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WELSH BOARD OF HEALTH,
BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE,
19, NEWPORT ROAD,
CARDIFF.

24th July, 1944.

Dear Dr. Panton,

I was asked to see a case of delayed transfusion Jaundice today. The patient is a female age 50 years. She is most intensely jaundiced. On 25.4.44 she underwent an operation on the pelvic organs in a local Nursing Home. She was very anaemic before operation and as might have been expected, collapsed and almost died during the operation which was an extensive one. A bottle of reconstituted dried plasma was given by the surgeon. An hour later I was sent for urgently. The patient was then reviving and was given some 400 c.cm. of concentrated red cells (blood of two donors). Patient A.II and donors O.IV. On 28.4.44 a further 450 c.cm. concentrated red cells was given (blood of two Group A donors). This raised the haemoglobin to 94%. The patient was admitted to hospital on 20.7.44 for jaundice, pain in joints, headache, anorexia, etc. Today 24.7.44. the jaundice is very intense, but I am told is on the wane. The liver is palpable and tender. Hb = 102 per cent. Red cells 5,400,000. Icterus Index 140.

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Unfortunately the surgeon did not record the batch number of bottle of plasma. We have the identity of the donors. Do you want any blood from the patient. Also is it worth while our trying to contact the donors? They are apt to be a bit touchy when questioned.

Yours sincerely,

GRO-C: Drummond

Regional Blood Transfusion Officer.

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