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C/o. ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS,

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

24th March, 1942.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

For your information, I am enclosing a copy of a letter forwarded by Sir Isaac Isaacs to the Secretary of the Public Health Department.

I would suggest that it might be wise to obtain a copy of the New York Times published on 4th December, 1941, to see just what the article is all about.

I have written to Sir Isaac Isaacs advising him that his letter has been referred to you.

Yours faithfully,



H. G. Wheeler,
Secretary.

Mayfair,
Marne Street,
SOUTH YARRA.

18th March, 1942.

J. W. Whitlock, Esq.,
Secretary,
Public Health Department,
295 Queen Street.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, your intimation of my re-appointment as a Member of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

I should be glad if you would kindly convey to the proper quarter the fact, if it be not already known, of what seems to me an important statement in the New York Times of the 4th December last. It is headed "Cancer responds to Neutron Rays." It is on page 30 col. 5 of that issue. Caution is recommended, as I see, but as no possibility ought to be passed by, the Article appears worthy of examination by those competent to judge of the experiment.

Yours faithfully,

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given encouraging results
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the University of California
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created by the bombardment
Neutron Rays

Neutron Rays

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Composed of atomic particles 120
atoms.
given off when an element
in this case beryllium is bombarded
with a nucleus of hydrogen
refilled from the cyclotron under
a force of millions of volts.

26th March, 1942.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Isaac Isaacs, P.C., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.,
Mayfair,
Marne Street,
SOUTH YARRA, S.E.I.

Dear Sir Isaac,

Mr. Wheeler, Secretary of the Anti-Cancer Council informed me yesterday that you had brought to his notice an article on Neutron Rays in the treatment of cancer which was published in the New York Times of the 4th December last.

This morning he telephoned me to say that you had kindly made available for my use a copy of this newspaper in the Parliamentary Library in the care of Mr. Fraser. I rang up Mr. Fraser to inform him that I had already read the article, and made extracts from it, in the Public Library.

I am very greatly obliged to you for your kindly consideration in this matter.

At an early opportunity I shall discuss the subject matter of the article with Dr. Eddy, the physicist in charge of the Commonwealth X-Ray and Radon Laboratory in the Melbourne University. Dr. Eddy is a physicist with an international reputation and is especially known for his work on radon. I rang up the Laboratory this morning and ascertained that at present he is in Sydney.

It appears from the article that treatment by Neutron Rays has given "encouraging results" over the past three years, somewhat better than by deep X-Rays alone.

We shall await confirmation in the scientific journals before expressing any definite opinion.

I have always understood that you knew my cousin, the late Sir Colin Mackenzie very well in Canberra. My father, who was employed in the Bank of Victoria at Beechworth about seventy years ago, used to finish a favourite story by saying "and that boy became Chief Justice of Australia". He was always loud in his praises of this achievement and held it up as an example to Australian youth.

I am greatly obliged, Sir, to you for your continued interest in our work, and beg to thank you most sincerely for calling our attention to the lay report on treatment by Neutron Rays in the University of California.

I have the honour to remain, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

EXECUTIVE MEDICAL OFFICER

THE RT. HON. SIR ISAAC ISAACS, P.C. G.C.B. G.C.M.G. K.C.

Mayfair,
Marne Street,
SOUTH YARRA. S.E.1

Neutron Rays:

Composed of atomic particles given off when an element - in this case beryllium - is bombarded with a nucleus of hydrogen expelled from the cyclotron under a force of millions of volts.

Neutron Rays created by the bombardment of beryllium atoms in the University of California's 225-ton Cyclotron have given "encouraging results" in the treatment of cancer during the past three years. Report on 120 patients from Dec'r/1938 to Dec'r. 1941. 59 out of 120 were alive.

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Huntingbridge
Melbourne Hospital

Dear Sir I am in receipt
of your letter & hope to
call & see you on
Thursday next. 27th
A.

Yours Sincerely
W. Irvine

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

25th November, 1941.

Maxwell Irvine, Esq.,
HURSTBRIDGE P.O.

Dear Mr. Irvine,

Enclosed is an appointment card marked with the date and time for your visit to the Out-patient Department of this Hospital, under Mr. Burke.

When you have seen Mr. Burke 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.

Yours faithfully,

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

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

"Marnanie,"
UPPER MACEDON.
24th Feb., 1940.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer etc. of Victoria,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I have received from M. Lancial the Consul for France the letter enclosed and also the Magazine herewith "Je Sais Tout" for September 1939.

At page 211 of the Magazine you will see the article of M. Marcel Bereux which was condensed in the Magazine Digest, and also M. Lancial's letter.

As you will observe from M. Lancial's letter he has already written to France for the Pasteur Institute Article.

I have personally thanked M. Lancial for what he has done. But may I suggest that you communicate with him at the French Consulate, and express appreciation of his efforts to assist Victorian Research.

Mr. Wheeler tells me you will have no difficulty in getting a translation. I began one, but the pictures were part of the article and I could not convey them.

One further suggestion: Would it not be well to let the Commonwealth Research Institute have a copy of the material supplied to you?

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

Isaac A. Isaac

Marnanie
Mount Macedon
27th Jan. 1940.

Dr. C. V. Mackay, M.D. F.R.A.C.P.
Executive Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council Of Victoria.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Thank you for your letter of the 23rd, and I am glad you are considering the article referred to. So many secrets of Nature surrender to an unexpected key.

I have tried to get the number of "Je Sais Tout", but so far am unsuccessful. It has since August been incorporated in "Lectures pour Tous", the September and November numbers of which I have seen. I have not yet seen the October number. M. Lancier, the Consul for France, is helping me. He has also offered to send for the Report of the Pasteur Institute if you desire it. As he says, that will take time but that cannot be helped.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Isaac A. Isaac

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C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.I.

22nd January, 1940.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1


Dear Dr. Mackay,

Sir Isaac Isaacs, who is a member of the Council of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, wrote to me a few days ago bringing under my notice an article entitled "The animal that never gets cancer" published on page 93 of the December, 1939, issue of the "Magazine Digest".

I have informed Sir Isaac that I would bring this article under your notice. I am, therefore, sending you the publication under separate cover. Perhaps you might like to write to Sir Isaac, whose address is Marnamie, Mount Macedon.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,



H. G. Wheeler,
Secretary.

14th March, 1942.

Dr. J. W. Johnstone, M.S.,
354 Park St.,
SOUTH MELBOURNE.

Re Charles SMITH

Filed under "S"

JONES

Wm.

9th September, 1941.

Professor Peter MacCallum, M.C.: M.A., F.R.A.C.P.,
Pathological Department,
Medical School,
University of Melbourne,
CARLTON, N.3.

Dear Professor,

Would you kindly let me have a copy of your report on
the following patient.

JONES, William, age 38, referred by Dr. Joel of
Williamstown from the Williamstown Hospital, diagnosis - Melanoma.

I am particularly anxious to learn whether this is a
simple melanoma or a malignant melanoma.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,



TELEPHONE
F 0484

Pathology Department.

The University of Melbourne,

Melbourne, N.S. 10th. September 1941

Your Reference:CVM.BH

Dr.C.V.MacKay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Cancer Information Bureau,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Melbourne.C.1.

Dear Dr. MacKay,

In answer to your enquiries about the patient William JONES, aet 38, contained in your letter of the 9th. instant, I am sending you the following details received with the specimen sent by Dr. Joel, and also the report which I sent to Dr. Joel, on 22nd. August last.

The details were as follows:

" Mr.Jones. Specimen from heel, tumour formation, following infected corn. ? Epithelioma. ? Chronic inflammatory".

The following is a copy of the original report upon Mr. Jones:

"Dr.L.Joel,
102 North Road,
Newport.

Dear Dr.Joel,

As reported by telephone section of specimen from heel (patient Mr.Jones) shows it to have the character of a melanoma. Pigment is only developed in concentration at one or two spots. Otherwise the appearance is quite characteristic, the masses of cells of rather reticular arrangement widely separating the strands of dense fibrous tissue which are being invaded. There is some surface necrosis with abundant polymorph accumulation. There is no doubt about the malignancy of the condition and its activity of growth is evident in the numerous mitotic figures. The line of removal appears to have gone through tumour in the depths of the wound."

P.T.O.

.2.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Professor, Pathology Department.

(Diagnosis: Heel: melanoma) "

I hope the foregoing details will be of use to you.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. MacCallum".

Professor, Pathology Department.

Sieverside
Tarwin

Mrs. N. A. JOHNSTONE South Cippstand

Sept. 2nd 1941

Medical Officer
Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sir

I received the little Booklet
"What every Adult should know about Cancer"
& thank you very much.
Now, I would be grateful if you would
supply me with particulars & details
of treatment for cancer of the breast.
About 3 months ago I had pain in the
left breast, like neuralgia it became
worse after about a week & was
soe like inflammation of breast & I
had pain in arm, shoulder & neck
(side) for some weeks & arm seems
to be weak. a hard lump formed in
breast & there was ^{burning} pain like needles.
some days other days quite painless
pain worse when cold & I have headache
also & depression, about a ^{month} fortnight ago

a red patch came out on breast near the lump but ~~not~~ actually on it & was a little sore. & after about 2 weeks this broke & a blood & watery fluid came away & still comes away every two or 3 days, sometimes nearly a teaspoonful. I have also had what appeared to be blind boils come up & go down again (some broke) about thighs & pelvic regions.

My age is 43. I have had 10 children, the youngest is 2. I have had inflammation of veins of legs very badly at times & have had a badly inflamed breast (left) twice some years ago. I have a leaking valve of heart. I have had a good deal of kidney trouble for which I have been treated with vaccines, also have bad digestion (acid). When my babies are about 3 days old & milk coming I suffer terribly with shocks & pain in back in region of kidneys, beneath shoulder blades & back of head & neck. as though someone were hitting me quite hard till I am breathless & speechless, my chest

just right as tho I had asthma for days
 after a bad "Shock" in my spine -
 I still get this throbbing pain in back
 + head when I bend down or
 stoop down. After a bad attack of
 this I feel I could cry for days -
 I consulted a Melbourne Doctor
 re my breast + he considered the
 lump a cyst + advised its removal
 + if it proved malignant, the
 removal of whole breast - my husband
 will not consent to the operation
 so I would be most grateful if
 you can let me have any information
 that will help in clearing up the
 trouble -

Thanking you in Anticipation

I am

Yours Sincerely
 (Mrs) H. A. Johnstone.

5th September, 1941.

Mrs. H. A. Johnstone,
"Silver-side",
Tarwin,
SOUTH GIPPSLAND.

Dear Madam,

So far as I can gather from your letter there is no possible alternative treatment for your breast trouble.

You must have an operation to determine the cause of the swelling and any delay may be dangerous.

Please consult your local doctor as soon as you possibly can and ask him to interview Mr. Johnstone.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

22nd April, 1942.

Mrs. Edith Johnston,
15 Elwood Street,
BRIGHTON, S.5.

Dear Madam,

I thank you for your letter of the 21st of April, and for the opportunity of assisting you.

It is, of course, impossible to express any opinion on the condition of your mouth without the benefit of a medical examination. If you consult your own local medical practitioner he will, if he has any doubt about the possibility of the condition being cancer, advise you to consult a specialist in this disease or to attend the special department of a hospital.

If I can be of any further assistance please communicate with me. It is very possible that the condition is a simple innocent one which your dentist will be able to rectify without difficulty.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

15 Elwood Street
Brighton 55
21/4/42

W. C. Mackay
Melbourne Hospital.
Dear Sir,

I was advised to get-
in touch with you in reference to mouth
trouble caused by ^{dental} plate. There appears
to be a thickening of the tissues & I
should like to have your advise on the
matter.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

Edith Johnston.

30th April, 1942.

Mrs. Edith Johnston,
15 Elwood Street,
FRIGHTON, S.5.

Dear Mrs. Johnston,

I have received your letter of the 29th and note your wish to consult a specialist on cancer and allied conditions at a public hospital.

The Alfred Hospital in Commercial Road, Prahran would be most suitable for your address, and I would recommend you to attend there on a Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock to see Dr. F. G. Stephens in the radiotherapeutic department. You may show this letter to him.

Yours faithfully,

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

15 Elwood S
Brighton 55
29/4/42

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 22nd inst. & the valuable advice contained therein. I consulted a local W^o who saw no sign of cancer but a thickening of tissue & prescribed a gargle & advised seeing a dentist. However as there is a continuous smarting of the tongue & mouth I would feel more satisfied if a visit to the special department of a hospital could be arranged.

Thanking you

Truly

Edith Johnston

Dr C. Mackay

Dr C. V. Mackay.

15 Elwood Street
Brighton S5
16/5/42.

Dear Sir,

I have to thank you for your letter. The x-ray revealed a lump + some thickening which Dr Stephens said might prove very serious. I am to visit the hospital in 3 weeks time discarding the plate in the meantime.

Yours truly,

Edith Johnson

19th May, 1942.

Mrs. Edith Johnston,
15 Elwood Street,
BRIGHTON, S.5.

Dear Mrs. Johnston,

Thank you for your letter of the 16th May.
I am glad to know that you are under the care of Dr. Stephens
at the Alfred Hospital and wish to express my sincere good
wishes for your recovery.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
per

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

12th June, 1941.

Dr. A. T. H. Jolly,
BROOME, W. A.

Dear Dr. Jolly,

Many thanks for your interesting account of your work among the Spirochetes from your native patients.

Your thesis should ultimately be of considerable value to medical officers of health and to anthropologists. Personally I should be very interested to learn of any bone lesions which you might discover either clinically or among old bone specimens.

A very important point is the geographical distribution of yaws, how far south does it extend?

I am very pleased to learn that you agree with the findings in my paper.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY.

Broome

7-6-41

Dear Dr Mackay,

Many thanks for your letter and paper, it is very interesting + of great assistance to me in the work I am doing. I quite agree with your findings both from a clinical + pathological view point.

I have acutely demonstrated spirochetes morphologically identical with sp Pallida from a granuloma. So far by adopting a special ~~tego~~ technique I have found them in every case I have tried, three so far. I am now trying to culture them.

I still can't make out any essential difference between Syphilis + Yaws. From what I still, the main differences are, the greater amenability to treatment of yaws and the fact that yaws is not congenitally transmitted. But lately the view is that yaws is less amenable to treatment than Syphilis. I have

given 40 N.A.B. 6 gr and 40 Bismitol 200's each ^{given} twice weekly with no rests, I still see the patient had a kline ++.

From what I can see, the infection from spirochetes is so overwhelming, that there is no sharp line between secondary

many lesions. Arsenicals & bismuth
preparations simply don't make any
difference to most of them & I am
quite confident that Spirochetes could
be found in any lesion of any
untreated cases. I have slides stained
~~with~~ by Fontana's method literally packed
with Spirochetes, if the exudate was taken
in one case from a very chronic
granuloma with much scarring.
It will be nearly twelve months
before I finish the thesis as I
still have a lot of material to get
& need more cases to find Spirochetes.
If you are interested I could send
you photographs & slides of interesting
cases.

Yours sincerely
A. W. Jolly.

30th April, 1941.

Dr. A. T. H. Jolly, M.B., B.S.,
District Hospital,
BROOME, W.A.

Dear Dr. Jolly,

Professor MacCallum has shown me your interesting letter about your work among the natives especially concerning the bone lesions of jaws and syphilis.

I have much pleasure in sending you a reprint of my article on this subject from an academic and not a clinical point of view.

Your investigations are important and may help considerably to clear up outstanding difficulties + *differences* of opinion.

Wishing you all success,

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY

2nd JULY, 1941
3rd June, 1941.

Dr. James P. Jones, L.R.C.P.,
"Lynedale",
The Crescent,
SASSAFRAS.

Re Alfred Thompson

Filed under "T"

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital.
12th March, 1941.

Robert Jones, Esq.,
160, Curzon Street,
NORTH MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I regret to learn that you were unable to be seen by the doctor at the Casualty Department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital yesterday. A short list of surgeons whom you may consult with complete confidence is as follows.

I also regret that I cannot specify any individual as this would completely nullify the attitude which I have adopted towards the public and towards the medical profession.

Mr. G. R. A. Syme,
12 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

Tel. F. 1227

Mr. Roy MacLure,
81 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

Tel. Cent. 4622

Mr. Leo Doyle,
45 Spring Street,
MELBOURNE.

Tel. F. 4770

160 Curzon St.
North Melb.
11. 3. 1941

Dear Doctor,

Further to my telephone conversation with you yesterday; - I called at the casualty room this morning but there were so many waiting that I did not wait.

On thinking matters over, however, it may be better were I to have a general overhaul as well as the examination we discussed yesterday.

You will recall that I desired an examination as I have an idea that a persistent soreness near my back passage may be a cancer. I first noticed the soreness about 7 or 8 weeks ago; sometimes it is just perceptible, at other times only sore to the touch. It does not appear to have become worse since I first noticed it. I would be obliged, therefore, if you or you suggested yesterday, could to, I would prefer that you specify the location you most favour. Thanking you in advance, I am
Yours faithfully
Robt. Jones.

DO NOT NEGLECT TO ADDRESS THIS CARD.

If this card be addressed to any place outside the Commonwealth of Australia to which the two-penny rate of postage does not apply, adhesive postage stamps for the extra postage must be affixed.

PRICE, TWOPENCE HALFPENNY

LETTER CARD



RECEIVED
SEP 1941

Dr C. V. Mackay
Melbourne General Hospital
Ct Swanton & Dundas
Melbourne

DO NOT NEGLECT TO ADDRESS THIS CARD.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

8th February, 1941.

Mrs. J. C. Jacobs,
20 Bundoran Pde,
Box Hill North, E.12.

Dear Mrs. Jacobs,

I have received your enquiry
(which was undated) and will endeavour to advise you.

In my opinion you should visit your
local medical practitioner and ask him to give you a
letter of recommendation to the Medical Superinten-
dent of the Women's Hospital, Carlton; St. Vincent's
Hospital, Fitzroy, or the Royal Melbourne Hospital,
Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. If you have no family
doctor, then you can take this letter with you to
one of the above hospitals.

The signs and symptoms which you
have enumerated are not suggestive of cancer, but
only a diagnostic clinical examination could decide
the exact nature of your condition.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.LD

6th January, 1940.

Dr. F. J. Jude, M.B., Ch.M.,
Medical Officer of Health,
Orange Avenue,
MILDURA.

Dear Dr. Jude,

Your letter of January 4th to hand.
There is no record here of a previous request from
you, but we are very sorry indeed that you have found
it necessary to write a second time.

As you request, a supply of one hundred
(100) of the handbooks on Cancer are being posted to
you tonight. Should you require additional copies
please let us know.

Thank you very much for your co-operation
in this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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

MILDURA

ORANGE AVENUE

MILDURA

4.1.41

The Secretary
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Melbourne

Dear Sir

I write you, on behalf of the
City Council, for 100 copies of "What
an Adult should know about Cancer"
These were for distribution among the
ratepayers. I have not heard anything
since. Several people have written to me
for a copy & I have had to reply that they
had not arrived yet.

Could you kindly send me some

Yours sincerely

Miss Andrew Lays J. J. Judge
He sent the original
request about 10.11.40 M.O.# Mildura
M.D.

13th December, 1940.

Rev. G. L. Johnson,
The Manse,
NUBURKAH.

Dear Sir,

I have much pleasure in sending you two dozen copies of our booklet for distribution to your congregation.

Many thanks for your valuable co-operation. It is not easy to break down the psychological barrier which you mention.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM,MD



Telephone 57

The Manse,

Numurkah, December 12th, 1940

(Rev G. L. Johnson)

Dr. G. V. Mackay, M.D.,

MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I have put the matter of the hand-book, "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer" before my congregations. I require 18 copies to fill the requests for them. If you could spare another $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen I might be able to pass them on.

I found that the attitude of many is "I don't want to think ~~X~~ about cancer." I think that psychological aspect will need close study. No doubt you have given the matter careful thought.

As one who has some knowledge of psychology I have given a great deal of thought to this aspect of the case. I believe there is a solution, but you have more important things to occupy your mind than the vaporings of a country parson.

Thanking you for the opportunity you have afforded me to do something in this matter and wishing the campaign every success.

Yours faithfully,

Geo. L. Johnson,

INFORMATION BUREAU,

15th November, 1940.

F. Jackman, Esq.,
C/o "The Gums,"
Penshurst, Vic.

Dear Mr. Jackman,

I have received your letter of the 13th November and I will endeavour to answer the difficult problem which you have given me.

I should be obliged if you would kindly see your local doctor at Penshurst or Casterton, and obtain a report from him about your condition. If your doctor thinks that you may possibly be suffering from cancer, and that it is necessary for you to come to Melbourne for full diagnosis and treatment, then I will be able to assist you.

Please send me the doctor's report so that I may take action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD.

F. Gackman
c/o The Gums
Penshurst
Victoria
Nov 13th
1940

Dear Sir

I wish to get treatment
for a stomach trouble from
which I am suffering.
Could you ~~you~~ please advise
me where to get first class
treatment.

I have had this complaint for
a long time and giving a
fellow a bottle of medicine
is no good.

Hoping you will be able to
~~me~~ advise me I thank you.

Yours Truly
F. Gackman

W. REGINALD JOHNSON

**BARRISTER & SOLICITOR (VICTORIA)
SOLICITOR (NEW SOUTH WALES)**

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TELEPHONE: XW 2939

MELROSE STREET

SANDRINGHAM, S.8

18th October 1940

The Executive Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
C/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Spring Street, Melbourne C.I.

Dear Sir,

I appreciate very much your letter of 14th inst in reply to mine of 11th idem. I will communicate its contents to my brother, and should he decide on bringing his wife to Melbourne I will further communicate with you.

Again thanking you for your prompt attention
Yours faithfully

W. R. Johnson

INFORMATION BUREAU,

14th October, 1940.

W. Reginald Johnson, Esq.,
Melrose Street,
SANDRINGHAM, S.S.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am very pleased to answer your enquiry of the 11th October.

I have read your letter carefully, and have attempted to evaluate the symptoms of your sister-in-law's case which you have so fully enumerated. The suggestion to bring the patient to Melbourne for further observation and medical consultation is one which must naturally appeal to the husband as a last resort. From your statement I can only come to the conclusion that I cannot recommend the adoption of this procedure. The case appears to be a hopeless one and it is better for the patient to be at home and comfortable than to be brought to Melbourne for further examinations.

If I can be of further assistance in the event of the decision taken being against my advice, please refer to me again.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

GINALD JOHNSON
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR, (VICTORIA)
BARRISTER & SOLICITOR, (NEW SOUTH WALES)

TELEPHONE MAW-2582 XW 2939

Melrose Street,
Sandringham S.8.
11th October 1940

The Executive Medical Officer
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Spring Street, Melbourne C.1.

Dear Sir,

About 3 months ago my brother's wife, who resides in a country town, developed an extremely swollen abdomen.

She consulted her medical practitioner who, after examining her, ordered her into hospital for an operation. Owing to her periods arriving soon after she entered the hospital, the operation was delayed. No X rays examination was made prior to the operation which was performed by the local surgeon assisted by a specialist from Melbourne, who, I understand, administered a spinal injection in lieu of chloroform. My brother was subsequently informed that his wife's condition was malignant and hopeless. I understand the malignancy was ovarian and had extended to the liver. We were informed that the abdominal swelling would recur and would have to be relieved from time to time. She remained in hospital for several weeks and finally was permitted to return to her home.

The swelling has recurred from time to time and she has returned to the hospital to be drained when the fluid pressure becomes unbearable. For at least a week after the draining she feels comparatively well and is able to move about quietly and is very bright, but becomes very depressed as the fluid makes itself felt again. She is 44 years of age and has always been strong and healthy and led an active and sporting life. She has borne 2 children, the youngest is 12.

I have thought fit to submit the above facts to you for consideration, and would be deeply grateful if you can see your way clear to advise whether you consider it expedient to have the case brought to Melbourne for observation and, perhaps, further operation or treatment.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully yours,

Ginald Johnson
c v

JENSEN

13th September, 1940.

Dr. R. Kaye Scott,
105 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Dr. Scott,

This letter will introduce
to you Mr. Jensen of Wallen.

He has an infection of the
mucous membrane of his upper lip, on the left
side.

I should be much obliged if
you could see him as soon as possible so that
he may keep an urgent appointment at 5 p.m.
to-day.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay.

CVM.MD

INFORMATION BUREAU

August 19th, 1940

Mrs. Ada Jennings,
Pearson Street,
MAFFRA.

Dear Mrs. Jennings,

I have received your letter of the 15th August, with enclosed stamp.

It is impossible for me to diagnose whether you are suffering from any form of cancer. The symptoms which you have mentioned may or may not be due to cancer.

It is essential that at as early a date as possible you should have the swelling under your right arm examined. If the local doctor states that this is cancerous or possibly might be cancerous, I shall do all in my power to see that you get adequate treatment for it under suitable conditions.

I should be very pleased if your new doctor would communicate with me if he thinks that there is any necessity for this course of action.

Yours faithfully,

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

Dear Sir I am writing to ask Pearson St.
your advice as my own Doctor Maffra
as gone to the War and I have 15 8 40
seen it in the Argus about the Information
Disease re Cancer the last operation a year
ago my Dr told my husband he could not
do much for me just put things right
to relieve the pain (that operation was for
Diseased Gall Bladder) when he told me
he thought it was that but he said it
was not it wa Cancer well I got over that
and I had both Breasts off before that but
I dont think there was any Cancer there
but now under the right arm I feel
sure I have something there as I can
feel it also about 4 months ago I was
xrayed and Dr said that I would have
to have a slight operation as there was
some thing in the tray probably it was some
an Abscess but I am 63 years and not
very Strong now (I have been) but soon get
knocked up also my Chest seems sore
and cant hardly get my Breath I am
sorry to trouble you but something tells
me for a long time to write you

but I would have come down to
see you but my husband cant do
much and he is a returned Soldier
and we have a Little War Pension
so you see I have to be very carefull
I might tell you I cant hardly lay
on my right side in bed

I have put in a Stamp for a
reply and please tell me just
what you think and what
I am so do thankng you
I am yours Faithfully

Mrs Ada Jennings
Pearson Street
Maffra

21st June, 1940.

INFORMATION BUREAU.

R. Juliff, Esq.,
21 Napier Street,
FOOTSCRAY.

Dear Mr. Juliff,

I am pleased to answer your
enquiry.

In my opinion the possibility
of cancer developing at the site of your operation
for dermoid cyst is remote. Cancer is rarely
associated with cysts.

An occasional visit to your doctor
for inspection of the scar is advisable.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

The Cancer Information Bureau.

Dear Sir,

Re. your column of the 19th inst. in the Sun
news. I had a Thymoid removed from the end of my
spine and it was necessary to scrape the bone during
the op. I would like to know of the possibility of its growing
again and how closely cancer is related to cysts and treat-
ment of cancer.

Faithfully

J. G. G. J. G. G.

18 July
21 Napier St.
Footscray.

3rd May, 1940.

Mrs. Jessie Jackson,
18 Locke Street,
Essendon.

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

I am sorry to hear you have
influenza, and hope you make a speedy recovery.

A further appointment for you
to see Mr. Burke has been made for Thursday, 30th
May. Please alter the date on the appointment
card and if it is impossible to attend please let
me know.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

CVM:LD

Jackson
C.R. 18^{PM}

18 Locke Street
Essendon

28-4-40

C.V. MacKay, M.D.
Royal Melbourne Hospital
Follow up Department

Dear Sir

It is with regret
that M^{rs} Jessic A. Jackson will not be able
to keep her appointment at the Hospital tomorrow
as she is in bed with influenza, and would appreciate
the opportunity of attending immediately
she is able, trusting to be granted the
privilege of another appointment at any time
in the near future

Yours faithfully
Thos. C. Jackson

For a date > further appt by letter
4 weeks
ahead.

Ruby JOHNSON
CR 66

9 Station St
Auburn E.J.

16-9-39

Mr. C. V. Mackay

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 15th instant
to hand; this is to inform you that Mrs Ruby
Johnson was admitted to the Austin Hospital
about 2 weeks ago.

Yours Faithfully,
E. Johnson. (Miss)

27th April, 1942.

Dr. J. LEM. Kneebone,
HAMILTON.

Re Miss E. Schultz.

Filed under "S"

See letter in "B"

14th March, 1942.

Dr. R. Kaye-Scott, M.D., M.S., D.D.R.,
105 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Dr. Kaye-Scott,

Would you be so kind as to give me your opinion
for transmission to Dr. F. E. Browne of Swan Hill of the best
method of treatment in the particular case quoted by him.

Copy of letter from Dr. Browne is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

Enc.
CVM.BH

42 Wallace Street
West Preston
23/2/42

Sir

Would you kindly send me booklet
"What every Adult should know about Cancer".
I saw in "Age" last Tuesday 17th that you
would answer questions. I had operation
for Appendicitis twenty five years ago, ever
since I have been troubled with constipation
but the last about five years have found
it very difficult to do a motion unless
I take medicine every day and even
then I have to strain often for some time
before it will come away. I have no pain
but do not feel well it does not even hurt
yet when I go to lav. just feels as if there
is something in the way.

I visited my D^r some months ago and
he tried to examine me but it hurt too
much I could not stand it. He told me
it may be Hemorrhoids or possibly a contracted
muscle. but that to me seems guess work.
I went back to him about a week after
but he could not see me so I have not
gone again. Could you tell me what
your opinion is of the trouble.

had an Uncle (Mother's brother) die
a few months ago in Austin Hospital
with cancer and first symptoms were
much like mine so it has set me
thinking

I seem to have lost all my energy
Hoping this will be no trouble to
you but I would be pleased
to get booklet and reply.
Yours faithfully
(Mrs) E. Kerneys
age 61

Mrs E Kerneys
42 Wallace Street
West Preston N.S.W.

24th February, 1942.

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Mrs. E. Kemeys,
2 Wallace Street,
WEST PRESTON.

Dear Madam,

I have read your letter carefully and I have much pleasure in sending you our booklet on the subject of cancer.

I find it very difficult to give you any advice about the main part of your letter. My recommendation is that you should again consult your local doctor, and if he wishes me to help in any way I shall be very pleased to give him any assistance in my power. You may show him this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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

42 Wallace Street
West Preston

25/2/42

Sir

I received booklet also note enclosed today. Doctors are very loyal to each other and it would be better if they were as loyal to lodge Patients

You suggest I should again visit my D.
Last time I went to see him I got out of bed with Influenza (as I was alone at time) but he met me at door with these words "I can't see you today Mr. Hemmings someone has just stolen my car and I must go to Police" He has phoned now.

I did not mind that as probably if I were so placed would have done same.

But I only live a stones throw from him and he was visiting at four houses in this street, two opposite the other two three doors either side of me, so he could have called He knew I was living alone, but I got over it after a long time

The only reason I stay in Lodge is that there is a funeral fund carried over from late Husbands lodge.

I am sorry you refused to give me

thoughts of what is the matter
it would have been a guide for further
action on my part.

As I do not intend visiting my own

D⁸

Thanking you once again
as I do not expect you to answer
this

Yours respectfully

(Geo) E. Hervey

27th February, 1942.

Mrs. E. Kemeys,
72 Wallace Street,
WEST PRESTON.

Dear Madam,

I am sorry that you are disappointed with the tone of my letter, and with my attitude of loyalty to a member of my profession. It is quite impossible for me to diagnose your condition simply on your own statements in a letter.

If you do not wish to consult your own doctor again, then I would advise you to attend the out-patient department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital or the Women's Hospital, Carlton.

If, on the other hand, you desire to visit a specialist in the Collins Street area, I shall be pleased to give you a short list of names for this purpose. If you desire you may show this letter at the desk at one of the hospitals I have mentioned. If I can help you any further please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

42 Wallace Street
West Preston

1/3/42

E. S. Mackay, M.D.

Sir

It was too good of you to write me again, and I am very grateful for trouble you have taken.

The blame will be on myself if I do not move in the matter.

At the moment I am not feeling too well just suffering from a severe attack of Laryngitis and a heart that will not let me forget that it is pumping blood through my body.

It is worse at night so probably that is why I do not get proper rest and so the Lary fits.

But seriously I know that is only a secondary cause as the whole trouble is my bowels.

Thanking you once again for kind help. You will probably hear of me later through other Medical Men.

gratefully yours
(72) E. S. Mackay

27th February, 1942.

Wm. Killeen, Esq.,
WILD DUCK CREEK.

Dear Sir,

The condition on your lip as you have described it requires urgent treatment.

You must go and see your local medical practitioner without delay as it is quite possible that the swelling on your left lower lip is a cancer.

If you have no local doctor, then you should attend the Bendigo Hospital. You may show this letter to your doctor or to the authorities at the Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Wednesday - Practitioners
have been evacuated
more will be evacuated
IS FROM 3
ACUATION

Wild Duck Cr

Executive Medical Officer Feb 28/42
Royal Australasian College
of Surgeons
Spring St
Melbourne

Dear Sir

I came on
enclosed advertisement in Bondys
advertiser and got very interested
in it I have a pipe bowl
on my lower left side
I lifted the little scale with
raster while shaving and it
Dont look mine since our chemist
told me to call on our local
surgeon and he would lift out
Cutters have advised to have it
treated with Balaam will be pleased
to receive prompt and any advice
could give me I will do so
22 of Oct Post

Yours
Respectfully

John Miller
Wild Duck Cr

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. John Le M. Kneebone, F.R.C.S., Eng.,
Gray Street,
HAMILTON.

Dear Dr. Kneebone,

Many thanks for your answers to our questionnaire. So far I am very pleased with the number of replies received.

Question 8. "Does the question of expense sometimes prevent a verification by a competent pathologist of your diagnosis of malignancy?" has elicited numerous affirmative answers, and it is obvious that we shall have to go very carefully into the whole subject of pathological facilities.

Concerning the use of radon, I would suggest that you and Dr. Fitzpatrick should put in an application to Dr. Cumpston, Commonwealth Director-General of Health, explaining your experience at Canberra in the use of radium, for permission to obtain Commonwealth radon from the central laboratory in Melbourne.

Dr. Cumpston will probably ask for advice concerning the suitability of the application, and he may not grant it, but the attempt is worth while. You could stress the point concerning the long journey to Melbourne under present war conditions, and the necessity to safeguard radium.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

21st February, 1942.

Wm. Kemp, Esq.,
"Carinya",
TRAFALGAR.

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to forward our booklet to you. It is most unlikely that the itchiness of the entrance to your back passage has any connection with cancer, but I should certainly recommend you to seek the advice of your local doctor at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVH.BH

Barinza
Trufalgar
Feb 20. 42

Dear Sir

Will you please forward
me your booklet - What every adult
should know about cancer.

For the past 2 years the entrance
of my back passage has been itchy
fairly often a wonder what is
the cause.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully

Wm Kemp

21st February, 1942.

Frank Keating, Esq.,
BANGAREE.

Dear Sir,

I am sending you our booklet on cancer, but unless you send me some further particulars about your father's case I cannot be of much assistance to you.

Cancer of the inside of the mouth can be a very unpleasant and dangerous disease.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.EH

Bungaree
Feb. 19.

My Father has Cancer in Gum This last
6 Months and I would like to know particulars
about it

Frank. Heating.
Bungaree.
P. 6.

7th February, 1942.

Dr. R. Kaye-Scott,
Radiotherapeutic Department,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Dr. Kaye-Scott,

Many thanks for lending me the enclosed. The revised and completed plan is now forwarded to you. This will be submitted to the Executive Committee with the report of our meeting with the Inspector of Charities and if approved will then be sent forward to Mr. McVilly by the Secretary.

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.
CVM.BH

12th January, 1942.

Dr. R. Kaye-Scott, M.D., M.S., F.F.R.,
105 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Dr. Kaye-Scott,

Would you kindly examine the enclosed introductory letter to country medical practitioners, and the revised questionnaire. I should be glad to have your further comments when you attend the Royal Melbourne Hospital on Tuesday so that I may begin on the job.

I am not happy concerning your alteration to question (8). You have inserted "nearest base hospital" instead of "Melbourne". It occurs to me that it would be very difficult, or impossible, for us to make these arrangements at country base hospitals. In Melbourne we have an organization, we have subsidised the hospitals for x-ray threatment, and for clerical statistical work, so that it is a comparatively easy matter to arrange diagnostic or treatment procedures.

I cannot see any simple method by which the Council could arrange payment of fares to a base hospital and perhaps one or two day's accommodation, etc. As the question stands I should prefer to leave it out, as I cannot see how we can implement the implied promise. As there is only an almoner at one base hospital in Victoria we could not count on this form of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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

PROPOSED INTRODUCTORY LETTER TO
COUNTRY MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

January, 1942.

Dear Dr.-----,

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria begs to submit the following questionnaire to country medical practitioners in Victoria for favour of an early reply.

The necessity for any intrusion during the war upon the time of busy individuals is regretted, but the Council considers that the importance of co-ordinating the facilities for the treatment of cancer justifies this action.

It, therefore, wishes to ascertain by direct contact with practitioners, whether any assistance is required to improve diagnostic methods and treatment facilities, among indigent patients, in country districts.

Simplification in the method of answering the questions has been attempted. The insertion of a "Yes" or "No" in the small square to the left of the question is all that is required.

Suggestions amplifying the replies may be asked for at a later date.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Executive Medical Officer.

PROPOSED QUESTIONNAIRE

When you receive the personal letter from the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, posted last April, outlining the assistance which the Council was prepared to give to any indigent cancer patient in your district for whom you might recommend specialised treatment in Melbourne?

2. If you received this letter did you regard the offer by the Council to arrange for free travelling expenses, and to provide accommodation in Melbourne during a course of treatment which might not necessitate admission to hospital, as likely to be of material assistance to you in your management of indigent cancer patients?
3. Is the Anti-Cancer Council, in your opinion, able to assist in any way with the general problem of cancer diagnosis and treatment as it affects your personal practice?
4. Do you experience any difficulty in sending indigent patients who require radio-therapy to appropriate centres for treatment?
5. Can you make any suggestions to the Council with regard to the improvement of the treatment of cancer patients in country districts?
6. Have you any problems concerning the diagnosis and treatment of cancer which you might desire to discuss with the Executive Medical Officer of the Anti-Cancer Council?
7. Are the radio-diagnostic and endoscopic facilities available in your district sufficient for the possible early diagnosis of cancer of the lung, stomach, colon, and other deep-seated malignancies?
8. Would it be of material assistance to you to be able to arrange with the Anti-Cancer Council for the necessary diagnostic procedures in indigent cases to be carried out at the nearest base hospital?
9. Does the question of expense sometimes prevent a verification by a competent pathologist of your diagnosis of malignancy?
10. Have you experienced any delay in obtaining treatment for your indigent cancer patients?

KENNEDY Edward.

2nd January, 1942.

The Medical Superintendent,
Bendigo Hospital,
BENDIGO.

Dear Sir,

In August last we had a report on the state of health of Mr. Edward Kennedy (Carcinoma of Rectum) when you state that he was "very slowly retrogressing".

We would be glad if you could kindly inform us if this patient is still living. This information is necessary for the Cancer Returns for the year 1941.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,

per

JOHN S. BOTHROYD
M.D., M.S.

WINTON H. PHILLIPS
M.B., B.S.

195 DEAKIN AVENUE, MILDURA

PHONE 299

KNYVETT
Josephine

18th. Nov. 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Melbourne.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Mrs. J. Knyvett of Mildura reported to me yesterday after receiving a letter from you.

She is in good health, her weight is 150 lbs and she has no complaint. The wound has healed and there are no signs of any recurrence. Her bowels are regular and normal.

Yours faithfully,

Winton H Phillips

Acknowledged
21.11.41