

8th Sept., 1969.

My dear Janu & Karp & Ulla.

I have just come out of Hospital after many X-rays-tests etc and they have ascertained that I have a stone in my kidney. They, the Quacks are happy at being able to locate the source of my problem - but I am terrified at the prospect of an operation.

One reads of very successful operations - heart-transplants etc it should fill one with confidence but I think I belong to the people. I am scared. Not scared in a conventional way - but at the outcome. Will I be well enough to cope with my children. I must be - for MD depends on me.

In his last letter he writes: -

"Your health has been a matter on my mind quite often. Though I am not with you it worries me - more so because of my absence. I don't know how urgent the operation is or whether it is absolutely essential. Do inform me of these aspects. Naturally, if advisable, I would prefer it to be delayed until I am home. But, of course, not if it entailed any risk to you. Your absence from home (while in hospital) while I am away will not be so good for the kids - especially for Sha - as you have already found. All this is very disturbing. And I lean on you as much as the kids do."

Jana, I go into Hospital on the 11/9/69 and will be operated on the 12/9. All being well - I'll be home on the 22/9. Keep your fingers crossed for me - and as soon as I am well - I'll write.

My doctor, the Specialist, are attending to me free of charge. I will only be required to pay Hospital fees of £251 but already my friends here, assure me that I am not to worry on that score. - You too don't. My other problem of course has reared its head once more - my job will be no more when I return as my employer must have a secretary.

If you remember I told you of the attempt my brother made on his life - He lives at Stanger <sup>(40 miles)</sup> & has been overworked - If all his problems are settled at the end of this month - I am thinking of going to work for him - This will mean an application to the Minister to leave Durbam to go to Stanger - it will mean banning (restriction) to Stanger area which is a tiny village. Still I'll be helping him & I should earn enough to live on. But as you know the Minister can say NO - he has done so in the past. Still we'll face all these problems as soon as the operation is over.

The children are very well. Subhan  
 thanks you for the stamps on your  
 U.S. cards - he has started collectip  
 not in proper fashion but in a  
 scrap book - So if you can  
 let him have any stamps from  
 the European Continent etc. he'll be  
 glad of it - DONT BUY THEM.  
 Sha is well as can be - but this  
 separation worries me - he usually  
 reacts badly. My sister-in-law will  
 stay here during the day & my brother  
 at night. I have a big family but  
 they have their homes & problems.  
 Of course M.D's family does not  
 exist except in name & when he is  
 around I see them. But we will  
 manage, the neighbours are good  
 tho' very scared to be involved in  
 my problems.

Thank you for all your love &  
 care for us. My only prayer is that  
 I shall be able to repay all your  
 love done & continue to do for us.  
 My dears, if aught should happen  
 to me, please check to see that  
 my children keep well for M.D.

All my love

Phyllis

8/9/69.

My dear Lily & Ian,

Got yours on 2/9/69. Also  
the jigsaw puzzle - what a fascinating  
puzzle. Thank you.

I passed my Law Exams (Practic)  
Now the Nov. Exams - & Afrikaans  
for Admission.

Yes Die head from Ulla. She is  
going to have a baby & is thrilled to  
bits. The Swedish friends are helping  
me per month in the sum of R34.00  
until I am able to cope. That  
cannot be too soon for me.

I go into hospital again as the quacks  
are now sure that I have a stone  
in the kidney which is to be removed  
on Friday 12/9. I should be away  
for 2 weeks - My brother is going  
to look after the children. But for

the 1st time in my life I'm afraid.  
Not at the outcome - but that I maybe  
too ill to cope thereafter - God forbid.  
May I deal with Anlooker when I return.  
Everything is in shambles - I'm trying  
to organise the house before I go.  
Order meat, eggs bread milk - You  
know the usual.

Please keep in touch -

Much love to you two

Photos please:

Phyllis

2/8/69.

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My dear Jana,

Thank you for  
your letter. I am earning £20.00  
or R40.00. I shall be able  
to manage on another £20.00.  
But please regard this  
as a loan to me. I shall  
pay this as soon as I  
can. I am hoping to get  
clothes on terms 90 days &  
sell these to make out &  
if this pays I shall pay  
back - In the meantime  
I send you my love - &  
to Ralph & friends for your  
concern for us & a  
letter from M.D. which  
you can keep or let others  
read

Love  
Write on 19th - Keep your fingers  
crossed for me  
P. S. -