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Dr. James Gaume
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Dear Dr. Gaume,

My sister in Arkansas sent this clipping to me. My son, Gordon Dee Sykes, is in the VA Hospital in Long Beach; was in auto accident near Taft, Ca., Sept. 3, of this year and it broke his neck and he is paralyzed from the neck down. I have sent him the original item from the paper; it is bound to encourage him and give him more hope of living a more normal life. He is 21 years old and had 10 months to go before being out of the Navy...was en route to a gunnery school in San Diego from his ship, the USS PYRO, stationed at Mare Island north of San Francisco.

If you have any more information about the progress in this field of medical science, will you please write me about it?

Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. D. Sykes

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