mr. Smith,

I have received a letter from Dr. Chaplin concerning your health.

He would like Mr. Paul Jones to see you again with reference to your lip and mouth.

I am enclosing an appointment card for Monday the 23rd of June (the 16th which was suggested by Dr. Chaplin is a holiday). As you live in Balarat I will arrange for you to be seen without delay.

Please present this letter to the clerical staff at the office in the Out-patient Department on your arrival.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

CVM:DH

Enc.

SMITH Joseph

10th June, 1941.

Dr. W. W. Chaplin,  
cr. Sturt & Errard Sts.,  
BALLARAT.

Dear Dr. Chaplin,

Many thanks for your clinical note concerning  
Mr. Joseph Smith.

As Monday the 16th of June is a hospital holiday,  
I shall write to the patient and offer him an appointment to  
see Mr. Paul Jones on Monday the 23rd inst.

Your letter will be brought to the surgeon's  
notice before his examination.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,

Joseph SMITH

23rd June, 1941.

Dr. W. W. W. Chaplin,  
802 Sturt Street,  
BALLARAT.

Dear Dr. Chaplin,

Mr. Paul Jones at the Royal Melbourne Hospital saw the patient, Joseph Smith, today and was quite satisfied with the condition of the lip.

He has ordered a simple ointment and would like to see the patient again in three months' time.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY

31st May, 1941.

Dr. G. C. Scantlebury, F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S.,  
14 Parliament Place,  
MELBOURNE, C.2.

Dear Dr. Scantlebury,

Very many thanks for your prompt reply to my request  
for information.

I shall bring your letter to the notice of the meeting  
of Cancer Registrars on Monday afternoon next which will be  
presided over by Dr. Robert Fowler of the Alfred Hospital.

In order to attempt to clear up our present difficulty,  
I shall run over the histories of all laryngeal and  
pharyngeal carcinomas on our books at the Royal Melbourne  
Hospital for the past two years, and discuss the doubtful  
ones with you.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.BH

Leahy St.  
Phill

To the Editor  
Sun News Pictorial.

Dear Sir

From time to time I  
have noticed in your paper  
reference to treatment of cancer  
and what what might develop into  
such.

Some months ago there appeared an article  
inviting anyone who had cause to  
believe that they may be suffering  
from or developing this disease, to  
go in touch with the organization  
dealing with this complaint free of  
charge to the patient who could not  
afford medical attention.

Will you kindly inform me of the  
name and address of this organization  
Yours faithfully  
G R Schneider

21st May, 1941.

P. R. Schneider, Esq.,  
Leahy Street,  
NHILL.

Dear Sir,

The Editor of "The Sun News Pictorial" has passed your letter to him on to me.

If you write to me at the above address I shall be very pleased to give you any information in my power.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

5th May, 1941.

SMITH Wm.

Dr. K. E. Ratten,  
4 Blyth Street,  
BRUNSWICK.

Dear Dr. Ratten,

Would you kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients.

The name is Mr. William Smith of 19 Queen St., East Brunswick.

Mr. Smith was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and was diagnosed as suffering from Cerebral Tumor.

I should be grateful for a short clinical note.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

7th May, 1941.

H. Struth, Esq.,  
76 Mascot Avenue,  
CARRUM.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the  
3rd May.

I would advise you to consult your local  
medical practitioner at Carrum concerning the mark  
on your cheek.

If he considers that there is any difficulty  
in the diagnosis or treatment he will recommend you to  
attend a specialist at a public hospital or to consult  
a specialist in the Collins Street area.

I shall be pleased to give him any necessary  
information.

You may show your doctor this letter.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

76 Macart Avenue  
Barrow

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The Secretary  
Royal Anti College of Surgeons.  
Spring St. Melbourne C.T.

Dear Sir I was told to write to you  
in reference to a mark on my chest.  
This mark was caused by a man  
pressing his nail into my chest and  
although it was done 40 years ago,  
and until recently could hardly be  
seen, it now has the appearance of  
becoming inflamed, could you advise  
me if I am writing to the Cancer Clinic  
If not, would you kindly forward this  
letter to the nearest quarter.

My age is 66.

Yours faithfully  
H. G. Smith

P.S. I am writing as I do not go into  
town often. H.S.

5th May, 1941.

Dr. Donald G. Stewart,  
258 Bell Street,  
NORTH COBURG.

Re RICHARDS, Wm.

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Mr. J. H. ...  
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MELBOURNE

Mr. ...  
100 ...  
MELBOURNE

PLEASE SEND ALL REMITTANCES DIRECT TO THE HONORARY TREASURER, THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR, TOWN HALL, MELBOURNE.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

10th April, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Wm. J. Styles, Esq.,  
152 Cowper Street,  
FOOTSCRAY.

Dear Mr. Styles,

Would you please attend Mr. Harry's out-patient clinic at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in order that an examination may be made of the condition for which treatment was given here?

This examination enables us, for your personal benefit, to keep a close watch on the progress of your case, and is an essential part of the follow-up treatment of this Department. It also enables us to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital for you.

An appointment card is enclosed marked with an attendance date and time. When you have seen Mr. Harry make sure that the next appointment is marked on it. Please let the clerk in the desk in the Out-patients' Hall know the date of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc., from attending, please let me know as soon as possible when you can attend. Mr. Harry visits this Hospital every Tuesday and Friday.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

P.S. Please present this letter at the Out-patients' Dept.

Enc.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

8th April, 1941.

Mr. Percival Steer,  
Steiglitz,  
via Bannockburn,  
VICTORIA.

Dear Mr. Steer,

Would you please communicate with me at this Hospital and inform me of the present condition of your health? If possible, I should like this report to be obtained from your local doctor.

The above information is required as an essential part of the follow-up treatment of this department of the Hospital. It enables us, for your personal benefit, to keep a close watch on the progress of your case, and also to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Medical Officer,  
Surgical Outpatient Follow-up Dept.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

10th April, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Wm. Smith, Esq.,  
19 Queen Street,  
EAST BRUNSWICK.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Would you please attend Mr. Robertson's out-patient clinic at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in order that an examination may be made of the condition for which treatment was given here?

This examination enables us, for your personal benefit, to keep a close watch on the progress of your case, and is an essential part of the follow-up treatment of this Department. It also enables us to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital for you.

An appointment card is enclosed marked with an attendance date and time. When you have seen Mr. Robertson make sure that the next appointment is marked on it. Please let the clerk in the desk in the Out-Patients' Hall know the date of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

If prevented by reason of ill-health, etc., from attending, please let me know as soon as possible when you can attend. Mr. Robertson visits this Hospital every Tuesday and Friday.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

P.S. Please present this letter at the Out-patients' Dept.

Enc.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

21st April, 1941.

Thomas Stephens, Esq.,  
Londen Street,  
Jobs Gully,  
BENDIGO.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to answer the questions which you have asked me in your letter of the 19th of April.

If a poor person in the Bendigo district suspects that he or she may be suffering from cancer and desires investigation and "proper" treatment, then the first thing to do is to attend the Bendigo Hospital. There is a special cancer clinic at this hospital where many cases of this disease are treated.

If, however, the doctors at Bendigo consider that suitable treatment is only possible in Melbourne, then I am pleased to make all necessary travelling and other arrangements for this purpose.

In my opinion, there is at present only one treatment for cancer of the stomach and that is operation at as early a stage of the disease as possible. The first thing to do, however, is to attend the Bendigo Hospital for examination.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.  
Executive Medical Officer.

London St  
Jobs Gully  
Bexley  
19/4/41

Dear Sirs, Will you please  
let me have particulars as  
per advertised, of information  
how, when Cancer is suspected,  
to get proper treatment in case  
of a poor person who has no  
money to pay for treatment,  
this is an case of suspected  
Stomach Cancer, Can this be  
treated without Operation

I thank you in Anticipation  
yours respectfully  
Thomas Stephens

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

10th March, 1941.

Mrs. Stepto,  
59 Sackville Street,  
KEW, E.4.

Dear Madam,

I am pleased to reply to your letter of the 7th March.

My Council cannot usurp the functions of the family doctor, and has consequently made no arrangements for the medical examination of cancer patients by its officers.

The Cancer Information Bureau, of which I am the official head, desires to answer all enquiries and to give advice.

In your case the lump should be examined as soon as possible by your local medical practitioners. If he has any doubt about its nature he will recommend you to see a specialist in the Collins Street district. If at any time he should want my advice as to a list of consultants for this purpose I shall be pleased to supply it.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

P. S. You may show your doctor this letter if you so desire.

59 Sackville St,

Kew.

<sup>12</sup>  
7. March 1941,

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The Secretary.

Australasian College of Surgeons,

Spring St,

Melbourne.

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Dear Sir/

would you kindly tell  
us - how I should go about  
having "a keep" examined by  
your association?

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours truly,

W. Stepto.

Meddesham  
Feb 19<sup>th</sup> 41

Dr C. V. McKay MD  
Royal Melbourne Hospital

Dear Sir,

CR 346

I am in receipt of your letter of 6<sup>th</sup> inst & will attend at the hospital on the morning of Monday 24<sup>th</sup> inst.

As I have been in the country for some weeks receipt of your letter was delayed

Yours Oafly  
W Stewart

(2 Maynard St  
Preston)

re Frederick SCHEMILICK.

This patient was referred by Dr. Searls who told us you had been in touch with him about the case. He is now attending Dr. Kaye Scott's Clinic, and arrangements have been made for his accommodation during the course of his treatment.

*Caroly Bethune*  
A l m o n e r.

18th February, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls,  
Bairnsdale.

Dear Dr. Searls,

The Medical Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital has handed me your letter concerning your patient, Mr. F. W. Schimleck.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity of dealing with this case, as the Anti-Cancer Council exists to help indigent patients suffering from cancer and I am desirous of coming into direct contact with medical practitioners in the country districts of Victoria.

I have one enquiry to make about Mr. Schimleck before I arrange for a bed for him under Dr. R. Kaye Scott at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Would you kindly inform me approximately of the size of the fungating mass and whether, under the circumstances, the patient would be suitable for a boarding house if a bed was not immediately available? Through the Cancer Almoner Service at the Royal Melbourne Hospital I shall arrange for free railway transport to and fro, and for free board and lodging, etc., if necessary.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

BAIRNSDALE

15-2-41.

Medical Superintendent,  
Melbourne. Hospital,

Dear Sir,

Mr F.W.Schimleck consulted me yesterday re a fungating mass on his right cheek.

The condition is probably malignant and I have advised him to go to Melbourne for treatment.

He has not any friends in Melbourne and not sufficient means of income to enable him board .

Please advise him when a bed would be available.

As he lives out in the country it would be necessary to allow him one week's notice.

Please address reply to  
Mr F.W.Schimleck,  
c/o Mr William Charles,  
Bairnsdale.

Yours faithfully,

*J.R. Seales.*

*Pa. J.V.*

February 11th, 1941.

SPROULE

Dr. N. Jenkins, M.B., B.S.,  
"Toolirook,"  
572 Henty Road,  
PRESTON, N.13.

Dear Dr. Jenkins,

Many thanks for your clinical note concerning your patient, Mr. James Sproule. I regret that he will not be able to see Mr. Hailes at the Royal Melbourne Hospital as this surgeon has already left the hospital, and gone as Consulting Surgeon to the A.I.F.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

J. C. LEAR

"Toolbrook"

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572 Plenty Road,

Preston, N.18

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10/2/41.

Re. Mr. James Sproule.  
290 Bell St.  
Preston.

Mr. Sproule's general health is very good. He has a partial Spastic paralysis of the left arm and leg, with a little wasting of both, which he states is gradually getting worse. He is desirous of reporting again to Mr. Hailes at the Melbourne Hospital.

Wentworth Hailes

Please present this Prescription at next Visit

10th February, 1941.

SINCLAIR

Dr. Reginald Howden, M.B., B.S.,  
113 North Road,  
GARDENVALE, S.A.

Dear Dr. Howden,

Many thanks for your information that Mr. Joseph Sinclair, a case of carcinoma of the stomach, had been transferred to the Austin Hospital. I have been informed by the authorities of that hospital that he died there in January last.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

31st January, 1941.

Dr. Reginald Howden, M.B., B.S.,  
113 North Road,  
GARDENVALE, S.A.

Dear Dr. Howden,

re Mr. Joseph Sinclair,  
C/o Mr. G. Lawry, 112 Cole Street,  
Gardenvale.

I wrote to you in May of last year about this man and you were kind enough to let me have a report on his condition at that time.

Would it be possible for you to give me another report on him?

He was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 17/1/40 to 20/2/40, when Mr. Hughes-Jones performed a posterior gastrojejunostomy. Any information you can give me on his present condition, or, if he has died, the cause of death, will be incorporated in the Cancer Register installed by the Ant i-Cancer Council at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(C. V. Mackay),  
Executive Medical Officer.

~~Howden~~  
SINCLAIR

1st June, 1940.

Dr. Reginald Howden, M.B., B.S.,  
61 Collins Street,  
Melbourne, C.I.

Dear Dr. Howden,

Thank you for your report  
on Mr. J. Sinclair.

The information contained  
therein will be entered in the Anti-Cancer  
Council's Register of cancer patients treated  
at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

Lister House,  
61 Collins St.,  
Melbourne. C.1

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Dear Dr Mackay

Mr. J. Sinclair CR 375

In response to your note of 28<sup>th</sup> inst in reference to this patient suffering from Carcinoma of the stomach - his condition is remaining much about the same. He has not lost any weight - his bowels are acting regularly - he is retaining his food.

Yours faithfully

Reginald Howden

28th May, 1940.

Dr. Reginald Howden, M.B., B.S.,  
113 North Road,  
GARDENVALE, S.4.

Dear Dr. Howden,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients, Mr. Joseph Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair, who lives at 112 Cole Street, Gardenvale, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 17th January to 20th February, 1940, and was diagnosed as suffering from Carcinoma of the Stomach.

The information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. We are attempting to register and to follow up all cancer cases.

I hope that you will be able to comply with this request.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

8th February,

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Mrs. Margaret Smith,  
8 Avoca Street,  
Camberwell, E.6.

Dear Mrs. Smith,

Many thanks for your  
explanatory letter about the circumstances  
of your treatment by Dr. Kelly.

I am glad to learn that  
everything is now satisfactorily  
arranged.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.

E.G.  $\frac{6}{2}$  "Yella"  
 $\frac{2}{4}$  & Assoc  
Cambridge

Mr C.V. Mackay

Many thanks for your kind enquiries,  
but there is a misunderstanding, about it. I  
have never been, either an in or out-patient  
at the Melbourne hospital. I certainly spent  
some hours there one day, waiting for Mr  
Kelly, but the x-ray plant had broken  
down & nothing was done. The next day  
I had a letter of apology from Mr Kelly  
& arrangements were made for me to have  
x-ray treatments, at his rooms in Collins  
street, which I did. I still have  
treatment when necessary. Again  
many thanks

Sincerely yours  
Mrs Margaret Smith

Smith

6th February, 1941.

Dr. Douglas H. Mitchell, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.,  
615 Olive Street,  
Albury, N.S.W.

SMYTH

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Many thanks for your clinical notes with reference to Mrs. Olivia Smyth. I shall incorporate them in the cancer register at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. As you probably know, a register is being kept at six of our metropolitan hospitals of all cancer and allied conditions.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

H. MITCHELL  
M.B., F.R.C.S., ENG.

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635 OLIVE ST.,  
ALBURY

TEL. 337  
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4.7.41

Dr C. V. Mackray  
Royal Melbourne Hospital

Dear Sir

Re Mrs Gloria Smyth.  
of Rand N.S.W.

She came to see me today complaining  
of palpitation & nervous twitching  
& especially twitching in big toe  
of right foot (tumour was on left)  
any other otherwise she twitches equally  
on both sides.

She had a baby 5 months ago.  
Since then she has put on two  
stone in weight. She looks very  
well, walks better than she  
used to. Knee jerks on right side  
a bit more active than left.  
Heart seems alright.  
On the whole she is well.

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Yours faithfully  
D. Mitchell

30th January, 1941.

Dr. Douglas H. Mitchell, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.,  
615 Olive Street,  
ALBURY. N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

re Mrs. Olivia Smyth,  
of Rand, N.S.W.

I wrote to you in June of last year about this lady and you were kind enough to let me have a report on her condition then.

Would it be possible for you to give me another report on her?

She was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 19/6/39 to 19/8/39, when Mr. Coates performed a craniotomy and removed a tumour. The information you give me will be incorporated in the Cancer Register installed by the Anti-Cancer Council at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay,  
Executive Medical Officer.

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

CVM.MD

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
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12th June, 1940.

SMYTH, Olivia  
(548)

Dr. Douglas H. Mitchell, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S.,  
613 Olive Street,  
ALBURY, N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

Thank you very much for your kindness in letting me know about Mrs. Olivia Smyth. The information contained in your letter will be incorporated in her history in the Cancer Register installed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Yours faithfully,

(C. V. Mackay),  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

S H. MITCHELL  
MELB., F.R.C.S., ENG.

TEL. 337  
338

635 OLIVE ST.,  
ALBURY,

6.6.40.

Dr C.V. Bachman  
Royal Melbourne Hospital,

Dear Sir, Re Mrs Olivia Smyth  
of Rand - meningioma of  
left cortical region.

I saw her briefly about a week ago  
when she informed me that she  
was about six months pregnant.  
I did not examine her.

I saw her in January when she  
still had incomplete control of her  
right leg and arm and she said  
she had had some twitching of whole  
of right side of body. This was  
relieved by Bromides & Phenobarbital.  
She appears well and seems no  
worse in gait than when I saw  
her in January.

Yours faithfully  
S H Mitchell

ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL,  
XX  
Lonsdale XXXXX

4th June, 1940.

Dr. Douglas H. Mitchell, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.,  
613 Olive Street,  
ALBURY, N.S.W.

Dear Dr. Mitchell,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Olivia Smyth. Mrs. Smyth, who lives at Rand, N.S.W., was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from 19th June to 19th August, 1939, and was diagnosed as Meningioma.

The information is desired for entry in the Cancer Register installed at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. We are attempting to register and to follow up all cancer cases.

I hope that you will be able to comply with this request.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer,  
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Enc.  
C.V.M.

6th February, 1941.

Dr. R. Kaye Scott,  
105 Collins-street,  
Melbourne, C.I.

Dear Dr. Kaye Scott,

The following information concerning Heidelberg House will be of interest to you:-

The charges are these:-

For a single bed, an inclusive charge of £5/5/-;

For a bed in a two-bed ward - £4/4/- for the first six weeks and £3/13/6 afterwards;

For a bed in a 4 to 8 bed-ward - £3/13/6 for the first six weeks and afterwards £3/3/-.

The fee for deep therapy treatment is determined by the radio-therapist in charge of the patient <sup>and</sup> is shared 50-50 with the Austin Hospital. An average fee is £1/1/- per treatment, shared, 10/6d. each. The radio-therapist issues his instructions as to dosage, screening, etc. to the technician in charge of the deep therapy apparatus at the Austin and arrangements are made for the patient's transfer to and fro. These instructions might be personal or in writing. The actual fee is apparently left to the discretion of the radio-therapist in charge of the patient.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

4th February, 1941.

H. Stewart, Esq.,  
314 Glen Eira Road,  
Elsternwick, S.4.

Dear Sir,

If you would come to see me at my office at the Royal Melbourne Hospital I shall be very pleased to give you any assistance in my power.

The hospital entrance is in Lonsdale Street and enquiries for my office can be made at the Enquiry Office on the right hand side of the entrance hall.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

314 Glen View Road  
Elsternwick.  
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Cancer Inf. Bureau.  
Spring St. City

Dear Sirs.

I noticed  
in the Argus your offer to help  
persons who suspect they  
have symptoms of cancer.  
Would you kindly  
extend your help to me.

Yours

(No. 1) Yours truly  
A. Stewart.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

4th February, 1941.

1.45

Mrs. Lillian Steen,  
4 Wastell Street,  
DENNIS.

Dear Madam,

I have received your letter of the 2nd February and will do all I can to help your mother.

Would you kindly come to see me one afternoon this week, between 2 and 5 p.m., to discuss the position before I see your mother?

My office is at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and the entrance is in Lonsdale Street. Ask at the Enquiry Bureau on the right-hand side as you ~~you~~ enter for the office of the Anti-Cancer Council. It would be as well to telephone me beforehand for a definite appointment. Ring Central 9001 and ask to be put on to my office.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

4 Was tell St  
Dennis  
2/2/41

Dr C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir

I am writing these few lines to ask you how I can make an appointment for you to see Mrs Effother. Two years ago Effother had her breast taken off we thought the operation successful. Effother read about your wonderful discovery some time ago in the paper. Doctor Effother has not been very well since Christmas, she has got a terrible cough, I feel very worried about her. I would like to consult you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully  
Lillian Heen

582 High St Golden Square Victoria

20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1941

Dr. C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir

I have to thank you very sincerely for your kind letter of 17<sup>th</sup> Inst. in reply to my enquiry dated 7<sup>th</sup> Inst.

As I am thoroughly conversant with medical etiquette and ethics, I rather anticipated that you had no other alternative except to advise me to attend the Bendigo Hospital for diagnosis and treatment. (Which course you followed.)

I duly appreciate your kind effort to help me. It is with regret I have to inform you that I cannot see my way clear to follow this advice. Under the circumstances, my motto is "Kismet".

I have a very keen sense of humour, which I find very helpful. In the hope that you may also possess that priceless gift, I venture to enclose an extract from a R. G. Journal.

Although I am not of that faith I appreciate the joke. Perhaps there is a psychological lesson in it as well.

Again thanking you, and with kind regards,  
yours sincerely  
J. Utting Sutch

Extract from "Editor's Chair" section of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1946  
issue of "Australian Messenger of The Sacred Heart"

### How a Missioner became a Doctor.

Father John McGarrell (Box 29 Iloilo City, Philippine Islands) from whom we published a letter in a recent issue, suddenly acquired a reputation for being a splendid doctor. He describes in a letter how this came about. I may mention that one of the most distinguished surgeons in Melbourne sent Father McGarrell five guineas for his church. The following medical narrative was penned, I think, just before this cheque arrived.

It all happened very simply. <sup>One</sup> day I had to visit some good nuns in my parish and, in return for a little spot of work, which I did for them, they gave me a bottle of 'lemonade'; at least, it was a concoction made by them and given that name.

As this was a treasure, I decided to keep it for some special occasion. Accordingly I brought it along to my humble shack, deposited it in my room, there to gaze and feast my eyes upon.

A few days afterwards a lady of about 90 came hobbling up the steps complaining of all sorts of aches and pains, all over her body, and would I please give her some medicine to cure her.

I started to joke with her to cheer her up but told her I had no medicine. But these natives won't be put off with refusals, so to please her, I looked round my room and my eye lighted on my bottle of 'lemonade', and I handed it to her. I explained that it was an extra special mixture and a certain cure for coughs, colds, sore feet, corns, bunions etc etc, and off she went as happy as a lark in the Spring. I laughed heartily when I saw her going off and the incident left my mind as I was rather busy and occupied with other duties. P. J. O.

"I was brought back to earth with a bang when I saw  
coming along again. Says I to myself, "here's where  
get a real good scolding for fooling the poor old lady,  
I would have hidden myself, but luck was against me.  
But lo and behold, I got the shock of my life, for instead  
of a scolding, she was magnanimous in her praise, and  
thanked me profusely for the wonderful medicine as she  
was now completely cured. In the circumstances, I thought  
it best to keep up the joke, so I repeated what I had told  
her on her previous visit, saying it was something special  
and I only gave it to very good people who went to church  
regularly etc.

Now I am suffering for my joke, she is going round  
telling everybody that Father McGarrell is the best Dr.  
in the Islands and only for my timely help she would  
probably be in her grave. And so, my dear readers, that  
is the story of how I became a famous doctor in one day.  
So, if you have any ills, my dear readers, please note my  
cure. The question of fees I leave entirely to yourself."

INFORMATION BUREAU,

17th January, 1941.

J. Uttingsutch, Esq.,  
532 High Street,  
Golden Square, Vic.

Dear Sir,

I was very interested in your letter of the 7th January and am pleased to answer your enquiry.

You have certainly given me a somewhat difficult problem to solve. As you very pertinently remark, it is quite possible that your symptoms are not caused by either intestinal or stomach cancer. It is quite evident that the two medical men who examined you are both uncertain as to the exact diagnosis.

In view of your age and your arteriosclerosis, etc., any operative procedure appears to be contra-indicated.

I have considered several alternatives, but I regret to say that I cannot recommend any course of action except attendance for diagnosis and treatment at the Bendigo Hospital.

If a diagnosis of cancer is made and satisfactory treatment cannot be obtained at the Bendigo Hospital, then I should be pleased to try and make arrangements for your admission to the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.



to realise that the trouble may not be cancer. Incidentally, I have prostatic hypertrophy and arteriosclerosis, with coronal artery thickening. My object in writing you is to ask your valuable advice re a correct diagnosis of the abdominal trouble which I am seriously disturbed about.

I am on friendly terms with a couple of Bendigo medical men. In response to my request they gave me a more or less thorough examination.

They both expressed the opinion that the cause of my stomach trouble was not clear to them. One prescribed a bismuth mixture which I could not afford to have dispensed.

I suggested the Bendigo Hospital, but in neither case did they seem enthusiastic in endorsing my suggestion, however I visited the Hospital and underwent the same form of treatment with the same result. The D<sup>r</sup> said, he also was not able to decide definitely what caused the foregoing symptoms. I asked him what he proposed doing about it and he replied, "come here again. fasting

reset Tuesday morning". I asked "what for?" and the D<sup>r</sup> replied - "We intend taking blood and urine tests before making a diagnosis". I regret to say that I did not feel able to travel the long distance to the Bendigo Hospital, fasting, and then probably be compelled to wait for an indefinite time there before being attended to.

I may say that I am very weak indeed and in my opinion, quite unfit for such an ordeal!

To come to the point, can you advise me in the circumstances?

If, in your opinion, the Bendigo Hospital is my only place, then I am afraid I shall be compelled to abandon any further effort to seek medical advice.

I do not intend to visit that institution again for medical treatment.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply, I am, dear sir,

yours faithfully  
 J. Utting Petch

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%/Mrs Spooner.  
Burlington Vic.  
Sunday.

Mr Mackay.

SCOTT

told to report on  
his return to  
town

Dear Sir.

Your letter to hand, 17<sup>th</sup>

December, am very sorry for keeping this reply  
so long but it has just been posted on to  
me, and I only received it last week.

The last time I attended Dr Wellenhall  
I told him I had a job in the country,  
and I expected to have finished at  
Ems, but we may be here for six weeks  
yet, however the Dr. said it did not  
matter if I did not come in for three  
months, but if you require me to attend  
at once I will have to come down,  
but would like to leave it till I finished  
here if I could, as it is a two hundred  
& sixty miles return trip, and it.

is rather expensive,

However I will do what ever you wish me to, and I sincerely thank you and the hospital for your interest in writing to me, hoping this meets with your approval.

I remain

Yours sincerely  
A. E. Scott.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 9th, 1941.

Harold G. Smith, Esq.,  
109 Gladstone Street,  
MONTAGUE, S.C.5.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of  
1st January.

It is impossible for me to express any  
opinion as to the probable cause of your stomach  
symptoms. At the same time, in view of your bad  
family history, I should advise you to return to  
the Alfred Hospital for a complete examination.

You may show this letter.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

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INFORMATION BUREAU,

4th January, 1941.

Harold G. Smith, Esq.,  
109 Gladstone Street,  
MONTAGUE, S.C.5.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Your letter of January 1st is  
being dealt with by the Executive Medical Officer  
of the Anti-Cancer Council and you will receive  
a reply from Dr. Mackay in a few days' time.

Yours faithfully,

MD

109 Gladstone Street.

Montague

Melbourne S.C.5.

1/1/41

Dear Sir.

I have been reading in the Herald of the advice offered by you to cancer patients and I would be pleased to avail myself of the same.

I cannot say that I have cancer but I have something wrong with me in the abdomen. A few weeks ago I had a very bad cold which seemed to effect my stomach and made me feel sore inside and since then I have had a peculiar feeling. I am not in pain I feel as though I have a ball or something in my stomach near the navel which makes me feel I am going to vomit but I have not done so up to now although the feeling is with continually. I am a married man fifty four years of age and eight years ago I had tumour of the

right breast which was removed by  
Dr Trinker at the Alfred Hospital  
and it has not troubled me since

One of my brothers died of cancer  
eighteen months ago and my sister  
died last July also with cancer in the  
stomach

Another sister is suffering  
from a Duodenal ulcer.

Another  
brother had the first stage of cancer  
in the mouth which has been cured  
with needles

I do not say that  
I have cancer and I am not afraid  
of it but at the same time if I did  
have cancer I would like to get on to  
it right away and I would be very  
thankful if you could advise me  
what is best to do in my case

I am

Yours faithfully  
Harold G Smith

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 9th, 1941.

Miss Elsie V. Sheppard,  
5 Great Valley Road,  
GARDINER, S.E.6.

Dear Miss Sheppard,

I am glad to have the opportunity of answering your undated enquiry.

If your condition has been definitely diagnosed as cancer of the stomach by competent medical authorities, and if it has been decided to give you deep X-ray treatment rather than to submit you to any operative procedures, then I shall base my reply on these assumptions.

The information with which you supplied me was not very complete.

Deep therapy treatment, under the conditions which I have outlined, cannot be regarded as a definitely curative procedure. Its value is almost certainly palliative in character. Pain is relieved and life is prolonged, but cure, I regret to say, is very doubtful.

Please accept my sympathy in your difficulties.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

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CVM.MD

INFORMATION BUREAU,

4th January, 1941.

Miss Elsie V. Sheppard,  
5 Great Valley Road,  
GARDINER, S.E.6.

Dear Miss Sheppard,

Your letter is being dealt with by the Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council (Dr. C. V. Mackay) and you will receive a reply in a few days' time.

A copy of the handbook on Cancer is enclosed as requested.

Yours faithfully,

MD



2nd January, 1941.

Frank Smith, Esq.,  
Hon. Secretary,  
St. Thomas Presbyterian Church,  
WERRIBEE.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in forwarding to you 150 copies of the booklet recently issued by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

It is authoritative and concise and the contents should be readily grasped by the average member of the congregation.

My Council is very grateful for the co-operation of the St. Thomas Presbyterian Church of Werribee.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay, M.D.,  
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.MD

St. Thomas Presbyterian Church

Wexford.

Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 40.

C. V. Mackay M. D.

Dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

I am instructed by the Board of Management of the above Church to take advantage of your offer of anti Cancer publication and apply for 150 copies of this Book to be distributed amongst the congregation of the above Church.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully  
Frank Smith.

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