


Saskatoon, Feb 13, 1963.

Dear folks:



Tamer had his surgery yesterday at 11:30 and is doing well as can be expected. It was a big operation as they found an obstruction in the duodenum where the common duct adjoins the small intestine causing a blockage of the common duct. The common duct was transplanted lower down to the duodenum thus allowing free bile drainage. Now the jaundice will clear, and the liver too will have a chance to heal with the bile going the right way. But the obstruction found is a small tumor which they think is malignant, altho they feel it is localized and are quite sure the liver (tho diseased) is not affected. The Dr says as soon as Tamer is well enough (3 weeks or so) he will require major surgery - which means removing part of the pancreas.

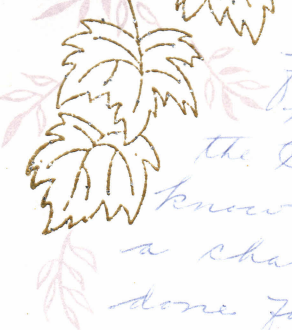
and stomach with the pain
of course, doesn't know how
The first words he spoke, shortly after
coming to his room were "Did they
find any stones?" The nurse doesn't
know yet, so when the Mr. came
a little later he asked him & the Mr.
said, "yes, we found the obstruction
and now the jaundice will clear.
You're going to be fine." James was
overjoyed and kept repeating he was
so happy and now he'd soon be
well and could go home. It's going
to be hard when he has to be told.

The Dr. (Mc Donald) wants to tell him in
a day or two if he is strong enough.
We do need to continue much in
prayer - God can still intervene
for strength and grace and courage.

James is a wonderful patient
(and husband) and has certainly taken
all these things as a good soldier.


The Mr. says he is fortunate, in a way.

that the tumor is located where
it is, and caused the
quintined condition so it
was discovered in time.



The Drs. were shocked to
find this tumor as it had
not shown up in any of
the X-rays, but now they
know the trouble and there is
a chance something can be
done for him. James has
gone thru' so much already,
and the thought of still more
surgery is hard. If only he might
have been spared this. We have
a wonderful God - one who is
almighty and still able to perform
miracles. We ask you to join us
in praying for complete healing
according to His will.

~~before the time, as the tumor could~~



and been beyond it if it hadn't been what it was. But with all the jaundice they knew there must be an obstruction of some kind blocking the flow of bile, so this was what they were looking for, although nothing showed up on X-rays, and they hoped it was a stone that could have been removed. They were unprepared and quite shocked to find what they did. So they did all they knew he could stand for the present. Now the doctors know his trouble and there is a chance something can be done about it.