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Date of Birth: Code A  
Date of admission to GWMH: **5th July 1993**  
Date and time of Death: **11.25 hours on 6th August 1993**  
Cause of Death:  
Post Mortem:  
Length of Stay: **32 days**

Mr Hall's past medical history:-

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## Officer's Report

Number: R7A

TO:  
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FROM: [Code A]  
STN/DEPT: MCIT, EREF:  
TEL/EXT:

SUBJECT: Charles Sydney HALL b. [Code A]

DATE: 28/10/2002

Sir,  
 visited Diane HARCOURT, at her home address, [Code A] in response to her letter dated 16/10/2002. This concerned her late father (details above) and the time he spent at the GWMH. Ms. HARCOURT will say that her father was a fit and active man. He had been a gunner in the Royal Artillery before leaving to become a diver's assistant and subsequently a publican. He had undergone surgery for poor circulation in his foot around 1978, whereby he had a new vein inserted into his leg. He suffered no further problems with his leg but was diagnosed as a 'late onset diabetic'

Mr. HALL was admitted to Royal Hospital Haslar some time around May/June 1993. This was due to him feeling unwell and being sick. He was diagnosed as suffering from a ruptured gall bladder, he underwent surgery for the removal of his gall bladder and the fitting of a colostomy bag. Mr HALL made a full recovery and was discharged from Haslar some three weeks later to the care of his family.

He then returned home ([Code A]) to be cared for by his wife [Code A].

At this point in time Mr. HALL was up and dressed every day, he never remain in bed and was recuperating well, however, his elderly wife had suffered as a result of all the stress and worry of his illness and his operation and it was suggested by the district nurse that Mr. HALL be admitted to the GWMH, in order for his wife to have some respite.

Mr. HALL was initially put into a ward on the first floor, Mrs. HARCOURT cannot recall the ward name.

She states that her father was up and dressed every day, he never remained in bed. He was unhappy with the fact that he had to return to hospital when there was nothing wrong with him. He was eating normally and generally moaning and being grumpy with the staff. He spent his time listening to music and studying the racing form in his daily paper. He was in full use of all his faculties.

At this time he had a small bed sore on the heel of his foot but this did not cause him any real discomfort and to her knowledge he didn't require any special treatment for it.

Mrs. HARCOURT states that had her father been in pain then he would have moaned about it and everyone would have been aware of it.

Approximately a week later, her father was moved to Dryad Ward on the ground floor so that he could access the garden area.

Mrs. HARCOURT believed that her father was being moved so that he could receive some rehabilitation type care. She states that when he was admitted to the ward, he was dressed and fully mobile.

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Mrs. HARCOURT has given the following information in relation to the last week of her fathers life. Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1993 (01/08/1993). Mrs HARCOURT visited her father, he was sat in the day room listening to music on the radio, he was fully clothed in his suit. He told her that he didn't like it in the new ward and that he'd been dreaming about rabbits.

Mrs.HARCOURT spoke to a nurse about her father because she thought that he had not been taking his diabetic medication. The nurse informed her that Mr. HALL had 'kidney problems' and this was the reason for him appearing strange.

On Mrs.HARCOURT's next visit she was called in to the nurses office and asked if they could put her father on Morphine, when she asked why she was told that it would make him more comfortable. She states that she was told that Dr BARTON had said that she wanted him on Morphine.

Mrs. HARCOURT refused to give her consent and suggested that they ask her mother, who was his legal next of kin. At the time of this visit her father was up, dressed and appeared well.

Mrs.HARCOURT states that her father never complained to her or her mother of any pain.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1993 (05/08/1993)

Mrs.HARCOURT visited her father with her husband. Mr. HALL was in bed and was able to have a normal conversation with them. She did not notice any sort of apparatus around her father which could have been used for administering drugs.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1993 (06/08/1993)

Mr. HALL was visited around 0900/1000 hrs by his wife and a neighbour. He was described as sleeping peacefully.

Around midday, the hospital contacted Mrs. HARCOURT to inform her that her father had died.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1993 (09/08/1993)

Mrs HARCOURT took her mother to the GWMH in order to collect her fathers belongings and his death certificate.

They were concerned and distressed to see that the cause of death had been given as Bronchopneumonia and Senile Dementia. The certificate was certified by Dr.BARTON.

Mrs. HARCOURT states that her father never displayed any symptoms of dementia nor was it ever discussed with her family whilst he was in hospital.

She was also concerned that there was nothing that related to her fathers 'kidney problem'.

She states that her family didn't want to query the certificate because her mother was extremely upset and as she said 'it wouldn't bring him back'

Mr. HALL was cremated in accordance with his long held wishes, there was no post mortem.

Mr.HALL's GP was Dr. LYNCH, Stakes Rd Surgery, Gosport.



# Expert Review

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