



# **EUPHEMIA**

# **SKEENS**

## DOCUMENT RECORD PRINT

## Officer's Report

Number: R8T

TO:  
STN/DEPT:

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FROM: [Code A]  
STN/DEPT: MCD WREF:  
TEL/EXT:

SUBJECT: OPERATION ROCHESTER

DATE: 29/06/2004

Sir

On Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2004 (29/06/2004) I visited Alan E McLEAN-SKEENS [Code A] on the S [Code A]. Mr McLEAN-SKEENS is the son of Euphemia Brown Caulder SKEENS Nee McLEAN who was born on 08/06/1908 and died at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 29/10/1995. Euphemia SKEENS was a patient whose medical records were dip-sampled by Professor BAKER whilst compiling his report.

These records have been examined by the Operation Rochester Clinical Team and given a score of 2A.

Mr. McLEAN-SKEENS' recollection of the events leading up to his mother's death is scanty and he is unable to remember dates or years, however he states that;

His mother lived alone at [Code A]. After the death of her husband, she had become housebound as she did not want to leave the house without him. [Code A] taken to the Queen Alexandra Hospital for assessment. Mrs. SKEENS remained at this hospital for about one or two weeks during which time she did not receive any physiotherapy and all food was liquidised. Mr. McLEAN-SKEENS spoke to the staff at this hospital as she was not receiving any fluid other than her liquidised meals. He was told that she could not be given anything else orally as she had a 'small swallow'. Mr. McLEAN-SKEENS explained that she had always had a small swallow and could not even take a tablet without it first being crushed up. He also insisted that she was given at least a small drop of water to moisten her mouth.

Mrs. SKEENS was then moved to the Gosport War Memorial Hospital where she again remained for one to two weeks before she died on 29<sup>th</sup> October 1995 (29/10/1995).

On visiting his mother at the Gosport War Memorial Hospital he noticed that she was [Code A] [Code A], her whole body would contract into a tight ball. [Code A]

# Code A

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He spoke to a female consultant that he describes as being about 40 years of age and 5'9" tall who asked him what he wanted done for his mother. Mr. McLEAN-SKEENS stated that he wanted his mother to be made more comfortable and to have some dignity.

**Code A**

Mr. McLEAN-SKEENS received a telephone call the next morning to state that his mother had passed away during the night. He cannot remember the cause of death given on the death certificate but his mother was cremated at Portchester Crematorium.

**Code A**

Although Mr. McLEAN-SKEENS was not satisfied with the treatment that his mother received at either hospital he was pleased that she was 'put out of her misery'.

**Code A**

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Mr. McLEAN-SKEENS had not particularly wanted this matter investigated but as it has been he would like to receive the bulletins/letters but has declined the assistance of Victim Support. He has also been given a business card with Operation Rochester contact numbers as well as my mobile phone number.

I have advised him that his mother's case was being inspected/quality assured on a medico legal basis and hopefully he will have a result in a couple of weeks. He has also been advised that should the Police not progress this case any further then he would have the option of going to one of the regulatory bodies. He stated that this was extremely unlikely.



# EUPHEMIA SKEENS

## **Euphenia Skeens**

Date of Birth: **8th June 1908** Age: **87**

Date of Admission to GWMH: **20th October 1995**

Date and time of Death: **22.40 hours on 29th October 1995**

Cause of Death:

Post Mortem: **Cremation**

Length of Stay: **9 days**

Mrs Skeens had no major past medical history to report.

**Code A**

## **Daily summary**

**20th October 1995**

**Code A**

21st October 1995

Code A

23rd October 1995

**Code A**

24th October 1995

**Code A**

25th October 1995

**Code A**

26th October 1995

**Code A**

27th October 1995

**Code A**

28th October 1995

**Code A**

29th October 1995

**Code A**

30th October 1995

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# Expert Review

**Euphemia Skeens**

**No. BJC/69**

**Date of Birth: 8 June 1908**

**Date of Death: 29 October 1995**

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**Code A**

