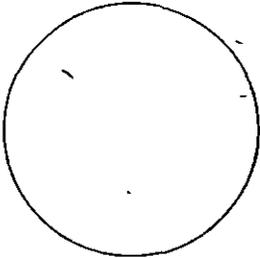


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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

W. Comer Still

(Sender's name)

918 Spruce Street

(Sender's address)

Gadsden, ALA

March 5, 1943

(Date)

Dear Jim;

Another week and still no letter. However I am sure that you are very busy and that is probably the reason you haven't written.

I had a letter from Clouie this week. She had just had a letter from you.

Well, the Good ole U.S.A. is certainly shaping itself now for big game.

Jim, have you been in combat yet? I'm sure that's not censored.

I had a card from Lois. no word from Tom, or Alfred.

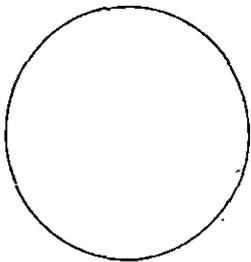
Mary and Rose Marie are doing fine. Would like for you to be with us tonight.

Lots of luck
Yours Bud
Comer.

V...-MAIL

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S/ SERGEANT JAMES STILL-35133320
Hq & Hq, SQUADRON 8th A.D.G.-A.A.F.

A.P.O. 625
C/O POSTMASTER

MIAMI-- FLORIDA

GUY LOOMIS
P.O. BOX. 98
BROOKLYN (New York game)
U.S.A.

(Sender's address)

(Date)

MARCH 6th-43

My dear Jimmie

Letter # 4 reached me promptly and you seem to be having a rather pleasant and instructive time of it. Too bad you cannot gather enough notes to use after you get back It would indeed make mighty interesting reading. No news from this end. Had a snow storm on Monday last with the thermom at 9. Kept cold for a day or so and since we have been having light snows. Odd that we should have any for Spring is just around the corner. Dont like it as it keeps me shut up in my apartment/Dont like to take chances. Dont forget that if you need anything you must send that order signed by your C.O. Billy wanted some smoking tobacco and a pipe and had to send an order for it before the P.O. would accept the package. Thanks for sending what A.D.G. & A.A.F. stands for.

No soldier here could tell me and I asked several. Hindman seems to be getting along all right. Watch your health for those climatic diseases raised with people not accustomed to their climate. Be sure to arrange for a stay in N.Y. City when you get back for shall be mighty glad to see you. Have kept physically fit but did have two tumbles. Came off mighty lucky as no serious damage was done. That statement is 100 % true. Just a few bumps. But they are clearing up nicely. No news as you can see but it lets you know I am thinking of you and wishing you the BEST OF LUCK.

Affectingly yours

But time does just drag along and am wishing heartily that there was some nearby place to go to for a change. But R.R. traffic is out of the question and the gas ration wont let us go far.

V - MAIL

Dad's den
March 10, 1947.

Dearest James.

Received your letter today was
beginning to think that you had
far gotten me as come had.
received your letter's sense &
love. He called me up Monday
night and told me that he had
heard from you Douglas and
me got up out of bed at eight
o'clock and went over and
see what a relief. sure was
a good letter you sent Dad it
was publish in the Valley times
we have started our victory
garden. have onion, rich potatoes
and two rows strawberry plants. &
going to have my flowers around
the house. I did not work out of
week as I felt my old age creep
up on me so I rested. I can't
gent work now as Uncle Sam
needs us so bad, but will return

broken in to glad there wasn't
any thing & stable taken. Tom wrote
Louise she was sure counting on
coming home around the 15th
for a few days. Sure hope she gets
try to to see us. Had a letter from
how they are well. Will read it later
for the army the 18th. Also
got a letter from James Johnson
wife & she said he would be
made a M. T. soon. Aunt Mollie and
Billie are doing fine. We want to
go down in two weeks. We taken
supper with Comers folks Sat. night
yee what a feast. We sure are
glad you there but dont wait to
long between times to write.
Here with the annual is on
here we will try and see if
gain. James Robt. Mary sure
has made a big change. She likes
to play with other children she is
beautiful either. Hope to hear from
you soon also lots of love. Love
& must write day every though he
M. T. 10.

Littcarr, Ky.
March 10, 1943/

Dear James:

Will write after a little delay, glad to hear from you and to know you were getting along so well and enjoying the scenery, this leaves all well as common, Mother has been a little sick but is getting along fine now and also the rest of the family with me included. John is in Miami Fla. and Glenn is in North Carolina and Oliver is still here driving the school bus.

John M. Stamper is now in Kessler, Miss. So there is quite a few of the boys have gone since you left, so this is some quiet place now, nothing a doing at all what are not in the army are away in defense work and as you know it is kindly lonely here for me at this time of the year, but I hope it gets better.

James, I wish I just knew a lot of things to write but it seems there is here, nothing to write about of much interest. All of the Amburgeys are getting along just fine, I see Jethro very often and they are getting along fine.

James, I am taking care of your second class mail and Jethro gets it ever so often as he is over here every week or two. We have been having some very cold weather here but it looks lots better just now.

I was just tickled to death to hear from you I began to think you had forgotten the little Postoffice altho I realized that you were busy. Well I am still here but dont know how long I will be here, can't ever tell. Well write me again when you have time and I will surely do better next time about wrting as I know I can. I am always glad to hear from my friends and I suppose you all like to get a letter from back home.

As ever,

Bern Smith

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**KNOTT COUNTY
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HINDMAN, KENTUCKY

March 11.1943

Board Meets:

First Monday
Each Month

Dear Jim;

Your letter arrived to-day which was postmarked March 4. I think your letters make record time in arriving in the U.S. To-day is the 11th, of March and I wonder if you remember that date. It is my birth day and I am going home in about an hour 4 o'clock and eat a big chicken and it baked at that. I wish you could be with us because it would be like old times. If you were here we may get us a little of apple Jack, but as it is I will not touch it this time. I am 48 as you know. I have not been to Dead Mare Branch lately because the weather has been so bad we could not hardly walk up comfortably. I believe it would be a good idea for to have your books brought to my house because they are bound to damage the best that could be done in taking care of them. I would go ahead and have them moved if I knew just what to move and what to leave there. I am planning on going over there Sunday and I may just get Melvin to leave his wagon and bring them right back to my house. I wish we could be with you on your trip. I know we could have a good time. You must have our trip planned for our trip together sometime after the war is over back to that country or some other country as you know I would like to go back to France some day. Tell Snow Ball you have a friend back in the U.S. who would like to have his shoes shined and clothes pressed.

Your Government Bonds has not arrived as yet but when they do you can be sure they will be taken care of. The basket ball tournament is on this week and Hindman is slated to win. Hindman has already won the district tournament and we have had a riff with Hazard, mad because they could not get the regional on their floor and they are refusing to play at all. Our team plays Jenkins at Vicco at two o'clock this afternoon Friday. We are going over to see the game. Miss Grover will not be principal of our school next year. She has failed as far as discipline is concerned. I do not know who we will have as principal yet. The Bath Postmaster stayed with me last night and he is sorry that he missed you. I read him one of your short stories and showed him your books and he was surprised to know that you could put up such a fine book. I am trying to finish this letter on the 12th, and so many things are on this morning I cannot write. I will write you again soon and hope you the best of luck and be sure and tell me about your trip. I, m sorry but I am not able to tell where you are at because I am not familiar enough with the different section of the country over there. However I do not think you are in North Africa.

With best regards

Jethro and family

718 upper view
Gadsden Ala
Monday Nite 6:30
March 15 [c. 1943]

Dear Jim;

I received your letter and was sure glad to hear from you.

Everything is OK on this side of the Pond.

Dney had a letter from Tom. he has gained 22 pounds. He has asked for a furlough. He said that he was through with his basic training and was expecting a transfer soon.

I want to go home in a couple of weeks with Doug + Dney.

I read your letter to Dney and was glad to hear from Alfred even if the news had to go to Africa and back before I got it.

Alabama went over the top in the Red Cross drive.

Production is increasing every day

I believe the time is about ripe
for the United Nations to strike
and strike hard.

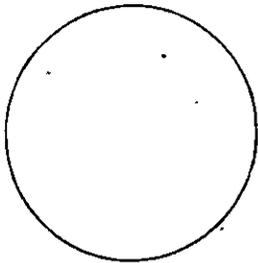
The Valley draft board is going to
reclassify its men. I might get
in Army by mid-summer. I'm
in good physical condition. I weigh
163 lbs. I am playing golf about
two afternoons a week.

Write as often as possible.

As ever

Comer

No. _____



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Staff Sgt. James Still, 35133320

Hq. + Hq. Sq. 8th A.D.C.

A.P.O. Box # 3030

Postmaster, Miami, Florida.

Anne Cobb

(Sender's name)

Hindman

(Sender's address)

Kentucky

March 15, 1948

(Date)

Hindman, Kentucky

March 15, 1948

Dear James Still,

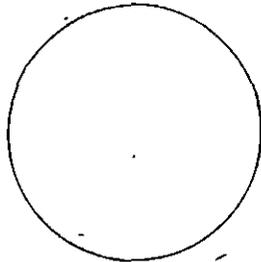
I practised writing legibly, with a view to the "photographic negative." May backslide ere I finish, as thinking of each letter tends to cramp one's style! Morris came over this A.M. to get the children (Ruth + Ruby) for a trip to Carr. I've just been talking to Crawford + little Judy. She watched a "chaw-dabber," + asked, "Da, which way is that going?" Only two, but she knows a "wobin" apart from a cardinal. Several chewinks round all winter, along o' the Old Reg'lars. Sunflower seed has held out valiantly. Renewed thanks. Ever read "Canary" by Quasar Eckstein? Agree with Alexander Wolcott as to the universal pleasure given by it, judging by the "wild assortment of friends, high + low, old + young" to whom he had given it. Any birds round your way? I hope no starlings. They are building already in my sleeping-porch, and as a breakfast ball are less musical than the thrush, but more effective as a driving-force.

The folks are scattered hither + yon, after the manner of Sunday evenings, but they would want to be remembered heartily.

Sincerely yours,
Anne Cobb

V...-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

5/591 James Still 35193320
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)

March 16, 1943.
(Date)

Dear Jim, -

Spring is in the air. Every one busy as a bee. It was so dry and cold so long, every one is trying to make up lost time.

Birds ringing, chickens peeping + hens cackling one enjoys doing the odd jobs about the house.

My garden is well under way. I go every morning to see what seeds have come up during the night. I noticed this a.m. mustard, turnips + carrots are up, as thick as hair on a dogs back. Have two areas in string beans, and one set in tomatoes, also have quite a few English peas planted. I'm planning on canning more than ever. Mel is planting watermelons today.

Had a card from Lois + Inez. Both families well. Said Alfred was home for a few days. And was expecting Tom home soon. Sure hope he has time to run down to Florida. Also heard from Bill, aboard a ship. Will write again soon.
Love Elmore

V - MAIL

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KNOTT COUNTY
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Board Meets:
First Monday
Each Month

HINDMAN, KENTUCKY
March 19.1943

Dear Jimmie:

We all are getting ready to go to Lexington this morning to the basket ball game. Hindman has gained a place in the semi-finals and we have hopes now and believe we will win the state title. Rania and Mint will go with me as Morris has been down there since Tuesday. Mint has been with us all week. Every body is getting along fine. Elmer is home for a few days to see his son. It rained hard here last night and Cow Town is about ~~flooded~~ flooded this morning.

I am writing this letter to to ask you about the name of the Capitol you visited on you three day leave. I am going to name two places No. 1 and No. 2 and I want you to tell me whether it was one or two that you went on your leave and maybe not either one.

No. 1. ~~xxYaounde~~ Yaounde

.. 2. Brazzaville

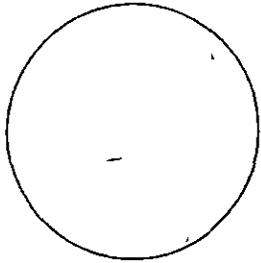
If waseither one of these places you can answer by No. ~~1~~ 1 or No. 2. and then I will Know. Miss Anderson and I have figured that one of these places may be the place, although we may have missed it miles.

Sincerely yours

Jethro Amburgey

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S/Sgt. James Still, 35133320
Hq + Hq Sq., 8th ADG, AAF
APO Box 625, c/o Postmaster,
Miami, Florida.

Marie Marvel
(Sender's name)
Box 158, Berea College,
(Sender's address)
Berea, KY.
March, 21, 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim: Hindman won State B. B. Championship last night with 29-26 score over St. Xavier, Louisville. Had to beat Hardin too. Wonder how many reports you'll get of that. I hear scattering bits from Hindman but figure you have enough correspondents from there to cover news. Are there still Knott Co. boys with you or were you separated when you were sent abroad.

Had a good visit with Mrs. Stumper Pepley this past week at Hyden. She invited me out to her home for supper. Barbara, her 11 mo. old daughter is such a dainty, pretty, merry little gal. curls of course + deep, dark blue eyes like her Daddy's. She's quick + bright, says several words and is just on the point of walking. Don't know when she had so much fun with a baby. She did so enjoy romping and playing. They have a new little white house perched way up on a hill overlooking a bend in the Middle Fork River. Mrs. is teaching 1st + 8th grade at Hyden. Went in as substitute teacher in Jan.

Frankly, I thought I'd never catch through at Hyden. one of our former tinest workers had been there. one whose face you always laughed at. got sore + told them they were too dumb to learn. Gosh! it was an order to overcome that feeling that had created. never had to summon such patience in discipline. Felt him as a rag as I came in on the bus yesterday but began to feel myself out of a hole thinking how much I'd enjoy talking with you.

There's no denying I've been greatly troubled over all this past year has involved for you but I needed no more than those five words you sent in your last letter "I am happy every day" to know that you'd arrived over now. Saw my first red winged blackbird yesterday - along a marsh where he belonged.

V - MAIL

NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

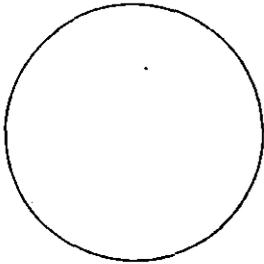
May 26, 1943

Dear Jim,

Just a few lines to let
you hear from me. This time
we well and felling fine. I hope
you are the same. As for as I
know all the house ~~front~~ ^{front} people
are off. Mary came and spent
last week end with me, she came
to inspect her trap since fine. It sure
is ~~cool~~ ^{cool} here and looks like it may
rain. I hope it won't be long
before you can come back to the
old U.S.A. But for me I'll be
so glad when I get over I have
been under for 8 months I am getting
close all the time

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STREET JAMES STILL, 35133320

HGT HGT 5E, STH AD 5, AC

A.P.O. Box 625

% Postmaster
MIAMI, FLORIDA

MRS D. H. BARNES
(Sender's name)

924 AVE. D.
(Sender's address)

GADSDEN, ALA.

3/22, 1943
(Date)

Dearest James I sure hope you are still feeling good and so glad you
 like your home and Benny. We are all well and enjoying
 life and working regular as usual. The weather here is
 spring a few days then rain, sleet and snow flakos its
 rain lately for a week if it doesnt quit our victory garden will
 come up a block away as all our top soil will be washed a
 way. Rev. and Mrs W. T. Edwards taken supper with us Sat.
 night also W. T. Jr, Mary and Rose may. Come had to work
 We had a real nice time. Even to our dog puppy.
 School will close Thursday and Friday. Mary and Rose may
 are going down to Fairay Wednesday P. M. Corner is drive
 ing down with us Friday afternoon we will go to Columbus Ga
 Sat. Billie is not doing so well he's been in the hospital again
 Aunt Mollie is the same old serum and sis. Dad is expecting
 Tom home most any time as a few days. Well see Johnson
 is one of Uncle Sam boys now and he really likes it. The
 children are all getting there lessons. Douglas has his
 head in a book, he says he's going to get real smart
 and write a few lines to you. Your letters are received
 with a cordial welcome. I want the weather to clear up so
 I can begin my spring cleaning. By the way you mention
 about these days leave just what and when did you go to post
 those precious Luis off.
 James I thank you for write about not doing any thing about
 those people breaking in your house as they didnt get any
 thing valuable. We just hope for you to bring and be home
 again gee, I'll be glad when its over and see we will have
 a reunion that we will all enjoy. I met Tom girl when we
 were home last, she looked very well and seem awful
 friendly. Else has move in two room near Lonie since we
 were home. I wonder if Lonie has learned to work for four in place
 of eight the walkers are really in this war, gee I wish I could have
 been a war mother I would have had two boys if they had lived
 and I know that's what they would have
 wanted.

Waits of Tom with love

V...-MAIL

Louisville, Ky.

March 27, 1943

Dear Kentucky soldier-poet:

I have not been able to contact you to tell you about Kentucky Poetry Day which was accomplished last year and which we are observing this year for the first time.

Although I do not know that this letter will reach you and I am writing to inform you of the celebration of this occasion which I shall delineate below.

Because I feel that you will be interested in Kentucky Poetry Day I am enclosing a copy of the letter sent to the superintendents of the schools and colleges throughout the State by Mr. Brobker, Superintendent of Public Instruction, instructing them to carry out a program in observance of this date.

A radio program will be broadcast over W H A S which is dedicating its DREAM HOUR (11:30 P.M.) to Kentucky Poetry Day. This program which is being arranged by me will be conducted by the radio announcer and will consist of the reading of the Governor's proclamation and poems from the works of some of Kentucky's illustrious poets including yourself. It is to be announced that you are with the fighting forces in North Africa. Incidentally, I have written your publishers for permission to read from your poems. I wanted you to have a share in any honor that might be conferred on a Kentucky poet. I wish you might have the privilege of listening in to this program and hearing the reading of our Kentucky poets verse.

Jesse Stuart has written to me about you with such friendly interest that your friendship seems to be ideal.

With all good wishes I am

Most cordially yours
Marguerite T. Rosebery
Marguerite T. Rosebery

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Frankfort

File Reference

March 18, 1943

Dear Superintendent:

You will find enclosed a resolution which was unanimously adopted by both Houses of the General Assembly of 1942. In accordance with this resolution Governor Keen Johnson has issued a proclamation calling for the observance of Wednesday, April 7, as Kentucky Poetry Day.

You are urged to have your teachers prepare a special program in honor of all Kentucky poets past and present on this date. This observance may be featured by home room programs, through English and History classes, or by special assembly programs both in the elementary and high schools. Through such a program the interest of Kentucky youth will be stimulated in this fine art of expression. Certainly at no time in the history of this nation have we been more in need of such esthetic and spiritual expression.

I regret very much that printed material is not available at the present time for distribution on this subject. It is suggested that Kentucky poetry be emphasized throughout your school on Kentucky Poetry Day, April 7, and that local poetical talent be utilized on your general assembly programs.

If this office can be of any assistance to you in the preparation of your program, do not hesitate to write us.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Brooker
Superintendent Public Instruction

JWB:GK

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
General Assembly
Regular Session, 1942
House Resolution No.9

Whereas, the poet would make the whole world a democracy, the essence of poetry being the heart of man and its aim to proclaim the dignity of all mankind, and

Whereas, the poets of Kentucky have done and still do much to elevate the thought of mankind, and

Whereas, some of their writings have immortalized Kentucky throughout the civilized world, and

Whereas, the essential purpose of Kentucky Poetry Day is to honor and give recognition to Kentucky poets, to promote the study and appreciation of poetry, and to encourage creative talent in this field, and

Whereas, Kentuckians at all times are delighted to honor their men and women who have achieved distinction in any calling or endeavor, now therefore,

Be It Resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

That the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky is hereby authorized to designate the seventh day of April to be set apart and to be observed annually as Kentucky Poetry Day, to honor and preserve the memory of the poets of Kentucky. This day shall be observed with suitable exercises by the citizens of the Commonwealth and by the study and special observance of poetry in the public schools of the State according to such program as may be outlined by the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Approved this 23rd day of
January 1942

Stanley S. Dickens
Speaker - House of Representatives

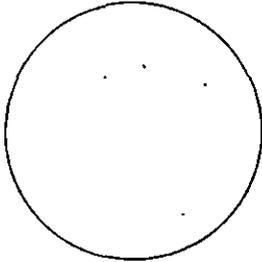
Keen Johnson
Governor of Ky.

Rodes K. Meyers
President of the Senate

Attest: W.A. Perry
Chief Clerk-House of Representatives

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STSGT JAMES, 35/30320

Hq. Hq. Sq. 8th ADG, AC

A.P.O. Box 625

% PostMASTER

MIAMI, FLORIDA

(Sender's name)

MRS. D.H. BARNES

(Sender's address)

GADSDEN ALA

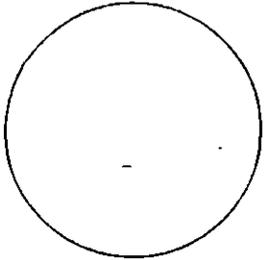
AVE. D.

MARCH (Date) 28, 1943

I just gotten in from West Point Ga. Sure had a nice time. Every body feeling good. Dad, sure looks well. We drove down home Friday nite. We learned that Alfred and Elsie were in West Point on their way to mobile. He sure looks well he had on a new suit of clothes. Sat. morning we drove to Columbus Ga. Mary Johnson, Lois and Allen went with us we enjoy that trip too found Aunt Mollie and Willie doing nicely. We taken supper with Verna and Tom Davis gee what a feast. Spent Sat nite with Lois. Spent Sunday with Dad. all of us. They are still looking for Tom home. Didn't get to see Wilfred before going in to service. Comer went down with us. Mrs Adams came back to spent a week with Comer. My hair is beautiful sense I ne quit cutting it. My wave is natural and I ne learned to roll it up good. Every way says it becomes me. The rain has ceased its bequing to seem like spring is on its way. The children and Douglas are well and says give you these love. Write soon and if tom as possible. A lots of love and good health and good luck. Best loveing to see you a gain in the near future. Your sister I may.

V...-MAIL

No. _____



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

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

Bushnell Fla.
(Sender's address)

Rt. 1, Box 73

March 31, 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim,

Almost April 7 or 8 day. Times passing so fast can hardly keep up with days + weeks. Spring is here at last. If you were here you could easily get a good tan. Yesterday I cut back all the flowers and shrubs that had died and got killed during the winter months. At the edge of the yard on both sides of the house I put out cutting of different kinds of shrubs. Alternating the colors. Red, white, pink, purple and ect. Then I found my self a job clearing all the rubbish off. Indeed it look better outside will plant grass on the bare spots as soon as we have a shower.

Had a Birth Day Card from Lois Monday. (March 29th) Although we had the dinner on Sunday. Forty-seven, I was. Can you believe it? I may look that old, but don't feel that old. Heard from Bill Monday, said he was happy and in good health and not so sorry about him. He asked when we heard from you last and ect.

He just got my garden worked out. Every thing is growing nicely. Have 43 baby chicks and another hen hatching. To day is berry day again. We only get about a crate (34 pts) so we wait until noon to start.

I plan to go up home for a few days this summer, as soon as school is out. That is if I can get transportation on train or bus. sure wish you could be there to. To good by.

V-MAIL

Love
E. Loree