

GUTHRIE CLINIC  
ROBERT PACKER HOSPITAL  
SAYRE, PENNSYLVANIA

SURGICAL SECTION  
OF  
DR. DONALD GUTHRIE

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Dear Fred:

When I wired you, your most cordial and thoughtful letter of May 20th was misplaced and I could not find it. Sam Pryor sent one of the large Pan American planes to Rochester and we made a record run from Rochester in three hours and ten minutes. Since that time I have been gaining in strength and some weight. I developed a severe ileus after Howdie Gray resected my stomach and for thirteen days was fed entirely by the intravenous route, but that is a thing of the past -- my appetite has returned and my strength is improving each day.

Our good friend, Bob, has reported to me the rough time that you have had. I am so happy that you are better and I shall try to be on hand when you are inducted as President of the American College of Surgeons.

Poor Harold Foss was operated upon for common duct stones and took the bed that I vacated. I understand that he is coming through very well.

Jerry and I send our best love to dear Edith. We have never forgotten our most enjoyable visit with you when you took us to the Derby.

My very best to you both.

Sincerely yours,



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