

All communications to
be Addressed to the
SECRETARY

Mildura Base Hospital

Established 1892

Incorporated 1923



Telephones:

HOSPITAL 41
SECRETARY 263

MV/MG

Box 306

LAPTHORNE

Henry

Mildura,

25th September, 1941.

Dr G. V. MacKay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/- Royal Aust. College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE C.1.

Dear Dr MacKay,

In reference to my letter of the 3rd inst. asking
your advice on Mr Henry Lapthorne who is suffering from Carcinoma
of the Stomach.

Would you be kind enough to advise me if you can
offer any assistance with this case.

Yours faithfully,

Resident Medical Officer.

29th Sept., 1941

RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER
BASE HOSPITAL
MILDURA.

REGRET NO LETTER DATED THIRD SEPTEMBER REFERENCE HENRY
LAPTHORNE HAS BEEN RECEIVED WRITING

MACKAY
ANTI-CANCER COUNCIL

29th September, 1941.

The Resident Medical Officer,
Mildura Base Hospital,
MILDURA.

Dear Sir,

I have sent you a telegram this morning on receipt of your letter of the 25th September.

Neither I nor my secretary can recollect having received any letter from you dated 3rd of September with reference to a Mr. Henry Laphorne.

If you will again give me particulars I shall be very pleased to do all in my power to help you. We can only surmise that your letter must have been lost in the post.

Please excuse formal address as I am unable to decipher your signature.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

2nd October, 1941

Dr. F. Velik,
Resident Medical Officer,
MILBURN BASE HOSPITAL.

Dear Dr. Velik,

It is quite evident that no form of treatment is going to be of any service to your patient Mr. F. C. Laphorne. The only question is the facilities for hospital treatment during the short time which lies ahead.

If you are not able to accommodate him, I would suggest an application being made for admission to the Austin Hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Mildura,
30th September, 1941.

Dr C. V. Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria
C/- Royal Aust. College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE C.1.

Dear Dr Mackay,

Many thanks for your wire and communication in
reference to Mr Laphorne.

We have checked up here and find that although the
letter was prepared for posting no record of it having been
posted has been discovered. I wish to apologise for any
inconvenience you may have been put to.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which you
should have received.

Thanking you for your prompt attention.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. M. Veldt, RESIDENT MEDICAL OFFICER.

2nd October, 1941.

Dr. Leo. Loorham,
KILMORE.

Re Mr. MAHADY

Filed under "M"

LOCARNINI *Cliz*

17th September, 1941.

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

Dear Dr. Searls,

Would you kindly inform me whether a pathological examination was done on the tumour which you removed from Mrs. Elizabeth Locarnini.

This patient has been having Roentgen Therapy from Dr. Kaye-Scott at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and I should like, if possible, histological confirmation of the diagnosis - Carcinoma of the Breast.

Stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for the favour of your reply.

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MCKAY, M.D.,
Consulting Medical Officer

20th. Sept. 1941.

Executive Medical Officer,
Cancer Information Bureau,
Royal Melbourne Hospital,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Dr. MacKay,

Since writing you about Mrs. E. J. Locarnini I have found the result of the pathological examination that was done on a tumour removed from her.

Macroscopic Appearance.

Hard greyish white nodule 3 inches in maximum extent, showing here and there outrunners into the surrounding fat.

Microscopic Appearance.

↑ Typical scirrhus Carcinoma of the breast with extension to the axillary glands. ↗

Yours faithfully,

J. R. Searls.

Per. 

2nd October, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls,
PAINESDALE.

Dear Dr. Searls,

Many thanks for pathological report on Mrs. E. J.
Locarnini for incorporation in our Register.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Austin Hospital for Cancer and Chronic Diseases

Telephone

Meid. 186 [4 Lines]

J X 1201

Medical Superintendent's Office

HEIDELBERG N.22

LORIMER *Robert*

5th September, 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay,
Surgical Follow-up Department,
ROYAL MELBOURNE HOSPITAL

C.R. 934

Dear Doctor,

Your letter dated the 1st inst. to Dr. Faragher of Diamond Creek re one Robert Lorimer has been forwarded on to us for reply.

This man was admitted here on the 31.3.41 in a very wasted and generally poor condition, and became progressively worse till death on 19.5.41.

A copy of the post mortem report is attached hereto.

Yours faithfully,

Elmer L. Abraham

Acting Medical Superintendent

Enc.1.

Victor Stone 2 64 M 19/5/41 6

The body was that of an emaciated elderly man with a healed varicose ulcer on L. Leg.

HEART: N.A.D. 12 oz

LUNGS: The left lung was collapsed and the Left Pleural cavity contained several pints of fluid. R. 24 " L. 12 "

The right lung showed consolidation at the base. The upper lobes were clear.

LIVER: Numerous secondary nodules. 46 "

INTESTINES: N.A.D.

STOMACH: The whole of the greater curvature was replaced by a large fungating growth which had spread posteriorly to involve pancreas and spleen and left kidney. The mass was also adherent to the diaphragm.

SPLEEN: Adherent to growth. R. 5 " L. 5 "

KIDNEYS: N.A.D. R. 5 " L. 5 "

SUPRARENALS: N.A.D.

For section:-

Stomach { Sections showed carcinomatous infiltration through whole thickness of muscle wall.

Liver { Section of Liver showed similar type of metastases

Lobar Pneumonia
Carcinoma of Stomach
with Visceral Metastases

Beeac

April 18th.1941

BEEAC 1

LYNE. J.

see also "A"
(Almon)

To

Dr. C. V. Mackay

Executive Medical Officer

Anti Cancer Council of Victoria

Royal Melbourne Hospital

Dear Dr. Mackay

I have an old age pensioner, aged 73, who lives at Cressy, some 12 miles from here. I first saw him on 3.4.41. He stated then that several weeks ago he dislodged an upper central incisor of his denture. He continued to use the plate in spite of local soreness in the upper lip. He developed a white softish patch on the inner side of the upper lip. At first I did not think there was any evidence of cancer; but now think it is pre cancerous and should require suitable treatment. I do not know for certain whether he is solely dependent on his pension. I have always regarded him as a charitable case. I think he does light odd jobs at the Hotel at Cressy (Frenchmans Inn) and I somehow feel he may be able to assist in a very small way in his own expenses. Will you communicate with him direct. He has always offered to pay a consultation fee to me but knowing his conditions naturally I would not accept it.

Tis many long years since I last saw you.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

J. W. Lane

D.S.O. M.B. ChB.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital

21st April, 1941.

Dr. H. W. Cave, D.S.O., M.B., Ch.B.,
BEAC, Vic.

Dear Dr. Cave,

I was very pleased to hear from you, especially when you give me the opportunity of being of some slight service to one of your patients. We get a certain number of malignancies from your neighbourhood, and last week I saw a Carcinoma of the Lip from Steiglitz.

If you would be so kind as to give me the name of the pensioner, I will ask the Head Almoner at the Royal Melbourne Hospital to communicate with him concerning attendance at this hospital.

With kind regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Beeac

April 23rd.1941

BEEAC 1

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

Dear Dr.Mackay

I did not realise I could be such a
goat as not to inform you the name of the patient
when I wrote you concerning him.

His name is J.Lyne. Frenchmans Inn-Cressy.

I am very grateful that something can be done for
him. I am not certain that he is a definite case of
epithelioma of the lip, but the opinion of the experts
is most essential. I sincerely hope my diagnosis is
wrong.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

M. W. Lawe

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU

31st March, 1941.

Dr. J. R. Searls,
BAIRNSDALE.

Dear Dr. Searls,

I received your letter of the 28th March today, and am very pleased to help you with regard to your patient, Mrs. Light, of Orbst.

The Medical Superintendent of the Women's Hospital has informed me that Mrs. Light was not regarded as an incurable case of Carcinoma of the Uterine Cervix.

The cervix itself only was involved. Dr. Cuscaden last saw the patient in July, and the hospital authorities have experienced some difficulty in tracing her.

The Medical Superintendent of the Women's Hospital has made a bed available for Mrs. Light and would like the patient to go into hospital on Monday morning next. In case of urgency, she could be received at any time.

I have written to the Almoner in Charge at the Women's Hospital asking her to make arrangements about free railway transport. She will write to the patient to your care, as the hospital addresses are apparently not satisfactory.

Many thanks for your note re Henry Wilkinson.

Yours sincerely,

PEARLS
E. CLAY
JR, D. G. ALSOP

BAIRNSDALE

2873/41

Dr. C.V. Mackay,
Anti Cancer Council of Vict.

Dear Doctor,

I would like your assistance in ~~xx~~ regard to a patient with carcinoma of the cervix

Her name is Sarah Light of Orbost and she apparently received Radium treatment at the W.H. 12 months ago per Dr. Cuscaden.

Her daughter brought her to me today and had the idea that she was incurable. I was in communication with Dr. Nettleton of Orbost who stated that she was supposed to report at the hospital some time ago.

She is bleeding freely at the moment and I wondered if you would be able to tell from her records if it was advisable for her to travel to Melbourne for further treatment or whether it is considered that she was incurable.

It seemed strange that she had no instruction to report again as is usual with these cases.

She is a pensioner and will probably need some financial assistance to travel to Melbourne but can stay with a daughter there,

I would appreciate it if you could let me know where to send her.

Her general condition seems very good.

I would like to take this opportunity of reporting on Henry Wilkinson of Paynesville.

This patient is quite well, He reports regularly and there has been no recurrence.

Thank you
John Seale

Mrs. L. LLOYD

Killarney Estate
Warrinhits

30/7/41

Mr C. V. Mc Kay.
Anti-Cancer Council
of Vic.

Dear Sir

Some time back in our
daily 'Courier' Ballarat, I read of your
work, & wondered if you could give me
advise.

My late Husband was supposed
to die of what the Dr. in attendance
called Malignant Prostate Gland.

My husband was gassed at the last
war & suffered from nerves, fibrosis of the
lungs, disorganised heart, chest about two
inches higher on left side than right, bad cough.
Attacks of agonising pain in chest worse on
right side of chest. These attacks of pain
came on suddenly if he was upset or lifted
anything from the ground. For the last
4th years has complained of pain over
left eye. When in pain ^{chest} would carry his
left arm shiffly to the back & his head
on left side. He was always thin

✓ had several attacks of phlegm each year

✓ rarely weighed over eight stone.

In June of last year he caught the what was then known as Picka Flu. About the 12th of August he for the first time complained of pain in st. ✓ called to see Dr H. who gave him a bottle of med cine. a few days later he again called ✓ my husband was then walking round on two sticks. On the 21st of August he went into hospital for a couple of days.

The Dr. then told me my husband would not live if the stomach went down they may operate but it did not. The bowels were stopped ✓ water a few days before death. Mr Floyd died on the 8th Sep 1940 (without an operation or X-ray) at the age of 46 years.

There was no sign of growth until 3 weeks before his death!

Now my husband did not bother the Repat. ^{association} Dr. ✓ was contented with the small pension of 14/- per week. His idea was we did not need it while he lived but if anything should happen to him the children ✓ I would be looked after. Because he died with the growth the

Repatriation Commission say his death was not due to war injuries & all I receive is 6/- per week to keep my family.

I would like you to tell me what you think for I must either prove that my husband did not die from a growth or that the undermined health due to war was the cause.

It would be the Floyd's wish that I fight to prove this for my young baby's sake & even if you can't help me to give me all the information you can about Malignant Postate Gland & its effect on myself & family.

This may be a little out of the way but I would be glad of any help.

I do not feel it possible that the Dr could be right when all the trouble seemed about the waist line.

Sincerely,
(Mrs) L. Floyd.

CANCER.

The pessimistic attitude usually adopted regarding the treatment of cancer is often unwarranted, states the executive medical officer of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria. (Dr. C. V. Mackay. The outlook for the patient suffering from cancer has markedly improved during the life-time of one individual, he added, and in this year of international strife (1940) many cancers are cured by the application of scientific medical procedures and the progress of many others is arrested. There are numbers of men and women in Victoria to-day who have had cancer, who have been successfully treated, and who have remained free from any recurrence of the disease. Cancers are attacked to-day by highly skilled surgeons and by radiotheraputists. The latter use radiation, either by means of radium or by x-rays. The knowledge, ability and resource of the surgeons who treat many cancer patients have strikingly advanced during the period under review. Radiation treatment is a comparatively recent development. It is the result of intense endeavor, experimentation, and self-sacrificing research which have been conducted by scientists and medical practitioners. The co-operation which exists between the specialists in surgical treatment and the radiotheraputists has been of considerable importance in increasing the numbers of patients successfully treated. Although the definite cause of cancer is not known, this lack of specific knowledge in one direction is not preventing continuous progress on the treatment front. The attack on cancer is unrelenting and vigorous. In spite of all medical and scientific discoveries, it is universally recognised that the paramount factor in reducing cancer mortality is bound up with the mental attitude of the cancer patient. Transcending all other circumstances in the success of cancer treatment is that of early resort for advice to skilled medical practitioners. Failure is associated with a continuous record of months and years of delay on the part of the patient. The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria has attempted to combat the lack of general knowledge of this menace to life and to happiness by the publication of its free handbook, "What every adult should know about Cancer," which may be obtained without cost by associations and private individuals on application to the Cancer Information Bureau at the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Spring street, Melbourne, Cl.

7th August, 1941.

Mrs. L. LLOYD,
Killarney Estate,
WARRENHEIP, Vic.

Dear Mrs. LLOYD,

I have received your letter of the 30th of July. It is most difficult for me to give you any assistance or advice.

When your late husband died the doctor in attendance would have given you a death certificate, and the cause of death would be registered. You should go and see this doctor and put your position as regards the possibilities of pension before him. Carcinoma, or malignancy of the prostate gland is not a common cause of death in a man aged 46, it is, however, not unknown at that age, and without being aware of any of the circumstances of your husband's illness, it is impossible for me to make any comments of value.

The Repatriation Commission would naturally accept the diagnosis of the doctor in attendance, and it would not appear to be reasonable to associate this particular condition with the risks associated with a war which concluded nearly twenty-three years ago.

I regret that I cannot be of any assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

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

Received
26.4.40

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West = Ridgley
via Burnie
April 22. 1940

To Dr. C.V. Mackay.

LANCASTER Winifred

Dear Sir.

In answer to your letter.

I am very sorry I am not close to a Dr.

But the next time I go into town.

I will show him your letter. and let
you know just how things are with

me, I seem to be getting on very
well. (thanks to the Royal Melbourne Hospital)

I feel wonderfully well in myself.

But my arm does have a lot of
tinking feeling in it. and very often
I can feel the hand on it.

But of course it is ever so much
better than when I came home.

If I had my arm, I feel as if I
could work and work. so I think
that is a good sign, if I can I hope to
in the near future. Pay a visit to Melbourne.

I am yours faithfully, wishing the Hospital every success
Mrs Winifred Lancaster, W Ridgley.

LANCASTER

21st May, 1940.

Dr. W. A. Fleming, M.B., B.S.,
Burnie,
Tasmania.

Dear Dr. Fleming,

Thank you for your report
on Mrs. Lancaster.

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

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

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BURNIE
TASMANIA

LANCASTER
CR 362

Dear Sir
Re your L. Lancaster

Contracted Saw factory -
Providence of insurance
to add. Please look
over & accept

Yours
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DR. W. A. FLEMING

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High Street,
BURNIE

Telephone 81

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By
16/10/40

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Royal Melbourne Hospital

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT.

MELBOURNE, C.I.

September 19, 1940.

TELEPHONE: CENTRAL 9001

Mrs. Winifred Lancaster,
West Ridgley,
TASMANIA.

Dear Mrs. Lancaster,

LANCASTER

While you were an in-patient at this Hospital a short list of addresses should have been obtained from you. Unfortunately the opportunity was missed, and as your disease is of a serious character and may possibly recur, we would be pleased if you would assist this follow-up department by supplying the following information:-

(1) Is the above your permanent address:

..... *yes*

(2) The name and address of a relative or close friend, not living in the same house as yourself:

..... *Mrs Roy Plapp (sister) Mrs E. Metcalf (friend)*

(3) The name and address of your private medical practitioner or Lodge doctor:

..... *Dr. Fleming - Burnie*

(4) The name and address of your minister or parish priest, if you are known to him:

..... *Rev. McCabe*

The information is mainly for your own benefit, and enables us to keep a close watch on your progress.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. Mackay MD

(C. V. Mackay, M.D.)

P.S. A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

2nd June, 1941.

LANCASTER *Winifred*

Dr. W. A. Fleming, M.B., B.S.,
Burnie,
TASMANIA.

Dear Dr. Fleming,

I should be much obliged if you would kindly inform me of the present state of health of one of your patients, Mrs. Winifred Lancaster. Mrs. Lancaster, who lives at West Ridgley, was an in-patient at the Royal Melbourne Hospital from the 23rd Jan., 1940 to 12th Feb., 1940 and was diagnosed as Sarcoma of the Bone.

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

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

Enc.
CVM.BH

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

10th April, 1941.

IMPORTANT - REPLY REQUESTED

Maurice Lowe, Esq.,
537 Elgan Road,
BOX HILL.

Dear Mr. Lowe,

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

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

G. V. MACKAY, M.D.

Enc.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

5th May, 1941.

URGENT - REPLY REQUESTED

Maurice Lowe, Esq.,
Gee Gee Crossing,
via SWAN HILL.

Dear Mr. Lowe,

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

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

A stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

Enc.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT

2nd July, 1941.

LOWE Maurice

Mrs. J. Richards,
535 Elgar Road,
BOX HILL.

Dear Mrs. Richards,

One of our patients, Mr. Maurice Lowe, who has been receiving treatment at this Hospital, has not reported here for examination, and has failed to reply to communications regarding attendance or to send a report on the present state of health.

For the medical benefit of this individual further information about the patient is desired.

Will you, therefore, kindly oblige us by:-

1. Getting in touch with the patient, if possible, and requesting him to attend for examination or to forward a report of the present condition of health to the Medical Officer of this Department. Any obvious reason for non-attendance, such as, for example, sickness, etc., should be given.

2. Forwarding a note to the Medical Officer, Follow-up Department, Royal Melbourne Hospital, stating any known details about the patient, including present address, and present state of the disability for which treatment was given.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

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

Mrs. Richards rang
to say she had
handed letter to
patient's aunt.

Mr. Lowe
eye-eye Crossing
Via Barham
N. S. Wales.

537 Elgar Rd
Box Hill W. E!
July 3rd - 1941.

Dr. C. V. Mackay
Royal Melb. Hos.

Dear Sis

Mrs J. Richards has just handed me your letter to her requesting information re my nephew Mr. M. Lowe.

I beg to state ^{that} I wrote in to the Hos. on receipt of your previous message to Mrs Richards explaining that my nephew was quite recovered & had been at his home in New S. Wales for some considerable time. I wrote to the M. Superintendant which should have reached you, some weeks ago, I also stated that Mr Lowe has his dentures ⁱⁿ & is in very good health & has had no further trouble with his mouth.

Your letters to Mr Lowe have been forwarded ~~ed to Mr L~~ from time to time but as he is working some 100 miles away from ^{home} they may still be waiting him there. I appreciate your continued interest in him & am sorry my previous letter has evidently not reached you. As he is quite in good health perhaps he could be discharged without further communication from him. Thanking you on his behalf once more
Sincerely yours - E. Miller

7th July, 1941.

Mrs. E. Miller,
537 Elgar Road,
BOX HILL NORTH E.12.

Dear Madam,

Many thanks for your letter concerning your nephew,
Mr. E. Lowe.

I am very glad to learn that he is quite well and working. It is not possible to discharge him from the follow-up care of the hospital for some time. The condition of the mouth for which he was operated upon may possibly recur at some future date. He may neglect this recurrence and subsequently return to the hospital when we should find that our original work was undone.

It is very difficult to persuade patients, especially young men, that it is necessary to keep in touch with the hospital at least every six months. This is entirely for the benefit of the patient, and I hope that you will assist us by bringing this aspect of the question to the notice of your nephew.

A number of patients ultimately return to us for drastic secondary treatment which could have been avoided by earlier notification and attendance.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

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

ALL COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD
BE ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY

~~XXXXXX~~
Almoner.

TELEPHONE F 3611

J. G. BUTLER
SECRETARY

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

SWANSTON STREET, CARLTON

Almoner's Department.

Melbourne, May 5th, 1941.

re Sarah LIGHT
ORBOST.

Dear Dr. Mackay,

Mrs. Light, about whom you wrote to me on the 31st March, was admitted to this Hospital on the 14th April for radium treatment and discharged on the 27th April. I obtained for her a free railway pass to enable her to attend here and a voluntary driver brought her to the Hospital when she came for admission.

It is not possible for me to visit patients at their homes after they leave Hospital, but after a talk with her daughter, who is married to a policeman, and living at 80 Little George Street, Fitzroy, I feel sure that the patient will be well cared for at home.

Mrs. Light is a very active person for her age and I feel sure she is capable of asking for assistance if any is needed. She is to return for Out-patient treatment and I have left word for her to see me when she attends to see her doctor, Dr. Cuscaden, and I shall be glad to give her any assistance that may be necessary.

Yours sincerely,

L. Dickson,

ALMONER.

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

LIGHT Sarah

29th April, 1941.

The Head Almoner,
Women's Hospital,
CARLTON.

Dear Mrs. Dickson,

Would you be so kind as to give me details - for the information of my Executive Committee - of the assistance which you were able to give to Mrs. Sarah Light of Orbest to enable her to attend the Women's Hospital.

Is this patient still in hospital?

Yours faithfully,

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

3rd May - Dr. Eddy advised that he was
"following-up" this patient.

2nd May, 1941.

LANDGREN Harold

Howard Eddy, Esq., B.Sc., F.R.C.S.,
The Clinic,
28-32 Paisley Street,
FOOTSCRAY, W.11.

Dear Mr. Eddy,

On the 4th of April you sent to the Royal Melbourne Hospital from the Footscray Clinic a Mr. Harold Landgren.

This patient was admitted to Ward 10 and on the 5th of April you operated upon him. The diagnosis was made at laparotomy of an inoperable carcinoma of the colon at the hepatic flexure, and an ileo-transverse colon anastomosis was performed

This patient was discharged on the 28th April, 1941.

Will you kindly inform me whether you will be "following-up" this patient at the Footscray clinic, or whether I should arrange for him to attend the surgical out-patient department of the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Yours faithfully

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

At the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

18th March, 1941.

Mr. Rupert Lovig,
Royal Mail Hotel,
BIRREGULLA, Vic.

Dear Mr. Lovig,

I am sorry that you were unable to see Mr. Searby when you attended this Hospital last Friday.

If you are feeling well, there is no necessity to come again for another four or five months. I feel sure however that Mr. Searby would be interested to see your progress if you should make an earlier visit.

If, any time, unsatisfactory symptoms develop, do not hesitate to attend Mr. Turner's Out Patients' Clinic.

Yours faithfully,

(C.V. Mackay, M.D.)
EXECUTIVE MEDICAL OFFICER.

CVM.AS

Royal Mail Hotel
Burrigulla
5/13/41

Mr Robbie

Dear Sir

LOVIG ~~HO~~

Just a line to say I received a letter & appointment card to attend Hospital last Tuesday. I received the letter so late it went to Murchison. Would you please inform Dr McKay that Dr Turner made my next visit six month time also altered the day from Tuesday to Friday so I can see Dr Seby. So I will be down Friday week 11th

The letter was from Dr McKay

Remain yours
Truly
Rupert Lovig

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

10th February, 1941.

Mrs. S. R. Locke,
JINDIVICK.

Dear Mrs. Locke,

I have pleasure in sending you one of the booklets on cancer recently published by the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

With regard to your present trouble, I should certainly advise you to obtain a medical examination at the earliest opportunity. If the examination reveals anything which requires further assistance to you from this Council I shall be very pleased to arrange for it.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Gindivick
Feb 7th 1941

Dear Sirs

Having heard it broadcast
that you would forward pamphlets
on Cancer to anyone applying
I would be glad to receive any
information you could let me
have as I am 63 years of age
and have lately had signs of
what I took to be piles but
it is not convenient to get away
to a doctor at present unless
it is absolutely necessary

Yours Gratefully
(Mrs) S. R. Locke

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Waterloo.

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To Dr. V. C. Mackay.
R. M. Hospital.

Dear Sir,

Your letter to hand
re inquire.

At present my health is
very good. I am able to eat well
and sleep well.

I am leaving today for Red Bluffs
for a few weeks holiday.
Should I feel any trouble with
the throat I will come down
at once.

Yours faithfully.

Ethel Lewis.

CANCER INFORMATION BUREAU,

6th February, 1941.

Mr. C. T. Lavender,
"Benmond,"
19 McArthur Street,
MALVERN, S.E.4.

Dear Mr. Lavender,

I have pleasure in sending
you the booklet issued by the Anti-Cancer Council.

Ordinary warts are unlikely to
develop into cancer unless they undergo constant
irritation of some character. The warts which your
wife has on her hand are probably unsightly and a
cause of annoyance to her. I would recommend you
to take her to see your local medical practitioner.
He may consider it necessary to advise special
treatment for the removal of the warts.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

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Benmond
19 McArthur St
Malvern SE4
4/2/41

Dear Sir.

Would you please let me have a copy of your advice on cancer.

I read in the Herald at the beginning of the year that you free advice for those interested.

My wife has about 10 to 12 warts on the back of her hand, she has had them treated by the chemist, but they are no better, her friends have told her that the warts often turn to cancer, and now she is worried, is this so?

An early reply will greatly oblige

Yours faithfully
Claude T. Lavender

Mr C. T. Lavender
"Benmond"

19 McArthur St
Malvern SE4

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81 Rose St.
West Brunswick
N10

Westmore
Victoria
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Mr C T Mackay M.D.
Surgical Follow-up Dept.
Royal Melb Hospital

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 30.1/ reached me here yesterday. I am at present on holiday at Westmore and I don't expect to leave before the middle of the month. As soon as I decide when I will be going back to Melb. I will drop you a line and let you know so that an appointment can be made.

I remain
Yours respectfully,
J H Ainscow.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

January 9th, 1941.

R. C. Lee, Esq.,
35 Rothschild Street,
CARNEGIE, S.E.9.

Dear Mr. Lee,

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

It is most difficult for me to
express an opinion on your case or to offer any
satisfactory advice.

Whatever is the cause of your con-
dition, it is quite evident that the unpleasant
symptoms are persisting, and it is most probable
that the medical men who saw you were correct in
their original diagnosis. Your loss of weight is
somewhat significant.

I should certainly return to your
local doctor and ask him whether any change has
occurred in the original condition.

Yours faithfully,

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

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CVM.MD

35 Rothschild St

Carnegie Sq.
3-1-41

Dear Sir

Noticing your "Advice offered to Cancer patients," in Yesterdays "Life" Newspaper. I thought I would drop you a few lines regarding myself = Briefly my Case is as follows —

I am 71 years of age. About two years ago, I had an attack of spurring of the bowels. This has continued up to date. I saw my doctor who advised me to see a Specialist = I saw the latter and he advised an operation. My doctor stated I had a growth in the lower bowel. The Specialist also agreed with this & also suggested an operation. A friend of mine who is a herbalist, also saw me & advised me not to have an operation. Stating in his opinion I was suffering from an ulcerated bowel. I did not trouble any more about it & although it is two years or more ago I am no different in health today. Beyond losing a little weight

(I was about 12-7 ^{St. et} at the beginning
& am now & have been for six months
or more 10-7 ^{St. et}. I eat well, Sleep well,
have no pain from the bowd trouble
& beyond the inconvenience of the
visits to the laboratory - during the
day & night (I would say from eight
to a few times daily) I feel none
the worse - personally I do not think
I have a growth & thought you
may be able to give me some advice
& send me a copy of your
booklet - Thanking you in
anticipation

I am faithfully yours

R. C. Lee.

Book
& note
sent

To Mr^{rs} Richards

Ultima
Postoffice

Dear Mr^{rs} Richards

I want you to send me along one of those booklets you talk about over the air on ~~Cancer~~ I always listen to you each Thursday & really do like your talks I have often been going to write to you we are having a bad time there will hardly be a machine taken out this is a old man drought we seem to get 1 good year & 3 lean ones I also listen a lot to Jean's children's session she speaks so nice we have had a terrible lot of dust this year

yours Truly
Mrs Lovett

(1)
sent
12/12/40

INFORMATION BUREAU,

9th December, 1940.

Mrs. Ruth Lake,
46 Hardware Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Mrs. Lake,

I beg to acknowledge your
second letter.

I regret to say that I do
not know the names of any medical men in your
neighbourhood. In my opinion your best pro-
cedure would be to attend the out-patient
surgical department of the Royal Melbourne or
of St. Vincent's Hospital. Your condition
does not seem to justify a visit to a spec-
ialist in the Collins Street district.

Yours faithfully,

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

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Oct 1872

46 Hardware St
City

To
The London College of
Surgeons

Dear Sirs

I asked your advice
some weeks ago in reference
to cancer, as I had very
dehug nipples of the breast
and, you advised me to see
my local Doctor, perhaps you
could advise me which one,
as I am rather worried as
to my condition

have rather hard crusts
on the breast and
there is a slight discharge
of a sticky ~~substance~~ substance
and rather sore, perhaps
due to my age as I am
going through the change
of life and a widow
with two children please
advise me as early
as possible and
Obliged yours

Sincerely
J. Lake Wooty

INFORMATION BUREAU,

9th November, 1940.

Mrs. Ruth Luke,
46 Hardware Street,
MELBOURNE, C.I.

Dear Mrs. Luke,

I am very pleased to send you
our handbook on cancer.

Itchiness of the nipples is not
regarded as a sign of cancer of the breast, but
I would advise you to see your local medical
practitioner as soon as possible about the condition.

Thank you for the postage.

Yours faithfully,

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

16/11/42.

46 Hardware Street
Bily
Nov 7th 1940.

To The Royal Australasian
College of Surgeons
Dear Sir

Will you please send me
free of cost the Book on Cancer
I have been suffering from
very itching nipples of the breasts
and as it is so, irrationing.

I thought it may be cancer
would you please let me

know and oblige

Yours very sincerely

But Lake.

P.S.

I am a Widower age 51 with
two children.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

9th December, 1940.

E. Lyons, Esq.,
34 Emerald Street,
Collingwood.

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to send you
one of our booklets on cancer.

You will find in this publication
several hints on the prevention of cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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

34 Emerald St
Collingwood

Dear Sir

Will you please send me your free booklets on Cancer, as I am worried about a kick I had in the stomach about a week ago. I was wondering if there is any thing one can do to prevent the disease.

Yours sincerely
E. Lyons

6th December, 1940.

S. Latimer, Esq.,
LINDALE.

Dear Sir,

The Secretary of the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg, has sent to me your letter of enquiry of the 3rd December, but unfortunately without the stamped addressed envelope which you enclosed.

I am very pleased to give you the information which you desire.

The names of three doctors who specialise in cancer are as follows:

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

Dr. John O'Sullivan, 49 Spring Street, Melbourne, C.I.

Dr. Frank Stephens, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I.

You may consult any of them with complete confidence.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Austin Hospital for Cancer and Chronic Diseases

All Correspondence to be
addressed to
Manager and Secretary

HEIDELBERG



Telephone
Heid. 186 [4 Lines]

Administrative Office:

Heidelberg, N.22. 5th December, 1940.

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

Dear Doctor,

I enclose letter dated 3rd inst. received from
Mr. S. Latimer of Likydale which speaks for itself. Will
you kindly reply to the questions contained in Mr. Latimer's
letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. F. Cameron'.

(A. F. Cameron)
Manager and Secretary.

Lilydale

2 Dec 1940

The Secretary
Austin Hospital
Hendelberg.

AUSTIN HOSPITAL
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Dear Sir,

My wife is worrying about her
health and she has been to three
doctors who diagnose differently.

She wishes to be examined by
a Dr who specialises in cancer and if
I would be obliged if you will supply
me with the names of two doctors
who specialise in this.

A stamped envelope is enclosed

Yours truly

Thanking you

Yours truly,

Lady

INFORMATION BUREAU,

11th November, 1940.

Mrs. L. Laird,
Calivil P.O.
via MELBAMBO.

Dear Mrs. Laird,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 6th November.

It is very necessary for you to have the trouble in your breast attended to without delay. It is quite possible that it is not serious but no chances can be taken.

I am giving you a short list of surgeons from which you can choose. You may consult any one of these doctors with complete confidence.

The most satisfactory method would be to make your choice, and then to write to the surgeon for a definite appointment on the day when you expect to be in Melbourne.

I am also sending you one of the handbooks on cancer recently published by the Anti-Cancer Council. Thank you for the postage stamp.

The list of surgeons is as follows:-

Mr. Leo Doyle, 45 Spring Street, Melbourne, C.I.
Mr. A. Fay Maclure, 81 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I.
Mr. Henry Searby, 14 Parliament Place, Melbourne, C.I.
Mr. G. R. A. Syme, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I.
Mr. A. J. Trinca, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I.
Mr. W. D. Upjohn, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne, C.I.

Yours sincerely,

Calvel P.C.
via Melbourne
No. 6

To the Secretary
Royal College of Surgeons

Dear Sir

Reading of your
Cancer information bureau in today's news paper I
am taking advantage of the information you are so
kindly making available to country people.

I have a trouble in one breast that I would
like to get attended to and had been hesitating
about it as I wish to get the best advice but did
not know to which Doctor to go when I do
reach Melbourne - as I have a long journey to
make I would like to have a date on which I
could be attended to and know where to go for
the same when I arrive. the trouble I have is only
in the initial stage and may not be of any
great seriousness.

Also please let me have your free booklet
I will enclose stamp for reply.

Thanking you

I am

Yours faithfully

Mrs L. Laird

Calvel

P.C.
via Melbourne

11th September, 1940.

Jas. B. Lempriere, Esq.,
Wadenhoe,
YOUNG, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Lempriere,

I am very pleased to send you two copies of our handbook on cancer, which I hope will be of service to you. It has been compiled with the main object of instructing lay people in the nature of cancer, so that patients suffering from this disease may attend for treatment as early as possible.

I have the pleasure of knowing both your son and Dr. R. R. Wettenhall very well.

Yours sincerely,

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

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UBBUL ROAD

MEMO FROM

J. B. LEMPRIERE
WADENHOE
YOUNG, N.S.W.



7th September 1940
TO The Secretary for Council
Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Spring St - Melbourne C1

Dear Sir

I write to ask if you could send me one of your Booklets "What every adult should know about Cancer"

My reason for asking is that 2 men on this Station, who are threatened with cancer of the lip, Smokers lip! yet don't realise the seriousness of it

My son, Dr. W. W. Lempriere, has been assistant for years to Dr. R. R. Wettenhall, Skin Specialist, of Spring St. he is at present with the troops in Palestine otherwise I would not trouble you

Yours faithfully
J. B. Lempriere

INFORMATION BUREAU,

9th October, 1940.

Mrs. C. M. Lamb,
5 Dooen Road,
Horsham.

Dear Mrs. Lamb,

I have pleasure in answering your enquiry of the 7th October.

The Anti-Cancer Council does not conduct medical examinations, but I am willing at any time to supply lists of specialists who may be consulted with complete confidence.

In your own case you have no cause for anxiety. The medical practitioners at Horsham are highly skilled and deservedly esteemed by their professional brethren. Your diet appears to be excellent and a visit to Melbourne for further medical advice appears to be unnecessary at the present time.

Yours faithfully,

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

5 Doona Rd
Horsham
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The Superintendent
Anti-Cancer Council
Spring St.
Melbourne.

Dear Sir;

I have been reading
about your Clinic & its
work and am wondering
if you can assist me.

Three months ago I
had an operation for
removal of one breast and
glands. The wound has
healed perfectly and
generally I feel well, but
I find I tire easily and
it is difficult for me.

to gain weight. The doctor who performed the operation said I must build up my resistance. A specimen of the breast was sent to the pathologist but he said there was no malignancy. So I wondered if a special diet would be better for me. I have a fair appetite, eat meat only once a day, and have wholemeal bread, milk, fruit & vegetables. Also what is your scale of fees for examination. I may ask for one when next I visit the City.

Thanking you in anticipation of an early reply,
Yours faithfully
Mrs C.M. Lamb.

OCT 1940

Dear Charles,

Re 'Mrs Lecky -

LECKIE

Many thanks for your letter & for referring her to Mr Henry Searly who also wrote to me, suggesting x ray investigation of her "sciatica" for possible secondaries prior to radical operation being undertaken.

Certain circumstances made her a little difficult to deal with.

Her home is in Portland and when I suggested asking a surgical colleague to see her she preferred to communicate with her people first: she also had arranged to visit friends in Melbourne, hence my sending her to you as I feared that without further pressure she would just drift and do nothing more.

Kind regards from Maud & self to Mrs Mackay & you.

Yours sincerely

A. A. Lister

3rd October, 1940.

Dr. A. C. H. Salter,
612 Sturt Street,
BALLARAT.

Dear Claude,

I saw your patient, Mrs. Leckey, in my office at the Royal Melbourne Hospital this morning.

As my work for the Anti-Cancer Council is mainly administrative, I offered her a choice of consulting surgeons whom she might visit. She chose Mr. Henry Searby; he and I examined her at his rooms this afternoon. He will write to you and express his opinion.

Personally, I have no doubt that the trouble in the left breast is a scirrhus type of carcinoma, and that a partial removal would not be satisfactory. If any operative measures are undertaken, a radical mastectomy is indicated.

In my position as a salaried officer of the Anti-Cancer Council I cannot accept fees and I considered that an expert surgical opinion was required.

My wife and I have happy memories of our visit to Ballarat, and we had the pleasure of meeting your married daughter at Macedon recently.

With kind regards and good wishes to you both,

Sincerely yours,

INFORMATION BUREAU,

21st September, 1940.

Miss M. Lilburn,
Byawatha Roadside,
via Wangaratta.

Dear Miss Lilburn,

I have much pleasure in sending you a copy of our handbook on cancer.

With reference to your enquiry about the possibility of a skin cancer arising from the irritation caused by the pressure of reading glasses, it is unusual for this development to occur among young people, but the possibility cannot be ignored.

I should strongly advise you to consult a competent optician, either in Wangaratta or in Melbourne, to arrange for a more even distribution of the weight of your glasses. Your local medical practitioner would also be able to assist you by ordering a lotion to protect the skin of the nose.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Enclosure.

Byawatha Roadside
Pia Wangaratta
20th Sept. 1940

Secretary,
Anti-cancer Council.

Dear Sir,

Would you please send me a copy of your book 'What every adult should know about cancer', which I have seen advertised in 'the Sun' daily paper.

I do not belong to an organisation, but would be glad if you could let me have a copy.

I have to wear glasses constantly, and have a red mark each side of my nose where they rest. Lately the left side has seemed to rest more heavily than the other side, & has been most irritating, and the red spot has become more noticeable than the other side. Would this lead to a growth? I am 23, & in good health.

Trusting you will advise me,

Yours sincerely

(Miss) M. Lilburn.

INFORMATION BUREAU,

20th September, 1940.

Miss Irene Lotton,
"Cornakil,"
BRIAGOLONG.

Dear Miss Lotton,

I have much pleasure in sending you a copy of the handbook, "What every adult should know about Cancer."

With regard to your own health, it is impossible for me to tell from the symptoms you have enumerated whether there is any possibility of cancer. I should like you to see your own local medical practitioner again. If he thinks that there is the slightest danger of cancer, I would then give you full information about X-ray examination of the abdomen and its approximate cost. You could have this examination carried out by a Collins Street specialist or attend a public hospital.

Yours faithfully,

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

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"Cornakil"

Bragolong

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The Secretary,

Cancer Information Bureau,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir

Seeing in the paper of a handbook for general distributions, I am writing to ask you to send me one entitled "What every Adult should know about cancer". Having suffered for a good number of years with digestive trouble and constipation which each year seems more difficult to treat, as almost everything I have tried for my bowels, gives me a raw, and dreadful feeling in the abdomen and the only thing I have been able to take for sometime is a certain constipation herb. I take an alkaline powder, and while I keep to certain foods I am fairly free from pain, which when I do get it is more of a dull nagging pain. My food doesn't seem to do me much good & am in a exhausted condition. I have dropped organs and have been wearing a surgical corset, for about 10 yrs. I am now 39 yrs. old. Could you definitely tell, whether a cancer would be starting, if the conditions point that way, and if so what would be the cost of diagnosing, or Xraying or whatever would be necessary to ascertain the facts. I have never had a strong constitution. Should you require any further information, let me know, or if you think the

I am yours truly,
(Miss) Irene Dutton
one do not point in that way. Let me know too.

SURGICAL FOLLOW-UP DEPT.

20th August, 1940.

Mr. Robert Legge,
37 Cromwell Road,
SOUTH YARRA, S.E.1.

Dear Mr. Legge,

On going through your case records it has been decided that more frequent attendances, at this hospital, than every twelve months are necessary in your own interests.

Would you please attend Mr. Burke's out-patient clinic, therefore, on Monday next, August 26th, at 12.30 p.m.? An appointment card is attached, and when you have seen Mr. Burke make sure that your next appointment is marked thereon. Please let the clerk in the desk at the Out-Patients' Hall know of this next appointment, so that unnecessary correspondence may be avoided.

If it is impossible for you to attend, please let me know as soon as possible when you can come. Mr. Burke visits this Hospital every Monday and Thursday at 12.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,

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

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CVM.MD

INFORMATION BUREAU.

10th August, 1940.

Mrs. R. C. Lloyd,
Colac West P.O.

Dear Mrs. Lloyd,

Your letter of enquiry to the Bacteriology Department of the Melbourne University has been forwarded to me.

Free treatment for necessitous patients suffering from cancer can be obtained in Melbourne at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, the Alfred Hospital, the Women's Hospital, and at St. Vincent's Hospital.

The correct procedure is to write to the Head Almoner of one of these hospitals and to ask for particulars of free railway travel (passes issued by the State Treasury), for arrangements for accommodation in Melbourne during treatment, and for details of the arrangements regarding the treatment itself.

The Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria is endeavouring to arrange that no cancer patient misses the fullest opportunities for treatment.

You may quote my letter.

Yours faithfully,

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

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TELEPHONE
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Pathology Department.

The University of Melbourne,

Melbourne, N.S. 8th August, 1940.

Dr.C.V.Mackay,
Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
c/o the Royal College of Surgeons.
Melbourne. C.1.

Dear Dr.Mackay,

I am enclosing a letter from
a Mrs R.C.Lloyd, passed on to me by Professor
Woodruff. Would you kindly give her the informat-
ion for which she asks ?

Yours sincerely,

P. MacCallum

Professor of Pathology.

Coac West P.O.

7-8-40

Bacteriology Dept.
Melbourne University
Grattan St
Carlton

Gentlemen

Would you be good enough to supply me with the following information, can the free treatment of cancer be given in any of the Melbourne Hospitals if so which ones? there was an article recently in one of the Melbourne papers regarding same.

Thanking you for a reply as soon as possible

Yours faithfully
(P.C.) R. C. Lloyd

INFORMATION BUREAU.

11th July, 1940.

W. Lyons, Esq.,
58 Point Nepean Road,
Elsternwick, S.4.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 9th July.

The notification which you read is part of the considered policy of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria. This newspaper publicity is inserted with the object of helping patients suffering from cancer to obtain information regarding treatment.

The modern treatment of cancer by the medical profession is by means of surgery, X-ray therapy, and radium. These methods of treatment are used according to the nature of the cancerous growth. They can be obtained from private medical practitioners in Melbourne who specialize in the treatment of cancer, or from the large metropolitan public hospitals which have special equipment for this purpose.

The treatment of cancer in Victoria is of a high standard, and we are especially fortunate in having the Commonwealth X-ray and Radium Laboratory situated in Melbourne.

I shall be pleased to advise you at any time regarding the treatment of any particular type of cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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

58 Pt Nepean Rd
Elsternwick
July 9th

Sir

Would you kindly inform me of the special facilities available for the treatment of cancer as per add. in "Age"

yours. faithfully
W. Lyons

To Information Bureau (Cancer)
Royal College of Surgeons
Spring St Melbourne

58 Pt Nepean Rd
Elsternwick S. 4
Victoria

W. Lyons Esq.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to answer your enquiry of the 9th July. ~~We did not put an advertisement in "The Age".~~

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[Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner]

1st July, 1940.

Miss I. Lauder,
Winchelsea P.O.,
via GEELONG.

Dear Miss Lauder,

I am glad of the opportunity of
answering your undated letter, which I received to-day.

It is impossible for me to diagnose
your sister's condition of health by letter.

My advice to you would be to take
your sister to your local doctor and ask him what is
the diagnosis and whether any treatment is possible.

If I can help him in any way to
obtain specialist treatment I shall be pleased to do
so. You may show him this letter.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Winchester

June 40

The Cancer Information

Bureau,

Dear Sir

"Ayes"
I see by paper you will
answer any questions
about cancer - My sister
has had a looseness in
the bowels for about -
12 mths & has lost weight -
a dr. said it was a
growth in the back passage
& she is too old to be
operated on she feels a
soreness at the seat she
goes 3 or 4 times a day
by letting the paper
you will oblige

Yours truly

J. Lauder

Winchester
Via Geelong

Information Bureau.

28th June, 1940

Mrs. A. M. Love,
Box 11,
Bacchus Marsh P.O.

Dear Mrs. Love,

I am pleased to answer
your enquiry of the 26th June.

I would advise you to
write to the Medical Superintendent of
the Austin Hospital, (Dr. Hutson) regarding
your aunt's illness. I feel certain that
he will give you all possible information.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.MD

Box 11

Bacchus Marsh

June 26th 1940

To the Secretary of
The Cancer Information Bureau

Dear Sir.

Re an article in the Herald with reference to treatment of Cancer, I would like your assistance on a case as outlined hereunder.

The person in question is an Aunt of mine aged 45 at present an inmate of the Austin Hospital Heidelberg. On advice from Prince Henry's Hospital Authorities she was transferred to the Austin suffering from Cancer of the Stomach.

Further X-ray examinations have failed to reveal any sign of the disease. Would you kindly advise just what is her complaint & suggest treatment.

Thanking you in Anticipation
Stella Love.

3rd May, 1940.

Mrs. A. Lyons,
5 Union Place (Off Drummond Street),
C A R L T O N, N. 3.

Dear Mrs. Lyons,

I have read your two
letters of the 18th April and 1st of
May respectively.

As your patient has a med-
ical practitioner in attendance you must
naturally turn to him for advice. If he
considers the condition to be one of cancer
and desires my assistance in any way I
shall be pleased to do all I can.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

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I will see by the date of the other letter that I wrote it earlier, than this.

This lady I am writing about since I wrote the other letter has been Vomiting much more now sometimes she can keep her food down only anything that is soft, the Dr. has ordered her the needle every morning & one every night, the pains are more worse now when they come on, she has been in bed now 6 weeks since the last operation & she feels she cannot get out of bed she feels that something is blocking her in the throat & feels the food wont pass down, everything she eats seems to taste bitter to her, when the pains leave her, she feels dreadfully weak, this sad lady now doubt has suffered & is still suffering dreadful pains she does not seem to loose much weight she was 14 stone, when we left her to make her bed she is very weighty. Trusting to hear from you at
Your earliest — A. Lyons

5 Union pl (Off Drummond St)
Carlton 13.

18. 4. 40.

Melb.

Cancer Research Co.

Dear Sir.

Reading in the Sun. is worried about
any pains, I would like advise.

This patient has been
Very ill for 9 months. She has had several x-rays
but none of these have shown cancer signs, but
an ulcer, the Dr. advised us that she had adhesions
from an operation, for a gall bladder that was
removed 9 months ago, when she was operated on
this last time for the adhesions 4 weeks ago he
found she had a cancer in the liver, & said
that she would only live at the most 2 months
She also has an ulcer & we wondered could
the pains be for the ulcer or the cancer She gets
the pains accross the stomach high up towards
the liver & the back which we were told the
Xray showed spondalitis in the spine every 3 to

hours she gets dreadful pains, she has had the
needle several times & taking A. P. C Mixture which
the Dr. has ordered her, The Dr. said if he had got
her 9 months when operated on for gall bladder
he could ^{have} cured her, we wondered is it possible
for the Dr. to make a mistake & think it is
Cancer instead of smaller ulcers in the liver.
this patient has no appetite although she is
eating a little she drinks plenty of water we
had had other Dr. Advise, & they say she would
be Vomiting most of the time which she does
not do, she has brought up bile twice, that is
all.

I would be Very pleased if you could
give me more advise about this trouble. at
your earliest Convenience.

A. Lyons.

1st May, 1940.

Mrs. Elsie G. Loney,
103 Mimosa Road,
CARNEGIE, S.E.9.

Dear Mrs. Loney,

The symptoms which you have enumerated to me about the lumps on your tongue are not suggestive of cancer, but they do require a medical opinion.

My advice is that you attend your own local doctor for an examination. If he thinks that there is any doubt about the character of the lumps then I shall be pleased to help you, with his collaboration, to obtain the correct treatment.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM,MD

103 M. m. s. Rd.
Carnegie S.E. 9.
April 28th 1940

Dear Sirs,

I am taking advantage of the offer, which was in the daily "Sun", of asking advice re a tiny lump on my tongue, which is always sore, but does not grow larger.

I find that there is another lump that I had not previously noticed, further back on the tongue, & I can not eat sweets or salt food, because of the great smarting sensation.

Could you please let me know if I should have attention for it.

Yours Sincerely

(Mrs.)

Elsie B. Loney

25th April, 1940.

Mrs. M. Leach,
48 St. George's Road,
Elsternwick, S.4.

Dear Mrs. Leach,

I am glad to have the opportunity of replying to your enquiry of the 22nd April.

Speaking generally, you have every justification for anxiety about any swelling in the breast.

Mr. Trinca is well known to me as one of the senior surgeons at the Alfred Hospital, and his opinion on tumours of the breast is very highly respected. I feel quite certain that you could place complete reliance on his original opinion, but changes do occur in swellings and they must be carefully watched.

My advice would be to arrange another appointment with Mr. Trinca, and if his present view confirms his original opinion, then you have not the slightest cause for worry. In your particular case, however, I would advise you to have the lump examined every six months to ascertain if any change has occurred.

As a general rule cancer in the breast is painless except in its latter stages. Your own doctor expresses medical opinion in his statement "that lumps setting up cancer do not ache."

In conclusion I would say that periodic examinations twice yearly are advisable to exclude any possibility of cancer. From your history and from the medical opinions you have obtained I feel reasonably
confident



48 St. George's Road,
Clontarf, D.4.
22/4/1940.

Dr. - Mackay,
Cancer Investigation Bureau,
c/o. The Melbourne Hospitals.

Dear Sir,

On making enquiries at the Office of the Royal College of Surgeons for an appointment with the Cancer Investigation Bureau I was advised to get in touch with you per letter, c/o. The Melbourne Hospitals.

The facts of my case are as follows: -

Three years ago I discovered a small lump on the margin of the left breast, about this size. -  At the present time it has grown to a shape like this.  I visited a local Doctor who referred me to Mr. - Trinka of Collins St. who diagnosed it as breast thickening, probably caused by corset pressure. Mr. Trinka advised me to keep my mind off it. This I endeavoured

to do for two years. Twelve months ago here seemed to be a dull ache in this spot and when lying on my side, or any slight pressure ^{took place} the lump seemed to be very tender. Being nervous of Cancer I visited another local Doctor who said he would say it was a Cyst, but to go back in six months. He had previously treated me after a severe attack of Measles which affected my glands. I did not revisit Dr Williams.

For the past few weeks there has been a dull ache at the base of the breast.

There seems to be a soreness up the side of the breast to the armpit and down the muscle to the elbow.

It was my intention when seeking Medical advice three years ago to have this lump attended to in the early stage but now am feeling very nervous about the whole matter for I am at a loss to know why it was not removed in its early stage.

Would breast thickening grow and ache, Doctor? Mr. Tineas examination was by palpation only.

My local Doctor informed me that lumps getting up Cancer do not ache. May I accept this advice as my consolation?

I shall greatly appreciate your advice whenever convenient to you.

42 years ago
 1881
 remain,
 Yours faithfully,
 (Mrs) J. B. Leach.

23rd April, 1940.

Miss E. Leslie,
"Times" Office,
SEA LAKE.

Dear Miss Leslie,

I have pleasure in answering
your enquiry of the 19th April.

You have not enumerated any
symptoms which are suggestive of cancer.

By letter I can only give
advice - I cannot diagnose your condition of
health. My advice is to see your local doctor
and ask for a special examination of your organs
of digestion. If there is any doubt, ask for the
name of a specialist whom you might consult when
in Melbourne.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.,

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

CVM.MD

Times Office
Sea Lake

April 19th

To

The Royal College of Surgeons
Melbourne

Dear Sirs -

I noticed in The Argus and invitation to write to the above address, if anyone thought they had cancer. I may state that I have a sore spot in the stomach which is tender to the touch, & this last month I have felt a slight movement from it inwardly. So far it has not affected my health very much, but I cannot eat meat or any fibrous or hard to digest food, without having an upset of the digestive works & nervous system. I do not vomit but take cascara, if I should eat anything that is hard to digest. I have had infective arthritis but am not troubled very much with it now, as I had iodine injections, the cause of the arthritis being from the teeth poisoning the system. I am 55 years & single, and have a strong constitution, play sport & do gardening, so I'm no weakling at present. I take plain foods. Brown Bread, butter cheese egg milk plenty of raw fruits & also vegetables. I avoid sugar & starchy food as much as possible. I complained of

digestive trouble to my local doctor, he told me it may be the Arthritis that is causing the trouble. Yours sincerely
(miss) E. Leslie

27th March, 1940.

J. A. Lynn, Esq.,
20 Liscard Street,
EASTERNWICK, S.4.

Dear Mr. Lynn,

Kindly allow me to express my sincere sympathy.

Cancer of the lower end of the oesophagus, or gullet, is very resistant to any form of treatment.

Deep X-ray therapy is at present our only method of fighting cancer in this region, and as you have found, it is slow in its effects.

My advice is to attend the Austin Hospital for a further course of deep therapy treatment.

Should you wish, however, to attend a doctor who specialises in the treatment of cancer I can recommend any of the following three specialists:

Dr. F. G. Stephens, 12 Collins Street, Melbourne;

Dr. R. Kaye Scott, 105 Collins Street, Melbourne;

Dr. John O'Sullivan, 49 Spring Street, Melbourne.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.MD

20. Riseard St-
Wilsternwick S-4
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Dear Sirs

Seeing your news item in the press, mentioning inquiries re the early treatment of cancer etc. I wish to mention my own case, which has been defined as Carcinoma of the lower Oesophagus the region of the gullet; after being X-rayed and further examined. inwards I was ordered to the Austin Hospital where I received sixteen treatments of Deep Therapy, and then to have three months rest, with instructions to please myself whether I come back, that discharge was on Feb 1st; the effects I have is, not being able to swallow any solid food, and at times a certain amount of reaching, together with my weight being down from ten stone three to eight stone two. I also get a fair amount of gas rising, which by the way seemed to be the beginning of the trouble. Now as I am anxious to be getting back to work what

I would like to know is, if there is not any other treatment or even medicine that could be had to at least make me able, to get away from slopping food. I feel in two three months rest which is following the application of Diet Therapy I am wasting time, yet doing nothing towards a possible cure. I take it correspondence to you is confidential, and wish to mention that my doctor, who made part of the examination and advised Austin is Dr Alwyn Poland, and to whom I pay a visit to at times, at the Prince Henry Hospital. Now if you could advise seeing, any special doctor suitable to my complaint or give me any information, that you think would help me I would be very much obliged, as I feel that treatment if any, is to slow, and with a lot of lost time to me, regarding my work. Trusting to hear from you

Remain
Yours Faithfully
J. A. Linn

CONSULAT DE FRANCE
A MELBOURNE

Melbourne, 2nd March 1940.

N° 22.

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your kind letter of the 26th February, and I am glad to know that the article in "Je Sais Tout" is of some interest for your studies.

I hope that the original communication by Professor Bertrand will not be long in coming, and I shall have pleasure in forwarding it to you as soon as I receive it.

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,

C. Lancial.

C. Lancial.
Consul for France.

C.V. Mackay Esq.,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria,
C/o Royal Australasian College of Surgeons,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE. C.I.

LAT DE FRANCE
A MELBOURNE

Melbourne, le 9 février 1940.

N° 40.

Cher Sir Isaacs,

J'ai trouvé à la Bibliothèque de l' Alliance Française le numéro de "Je Sais Tout" contenant l'article sur le cancer, qui vous intéresse et je vous l'envoie ci-joint. J'écris aujourd'hui au Secrétaire de l'Académie des Sciences à Paris, le priant de m'envoyer, si possible, le texte du compte-rendu fait à l'Académie par le Professeur Gabriel Bertrand, et dont il est question au début de l'article.

Veillez agréer, cher Sir Isaacs, l'assurance de mes sentiments les plus distingués.

C. Lancial.

C. Lancial.
Consul de France.

Sir Isaac Isaacs,
1 Evans Court,
TOORAK

22nd November, 1939.

E. W. Lambert, Esq.,
6 Cremorne Street,
Balwyn, E. 8.

Dear Mr. Lambert,

I am pleased to answer your letter of the 20th November and to give you my recommendations for specialists in affections of the nose and throat.

The following are the names and addresses of three specialists, with the hospitals to which they are attached:-

1. Dr. G. C. Scantlebury, 14 Parliament Place, C.2.
(Royal Melbourne Hospital) Tel. Central 2181;
2. Dr. Athol Blaubaum, 14 Collins Street, C.1.
(Alfred Hospital) Tel. Central 3912;
3. Dr. Raymond Hennessy, 55 Collins Street, C.1.
(St. Vincent's Hospital) Tel. F.3547.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY, M.D.

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council
Information Bureau.

CVM.MD

6 Brenorne St-
Balwyn.
20/11/39.

Dr G V Mackay.

Dear Sir, would you kindly advise me in regard to arranging for a diagnosis of ear & throat affection.

I suspect the ear trouble as being cancerous.

If you would kindly forward the address of a specialist, I would be grateful
I am

Yours Res.
C W Lambert

Letter from Almoner 7/5/42

" This patient was discharged on 1st May, and arrangements were made for him to stay at the Wm. Booth Hostel & to come to hospital daily for his mid-day meal. He did this for 3 days, but has not appeared this week, although I find he still has his room at the Hostel. "

6th October, 1941.

MAY Samuel

Dr. F. U. Nihill,
Pickering Street,
O U Y E N.

Dear Dr. Nihill,

I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 3rd of October. Arrangements are being made with the Almoner Department of this Hospital to obtain accommodation in Melbourne for your patient, Mr. Samuel May of Underbool.

The Almoner will get into contact with the patient as soon as possible. The procedure will be, firstly, to obtain this accommodation, and then to arrange for a visit to one of the out-patient surgeons.

If the diagnosis of malignancy is confirmed, radio-therapeutic treatment will be given at as early a date as possible.

The delay in receiving mail is a definite handicap.

I am pleased to have the opportunity of being of some assistance to you.

Yours faithfully,

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

CV. 111

22nd October, 1941.

Dr. T. V. Nihill,
OUYER, Vic.

Dear Dr. Nihill,

I have seen your patient, Mr. Samuel Kay, at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

He was placed under Mr. Syme in the Out-patient Surgical Department and has been transferred to the Radio-therapeutic Department under Dr. Kaye-Scott for radium treatment to the tongue.

Accommodation in Melbourne has been found for him and when the dosage arrangements are complete he will be admitted to the special radiotherapeutic ward for a radium implant.

I will endeavour to let you know progress.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

MAY Samuel

25th November, 1941.

Dr. T. V. Nihill,
OUYEN.

Dear Dr. Nihill,

I have been watching the progress of your patient, Mr. May, suffering from Carcinoma of the Tongue. He has had implantation of radon needles to his lesion by Dr. Kaye-Scott in Ward 16 of the Royal Melbourne Hospital and these came out today. The almoner obtained lodgings for him in Fitzroy and we have endeavoured to do our best for him.

He has some eyesight trouble as well and is to see Dr. Leonard Mitchell this week.

Sincerely yours,

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

23rd April, 1942.

Samuel MAY

The Head Almoner,
Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Dear Miss Botham,

May I draw your attention to the case of a Mr. Samuel May, who is at present an in-patient in Ward 16, under the care of Dr. Kaye-Scott.

Mr. May is suffering from cancer of the tongue, and has recently had radon treatment for the glands of the neck. His expectation of life is short. The future is likely to be very unpleasant for him towards its termination. This man requires false teeth after extractions here and will need accommodation and care when he leaves Ward 16.

Although he is a bit of a rebel his need is great, and I leave him in your hands with every confidence that you will deal successfully with him. Apart from his definite claim on us on account of his severe disability, Mr. May is well known to Dr. Nihill of Ouyen, and he comes into personal contact with the Victorian country politician and M.H.R., Mr. Wilson, who is a strong supporter of the present Federal Government.

Unfortunately, in the past, I understand that Miss Fancourt and Mr. May did not agree, but it must be remembered that the latter is a very sick man and of an independent turn of mind.

Yours faithfully,

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

8th May, 1942.

Dr. T. U. Nihill,
Pickering Street,
OUYEN.

Dear Dr. Nihill,

This morning I received the following information
re your patient, Mr. Samuel May, from the Head Almoner.

"This patient was discharged on 1st May, and arrangements were made for him to stay at the William Booth Hostel and to come to hospital daily for his midday meal. He did this for three days, but has not appeared this week, although I find he still has his room at the Hostel."

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
per

Executive Medical Officer.

Flat 38,
Oxford House,
360 Bourke St.,
Darlinghurst, N.S.W..

2-5-1942.

The Executive Medical Officer,
Cancer Information Bureau.

E. Merritt

Dear Sir:

1: Would you please tell me if there was any success with a serum treatment for cancer, of which I read some time back? There was a mouse in the yarn but that mightn't mean it was only a ratty idea. I think the report said that some anti-toxic serum from a cancerous mouse would cause the cancer in a second mouse to shrivel up.

2: Also, could you tell me if a treatment in direct opposition to X-rays and radium has ever been tried...that is, treatment by cold? It seems logical, somehow, to an uninformed mind (though one statement by a medical man may chloroform the idea completely!) that, as cancer depends possibly for its life on the warmth of the surrounding cells and lymph, the introduction of extreme cold into it might make it die in disgust. The initial shock of burning-treatments which numbs the growth for five years or so mightn't be such a knock-out blow as something completely contrary to its normal warm ways of living.

I think your handbook "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer" very interesting. Have you any other booklets I could buy? Please be careful when you mention the price. A doctor's first thought should be to avoid causing shock.

Sincerely,

E. Merritt.

E. Merritt

5th May, 1942.

E. Merritt, Esq.,
Flat 38,
Oxford House,
360 Bourke Street,
DARLING URST, N.S.W.

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to reply to your letter of the 2nd of May.

It is difficult in these days to be conversant with events in many parts of the world, but so far as I am aware, no success has attended any serum treatment for cancer.

Treatment by cold has, I understand, been attempted and demonstrated in America, but the reports available have been so scanty and vague that it is impossible to form any opinion as to the value of such treatment. It is undoubtedly drastic and has so far only been attempted in advanced cases of cancer.

I am pleased to learn that you have found our cancer booklet interesting. I am able to send you a copy of an oration by Professor Welsh of Sydney containing a good deal of information on Cancer. You might consult the librarian of the Medical Library at the Sydney University for permission to read any literature on Cancer.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

Flat 38, Oxford House,
360 Bourke St.,
Darlinghurst N.S.W.

16-5-'42

Executive Medical Officer,
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.

Dear Dr. Mackay:

Many thanks for your prompt reply of the 5th May. I was particularly interested to hear treatment by cold has been attempted in America. Would like to see similar experiments tried out here.

The copy of Professor Welsh's oration which you sent me (free...hooray!) was one of the most interesting and complete works on the subject I have yet read. Would like to see a similar booklet put into every letter-box in Australia. Free literature dealing with such a subject would form a booklet which, unlike most letter-box offerings, would not simply be used to fortify the rubbish-bin against the dampness of banana skins, etc.. But it needs to be a regular booklet (say, quarterly) concerned with progress, observations, etc....not just an isolated number. As is remarked in your booklet "What Every Adult..." Progress will be helped when the public comes forward for early examination and ceases to be held back, as at present, by ignorance---or a sense of shame.

But, though I think practically everybody would read free booklets, it's still an unsatisfactory world...millions of pounds being hauled out of the public's pockets in a few hours for War Funds, but one of the greatest enemies of all mankind still calmly ripping around without the public being willing to wage an all-in war against it. Ask 'em to give a bob to a Cancer-Research Fund, and at least half would hurry away, horrified or just disinterested. It's funny that the prospect of a Jap bomb seems more personal and more deadly.

Thanks again for your helpful letter. And here's wishing you luck with your wonderful work!

Sincerely,
Eve Merritt.

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Further correspondence
sent to Dr. Hinross

C.R. 2325

20th April, 1942.

Dr. C. E. Willing, M.B., B.S.,
WARRAGUL.

Dear Dr. Willing,

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly give me particulars of the pathologists examination of the gland which you excised from the neck of your patient, Mr. Archibald Munro, who is now at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

I should be glad to have the name of the pathologist who examined the section. I enclose stamped addressed envelope for the favour of your reply.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

W E S T

GIPPSLAND

HOSPITAL

PHONE: HOSPITAL 4
SUPT. & SECRETARY 126

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W A R R A G U L

21st April, 1942.

The Executive Medical Officer.
Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria.
C/- Royal Melbourne Hospital.
MELBOURNE. C. 1.

Dear Sir,

re Alexander Munro.

Dr. Willing has handed me your letter of the 20th inst., referring to the above-named patient and as requested I am enclosing herein Pathological Examination results, as advised by Drs. Lucy M. Bryce and March E. Avery.

I trust this will give you the information you require.

Yours faithfully,

A.F. PHILLIPS.
M A N A G E R .

Lucy M. Bryce
March E. Avery

Alcaston House
2 Collins Street C.1

HISTOLOGICAL REPORT FOR

Mr. Munro

Prepared by

Dr. Willing

Date 3.3.42

Nature of Investigation

Re-examination of Gland

REPORT:

After receiving further clinical notes the gland was re-examined and also submitted to Dr. Willis of the Alfred Hospital for his opinion. He considers the appearance to be more typical of Hodgkins disease than of Lymphosarcoma and in his opinion increase in fibrosis, associated with the types of cells present, occurs more frequently in Hodgkins Disease than in Lymphosarcoma.

Sgnd. March E. Avery.

2 Collins Street

C O P Y .

Melbourne. C. 1.

r. Lucy M. Bryce.
r. March E. Avery

Dear Dr. Willing,

The apparently unusual nature of the gland we were discussing on Sunday made me re-examine it when I returned to town on Monday, and I spoke to Dr. Willis of the Alfred Hospital about it. He very kindly looked at it for me. In his opinion the gland is more typical of Hodgkins Disease than of Lymphosarcoma, and he considers that the increase in fibrosis occurs more frequently in the former than in the latter condition.

There are areas of pleomorphism and some cells resembling polymorphs, while the giant cells represent are not typical Sternberg Reed such as occur often in Hodgkins Disease, they are of an unusually outstanding type.

Since Dr. Willis speaks from great experience in a difficult branch of pathology I am grateful for his interpretation of the microscopic appearance of the gland and after further study agree with the features he has stressed.

Dr. Willis also very kindly examined the gland from
Leonard Gourley.

I am enclosing reports on both glands.

I am
Yours truly,

SGD. March E. Avery.

C O P Y .

PATHOLOGICAL REPORT for

Mr. Munro.

Referred by The Superintendent, West Gippsland Hospital.

Nature of Investigation : Gland from neck ? lymphosarcoma.

REPORT:

Microscopically:

Gland about 2 by 1 by 0.75 c. in size, smooth on the surface, cream in colour with a few dark patches probably blood vessels.

On the cut surface it is cream in colour with one or two Yellow patches, fairly homogeneous, and somewhat translucent. The consistency of the gland could not be estimated as it was well fixed when received.

P. T. O.

COPY.

Microscopically :

Sections from this gland show no features suggesting lymphosarcoma, on the other hand there are many areas of degeneration whose appearance and distribution is similar to that seen in amyloid degeneration. Is there any region drained by these glands which is the sit of long standing infection?

(Signed) March E. Avery.

15th April, 1942.

Dr. Wm. H. Matheson, B.A., M.B., Ch.M.,
Alma Street,
ST. ARNAUD.

Dear Dr. Matheson,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire on cancer. My Council has realized that the financial problem, upon which you have laid stress, is usually of great importance to patients suffering from cancer. I am anxious to implement the policy of the Council by helping these patients in every possible way. Treatment by deep x-ray therapy has been concentrated in Melbourne, and we are, therefore, anxious to smooth the path of country patients as much as possible.

We can obtain railway passes from the Treasury, and we can also obtain accommodation in Melbourne for those who cannot make financial arrangements for themselves.

The question of invalid pensions is one which I am always stressing. The Commonwealth authorities are sympathetic towards cases of malignancy especially of an advanced character, and the pension may make a considerable difference to the home arrangements.

I shall be very pleased to help you at any time.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

12th March, 1942.

E. J. R. Taylor, Esq.,
Manager & Secretary,
MILDURA Base Hospital.

Re Mr. Holland

Filed under "H"

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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

C/o ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

Spring Street,

Melbourne, C.1.

9th March, 1942.

Dr. F. F. McMahon,
"Stretton",
LILYDALE.

Re Mr. T. THOMPSON

Filed under "T"

9th March, 1942.

Dr. C. S. Mallalieu, M.B., B.S.,

541 Mt. Alexander Rd.,

MOONEE PONDS.

Re Amy SWALLOW

Filed under "S"

9th March, 1942.

Dr. Archibald Macdonald, Jnr., M.B., Ch.B.,
Desailly Street,
SALE.

Dear Dr. Macdonald,

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

You state that you do experience difficulty in sending indigent patients who require radiotherapy to appropriate centres for treatment. I am very pleased to offer you the wholehearted co-operation of the services put at your disposal by my Council for this purpose. Kindly let me know when I can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM.BH

7th March, 1942.

Rev. H. G. Mackay,
Methodist Parsonage,
MOORCOOPNA.

Dear Mr. Mackay,

I am very pleased to send you six (6) additional booklets for distribution and am gratified that you think that the information will be of value to some of your parishioners.

My best wishes for your success in your final year of training at Queen's.

Yours sincerely,

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

CVM.BH

Methodist Parsonage,

Moosopua,

6:3:42.

Dr. S. V. Mackay.

Dear Sir,

I should like to acknowledge receipt of the book. Let us on cancer and also to ask for six additional copies for distribution by me. I am convinced that this excellent little book will prove of great value to those who have asked for a copy.

Naturally I was interested to hear of your past association with Hawaii. I have not yet finished my training there, and I am fortunate in being granted another year, in spite of the acute shortage of men, due mainly to chaplaincies and embassments.

Thanking you again,

Yours faithfully,
H. E. Mackay

5th March, 1942.

Dr. Arthur W. Morgan, M.B., Ch.B.,
Ryrie Street East,
GEELONG.

Dear Dr. Morgan,

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

Commonwealth radium has now been withdrawn from use in hospitals owing to the dangers of dispersal in bombing raids. Radon can, however, still be obtained and, as you are aware, its efficacy lasts about five days.

I was under the impression that a member of your hospital staff had received permission from the Commonwealth Department of Health to use radon at Geelong.

I should be very glad to assist you to obtain hospital beds in Melbourne for the treatment of indigent cancer patients.

I may be able to shorten the delay and to obtain priority for this type of case.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
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5th March, 1942.

Dr. Frederick G. Middleton, M.B., B.S.,
NHILL.

Dear Dr. Middleton,

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

I should be very glad to assist you in arranging for the treatment by radi-therapy of any patients who cannot afford ordinary medical fees.

The co-operation of the Almoners at Public Hospitals with my Council has enabled us to evolve a satisfactory scheme for railway fares, etc.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

23rd February, 1942.

Rev. H. G. Mackay,
Methodist Parsonage,
MOOROOPNA.

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to send you three (3) copies of our small booklet on cancer. Should you think it advisable to mention the subject to your congregation I should be glad to have the opportunity of forwarding additional copies for distribution by you.

My own three years at Queen's College are a very happy memory.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVH.BH

Methodist Parsonage,
Mooroopna,
20. 2. '42.



Queen's College
University of Melbourne
Carlton, V.3

Dear Sir,

Re the par. on cancer.
Information in yesterday's issue.
I should be glad to receive a
copy of the booklet, "What every
adult should know about cancer."

May I also ask for an
additional copy for my Mother
who is with me at present; but
who will shortly be returning to
Melbore.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. Mackay

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. J. T. Matthews, B.A., M.B., B.S.,
Stawell Road,
ARAHAT.

Dear Dr. Matthews,

Many thanks for your answers to our recent questionnaire. If the question of expense is likely to cause difficulty in obtaining treatment for a case of cancer, which you consider to be necessary, I should be pleased if you would inform me of the circumstances.

The Anti-Cancer Council has endeavoured to make the facilities for the treatment of the individual cancer patient as complete as possible.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
time Medical Officer

3rd March, 1942.

Dr. R. Munro, M.B., B.S.,
Fitzroy Street,
KERANG.

Dear Dr. Munro,

Many thanks for your replies to the questionnaire and also for your kind remarks concerning the manner in which cancer patients are treated at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The cancer almoner appointed about twelve months ago takes charge of travelling expenses, board, etc.

This is a definite advance.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

4th March, 1942.

Dr. Henry C. Maling, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.,
31 Gawler Street,
PORTLAND.

Dear Dr. Maling,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire.

If you require a complete investigation of a possible abdominal malignancy in a patient suspected of cancer, I would be very pleased to arrange for a railway pass to Melbourne and for free accommodation - should you consider this necessary - while the examination was being carried out. Please let me know whenever I can be of assistance to you.

The question of improvement in the facilities for "tissue examinations" is exercising my mind considerably. Many practitioners have written in a similar strain and it is evident that this is a real difficulty.

Yours sincerely,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

CVM,BH

4th March, 1942.

Dr. Alex. H. M. Maxwell,
Duncan Street,
BIRCHIP.

Dear Dr. Maxwell,

Many thanks for your replies to our recent questionnaire.

I shall be very pleased to give you every possible assistance to obtain satisfactory treatment for your cancer patients, especially for the indigent ones. Free railway passes to Melbourne can be arranged through the Treasury, and free accommodation arranged in Melbourne during out-patient treatment.

Your statement is all that is required. Kindly make use of our organization which is at your service should the necessity arise.

Yours faithfully,

C. V. MACKAY,
Executive Medical Officer.

VM.BH

21st February, 1942.

Mrs. R. F. Miller,
2a Lavidge Street,
HAWTHORN, E.2.

Dear Madam,

I am pleased to send you our booklet on cancer. Personally, I regard any abnormalities on the breast seriously, and I would, therefore, recommend you to seek medical advice about the spot near your nipple. You will probably be told that it is nothing and that will be all to the good.

In my opinion, always obtain advice concerning any lump or swelling in the breast as soon as possible. Life and happiness may depend on avoidance of delay in diagnosis and treatment.

Yours faithfully,

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

VM.BH

2a. Laidge St,
Hawthorn. E.2.

19th 2. '42.

Medical Officer,
R. A. C. Surgeons,
Spring St,
Melbourne.

Sir,

I shall be pleased to receive the booklet "What Every Adult Should Know About Cancer."

About 3 months ago a tiny red spot appeared on the brownish part of my breast. Although it is still very tiny, I do believe it has increased in size. Would you advise me to see my doctor? My age is 42 years.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Faithfully Yours,

(Mrs.) P. H. Miller.

20th February, 1942.

Mrs. J. Meier,
32 Essex Road,
SURREY HILLS, W.10.

Dear Mrs. Meier,

I am very pleased to send you our booklet on Cancer and to learn that you were one of our workers at the time of the big drive for funds for the Council.

It is most unlikely that the doctors at the public hospital which you attended last year were wrong in their diagnosis. As, however, you have a dull pain in the region of the breast I should advise you to attend your local medical practitioner at Surrey Hills or to attend one of the other public hospitals for diagnosis and treatment.

I may say with conviction that it is rare to have any pain associated with cancer of the breast.

If you require my assistance at a later date please let me know.

Yours faithfully,

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

CVM.BH

32 Essex Rd
Surrey Hill
E10

Dear Sir

Seeing your letter in the sun on Feb 19. I thought I would like to write to you for advice. Last year about this time of the year I had a lump in my right breast. It was very sore and inflamed. I attended one of our Public Hospitals they told me to go home and not worry about it. I then got a discharge from the nipple a thick reddish brown, this lasted for some time I went back to the hospital and was in hospital one night when examined next day was told the same, there was not any thing wrong with me. ~~The~~ By the way the lump had disappeared before the discharge appeared. That is all about 12 months ago but I still get a pain in my arm and a dull pain around the top of the breast between the breast & shoulder very often wake up with a dull feeling all around the breast although the discharge has not appeared for about 3 months now and there is not any ~~any~~ sign of a lump to my knowledge, I hope you will

mind my writing to you, as I have had
in my mind for some time to seek some
advice about it, at times my aron
is quite useless I love all pain to
hold any-thing I worked for the

Anti Cancer Council collecting the time
of the big done

so felt justified
in writing to you
Yours Faithfully

C.S.

My age is 42.

Mrs. J. Meier

Please send me your books on Cancer.

12th February, 1942.

J. D. Mackay, Esq.,
7 Esplanade,
WILLIAMSTOWN.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your enquiry of the 10th of this month I have pleasure in giving you the following information.

You may consult any one of the following specialists with complete confidence in their ability to diagnose and to treat the condition on your hand.

The names are as follows:

Dr. Kaye-Scott, 105 Collins Street. Telephone F 5415

Dr. F. G. Stephens, 12 Collins Street. " F 3829

Dr. John O'Sullivan, 49 Spring Street. " E 5866

Do not hesitate to be quite frank concerning your financial position and kindly inform me of the result of your visit.

Yours faithfully,

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

VM.BH

4 Esplanade
Williamstown

10-1-42

Dr. C. V. Mackay,

Dear Sir,

My wife having
been in communication with you per phone-
yesterday with reference to the mark on
my hand and as I think it advisable
to have advice thereon I shall be
glad to have the names of the
doctors most qualified on this
subject. I deeply appreciate the
trouble you are taking on my behalf.
Thanking you in anticipation

Yours faithfully
J. T. Mackay,