

Massive Bleeding Ulcer Endangers Allen Rock

Allen Rock of Point Hope was hospitalized late last week at the PHS Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage after suffering from a bleeding ulcer that endangered his life.

Rev. Don Hart, Episcopal chaplain for the Anchorage hospital, said he was called into the medical center during the operation on Rock.

"They were very worried for a while that he might not make it," said Rev. Hart this week in Fairbanks. "He lost a lot of blood and they had to give him 20 pints of blood transfusion. I was told later, however, that Allen would do alright."

"I saw him later," he added, "as he was coming out of the drugs. He was around enough to

say 'hello.' "

Rock had been working at the Naval installation at Cape Lisburne when he was stricken. He works as cement finisher on constructions. He also operates a lodge at Point Hope which he and his wife Frances own.

He is also one of the leading whalers at his village. During the last spring whaling season, he caught two bowhead whales each weighing about 29 tons. In 1961 season, Rock caught a 60 ton whale, one of the largest ever caught at Point Hope.

Allen Rock is the brother of Howard Rock, editor of the Tundra Times.

Sons are the anchors of a mother's life.
—Sophocles