

15th April, 1942.

Dr. David P. Greenham, M.B., B.S.,
Hanson Street,
CORRYONG.

Dear Dr. Greenham,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on the subject of cancer. I notice that you state you have experienced difficulty in sending indigent cancer patients who require radiotherapy to appropriate centres for treatment.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in this type of case. Except as regards admission to the Austin Hospital for female patients it is not usually difficult to obtain all necessary treatment for cancer patients without delay.

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

5th March, 1942.

Dr. Jas. Gibson, M.B., B.S.,
Lower Main Street,
STAWELL.

Dear Dr. Gibson,

I should be greatly obliged if you could give me any information concerning Mr. David Houghton. As you will recollect, the diagnosis of carcinoma of the rectum was made by Professor MacCallum of the Pathological Department of the University of Melbourne.

For the man's own sake it is very important that he should have treatment. I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and shall be grateful for any information which you are able to give me.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

Enc.

10th March, 1942.

Miss R. Goss,
16 Norwood Street,
KENSINGTON.

Dear Miss Goss,

Mr. Paul Jones considers that you should go to the Austin Hospital for further rest and deep x-ray treatment to your spine. Your stay should be comparatively short.

Would you kindly come and see me at my office at the Royal Melbourne Hospital in order to complete the same forms as previously.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

9th March, 1942.

Dr. Wesley R. Groves, M.D., F.R.A.C.S.,
Bodkin Street,
KYNIBTON.

Dear Dr. Groves,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer.

I was interested in your comments on the various questions. You probably know that there is a special clinic for uterine malignancy at the Women's Hospital under Dr. Cuscaden. This is mainly for treatment of cancer of the Cervix Uteri by radiotherapy.

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Travelling expenses and accommodation in Melbourne for necessitous cases can always be arranged. I shall be pleased to give you any assistance you may require.

Yours faithfully,

C..V. LACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

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Re David HOUGHTON.

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C/o. ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS,
Spring Street,
Melbourne, C.1.

4th March, 1942.

Dr. David I. Fitzpatrick, M.B., B.S.,
52 Cunningham Street,
S A L E.

23rd February, 1942.

Dr. Jas. Gibson, M.B., B.S.,
Lower Main Street,
STAWELL.

Dear Dr. Gibson,

Your patient, David Houghton, aged 32, whom you sent to the Royal Melbourne Hospital for treatment following upon a pathological report from the University that the specimen you had removed showed mucoid carcinoma of the rectum, was untreated owing to his non-attendance at the hospital.

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly tell me the present clinical history of this patient. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for favour of your reply.

Yours faithfully,

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

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. Frank J. A. Grant, M.B., B.S.,
High St.,
WODONGA.

Dear Dr. Grant,

Many thanks for your answers to our questionnaire. I once lived in Wodonga and can appreciate your distance from Melbourne more than most.

If you have an indigent patient of suspected malignancy of the gastro-intestinal tract, for whom barium meal radiology is an essential means of diagnosis, please let me know and I shall endeavour to have this done for you in Melbourne.

I can also arrange for post operative deep x-ray therapy if you give me a little notice in advance. Railway passes and free accommodation can be arranged where necessary.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. Charles W. Gale,
T. & G. Buildings,
Moorabool Street,
GEELONG.

Dear Dr. Gale,

Many thanks for your replies to our cancer
questionnaire.

Professor MacCallum inform me that the flat rate for
the examination of pathological specimens from intermediate patients
is £1/11/6 and not £2/2/- which was the fee mentioned by you.

I should be very pleased to help you at any time
with any of your patients.

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

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Dr. Jas. Gibson, M.B., B.S.,
Lower Main Street,
STAWELL.

Re David HOUGHTON.

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15th January, 1942.

Russell Grimwade, Esq., C.B.E., B.Sc.,
At Felton, Grimwade & Duerdins Pty. Ltd.,
342 Flinders Lane,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Mr. Grimwade,

The Department of Agriculture made an enquiry today at my office concerning the substance, Alpha-Naphthalene-Acetic Acid. It was stated that this has growth producing properties and that it is used to promote growth from cuttings and in plants. It has also been used this year by the Department as a valuable spray to prevent near ripe fruit from falling to the ground.

In America it has been used for this purpose for the past three years with apparent success. Doubts have been expressed in England whether a carcinogenic factor might be present which would have an adverse effect on individuals consuming the fruit.

The Department's enquiry refers to this possibility, and is a difficult one to answer. Can you give me any information about this substance which will assist me to formulate a reply?

I have decided to undertake an enquiry concerning the occupational history of cases of cancer, and beg to enclose some ideas on this subject which Dr. Willis and I have conferred upon. As many of the occupations concerned are those in which you may be interested, I should be very grateful if you could spare me fifteen to thirty minutes to discuss them. Perhaps you could add to their numbers and variety. The enquiry might be tedious, but Dr. Willis is convinced that if carefully carried out it would be of importance.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
Director of the Department of Agriculture

TELEPHONE
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Box No 531 E
C.P.O. MELBOURNE

342 FLINDERS LANE.
MELBOURNE.
CI.

16th January, 1942.

Telephone enquiry from
Mr. Cole, Dept. Agriculture
F. 0234 Ext. 446. received
by telephone 20. 1. 42.

" Dept. is apparently on safe ground as regards cancer when using this spray."

Dr. C.V. Mackay, M.D.,
Anti-Cancer Council,
Spring Street,
Melbourne.

C.M.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I do not feel very competent to answer the question you ask me concerning Alpha-Naphthalene-Acetic Acid and its possible dangers as a fruit spray, (incidentally, I have heard that it is extremely efficient for this purpose) neither do I know any publications that can be referred to for information.

In talking the subject over with our Head Chemist this morning, we agreed on these points:-

- (1) As All ~~is~~ the well-known carcinogenic substances are complex 4 or 5 ring molecules, it would seem unlikely that a comparatively simple 2-ring molecule of the naphthalene order would have dangerous properties.
- (2) We think all the work on carcinogenic substances is established by their cutaneous or external application, and if this substance is of danger, that property would surely be modified or affected in this case by internal application.
- (3) It is a very soluble substance, as all the plant hormones appear to be, and therefore in practice there would be much less risk of these surviving to the consumption stage on the skin of the fruit, than a difficultly soluble substance like arsenate of lead.

I am afraid that is all I can contribute in answer to this difficult enquiry, and can only wish you luck in your approach to the Agricultural Department.

Occupational questionnaire: I should be very interested to discuss this with you, and as I frequently call at your building for Mrs. Grimwade in the afternoon, may I make an appointment with you, by telephone, some day next week, round about 4. 30, for a discussion.

Yours faithfully,

W. Russell Grimwade

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15th January, 1942.

*Dr. Burnet's reply was
confirmatory of
Mr. Grimwade's
letter.*

Dr. F. M. Burnet, M.D.,
Acting Director,
Walter & Eliza Hall Institute,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Dr. Burnet,

The Department of Agriculture have sent me an enquiry about the substance Alpha-Naphthalene-Acetic Acid.

This is stated to be growth producing and is used for cuttings and plants. It has also been used this year as a valuable spray to prevent near ripe fruit from falling to the ground. In America it has been in use for this purpose for the past three years, and apparently with success.

Doubt has been expressed in England whether a carcinogenic factor might be present which would have an adverse effect on the individual eating the fruit.

The enquiry is a difficult one as I do not know the substance, and a doubtful opinion would not be of much value. Can you help me in any way?

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. Mackay

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

CVM.BH

19th January, 1942.

Russell Grimwade, Esq., C.B.E., B.Sc.,
At Felton, Grimwade & Duerdins Pty. Ltd.,
342 Flinders Lane,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Mr. Grimwade,

Many thanks for the trouble which you took to assist me in answering the enquiry from the Department of Agriculture concerning the use of Alpha-Naphthalene-Acetic Acid.

The three points which you agreed upon with your Head Chemist are of considerable assistance from the bio-chemical point of view. I am grateful for this information. With regard to the effect of carcinogenic substances on the human body considerable thought has been given to the possibilities of inhalation of tar compounds or ingestion of particles. Dr. Willis thinks, if I interpret him correctly, that intimate contact with some form of matter is the starting point of many chronic diseases. This may be a somewhat dangerous point of view if regarded only as an employer's liability, but Dr. Willis is convinced that it is a fruitful avenue of investigation on cancer.

To some extent it may be like obtaining a milligram of radium from a mountain of pitchblende. A recent book on the subject, with a fairly wide circulation, is "The Cause of Cancer" by David Brownlie.

I should be very pleased to meet you at the College on any afternoon this week convenient to yourself, round about 4.50 p.m.

Mr. Grimwade

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19th January, 1942.

I am more often at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and other Hospitals than at the College and I should be glad to get a telephone call beforehand.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM:DH

28th January, 1942.

Mr. L. G. Gleadell, F.R.C.S.,
33 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Mr. Gleadell,

In response to your enquiry I am enclosing some information about malignancy of the Testis at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

Enc.
CVM.BH

For the years 1921 to 1925 the following facts were compiled by Mr. Searby.

There were seven cases of malignancy of the Testis. Six were teratoma and one was a carcinoma. The only history was the presence of a lump. The case of carcinoma died in hospital without operation. Orchidectomy was done for three of the cases of teratoma, one was not traced, the other two developed secondary growths in the aortic glands and in the lungs soon after leaving hospital, and died in three months and seven months respectively.

As has been stated, the radical operation was done in the other three cases, deep x-ray and injection of Coley's fluid being used in addition in one of these cases, but the results were not much better. The patients lived only six months. The average age was thirty.

In my short experience here, there have been six cases and yours now makes seven. The histories are as follows:

DAVIE, G. S., admitted hospital (Radium Out-patient) 1/11/40 age 57. Complained of swelling of left testicle for eleven months. Two months before admission orchidectomy and laparotomy. Section showed "Malignant teratoma". 1/11/40 to 30/11/40 - Deep therapy to abdomen. Secondary deposits were seen at laparotomy. Death 18/2/41. Much enlargement of liver noted before death.

BOWLER, Walter M., Male, Married, age 48. Silversmith. Admitted hospital (Radium Out-patient) 3/10/39. Seen by Dr. Julian Smith. Orchidectomy Sept. '39. Section showed "Rapid papillary adeno-carcinoma" 3/10/39 to 21/3/40 - Deep therapy. Patient died 15/7/41, pulmonary secondaries.

WHYKES Percival, age 35. Seminoma left Testis, swelling left testis following accident. Orchidectomy 5/6/40. Deep therapy 2/7/40 to 19/12/40. Section - "Seminoma". No report since 16/4/41. Non-attendance.

O'REGAN Patrick, age 26. Admitted hospital (Radium Out-patient) 28/7/28. History - blow on right testicle five months previously. Swelling two months previous to being seen. Section "Typical malignant looking growth". 1928-1930 Deep therapy to pelvis, groin and posterior abdomen. 14/2/41 - Lumbar, glands and scrotum clear.

STANTAKAS Jack, Male, Married, age 44. Admitted 29/1/40.
Complained of lump in groin, going down to
scrotum, for 12 months. Orchidectomy 7/2/40.
Histologically- "Carcinoma of right testis,
malignant teratoma". Death 29/3/40.
Metastases in lungs, spleen, kidney and mesentery.

DOOLAN James, Male, Married, age 77. Admitted 13/7/40.
Complained of lump in left scrotum for three
weeks. Orchidectomy 15/7/40. Histologically-
"Carcinoma of Testis (seminoma)". Death nine
days after operation. Post Mortem - "Carcinoma
of Left Testis. Secondaries - Glands, Adrenals,
Lymph glands along aorta."

4 Broadway
Edwood.

To the Medical Officer.

Dear Sir,

Having read in the Age the warning
by council re cancer. I am seeking your
advice. My daughter aged 18 has been
suffering for years with a skin disease
called psoriasis, & although she has been
under specialists & treatment at hospitals
it is as persistent as ever. I feel very
worried since reading this in case it
should turn to cancer.

Would you please make an appoint-
-ment possible for me as I am afraid
she will have a serious illness, unless
something is done soon. She has suffered
such a lot, & now I cannot stop her
from worrying & crying.

I would prefer an appointment in
the afternoon if it is convenient to
for you.

Thanking you.

I Remain

Yours Faithfully

(Mrs) H. M. Goodman.

2nd December, 1941.

Mrs. H. M. Goodman,
7 Broadway,
ELWOOD.

Dear Madam,

I received your letter today. So far as I am aware there is no connection between the skin disease called psoriasis and cancer.

You should consult your local medical practitioner and ask him to give you a letter to a skin specialist or to a skin clinic at one of the public hospitals. I am unable to arrange any appointment for you.

Yours faithfully,

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

25th November, 1941.

E. Guerin, Esq.,
9 Campbell Grove,
NORTHCOTE, N/16.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of the 23rd of November. My advise would be to see your lodge doctor again and to ask him-if he considers it necessary - to kindly make arrangements for your attendance at one of the public hospitals for x-ray examination.

If your doctor desires any assistance from me I shall be glad to supply it.

Yours faithfully,

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

9 Campbell Grove

Northcote No 6

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Dear Sir

Just a line re information from your society, I read one of your Booklets some time ago about Cancer research & to write for same. I have been suffering from stomach trouble for some time & went to my lodge Dr & he put me on a diet - which I have been carrying out - fairly well, but I do not sleep too well, after about 4 hours I wake & have a hollow feeling with slight pain & get restless & feel nervous at times when I get up to speak at lodge meetings or any discussion it may be an ulceration of the bowels. I would be very obliged if you could enlighten me if I could get an x ray & if you would forward all particulars & price of same.

I remain
Yours faithfully

C. Guerin

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

1st November, 1941.

Miss D. Gosling,
5 Denbigh Road,
ARMADALE, S.E.3.

Dear Madam,

I should be very interested and pleased if you could write to me and inform me of the present state of health of Mrs. Margaret McNab.

Mrs. McNab gave us your name and address when she was an in-patient at this Hospital in June, last year. This department has heard nothing of her since April last.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

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Surgical Follow-Up Department

*Reply received
5/11/41*

1st November, 1941.

Jack Gilders, Esq.,
McCracken Street,
ESSENDON, W.5.

Dear Mr. Gilders,

I should be very interested and pleased if you could write to me and inform me of the present state of health of your father, Mr. James Gilders. This department has heard nothing of him since September of last year.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

COPY

H. GRINHAM

The Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Doctor,

I have a patient suffering from an early epithelioma of the lip.

As it is impossible for him to obtain any radium treatment in Ballarat, I would be glad if it could be arranged for him to go to Melbourne for treatment.

He is an old age pensioner but has relations in Melbourne with whom he could stay if necessary.

The patient's name is:-

Mr. H. GRINHAM,
Post Officer,
Snake Valley.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) C. C. REID, M.B., B.S

Letter from Almoner (filed under "Almoner R.M.H") 22/4/42
"I have written to this patient re attendance at a surgical clinic and offered him assistance with his railway fare if necessary."

20th April, 1942.

The Cancer Almoner,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Miss Haste,

I am enclosing a letter from Dr. C. C. Reid of Skipton concerning his patient, Mr. H. Grinham.

As this man is an old age pensioner I should be obliged if you would kindly arrange a railway pass for him, and for his attendance at one of the out-patient surgical clinics at an early date.

Yours faithfully,

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

Letter from Almoner 4/5/42.

"This patient (Mr. N. Grinham) came to hospital on May 5th & attended Mr. Stone's O.P. Clinic. I understand that he will be referred to Dr. Thayer. See for radium treatment on Friday next.

20th April, 1942.

Dr. C. C. Reid,
SKIPTON.

Dear Dr. Reid,

Many thanks for the opportunity of helping you.

I shall make arrangements with the Cancer Almoner at the Royal Melbourne Hospital for treatment to be given to Mr. Grinham who is suffering from early epithelioma of the lip.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

8th May, 1942.

Dr. C. C. Reid,
SKIPTON.

Dear Dr. Reid,

I received the following information re your patient,
Mr. H. Grinham, from the Head Almoner this morning:

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"This patient came to hospital on May 5th, and attended
Mr. Stone's Out-Patient Clinic. I understand that he
will be referred to Dr. Kaye Scott for radium treatment
on Friday next."

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MACKAY, M.D.,
per

Executive Medical Officer.

DR. GROVER

TEL. MX 2952

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6 TO 7 P.M.

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SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS

"Mirnee,"
141 Bridge Street,
Port Melbourne
S.C.7.

June 8th, 1942

Dear Dr. Mackay,

In response to your letter dated 4th May, 1942 to Mr. Pringle Biskerton, 227 Danks St., Albert Park he consulted me this evening.

He states he is enjoying good health and is still employed as a fireman at the brick works which work he can carry on quite comfortably with very little loss of time due to sickness. He is aged 66 years. His weight is stationary. He is a small sparely built man. He suffers from nasal catarrh and his pharynx is congested probably due to fairly heavy pipe smoking. His heart and lungs show nil abnormal. Abdomen clear. Bowels well open. Teeth artificial. Some slight arthritis of right knee.

P.R. The prostate gland shows little or no change from the last examination. The right lobe is larger and firmer than the left but not definitely hard. Able to pass water easily without any signs of obstruction. Gets up at night usually about once. Fair amount of tenderness on examination of his prostate.

Generally his condition is unchanged from the last examination.

Yours faithfully,

H. Grover

3rd November, 1941.

Dr. H. Grover,
141 Bridge Street,
PORT MELBOURNE.

Dear Dr. Grover,

Many thanks for your notes about Mrs. Worah Nott and Pringle Bickerton.

It is very helpful to get information from the clinical side about patients after discharge from hospital.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer,
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"Mirnee,"
141 Bridge Street,
Port Melbourne

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October 30th, 1941

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Re Mrs. Norah Nott, aged 72 years who was discharged from the Prince Henry Hospital suffering from inoperable carcinoma of pylorus about early April 1941 - the old lady died in Meonhurst Private Hospital on 24.8.1941.

She had intermittent attacks of severe vomiting with profuse bleeding apparently from the tumour and marked wasting and weakness. Much flatulence. Practically lived on milk foods for some months especially Benger's Food. Not very much pain and remarkably cheerful & optimistic to within a few hours of her death. Secondary anaemia very marked.

Yours faithfully,

H. Grover

N.B. I will let you have a further report on Pringle Bickerton in the course of a few days. He is still working very hard and makes no complaint.

H.G.

I enclose all Norah Nott's reports and
put them in the file.

B.H.

DR. GROVER

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"Mirnee,"
141 Bridge Street,
Port Melbourne

S.C.7

November 2nd, 1941

Dear Dr. Mackay,

I examined Mr. Pringle Bickerton today. He is a very spare man aged nearly 66 years. He is still doing the same job - stoking a boiler at the brick works at Northcote. ^{bd} works about sixty hours a week and does not regard the work as hard. Has lost no time from work due to sickness (or for any other reason) since he resumed after discharge from the P. Henry Hospital. States his health is excellent. Weight stationary.

On examination his prostate gland felt perhaps slightly larger than on the last examination. Very slight tenderness and perhaps slightly harder than last time. B.P. 140/90.

Heart & lungs clear. Abdomen clear.

Complaining of some pains down the right leg from hip to ankle especially marked about the outside of the knee. Nothing to detect on exam. Urine - S.G. 1010, acid, no alb. no sugar no pus no blood. Bowels act well without aperients.

His condition seems much the same as at last examination.

Yours faithfully,

H. Grover

Send booklet.

146 Derby Rd
Sunshine W20
3/11/41

Executive Medical Officer
Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons
Spring SA Hotel

Dear Sir

I have been troubled with a small swelling on my lip for about six months, about four weeks ago a small sore appeared in the centre and as not healed since would it be possible for me to make an appointment with you for a Saturday morning or as early as convenient one morning during the week so that I could see some work in the afternoon at present I am on urgent work for overseas

yours truly
H. J. Gist

5th November, 1941.

H. J. Gist, Esq.,
146 Derby Road,
SUNSHINE, W.20.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to reply to your letter of enquiry.

My advice is for you to see your local medical practitioner as soon as possible and ask him about your lip.

If he considers that there is any possibility of an early cancer having developed, then I should be very willing to give any advice in my power regarding the best means of treatment.

I regret that it is not possible for me to see you personally as I have no facilities for personal examinations.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

6th November, 1941.

Dr. John S. Green, M.D. (Melb.) F.R.C.O.G.,
12 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir,

Miss Hanna of 133 Woodland Street, North Essendon, is employed by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria in my office. She informs me that you intend to operate upon her mother at Bethesda next Friday, the 14th inst., for Uterine Myomata.

Miss Hanna's clerical work is of considerable importance to me, but owing to the domestic upset caused by her mother's illness and operation, she is in a dilemma as to her ability to help at home and to carry on with her work for my Council.

Would you be so kind as to inform me of the probable duration of Mrs. Hanna's stay in hospital and of the probable amount of convalescence required before she would again be fit to do her own housework.

These approximate times will enable me to make suitable arrangements for the office.

Thanking you in anticipation and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for favour of reply,

I am,


Yours faithfully,

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

addrs
Mrs B. Sundry
Nine St
Ragambie Vic

Ragambie

Dear Sir,

I have a small lump, feat shaped not really hard on the inside of the thigh, only about  this size but I haven't noticed it getting any larger until this day or two & also no pain until this couple of days I have had a lot of standing & go up late for some nights with

ones in the family with bad colds & it may have had some affect on it, will you please give me some advice on this if possible, my husband is only earning £2.5.0 per week & could hardly afford much treatment will be glad of your advice, I am

56 years of age, & the only operation I have had ~~it~~ was for an ovarian cyst some 24 or 28 years ago, but at present I am not so well, I get very hot in the head & very tired at times. Thanking you. Yours sincerely
(Mrs) B. Sundry

16th October, 1941.

Sundry
Mrs. B. ~~Grandy~~,
Vine Street,
NAGAMBIE, Vic.

Dear Madam,

I have read your letter carefully and I find it somewhat difficult to help you at this distance.

The lump which you describe does not appear to be dangerous but I would recommend you to see your local doctor either privately or at the Nagambie Hospital at an early date.

Should your doctor desire to have my assistance with regard to the nature of the necessary treatment, I shall be very pleased to help him in any possible way.

Yours faithfully,

7th October, 1941.

S. Greig Smith, Esq., F.A.I.S., J.P.,
Hon. Secretary,
The Victorian Institute of Hospital Almoners.

Dear Mr. Greig Smith,

I am enclosing, as requested, copy of Professor
MacCallum's notes to me on the recent conference.

When you are ready the Professor proposes that we
three should have a final talk.

Yours faithfully,

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

20th Sept., 1941.

The Almoner,
Geelong Hospital,
GEELONG.

Re FRANCE John

Filed under "F"

"COMBAT CANCER WITH CASH"

Anti-Cancer Council

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Incorporated by Act of Parliament for the purpose of promoting,
co-ordinating, and carrying out investigations in relation to the cause,
prevention, and treatment of Cancer.

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Beeac

June 13th.1941

Mrs. J. M. GRANT

Dr. C. V. Mackay

Executive Medical Officer

Cancer Information Bureau

Royal Melbourne Hospital

Dear Dr. Mackay

As regards the patient about whom I telephoned to you this morning. Her name is Mrs. J. M. Grant of Beeac. Her husband is the local baker. She will have to be regarded as an intermediate case. Her husband has recently had considerable expense with her daughter, who was a pulmonary Tb. case, under the care of Dr/Fitts at a sanatorium. The bakery business will not allow much expenses to be incurred. She stated that a lump was found in her left breast, upper outer quadrant, a week ago. At the moment it does not feel very large and is freely moveable. Personally I think it a carcinoma. I am very anxious to have the diagnosis confirmed or disagreed with. I sincerely hope the latter. I would also like to know what treatment is considered most suitable. In the event of surgery being required, she is very desirous of having such done here by me at the hospital. Should such eventuate, she would be regarded by me as a definite intermediate case. She will report to you some time on Tuesday next.

With kind regards

Yours very sincerely



Mrs. J. M. GRANT

14th June, 1941.

Dr. M. W. Cave, D.S.O.,
BETAC.

Dear Dr. Cave,

I shall be very pleased to see your patient,
Mrs. J. M. Grant, on Tuesday next, and in my arrangements for
her I shall certainly regard her as an intermediate case.

Many thanks for giving me the opportunity of being
of some service to you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

MRS GRANT

17th June, 1941.

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

Dear Mr. Syme,

I am sending Mrs. Grant to see you today at 5 p.m.
as arranged with you on Saturday afternoon.

The enclosed copy of the note which Dr. Cave sent
to me is forwarded for your information. I should be
grateful for your assistance in deciding upon the nature
of the reply to be sent to Dr. Cave.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACRAY

19th June, 1941.

MRS. GRANT

Dr. M. W. Cave, D.S.O.,
BEEAC.

Dear Dr. Cave,

I saw Mrs. Grant on Tuesday and examined the swelling in the left breast.

My opinion favoured carcinoma, but as there was a definite element of doubt I arranged for her to see Mr. G. R. A. Syme of 12 Collins Street as an intermediate patient.

His diagnosis was chronic mastitis with again an element of doubt. He found a gland, however, low down in the axilla which I had not detected. This may be inflammatory.

The present position is that she is returning to you at Beeac to have this swelling removed so that it can be examined histologically before a decision is made concerning the necessity for a radical operation.

I have carefully explained to Mrs. Grant that no one can be certain about the nature of the lump until it has been examined microscopically. Mrs. Grant understands that in the event of an adverse verdict being given, that a second and larger operation will be necessary.

In order to facilitate matters I have seen Dr. R. J. Wright Smith the Pathologist to this hospital. He is agreeable to doing the examination of the specimen for an intermediate fee of £1/1/-.

Dr. W. W. Cave, D.S.O.

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19th June, 1941.

He advises that the specimen be placed in 4% formalin and the cork covered with paraffin wax. It should be addressed, Pathological Specimen only, to Dr. Wright Smith at the Pathological Department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

If I am advised I can probably expedite the examination.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY

CVK.511

24th June, 1941.

Mrs. GRANT

Dr. W. W. Cave,
BEEAC.

Dear Dr. Cave,

I took the breast specimen to Dr. Wright Smith today and gave him your cheque for which he thanks you.

We examined the tumor macroscopically and were both impressed by its malignant appearance on cutting. Dr. Wright Smith is therefore of the opinion that the histological examination will probably show malignancy.

The section will be examined microscopically on Friday, and I shall wire the result to you. In order not to give unnecessary information to the Post Office authorities at Beeac I shall simply say "specimen found to be positive (or negative)" as the case may be.

I shall forward Dr. Wright Smith's written report to you by Friday afternoon's post in confirmation of my telegram.

I was very disappointed to see the character of the growth when removed. It seemed to be much larger and harder than could be discerned by manual examination.

You may be sure that I stated positively that the operation could be equally as well done by you in Beeac as by a surgeon in Melbourne.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Beeac

June 28th. 1941

C. V. Mackay
Chief Executive Medical Officer
Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Dr. Mackay

Sorry to bother you so much with correspondence. What I ~~would~~ particularly want to know is does your conceil consider that Deep Therapysheuld given pre or post operative. I always understood that pre-operative therapy was advisable. If so would you include in your telegram, concerning the result of the pathological exam of the specimen, the following word Pre or Post as the case may me.

When I removed the tumour it was extremely hard. I feel I must stick to my opinion of carcinoma as I wrote you originally on the 13th. I do hope I am wrong.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

M. W. Law

27th June, 1941.

Mrs. GRANT

Dr. M. W. Cave, D.S.O.,
BESAC.

Dear Dr. Cave,

I am enclosing for your information Dr. Wright Smith's report on the breast tumour which you removed from Mrs. Grant.

A removal of the breast, etc., is recommended as early as possible. This afternoon at 3.35 I sent you the following telegram:

"Report specimen unfortunately positive, pre-operative recommended if glandular metastases large or multiple".

⊗ The explanation of the latter part is that preoperative therapy is not considered advisable by the radio-theraputists unless there is one large gland in the axilla more than roughly half an inch in diameter, or more than one definitely enlarged gland.

Pre-operative deep-therapy is very little used at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, but post-operative treatment is quite often prescribed by the surgeons.

In Mrs. Grant's case the activity of the growth, as evidenced by the report of the section, would indicate that one or more courses of deep-therapy should be given fairly soon after the complete operation.

I could arrange for this to be done at intermediate or at hospital fees

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Beeac

June 28th. 1941

Dr. G. V. Mackay

Executive Medical Officer

Cancer Information Bureau

Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Dr. Mackay

I felt quite sad at getting your telegram, but expected the result as wired. I am more than sorry for the Grants, as they are very good citizens, and have done every thing they could from the point of view of patriotic efforts. When I removed the tumour, I felt certain I could feel more small glandular involvements, and therefor now feel that Deep Therapy should be done pre-operatively. She knows this has to be done in Melbourne. I suggested to her that as she had to go to town for this treatment, she might like to have the operation done in town, and explained fully that she was not under any obligation to have the major work done by me here. She was very appreciative of this, and has finally decided, at my suggestion, to have the operation in town. The next question was, who was to do it. I strongly advised that Allan Newton do it. In the past I have sent certain work to him which has been done at Intermediate rates, and I know he will do the work at such rates. Would you therefor let him see her soon after reporting to you. She is to go to town tomorrow, Sunday, and will be at your office early on Monday morning. Will you make all arrangements, remembering all medical and hospital expenses to be at intermediate rates. I have purposely left in the Michel Clips, so that there would not be any risk of cutaneous infection prior to the major operation. I am never keen in having to remove any malignancies, knowing that usually the outlook is not good, and do prefer to have them done in town, simply from the point of view knowledge of deaths from these cases. I shall look you up when I next come to town, as it seems in the dark ages since I last saw you. With kind regards

Yours very sincerely

M. W. Stone

30th June, 1941.

Sir Alan Newton, Kt., F.R.C.S., Eng.,
14 Parliament Place,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sir Alan,

I am enclosing a letter from my friend, Dr. Hyles Cave, of Beeac.

A fortnight ago he sent the bearer of this letter, Mrs. Grant (wife of the local baker), down to me for assistance concerning the diagnosis of a swelling in the upper and outer quadrant of her left breast. After my examination I sent her to see Mr. Syme, our opinions differed, and it was decided to recommend Dr. Cave to remove the lump and obtain a pathological opinion.

This was done on the 20th and the opinion given by Dr. Wright-Smith on the 27th was "active carcinoma". Dr. Cave's letter explains the remainder of the story.

If you decide upon an early operation, Mrs. Grant would prefer an intermediate bed at St. Ives rather than at the Mercy Hospital.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. NACKAY.

1st July, 1941.

Dr. M. W. Cave, D.S.O.,
PETERAC.

Dear Dr. Cave,

Many thanks for your further note concerning Mrs. Grant.

I saw her yesterday and have made arrangements for Sir Alan Newton to operate upon her at St. Ives Hospital at half past nine on Friday morning next.

The charges, as you have suggested, are all being made on an intermediate scale. St. Ives is £5/5/- per week, but Mrs. Grant preferred that to the Mercy Hospital at £4/4/-. Mrs. Grant goes into St. Ives on Thursday afternoon.

I shall be very pleased to see you whenever you are in town.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY.

C.V.M.

Executive medical officer
anti cancer council

Aug 4/41

Dear Sir

Would you kindly give me some information about the above, I would be obliged if you could let me have a booklet about the same & perhaps the name of a Doctor I could go to, should same be necessary

for the last 18 months or more I have not been able freely to pass water there seems to be some obstruction about the bowel I get best results by sitting on W.C. & indulging in a certain amount of straining incidently there is a slight discharge from the Anus

I have been to two doctors thinking it might be prostate gland trouble but they do not think so

Age 57 & in good health
Thanking you in anticipation.

Sincerely yours

L. Gartner

2 Wylde Grove

Mont Albert E-10

6th August, 1941.

C. Gartner, Esq.,
2 Whyte Grove,
MONT ALBERT, E.10.

Dear Mr. Gartner,

I have pleasure in sending you our small booklet on the subject of cancer.

I would strongly recommend you to see your own local or family doctor and to ask him to recommend a specialist in Collins Street whom you might visit. If your own doctor does not know anyone, I shall be pleased to make a recommendation.

Yours faithfully,

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

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

6th May, 1941.

IMPORTANT

Miss Ruby Goss,
16 Norwood Street,
FLEMINGTON.

Dear Miss Goss,

Would you please attend Mr. Paul Jones'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. Paul Jones 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. Paul Jones visits this Hospital every Monday and Thursday at 12.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

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

Enc.

17th April, 1941.

Dr. H. Grover,
141 Bridge St.,
PORT MELBOURNE.

Follow-up letter re BICKERTON Pringle

Filed under "B".

6th February, 1941.

Dr. E. A. Roberts,
C/o Dr. E. King Scott,
"Green Gables,"
Tallarook Street,
SEYMOUR.

GREEN
(I.B.)

Dear Dr. Roberts,

I am writing with reference to the case of Mr. Green, Senr., who is one of your patients.

With your permission Mr. Green's son saw me at my office of the Anti-Cancer Council on Monday last. He informed me that you had given him a letter to Mr. Hadley of Collins Street, but that unfortunately Mr. Hadley was not available.

The case appeared from your notes to be both unpleasant and somewhat desperate for all concerned.

With considerable difficulty I have arranged for temporary treatment to be given by Dr. Kaye Scott at "Lunoh" private hospital in Flinders Lane. Mr. Green, Jnr., is endeavouring to arrange for three weeks' special treatment either there or at the Austin Hospital, and then perhaps a return to hospital in Seymour. Everything is somewhat indefinite.

Yours faithfully,

CVM.MD

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

COUCH

49 University St
Carlton

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4th Feb 1941

To Whom it may concern,

Dear Sir's

Your letter to hand on the 22nd Jan.

I am very sorry to state that

Mr Richard Couch passed away

at my Home on the 16th of July

1940. He had a fearful time of

it, but it was his wish to stop

here, if you wish to hear from

the Dr about his complaint

Dr McLaughler Lygon St Carlton

Attended him.

Yours Respectfully
M. V. Mitchell



Royal Melbourne Hospital

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT.

MELBOURNE, C.I.

January 21st, 1947

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Richard Gough, Esq.,
49 University Street,
Carlton.

Dear Mr. Gough,

Would you please write to me and inform me how the condition is for which you received treatment in Dr. Akeroyd's clinic during 1940?

If possible, I should like you to get this report 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 to arrange for any further necessary attendances at this Hospital.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed with your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

per Dawson

MD

Enclosure.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 9th, 1941.

Mrs. G. Gamble,
37 Littlewood Street,
HAMPTON.

Dear Mrs. Gamble,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of January 2nd.

In view of your family history I should certainly ask your local medical practitioner if you might have a consultation with a specialist in diseases of the stomach, or ask him if he would give you a letter of recommendation to the out-patient department of either the Alfred Hospital or the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Your local doctor is most probably quite correct in his diagnosis, but if you have not already had one I should certainly recommend an X-ray examination without delay.

Yours faithfully,

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

per

CVM.MD

INFORMATION BUREAU,

4th January, 1941.

Mrs. G. Gamble,
37 Littlewood Street,
HAMPTON.

Dear Mrs. Gamble,

Your letter of January 2nd 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.

Yours faithfully,

MD

37 Littlewood St
Hampton

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Dear Sir,

I would like you to send me your free book on Cancer. I would like very much to read of it as my mother died from the disease at an early age. Also her mother before her. My mother suffered for about eighteen mths with Indigestion then when the Dr had her X Rayed they found a cancer. Now I myself have had Indigestion which the Dr I am under said I have a Gastric Stomach. I am on a diet but still no relief & I have a pain just under right breast bone which I have had for over two years. I do not think I am going like my mother but I just think it would be a relief if you could give me any information about it. I would be very grateful to you I am
yours truly
(Mrs) E. Gamble

204 New St
M. Brightons
22-12-40.

Dear Sir,

Please send me a copy of your
free handbook "What Every Adult should
know about Career". Enclose 3
in stamps for postage.

Yrs, faithfully
(Mrs) Olive E. Gaudin

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sent
20-12-40

INFORMATION BUREAU,

24th December, 1940.

Mrs. A. Y. Griffiths,
Keck Street,
Quarry Hill,
BENDIGO.

Dear Mrs. Griffiths,

I have received your letter of the 10th December and have pleasure in sending you, with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, our recently published handbook on the subject of cancer.

With regard to your numerous symptoms, I would recommend you to ask your lodge doctor for a letter to the Bendigo Hospital, where you could obtain the opinion of a specialist.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Yours sincerely
F. S. Griffiths

Address

Mrs A. Griffiths
Keeck Street
Quarry Hill
Bendigo

(P.S.)
I cannot afford to pay
a big amount as
I am in the lodge
here but the
is no good

in the back passage the way is
is cruel also in my waist line I seem
to be getting loose the motions I pass
for years is awful often I get no control
of the bowels I cannot get 2 yds away
from here I am as soon as the least
warning comes in fact it is hardly a
warning as I use the chamber a lot I
see a lot that comes away there is often
a lot of watery jelly and blood of course
the blood is clotted by the time I get
off the chamber then often I have as

never to wash a day my food
is very good one can't believe
I feel a little of food now

Heck street
Quarry Hill
Bendigo

Dec 10th

Dear Sir

Seeing the advert in to
days Bendigo paper re Cancer
I have been anxious for a long time
to know the symptoms of such as I
have been told by a Doctor I got one
in the back passage the way I suffer
is cruel also in my waist line I seem
to be getting worse the motions I pass
for years is awful often I get no control
of the bowels I cannot get 2 yds away
from here I am as soon as the least
warning comes in fact it is hardly a
warning as I use the Chamber a lot I
see a lot that comes away there is often
a lot of watery jelly and blood of course
the blood is clotted by the time I get
off the chamber then often I have as

many up 3 pair of Blowers to wash a day my feet
and through out day, washing and one scrubbing
feet a minute of feet with

2) After it has a bad smell like Cattles Pasmer
When it is cut open hot and the symptoms are
the stomach or waist line night and day have
a rumbling tone after some in night and day
of water running all over the stomach even
down down if I put my hand at times I can
feel in running I get sick often vomit dry
breaks up a while after I eat them I am
a big eater and drinker of tea I eat a lot of
solid food at the present time I am a sufferer
with 2 big Larico ulcers on both my ankles
on the inside of legs one near 4 years one new
2 they are a dreadful ugly sight and the
suffering I go through is over I have had 6
Doctors this year to attend them and in 3 places
on one the rotten flesh is cruel I was using
Boracid lint for about a month got them cleaned
up but no sign of healing and the Dr gives me
a tube of Quil must made in Switzerland to put on
them they get very smelly and discharge a lot
I had to get a dope made up to take when I
would put the Boracid lint on and
then I would cry and scream for hours as it
would not take effect they would not give me the
needle or pills if you think you could do me any good
let me know what you would charge I am 70 years
old been a farmers wife worked very hard I do a
bit of work but oh I do suffer as much in bed often
out of it

INFORMATION BUREAU,

17th December, 1940.

Mrs. J. Griffin,
2 Lothian Street,
North Melbourne.

Dear Mrs. Griffin,

I am very pleased to send you one of the booklets on cancer which have been recently published by the Anti-Cancer Council.

If you will kindly give me the name of your relative who is attending the Royal Melbourne Hospital, I will ask the almoner at that hospital to make sympathetic enquiries and to give any necessary assistance for railway fares. I am very anxious that no cancer patient should be prevented from attending hospital through inability to pay travelling expenses, etc.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

2, Lothian St.
Roth Melbourne
Dec 15th

To The Cancer Bureau

Being in Sat. night
Herald a piece of information in Ref.
to cancer. can be obtained in a hand
book from you college. I would like
you to send me one, as I have a
relation in Thorpdale has the disease & has
6 little children from 3 months to 8 years & has
been treated at the Melb. Hosp with Radium
last July, & was back again two weeks ago, &
was told to come back again & stay in for
another 10 days, but she has'nt the
money for train fares, as she has rent
to pay & her husband only gets £3.10.0
per week.

(Mrs) Yours Faithfully
J. Griffin

Salvation Army - "A. M. P."
Middleborough Road
Box - Hill E. M.
6th Decr, 1940.

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3 "D. B."
Melbourne C.I.

Dear Sirs.

I should be very
much obliged to you if you would
Kindly forward me a copy of the
1944 Pamphlet on Cancer - I heard the
announcement made from your Studios
during the Scientific Session. R. S. Diseases
I enclose Stamp for postage

Yours faithfully
J. Srainger.

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12/40

30th April, 1942.

Mrs. E. Edhouse,
Reef Street,
WALDON.

Dear Mrs. Edhouse,

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th April.

I can quite understand your difficulties in travelling to Melburne. May I suggest that you visit your local doctor once every six months for an examination, and that once a year you obtain a report from him which you can send to the hospital. My best wishes for your continued good health.

Yours sincerely,

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

Peef Street
Maldon

28/4/42

Dr Mackay

Dear Sir

I am writing you to say that owing to war conditions, and the state of things generally I am rather afraid to make the journey to Melbourne to keep my appointment at the outpatients clinic Royal Melbourne hospital; up to the present I have had no return of the trouble. but might I suggest that you get in touch with my local doctor and ask him to submit a report.

That is, if a report would be of any benefit to the hospital generally it is now nearly 2½ years since my operations & I have made five visits since I came home.

awaiting your reply
E. Edhouse

20th February, 1942.

Mrs. D. Eddington,
125 Chestnut Street,
RICHMOND, B.I.

Dear Mrs. Eddington,

To the very best of our knowledge and belief, cancer is not infectious or contagious.

Your children have, therefore, in my opinion, run no risk of being infected by cancer because they have been kissed by their grandfather who unfortunately is suffering from this disease. They will suffer no ill effect, no medical attention is necessary and you need have no anxiety on the score of possible infection.

I am enclosing our booklet with the compliments of the Anti-Cancer Council.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVK.BH

125 Chestnut Street
Richmond E.I.

Dear Sir.

I am asking advise, as I have been taking my two children aged 3 years and 1½ years to see their grandfather, who is in a bad way with cancer. As he has always kissed them on the face & mouth, I am now worried, thinking perhaps it would harm them.

His condition was unknown to me until yesterday. But he is now to be admitted to the Austin Hospital.

Would you kindly advise me whether this could affect them, and whether medical attention would be needed for them.

Thanking you

I remain, M^{rs} D. Eddington

125 Chestnut St.

Richmond E.I.

P.S. Please Post me a copy of
the Book. "What Adults should know"

22nd December, 1941.

Dr. C. E. Eddy, D.Sc.,
Physicist-in-charge,
Commonwealth X-ray & Radium Laboratory,
University of Melbourne,
CARLTON, N.3.

Dear Dr. Eddy,

I have pleasure in sending you a copy of my letter to twenty-seven editors of newspapers in Victoria giving them certain matter for publication concerning your Laboratory and our Association with it.

You can gauge my feelings towards your work and all that you do for the Anti-Cancer Council by this publication.

Dr. Kaye-Scott is still very worried about "radium plates" being at liberty. I have told the Chairman of my Executive Committee that the Commonwealth Government and the Laboratory in particular have had the question of the conservation of radium in hand for the past two years. I found the article on Radium Therapy in War-Time in "The Lancet" very interesting.

Dr. Kaye-Scott and I saw Mr. McVilly on Friday afternoon and our present viewpoint is tentatively that if the contemplated emergency arises the Austin Hospital would be the most suitable centre in which to do radio-therapeutic work which could not be done at the Metropolitan Hospitals. The new X-ray plant is not to go into the old Royal Melbourne Hospital and should be available for transfer elsewhere if further deep therapy work is found to be necessary.

Yours sincerely,

G. V. MACKAY.

15 Villeroy St
Hampton

Dear Sir,

In the Sun the other morning, I read about your clinic for treatment of cancer.

I have been worried lately, with sort of dull pains or throbbings in the left breast, otherwise I feel well in myself except, that I am nervous & irritable, but, I have had a fair bit of worry.

I hope & pray it is not a cancer, but I know it would be best to find out & so get treatment.

Would you be so kind to let me know, how to go about seeing you same.

P.S.

Enclosed,

Addressed Envelope.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
(B¹⁰) R. Eastwood.

3rd November, 1941.

Mrs. R. Eastwood,
15 Villeroy Street,
HAMPTON.

Dear Madam,

I am pleased to reply to your enquiry.

Pains and throbbings in the breast are not a usual sign of cancer. The first sign is most often a lump or swelling without any pain.

I would strongly advise you, however, to consult your local doctor at Hampton as to the cause of your trouble. If he should subsequently need my assistance I shall be very pleased to do all in my power.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVII.BH

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

1st November, 1941.

Mr. Clem Dalton,
4 Ethel Grove,
RESERVOIR, N.19.

Dear Sir,

I should be very interested and pleased if you could write to me and inform me of the present state of health of your brother-in-law, Mr. Gilbert Ervin. This department has heard nothing of him since December of last year.

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

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

Enc.

Copies of letters (1) & (2)
sent to Prof. MacCallum
24/10/41

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

ELSUM & Ethel

22nd September, 1941.

Dr. G. R. Davidson, F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S.,
16 Victoria Street,
BALLARAT.

Dear Dr. Davidson,

Would you be so kind as to ascertain whether you have a copy of the pathological report on a Mrs. Ethel Ellum.

I understand that you operated upon her in June of last year and I desire to confirm the diagnosis of Scirrhous Carcinoma of the Breast for our records.

Thanking you in anticipation and enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer,

TELEPHONE 1.

16 VICTORIA STREET,
BALLARAT EAST.

25th September, 1941.

C.R. 759

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

Dear Dr. McKay,

re Mrs. Elsum.

Dr. Davidson is at present
away in Camp and will not be
returning until the middle of October.
As far as our clinical records show
we have no pathological report
on Mrs. Elsum.

Should Dr. Davidson be able
be able to assist you in this matter
on his return, he will communicate
with you.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. Blackman

Sec.

16 VICTORIA STREET,
BALLARAT EAST.

23rd October, 1941.

C.R. 759

(2)

Dr. C.V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

re Mrs. Ethel Elsum.

I operated on **this** woman in July 1940 and after the breast was radically removed, examined the tumor. This presented, when cut the typically gritty feeling and appearance of an unripe pear, and in my opinion was so obviously a Scirrhus Carcinoma, that I did not have a section carried out. I agree that such a procedure, generally speaking, is perhaps unwise, but the question of expense was of some consideration to her and I felt absolutely certain about the diagnosis.

Yours sincerely,

Ronald Handin

24th October, 1941.

Dr. G. R. Davidson, F.R.C.S.; F.R.A.C.S.,
16 Victoria Street,
BALLARAT EAST.

Dear Dr. Davidson,

Many thanks for your clinical report on the specimen of cancer of the breast removed from Mrs. Ethel Elsum last year. In our statistical records we are anxious to have as much pathological proof as possible.

Please let me know whenever I can be of assistance with any indigent cancer patient. Please don't allow expense to prevent any necessary investigation or treatment.

One of the principal aims of the council is to endeavour to assist medical practitioners outside the metropolitan area in every possible way.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

15th October, 1941.

Dr. Embleton, M.D.,
91 Glass St.,
ESSENDON.

Re Mr. Leonard Butterley,

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Anti-Cancer Council

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14/9/41

Dr. Mackay
Dear Sir

I am writing you, re. my next appointment to Royal Melbourne Hospital out patients clinic for examination I am sorry to say I will have to postpone the appointment the date being Sept. 25th. "the reason" I had a nasty fall recently & sprained my ankle & it is not clearing up as well as I would like it so I decided that it would be better to put the matter off for a few weeks later. I hope this is not altogether out of order. I will let you know when I will be able to come.

yours faithfully
(Miss) E. Edhouse

16th September, 1941.

Miss E. Edhouse,
Reef Street,
WALDON, Vic.

Dear Miss Edhouse,

I am sorry to hear that you have had a fall.
By all means postpone your next out-patient appointment
until you feel quite fit to travel.

Let me know beforehand and I shall endeavour
to make the usual arrangements for you.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

24th October,

1.

Miss Ellen Edhouse,
Reef Street,
MALDON.

Dear Miss Edhouse,

I have made the usual arrangements
for your visit to the Hospital on the
30th October.

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MACYAN, M.B.,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

*Letter received 24-10-41 stating
patient would be in on 30th Oct.
This was sent to Mr. Robbie.*