

Sept. 7-19-42

9-p-m

Dear James -

I receive your letter two week ago. Certion was glad to hear from you. We are all doing just fine and enjoy the best of health. I wrote two letter before I went to church tonight and came back and though I ans yours. We had a letter from Charles the follow week I wrote you. He said he was asked for the east coast, think he will get few day home. Alvin said wasn't any chance for him coming home any time soon. He went to San Antonio one Sunday, on the way way back they has a crash, the gas gave out. He said he did not have time to look <sup>for</sup> you. But next time he would.

Nell Lois and Ellen came for a while Sunday night. Drey and Doughes family came by here two week ago stay a while, the certion do look well. I guess you heard about Elmer bad luck, like to have lost their home by fire. Kathryn is take a business course. She think of going in training for a nurse. Jessie and Marthen start to school last Monday and like it fine. I certion glad that you are have a happy <sup>life</sup> for men at you ago to see. I am inson like

better this year than I ever ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> for we all  
go to church twice a day on Sunday.  
No drinking for eight months. He is doing  
well and teaches 13 <sup>of</sup> boys to say and tell the  
truth he only brother knew you have that  
does Christian work, believe me he knows how.  
I call up home <sup>to</sup> see how every body was  
He said he was just fine jolly as ever  
I do know that you miss your wife bad.  
You will have more to write after war  
is over I hope it won't be long.  
Your picture certainly good of you. You look  
happier than you ever ~~have~~ been.  
Mary came for a few days but never did  
come ~~to~~ see me. But who care I don't.  
Say I let Lois read the letter I got from you  
about the insurance. She said she <sup>did</sup> not get  
your letter I guess that what she mean  
I have plan to spend Sat. with her and find  
out what she mean about the letter and I'll  
write late on. and I tell you.  
I do hope they will get Watson in army it will be  
man out of him. I have been to see Alfred twice  
but he was off. He start two children Monday.  
I guess he doing alright so far.  
Well my news is run out and excuse write and  
mistake  
The world will pray for  
peace Sept 9.  
With love  
D. Jones

10 Aug 43

353 Ironwood Ave.  
Clarksville, Tenn.  
Sept. 7, 1942

Dear Jim,

Your letter was indeed a pleasure. I was not surprised at you being in the army, but a sergeant, I still associate that title with a fellow that "fauls" a fellow out. It is just a little hard to imagine the Sage of Dead Horse Branch as a Hard Bailed Army man. As for knowing you I think it would take more than Uncle Sam has done to hide your identity. I have your fingerprints stamped indelibly on my soul, or as an old friend of mine, I used to haul logs with, said to me one time, "Boy I would know your hide in a ten-yard".

The two writers you spoke of in Clarksville, were they the Tates? They have rebuilt an old brick house just across the river at the end of the highway bridge. It looks good from the outside. Was the bridge there when you were in Clarksville? Were the Tates living there when you were here, they do not live here now but the house belongs to them.

Wednesday I am supposed to go to the first teacher's meeting for this year. School starts Thursday. Another 9 months grumble if Uncle Sam doesn't get me.

With best wishes I am

Your friend,  
Phil

151 East 21st Street,  
New York, N. Y.  
September 8, 1942

Jim! Jim!

To think I missed you! I can't begin to tell you how it hurt to come from two days in the country (my first time outside of New York since Yaddo) and find the notice. At times I can't believe it, then the realization comes that it is one of those combinations of fate that serves to keep you from the thing for which you most wished.

The message came after I had left for Long Island on Saturday - probably two hours afterwards. I was in the country where there was no telephone and, as there was no one in my house, there was no one even to try to forward word to me. To come in and find the notice and to hope against hope that still I could contact you was a hard thing and I grieved. I rushed to a telephone and called the Information Booth, the Martinique, (hoping by some chance you might have been there) and the Western Union again - but no word. Was eager for word from you in this morning's mail so that this letter could be sent in a direct line instead of by the roundabout way through Texas. Yet, here it goes, to tell you how bitterly sorry I am that I could not see you.

And now where are you, Jim? I can only guess. I'm defeated in not seeing you - and there's so little can be done about it. Even ten minutes might have sufficed. But no - I had to be away. I'll write you of the week-end later. It was rich and healthful, yet to me it's turned out to be just a time that has kept me from seeing you.

Write soon, Jim. May you safely cross.

My love to you,

Pan

Dear Jim Deke is a genuine duck! with the army on hand!

Monday night  
Sept 14, 1941

Dear James,

I received your letter to-day, I was pleased to see the fact  
I know you care a lot - and I stop at that if you get  
what you are worth if you are paid at the right marks;

I have the document for boys & girls & records, -  
something of course to do with some thing  
about a 3rd class of first but I was beginning to learn a  
little more, I hope!

Do you remember old Dabson, Will boy; well he was in  
the army & came home & was sent off back, his road had  
at last his mind to go back, he took the money &  
went home & bought a pistol & killed himself  
oh yes! Willie figure is going to be a day at school &  
mean books - she's going to learn Bill!

I'd give any thing if I could be with you, you don't know I  
felt when you are left me at St. Johns, it was worse than  
when I first left home,

I don't really think I'll be from home, it's long for  
fact to say, I feel like I'm doing something, I mean  
something, I'll be home in a while; I love you from Jim Deke

College of Engineering

Tuesday 6 PM Sept. 15.

Dear Jim -

Sorry I have been so long but it seems like I can't get settled down at times to do any writing. I have been busy in the office since Corbin went to the Army getting the new clerk straightened out on the job. Corbin is now at Fort Sam Houston Texas. I had a letter from him yesterday and he is in the medical corps.

Everything is going very well here. Activity seems to be in a lull. Cars on the road are diminishing at a tremendous rate. Gasoline is soon to be rationed, and meat and food is becoming hard to get. We went to Woodrow's Sunday and had dinner. All getting along fine.

You asked about Delzie Gayheart and how he got killed. I thought I told you about him in a letter some time ago. Delzie was killed at the Blue Moon on top of Hill at head of Jones' Troop. Some of his enemies shot him from ambush after dark as he came out of the dance hall to lock his car. Evidently he was staying there at night. We was shot with a shot gun that contained buck shot. Nobody has been arrested as yet for killing him. An F. B. I. man has been working on the case but has not made any arrests yet. It looks like a hard case to solve.

Billard (Frank) Gayheart came in the office to see me twice while here. The Army has certainly changed him. He gave good reports about you and seemed to think there was nobody like you.

I should be going along very nicely with Miss Brown at the helm. The other teachers are Miss Swiggall, Miss Bailey, Pearl Lamb, Cordell Martin, Hubbard Martin and a new one a day. We have no opposition in the board hall as yet but rumors are that we will have.

Morris and Roma are O. K. with Roma now getting her last apples put away for the winter. Lots of things canned up. Hope this letter gets to you before you sail.

With best of luck to you and a safe and pleasant trip across.

As ever yours  
Jetro and family

Bath N.Y.  
Sept 22 1942

Hello Jim

This leaves us all well as usual. I am going to school ~~every~~ every day tips very well making pretty good but not nothing to brag about. Earl has been gone ever since first of July, he is at Portsmouth & a working in a defense factory making about ~~\$125~~ \$25. a month says he likes fine he is coming home in a few days to stay a week.

It is getting cold here now got to keep a fire, the flowers is all about shedded their bloom. Gethro hasn't been over in a long time now. Elmer is in little Rock Ark. piping fine he says. Mel had a letter from Don she was hoping it would had because she was out of town. Jimmie is going to school every day and making a I guess I better close this temporarily until the next time. Love

Dear Uncle Jim  
I'm going to school  
now and have  
no time.  
How are you now?  
Love,

Mae Mavie



I weight 1 12 lb.

Gadsden Ala

Sept 22, 1942

Dearest James

In answer to your letter we received also the post card they were interesting Douglas sure enjoy getting them. We both work regularly 5 1/2 days a week. We are awfully blue the 21 of this month was <sup>Feburary</sup> Durrell birth day he would have been eighteen. The 26 of <sup>Feburary</sup> Hoyle would be twenty and Douglas wants to join up with the Army because the boys are gone and Barnes will be reinstated in this war he's afraid. Peanut boy friend is in the Army. J. L. Brown his station at Red Bank New Jersey. We sure miss him he's only eighteen and he volunteered. James Bob and Allen are coming soon. We don't ever see Mary and Comer with out we go over there and carry them to get groceries each Sat. after noon. My S. S. Adams met here with me Friday evening we sure enjoyed it. Mrs Cook that lives next door baby Sunday after noon

it was only three days old. James & I happened to go out to see how they were the baby were lying on a bed to its self. I walked up to see how it was sleeping I noticed it was having convulsions I didn't say anything just told the mother and father I would be back in a minute I came home called our Dr at once then went back out there I didn't tell them anything about it so in twenty minutes Dr was out but I ask them if I could take the baby up they told me yes so well I raised the baby up to my breast this little fellow I caught its breath as soon as Dr came in he turned to me and says my name Barnes I'm so glad you called me when you did for may be he has a chance I was so sorry for them. Billie Barnes will take his final ex in Fort McKee in at least - 23. James when you get back home again I'll divide my canned vegetables and fruits with you I'm really con this summer.

I don't ever hear from home, Mr  
Bud O'neal gotten killed by a train  
a week ago one of our neighbors. I  
guess you heard about Ellice House  
burning down almost I sent her several  
pics. We are going to starting painting  
our Illinois and old and ends this  
week. The children are all in school  
Pearl is manager of the Birmingham  
part of course after school and Sat.  
The children sure has grown lately.  
Pearl can wear his daddy clothes and  
shoes. Louise can wear my clothes  
Barbara she is growing strait up.  
James please write often as Douglas  
and self wants to hear from you even  
if its only a line or two. Cousin  
address is 918 Spruce St. Ann Arund  
I didn't write before now. We are  
having real cold nights and hot  
days. Write soon lots of love  
James the father away my loves, are  
the more I longed to see them but  
may god keep you well and strong  
and guide you each day and bring  
you back safely back to us. Love again  
you Sid

GUY LOOMIS

P. O. BOX 98

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Sept. 29th-42

My dear Jimmie

A long way for a letter to go to go down to Miami and then back to N.J. in order to reach you. Your postal came postmarked Trenton N.J. <sup>two</sup> weeks ago (and am wondering if they have started you off to "furrin parts". Drop the enclosed card if you get this letting me know you are O.K. Kate Loomis had to undergo an operation around her throat but is O.K. and will soon be out of the hospital. First real cold weather hit us today and the thermom got down around 40. But guess it will soon be with us in earnest. No news but am O.K. and trying to keep so. But with the changes in temperature it is some job. Dodgers went down and the Cardinals won the pennant. But they won it by only two games in 154 played, for the season. Hope you are "Quite Fit" as the englishman man said/

Affectionately  
