

918 Spruce St.
Gadsden, Ala.
Monday Feb 1, 1943
12³⁰ P.M.

Dear Jim,

I have been expecting a letter from you for a good many days now.

I suppose you got to see the president; or did you? I imagine he was quite a pepper upper, when he appeared so unexpectedly. I imagine anyone fresh from the States has a tendency to be like a new toy a kid has just received.

How are you making out this time of year? Have you been in any excitement lately?

If and when the allies take Tunisia, will you get to come home.

or will you have to stay over there,
until all is over?

I was hoping that you would get
to come home some time soon.

We played Golf yesterday, Doug, Mary
and I. Then we went to Inez for
supper. Wish you could have been
there with us.

I am working only six days now.
I haven't heard from any of the
folks recently. I am going to write
Papa, Lois + Louie Tomorrow.

I am keeping up with the news
as much as possible especially The
African Campaign.

~~The~~^{Here} hoping you get to come
home soon

your Bud
Comer.

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BRYANT 9-8200

February 1, 1943

Dear Sgt. Still:

The editors liked "School Butter" very much but feel that it is too regional in content and tone for The New Yorker. Could we be of any help to you in placing it with some other magazine-- The Atlantic or Harper's, for example? It seems a considerable waste of time to send it to you in Africa and perhaps risk the loss of the manuscript. I am holding it here until we hear from you.

Sincerely,

William Maxwell

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S/Sgt. James Still, 35133320
Hq & Hq Sq, 8th ADG AAF
A.P.O. Box #625
c/o Postmaster
Miami
Florida

Mr Roberts

Feb 14 = 43

Dear Jim, we sure was glad
hear from you we thought you
had forgatten us glad you like
it when the snow & wind comes together
so much, I think I would like the heat
much better would love to be there
just a little while to see ever thing.

Ruth & Ruby doing fine.

Carl is in school this year doing fine
Gouldine is in Delaware working in
defunct plant she makes \$36 a week
been there 4 months.

I have the baby, we dont know any
thing about Smokey, Kathrin works
in the co store here.

Ordo is nurses training at Nashville
Tenn, she went in Sept she weighs
142, I'm crazy about her work.

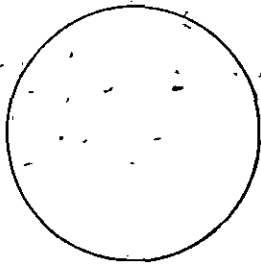
The Rock Players said give you there
best Regards, I haven't been over home
since you were hear last going Rita
a way, hope you get plenty to eat
Please write afters friend
Mint

Dear Mr Still Will answer your
letter Just Received sure were glad
to here from you and to know that
you were all well and getting along so
well we have not had so much
winter yet but may have winter yet
well the mines are working good
here now Corie is still working
here yet dont know how soon he
will have to go to the army we
are lining pretty well but you
know that we are all buying 10%
of our earning is war bonds and
also buying victory Tot 5% but you
know that is one way that we can
help you all in the army and
we are all going to help any way
and every way we can Masons and
John Spertman and Arnel Amfury
are working with me now I go
over on the farm once and while
but I stay with Melvin Simon
are lameed they are all getting
along all right and also Jethers
they dont come up very often
you know I am bad writer so
try if you can write us often
your loving friend

Woodrow Amfury

Mc Roberts Key
Box 319

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SGT. JAMES STILL, 35133320

Hq. & Hq. Sq., 8th ADG

APO Box 3030

9^o POSTMASTER.

MIAMI, FLORIDA

D. M. KOHLER

(Sender's name)

BLACKSBURG

(Sender's address)

VIRGINIA

4 FEBRUARY, 1943

(Date)

Dear James,

How are you — wherever you are? Won't you do me a great favor? Please write and say whether you have ever got any of my letters. After all, I haven't heard from you directly since you were in Texas!

Signs of spring appear regularly. One week I am tempted to plant my fava beans and carrots; the next we shiver in a near blizzard. I intend to get my garden planted, though I may not get to harvest. The Navy definitely is not interested in me. I wait now to see what the draft board will do. It seems certain I will either be taken or rejected by fall. I shall be glad to have the business settled.

I have garnered two anecdotes that I'll save to pass on to you when you are back writing at Dead Mare Branch again. One is rural comedy over canned tomatoes entered by rural farm wives at the county fair; the other a fantastic yarn about a man who sweated only on the back of his neck.

Speaking of literary matters, Miss Porter's novel has been postponed a fourth time. It is now expected in May. Have you heard from her? I sent her your address as given by the hickory postmaster.

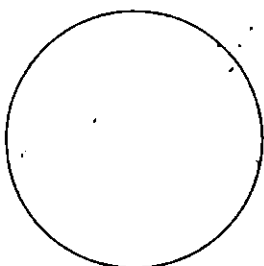
Is there anything I can send you under the new regulations? If so, let me know. And please, this time, let me know whether you have been receiving my letters. Best of luck.

Sincerely,
Dayton

V...-MAIL

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Miami, Florida

G. E. Antley
(Sender's name)
Forest, Miss.
(Sender's address)
U. S. A.
(Date)

10 Aug 43

February 5, 1943

Dear Friend,

Pleased to hear from you and to know that part of that eternal longing in your eyes is being fulfilled. Often have I thought of you and last evening the thought, River of Life, sprang up and this morning your letter came. What we need to know I believe we will find it in the back of Job, especially the last two Chapters. Perhaps even now you have found what the Knights of old longed to find as they searched for the Holy Grail.

That boy is wanting to be a Flying Tiger or something similar.

Just go on til you reach the mountain height and catch the gleam of glory bright.

Ever yours sincerely,

G. E. Antley
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V...-MAIL

Badaden, Ala.

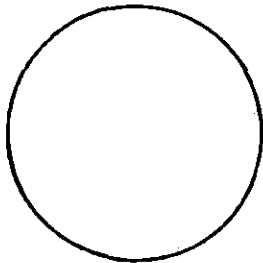
Feb. 6. 1948.

Dear Jimmie. We are O.K. sure hope these few lines find you feeling good and enjoying your self. We are having plenty of rain but to-day the wind is blowing hard reminds me of the S. march wind. We are still at work. I went to a store shower this after noon. Louise is in high school now she is in the band so we went to the concert last night they were really good. but how it rained. James I know you can't realize that I am growing in size as I'll gain a lot. This

children sure has grown,
and have made pretty grit
and Pearl he's a handsome
boy he get's more like Row
every day. He wants to enter
in a military school next
year. The latest news is Doug
and me working out our income
you see the smallest figures
is our two hundred dollars.
we want to go down home the
last of this month around the
22 or 26 of this month as
those days are Hoyle and Lou
mother birthday. Write of Tom
as we like to hear from you.
I haven't saw Corner family this
week. they taken supper with
us last Sunday nite. Love, Dora.

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C. M. Standish
(Sender's name)

Hindman
(Sender's address)

Kentucky

Feb. 8, 1943

(Date)

Dear Mr. Still,

I have been able to keep in touch with you from time to time thru your letters to Jethro.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Loomis willingly provided a filing cabinet for your papers. Of course it is of wood, fireproofed, but looks like a steel one. It has four drawers which I shall use for a vertical file at present. I am very glad to have it. Miss Watts has given me the privilege of spending \$100 for new books. You can imagine how glad I am to select them.

I had not spent a night away from Hindman since my arrival in August until last weekend when I went to Berea to a conference on The Church and World Order. Morris Mitchell and Haridas Muzumdar were the chief speakers. I went on Marie's recommendation and found that her judgment was correct, as usual. She came in while I was there, so we had some good talks.

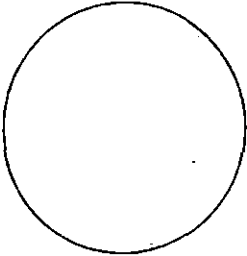
Eastover has its third housemother this year. She says she intends to finish the year. We hope she will. No regular dietitian since before Xmas, but Emerson is doing very well.

V---MAIL

All good wishes,
Clara Standish

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(Sender's address)

BROOKLYN N.Y --U.S.A.

(Date)

FEB. 11th 43

My dear Jimmie

Your letter # 2 reached me safely. Miss Mount investigated the book of which you wrote and will write you shortly. They are up to their necks WITH INCOME TAX MATTERS AND ARE GOING AROUND IN CIRCLES. BUT SHE THINKS DAYLIGHT WILL SOON APPEAR. AND WILL THEN ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS. SORRY WHERE IS NO NEWS OF ANY CONSEQUENCE TO SEND. JUST KILL TIME WAITING FOR THE "ROSES TO BLOOM AGAIN" WHEN WE CAN GET OUT MORE. HAVE GONE THRU SO FAR 100 % AND HOPE TO KEEP UP THE RECORD. BUT IT HAS MEANT STAYING INDOORS MANY A DAY. WAS IN FOR ALMOST FOUR DAYS A SHORT TIME AGO, YOUR FAMILY IS SURELY WELL REPRESENTED IN THE SERVICE AND I HOPE SINCERELY THEY WILL ALL COME BACK "WHEN THE LIGHTS GO ON AGAIN". THIS IS A VERY POPULAR SONG NOWADAYS. GLAD INDEED THAT THE BOX GOT TO YOU FINALLY. KNOW THE CHANGE MUST HAVE BEEN AN ENJOYABLE ONE. AND VERY LIKELY YOU STRETCHED THE CONTENTS OUT AS MUCH AS YOU POSSIBLY COULD. HERE IS A THING YOU MUST REMEMBER. IF YOU NEED ANYTHING YOU CANNOT GET THERE JUST LET ME KNOW AND IT WILL GO TO YOU PROMPTLY. BUT YOU MUST MAKE OUT A REQUEST FOR IT-- HAVE YOUR C.O. APPROVE IT AND THEN SEND IT TO ME TO SHOW TO THE P.O. PEOPLE WHEN I GO TO MAIL IT. BILLY CARR WANTS A PIPE. HAVE IT HERE BUT MUST AWAIT THE PERMIT ERE I CAN PASS IT ALONG. ONLY TOO GLAD TO FILL YOUR REQUESTS. WE ARE GOING ON A RATIONING DIET HERE VERY SOON AND EVEN SHOES WILL BE RATIONED. AND LIKELY MANY OTHER NECESSITIES WILL COME UNDER THE BAN, COFFEE IS ON THE LIST AND CAN ONLY BE HAD BY PRESENTING THE RATION BOOK AND TEARING OUT SOME OF THE COUPONS. AND EVEN THEN ONE CAN GET ONLY ONE POUND IN SEVEN WEEKS. THANK GOODNESS THAT THE BOSSETT, WHILE CUTTING DOWN ON THE QUANTITY STILL GIVES US A FULL CUP EVERY MEAL. THAT IS ONE THING THAT WILL HIT ME HARD FOR I LOVE COFFEE BETTER THAN LIQUOR. BUT NONE OF US KICK ABOUT THE DEPRIVATIONS EVEN THO WE DONT TAKE IT WITH A SMILE. YOUR LETTERS COME THRU WHILE THOSE FROM BILLY ARE ALL PHOTOGRAPHED AND COME TO US IN MINIATURE. AND AT TIMES IT IS HARD TO READ THEM, DONT FORGET TP SPEAK OUT IF YOU NEED ANYTHING. THE BAD YOUR WATER RUNS LOW BUT YOU KNOW WE HAVE BEEN TOLD WE HAVE TO ABSORB A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DIRT DAILY. JUST A JUMBLE OF WORDS BUT IT LETS YOU KNOW YOU ARE BEING THOUGHT OF?

A FEEVATIONATELY YOURS

AIR MAIL STAMP RUSHES THIS TO MIAMI AND SAVES A few days at this end.

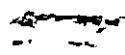
V...-MAIL

Gadsden, Alabama
February 13, 1944.

Dearest Uncle James:

My motto is, never to write twice when your first letter isn't answered. I am breaking it this time because I know you are very busy helping fight this dreadful war. I will excuse you this time but please write me so I will know how you are getting along. That is when you have time.

Well, I am in Gadsden High School now, as a Freshman, in the ninth grade and I like it very much. Uncle James I thought I had to work hard down.



at Dique school but I
 didn't know what study-
 ing was until I got in
 High School. I am taking
 Latin and it is very
 hard. ~~Some~~ people has
 told me I was crazy
 for taking it. They say
 it is a dead language.
 Do you think so? You
 said I want to ~~be~~ be a
 stenographer and I thought
 it would help me out
 a little further on. What
 do you think about it?
 Do you think it will be
 of any use to me. Please
 write ~~me~~ and tell me

what you think about it. So I will know whether to continue it.

"Uncle James when you have, 'no' at time, come and sit a spell with us." I got that from Brother Martin, the Baptist Missioner, from the place in Kentucky where you was were. He talked to the 12th Street Baptist Church, St. L. the other day. He read one of your poems to the girls to show them what mountain life ~~was~~ is. He didn't know you were my Uncle until Mrs. Edwards told him after the meeting.

He said he sure was glad
 to me. He said he
 thought you were one of
 the worlds greatest mountain
 coot. Do you know him?
 I wish I could think of the
 rest of his name but I for-
 got it, I sure am sorrow.
 He talked ~~me~~ to me for
 nearly thirty minutes
 bout it so you see how
 much you rate as a writer.
 Pretty high I would say. He
 said he didn't know you
 personally, but he sure did
 read and like all of your
 writings. I sure am
 proud to have such a

famous Uncle ~~W~~ Brother
 Martin spoke about the
 same things you have
 told us about those
 mountain people. I sure
 did enjoy hearing him
 and I know the other girls
 did too by their reactions.
 Well, so much for that.

Well - I guess it is
 time to go to bed it is
 eleven o'clock and I am
 sleepy. So please don't
 forget your little fat
 niece in God's den and
 write to her. So bye, bye
 for now.

your niece
 Louise Barne

Saturday Feb. 13, 1943.

Dearest Jim. We are all well. The wind is still blowing Mary and Rose many are gone down to her brother's so comes call me that he would be over at mid-nite after work hours to stay after Sunday we sure enjoy having them near us. We went to the show to see Walsel and it was good I must close as I don't know any news as I don't ever hear from down home. I notice that P. M. V. is training war industry men at the College James if you know of any thing we could send you just mention it. A lot of Love & affection ;

EASTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
RICHMOND, KY.

February 14, 1943

Hello Jim,

I am writing you to apologize, because I think that I should. If you ever get the letter I wrote you, I hope you believe that I mean it when I say that I am sorry. Maybe, this is a lot to ask but after all at that stage of my life and at that time it was rather difficult for me to use common sense. It was hard for you as well as me at that ^{time}; I am trying to see your side and I hope you can see mine at that time. I know that what I did was childish and stupid. Although, it hasn't been so long since I wrote you, I have changed a lot for my life has been quite different. Please forgive ^{me} that is all I can say and ask. I am older now if not in years in mind.

I am going to school at Eastern (of course, you realize that by looking at the letterhead) Jim, I suppose you are wondering why I am not in Berea. Well, I was accepted for the summer term soon after you left but I was too "lazy" to attend summer school. I was afraid that they would not accept me for the fall term so I came here. In fact they did accept me for the fall term but it was too late. I had been here a month before they told me and I could not ~~not~~ afford to quit and attend another school because Eastern want refund your enrollment fee after a certain time. I expect to stick it out here ~~at~~ there, probably next year.

I like here just fine. It's a beautiful place and there are lots of students here, however, there won't be many boys here next quarter. It looks as if it is going to be a girls' school very soon. The Maacs are going to be stationed here, ~~anyway~~, anyway, that is a rumor and I think it has something to it.

Of course, you know what my major is. I got an A in ^{art} it last quarter (first quarter) and I think that I will this quarter. Of course, I have lots of competition here. You certainly do not ~~give~~ get grades given to you here and gee! you have to work for them. I am just getting over some mid-quarter exams and I am trying to catch up on some sleepless nights. However, it is rather difficult to get a sound night's sleep. There are three hundred girls in the hall (Burnham) I live in and they do not know the meaning of quiet. There are radios downstairs, east, west, north and south, and all going at the same time. My roommate is in the suite (room connecting to ours) and it sounds as if a gang of bees had been turned loose. But it's fun and worth after all.

Even though there's a "shortage" of men, they are still existing here. We (girls) have been having quite a time over a man who has made it a habit of this to come to Burnham hall on certain nights and try to get in, so far he hasn't succeeded. He came Saturday before last about 12:00 P. M. and came to the balcony and knocked on a girl's door. She opened it and naturally she screamed while he disappeared. It was so dark that she could not identify him. I was in bed but every girl heard her scream, except me, and I knew that something was wrong. I ~~waited~~ waited a long time but I never heard so much excitement and confusion in all my life and over one ~~of~~ of Women

EASTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE-
RICHMOND, KY.

called the police and they guarded the house the rest of the night but it was no use because they never caught him. It was 50'clock before we were in bed and then we were too scared to sleep. If you had been here the next day you would have thought all the girls had gone to war; only a few attended classes.

I went to a party last night. I had a nice time but it was rather difficult for me to get my mind off of ~~of~~ away from a history test I should have been studying. The boy I went with was a year younger than me, about two heads taller, a little too "fresh" and quite too sure of himself, otherwise he's sweet. As far as romance is concerned, he is the typical college boy.

I have been home twice since I've been at school. I went home Christmas for two weeks and Thanksgiving, I am not going home until school is out.

Jethro and Ranie were here last week. They came to see the Dean of our college about something. They stayed with me an hour and I took them to several of the buildings (those that have been built since Jethro was here). Morris is still "desperately" in love anyway he seems to think so. I can't imagine Morris liking a girl but it's true, so he says.

My brother who is two years older than I, is in the Marines. I haven't heard from him recently. The last letter I received from him he said that he had not seen a girl (native) so far that looked like W. Lamont. Ah!

The monitor (the girl who stays on the third floor in order to keep us quiet) has just reminded the girls that their voices are

being heard on the first floor and I can certainly understand that.

There isn't very much disciplinary discipline here. We can do practically anything we want to. Every girl has her own little group. You use to talk about girls smoking, well, I did not realize that so many girls smoked until I came here. Eight out of every ten do. Most of them take it up after they come here, I suppose they think it's cute; to me it just depends upon how you look at it. I do not expect to take it up because I think that it is silly for a girl to smoke.

Jim, I hope you can read this letter. The noise has toned down a little but not for long, I know these girls too well. This morning (Sunday) a girl next door was singing "Deep in the Heart of Texas" to top of her voice and I had I was ~~been~~ awakened from deep in the heat of dreamland.

My address:

Miss Pauline B. Amelungey
Box 12 College P. O.
Eastern Kentucky Teachers College
Richmond, Kentucky

Always,
Pauline

"Keep 'em flying"

P.S. The monitor of the third floor has just called the girls of my suite down again and has ordered my roommate to go to her room. My roommate has a dynamic personality, just waiting for someone to light the firecracker.

Always,



HIGHER
owers

The Living Endowment
OF
VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Alumni Hall



Nashville, Tenn.

February 15, 1943

My dear Jim:

Your letter postmarked February 5th from "Somewhere in Africa", enclosing check in the amount of \$3.00 for the Living Endowment, has reached us.

The very cryptic message "all is well with me here" brings cheer to my heart, but I am wondering about all the details of your existence and I am hoping also that the ALUMNUS reaches you.

There is not much change on the campus other than the fact that we are gradually shifting from civilian students to men in uniform. Then too every youngster seems to be eager to get into some kind of war activity and each one seems to welcome his change of status from civilian to military.

Here's very best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Hill

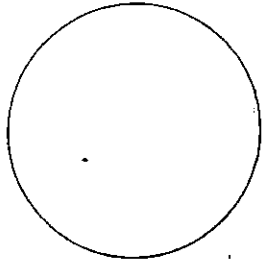
Hill Turner,
Executive Secretary.

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A.P.O. Box # 625

% Postmaster Miami, Florida.

J Alex Still, DVM.
(Sender's name)

West Point.
(Sender's address)

Georgia

February 17, 1943

(Date)

Dear Jim got your letter a few days ago Was glad to here from you, All well . Alfred was home last week Got a letter from Comer last week wanted to know when I had heard from you. Also a letter from Tom he is doing fine he said h&weight 170 lbs. Alfred was fat as a mule. We have had awful cold weather for a week. I have ben saveing scanting the book shelf from the Birmingham news for you for several monts. Will start to sending them to you if can get them through the mail. Will send you some towels from Fairfax Ifv you ~~think~~ think you can get them.

Write soon

Asever

POP

V...-MAIL

Madison, Ala.

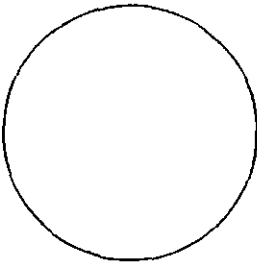
Feb. 19, 1943

Dearest James.

We are all well. We have not heard from you in several weeks, sure hope you are well and enjoying your self. I have not seen Mary in weeks and wont with out I go over there I ne not hear from home at all and wont with out I go down there. Sat. we will register again for our no 2 ration card so we can get food. I am sure glad we are in other words we canned alot of food last summer our can food we can at home wont count. By the way our

the employees of our plant
is furnishing a room out
of Camp Gilbert the room
has twenty windows the boys
are really being welcome to
God send of course sun porch
furniture will be used
D. Wright manufactory Co. is
furnishing the curtains for
all the entire windows in
the building. Pearl and
Louise have gone to a birthday
party to night. Rev. Mr. and Mrs.
Edward's were over this afternoon
they sure are fine people
they will have supper with us
soon we are planning on going
down home in a week or two
A lot of love I mean. Write soon.

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APO Box 625
% Postmaster
Miami, Florida

Mrs. M. H. Sharpe
(Sender's name)

Bushnell Fla.
(Sender's address)

Box 1, Box 73

Feb. 19, 1948
(Date)

Dear Jim,

Here again is the weekly letter. Every one fine except some with colds.

Heard from Billie after a months silence. Said he was just fine and in the best of health.

Helen, Earl + kids ask about you every time they are here.

Mel is busy driving a well. To irrigate the plant beds. Is about to get the best of him. That up + down driving he says has every muscle in his body sore.

Had a letter from Lorie saying all is well in Ala. Charles, Alvin + Jessie had been home. And Kathryn was in Birmingham in training in a hospital. All was so quiet with only Martha to make a noise.

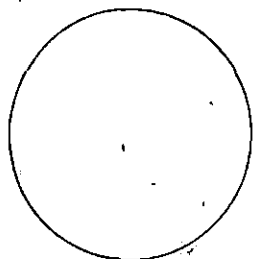
Every one says Hello. No news of importance that I could tell you. But there'll come a time when we will talk it all over. So keep smiling

Love,
Eillorie.

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GUY LOOMIS

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P.O.B OX. 98

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BROOKLYN N.Y.

U.S.A.

(Date)

MY DEAR JIMMIE

MY DEAR JIMMIE

(#3)
 YOUR LETTER OF FEB. 2nd (GOF) HERE PROMPTLY. YOUR FAMILY SEEMS TO BE WELL REPRESENTED in the Army. HOPE THEIR RELATIVES WILL WRITE THEM OFTEN. OVER RADIO COMES THE REPORTS THAT THE MEN ARE ANXIOUS TO GET MAIL EVEN THO THE LETTERS ARE NOT MUCH MORE THAN NOTES. MAKES THEM FEEL NEARER TO THE HOME-FOLKS. THE GROUND HOG DID NOT SEE HIZ SHADOW SO WE ARE IN FOR SIX WEEKS MORE WINTER. AND WE HAVE HAD A TASTE OF IT ALREADY. FEB 15th IT WENT TO 8 BELOW. NEXT DAY IT HUNG AROUND 7 ABOVE BUT SINCE THEN IT HAS WARMED UP A BIT AND TODAY IS FINE. AROUND 40 AND CLEAR. WISH WE HAD A BIT OF THE WARM WEATHER YOU MENTION. WOULD EVEN BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE DUST WITH IT. YOU KNOW OUR AIR IS POLLUTED BY SOFT COAL AND OIL SMOKE ALL THE TIME AND A BIT OF "CLEAN DIRT" MIGHT BE ADVANTAGEOUS. NO NEWS TO SEND. THINGS JUST DRAG ALONG FOR WE ARE NOT FREE TO USE THE CAR FOR PLEASURE DRIVING. AND HARRY IS HAVING AN EASY TIME IN CONSEQUENCE. DONT FORGET TO SPEAK OUT IF YOU NEED ANYTHING. AND ABOVE ALL THINGS DONT FORGET TO SEND THE ORDER COUNTERSIGNED BY YOUR C.O. IF YOU DO SEND FOR ANYTHING. BUT YOU CANNOT SEND THE ORDER IN THE V-MAIL SHEETS. STILL 100% AND HOPE TO FINISH THAT WAY. BUT WITH SO LITTLE TO DO IT IS INDEED MONOTONOUS. WERE I YOUNGER WOULD GET BUSY AT SOMETHING BUT HAVING TO STICK CLOSE TO MY QUARTERS IN BAD WEATHER IT WOULD BE FOLLY INDEED TO OFFER TO FILL ANY JOB. WE ARE BEING RATIONED ON MANY THINGS BUT WE ALL TAKE IT WITHOUT PROTEST. IT IS LITTLE TO DO WHEN YOU MEN RARE UP AGAINST SUCH A HARD JOB. THANKS FOR EXPLAINING ABOUT WHAT THE LETTERS STAND FOR. GLAD YOU HEARD FROM EDITH AND ELME

V...-MAIL

BEST OF LUCK AND KEEP

WELL.

APPROPRIATELY YOURS
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT PERMIT N

Hindson, Ky.
Feb. 23. 1943.

Dear Jim

I sure was glad to have such a newsy letter
rec'd today, which was postmarked Feb. 16. To-day is
monday and a pretty busy day for me. Roma and Morris
have gone to see Grandpa this evening. Took some eggs
etc. to them. Grandpa is falling off in weight and is going
down hill gradually.

I have wondered whether or not you were allowed to
go on such trips as the "bush" trip you described so well.
I'm sure you enjoyed it, and how I would like to have
enjoyed it with you. I feel like I can imagine just what
it was like by the vivid description of the natives, forest, jungle etc.
The weather must be hot there, and I feel like I could enjoy
some warm weather now because we have had such cold weather
here for some time. Mrs. Gunn + Mrs. Anderson visits us
regular and Mrs. Gunn is worried by not hearing from you.
I will tell her what you said in regard to writing them.
We are looking forward to gardening time again which is not so
far away. Everybody is expected to do plenty of gardening this year.

Living on about as usual here with nothing new to write.
Everything is fine on Wood Cove Branch. I am planning on
having some farming done over there. Melvin and Samuel
will work my ground. Marion is now working with Wadsworth
& McRoberts. Samuel is plowing on the State highway crew.
I would like to see your best boy. I know he is interesting.
I never have received any of your governments bonds yet.
I don't know why. I will send you more Henderson shells
if they come off price. Let us hear from you as you can.

As ever
John Roma & Morris.

Feb. 25, 1949

Dear Jim,

Just received your letter
and sure was glad to hear from
you. Yes I find the army
different from when I was
in before. I like the army ok.
But I wish they send me over
for it is the same all the time
over and over. I was at home for
a mo and I have been sent.
But I try not to think about
going home. For I know you
men over there can't come home
so I think I can stand it if you
can Jim this may seem some
funer to you but I ~~stay~~ stay
away day or night for you
and the rest of the men over

them. Well I get a letter from
home about once a week and
they are all doing fine. I guess
Wilford will be there very
before long. I hope he does not
have to go for Dad worry so
much. I try as hard as I know
how to keep him from thinking
about the war. I hope to see
you soon and I hope to hear
fighting papers. I hope this
fine ok. I am ok.

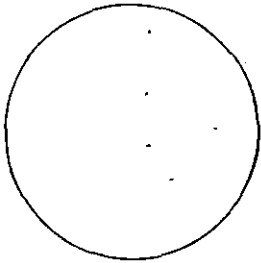
Your nephew

James

Pat. James Johnson
Co. B. 30th Inf
78 Div. Aps.
Camp Butler N. C.

Print the complete address in plain block letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided. Use typewriter, dark ink, or pencil. Write plainly. Very small writing is not suitable.

No. _____



[CENSOR'S STAMP]

W. Comer Still

(Sender's name)

918 Spruce Street

(Sender's address)

Gadsden, Ala.

Feb. 25, 1943

(Date)

Dear Jim:

I have written every week, but I haven't had a letter since January 13th

I have been wondering what you have been doing and have decided that you are very busy, as the African battle rages.

All is well at home. Mary saw Papa about two weeks ago. He is alright, so are the rest of the family.

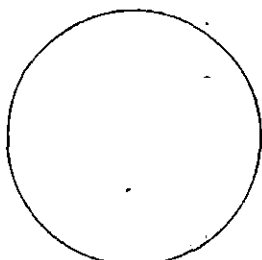
This is my first V mail letter I am hoping that you receive it alright.

Write as soon as possible. I am hoping that you get to come home this year

your Best
Comer

V - MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

S/Sgt James Still, 35/33320
Hq + Hq Sq, 8th ADG, AAF
A.P.O. Box # 625
% Postmaster
Miami, Florida

Mrs M. H. Sharpe
(Sender's name)

Bushnell Fla
(Sender's address)

Feb. 25, 1943.
(Date)

Dear Jim,

Your very interesting letter came a couple of days ago and we sure did enjoy it. The trip was not real I just pictured in my mind the every and happenings as I read. It was a real story. I have each card + letter are read from you. When you get back we will look them over together.

I hope you are getting my letters as I've written a V-mail each week since you have been over there.

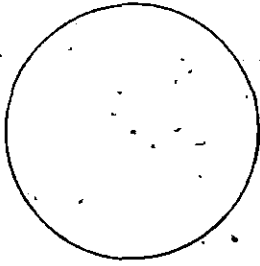
It's pick day. Straw-berry, how about a bowl of berries and cream? We have only a small patch, as there isn't no one to gather them but me + I.

The violets are blooming all over the woods. I still like to go violet picking.

I heard a whippo-will for the first time last night. All this make me feel happy, and want to get out in the open. Every one is just fine, and happy as a lark. Haven't heard from any of the folks since I wrote you last. I guess you remembered mamma's birthday, Feb. 22. Will write again soon. Love
Eleanor.

V - MAIL

No.



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

S/SGT. James Still - 35 133320
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P. P. O. Bot. H 695
90 Postmaster -
Miami Florida

MELVIN AMBERGLEY
(Sender's name)

Bot. H
(Sender's address)

Key

FEB 26 - 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim received your letter, was surprised you hadn't written me in so long. Was glad to hear from you, and to get your present. I thank you so much. Every body is ok on Burgleys. Aunt: Clay Collins lived in one vacation house for lumbering. In the other, not any body in Woodro's house. Your place is just fine your spring flowers is coming pretty well. The grass off all of them they looked good. Jim is happy your house. The cat is just fine haven't got any kittens now will be mavis name the next one. The wire at the house is fine like you planned it to go the one at the apple tree all most. At the top of the tree. grapes they were a few pods last year. Think they will do better this year. Roseys is ok. Woodro comes to see us after. I thro near come had letter from Pam today. She was wanting to see something about you. She hadn't heard from you in so long time. We hear from her often. We send her father Emerson in Colo. I have a grand son his name is Croftford Jr. Cull at Portsmouth Va. Just me and Gongo to farm we tending. The rich new ground this year. General is working on the highway Mr Jones is grubbing. Sam is farming to Edgar in California. Write often as you can. I am always glad to hear from you. Your friend
Melvin Ambergley

V - MAIL

~~we~~ we send you a ^{love} ~~love~~
of my self if you like.

Hadsden, Ala.

Feb. 26, 1948

Dearest Jimmie,

We are very anxious to hear from you even if it's only a few lines more of Tom. Louise got a letter from Tom to-day he's doing fine and is expecting a furlo home soon, he's well and has gain several pound since being with Uncle Sam. Corner - Mary & Rose - Mary is well. Well we have started our victory garden have already planted Irish potatoes and put our onions set in the ground. We did not get to go home this week end as our plant needed us too badly for war work, but dad

and Lois was going to place
flowers on the boys grave as
Hoyle would have been twenty
years old today. The wind sure
is blowing hard today. The employe
of our plant is furnishing a
room out at camp for the
army boys and gee they are ticked
as they will have a nice place
to write long around they will
also have a a ping pong table
I want to start my spring cleaning
next week. Earle Kyle is sure
entreaty he write for the post do
as have you come in contact with
him if so please mention some
thing for about him. Jim I'm looking
forward to hear from you soon. I ask God
every day to keep you safe so we can to be

to gather soon. I think Helen
Waller is going in the navy too.
She will be kind of one family.
We are all well only Barbara
Sue has two styes on her
left eye one on each eye lid
we have already ^{rejected} for our con-
fido's looks as if I've got to plan
my meals as less points as I can
so our baby will get everything
they want to eat and I'm sure
glad to do my part. Doug gets a
war bond every two weeks. I get
one a month. Peanut has served
to also Louise & Barbara. Write
of you as can. and always remember
you are not far gotten as we
all think of you each day. A lot
of love your sister & men.

February, 27, 1943.

Dear Mr. Loomis:

I am glad to analyze the handwriting of your young friend. He has a serious and logical outlook on life, he is foresighted, liking to plan out time and work to the best advantage. He does not like to be hurried into snap decisions, but wants to consider a question from all sides before taking a definite step. He is capable of intense concentration on a subject that interests him, and he has a strong feeling for exactitude in details.

This is the scientific temperament -- slow, but immensely sure, verifying everything before proceeding. Something in the line of the exact sciences might be indicated for him after the war is over -- engineering, chemistry, bio- or physio-, mechanics perhaps on the invention or process-improving levels. I do not of course know what his education and opportunities have been, this type of mental makeup often repays a scientific education.

He is extremely truthful, and a perfectionist in personal relations as well as in work. It is all or nothing with him here, and he must meet the same loyalty he brings in marriage and in friendship or -- that will be the end.

Confidentially yours.