

DEPARTMENT OF
NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

Memorandum:

Dec. 22, 1954.

Dr. Kay,

Would you kindly advise me re the
attached inquiry, and also return Mr.
Davies' letter for reply.

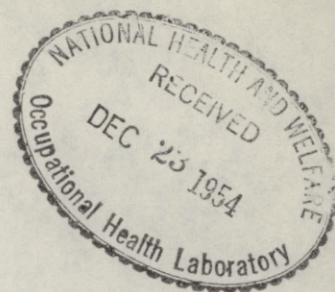
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Ottawa, Ont.,
20 Dec. 1954.

Dr. E.A. Watkinson,
Chief, Occupational Health Division,
Dept. of Health and Welfare,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

We have received enquiries from our operational research group at Edmonton concerning tests of arsenic concentrations in the snow in the Yellow-Knife neighbourhood.

It is feared that mild arsenic poisoning might occur if local snow or ice were used as a source of drinking water for the troops.

Would you be kind enough to let us have any information concerning tests of the snow in this area?

Yours truly,

G. K. Daines

for Chairman, Defence Research Board.