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James Still, Esq.
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Dear Mr. Still:

By way of compliment to The Yale Review on its thirtieth anniversary, and to Mr. Cross—now our Editor Emeritus, who has just had his eightieth birthday—the Yale University Press, our publishers, have planned to bring out an anthology containing twenty or more of the fine contributions to various issues, which Mr. Cross and the other editors have been asked to choose. One of our first choices is your story in our Autumn 1937 issue, called "The Egg Tree." We all hope that you will have no objection to our reprinting the story in our anthology, which will appear under Mr. Cross' editorship.

If this contribution has appeared in a book since we used it, we shall be glad to write to your book publishers also of our project, acknowledging, of course, their copyright in addition to our own.

May we hear from you soon?

Very sincerely yours,
Helen McAfee
for
The Editors

A

Sunday after-noon.
3-15-1942
[C. 1942]

Dear James:

I received your letter a few days ago, sure was glad to hear from you. All of your people here are doing fine so far. Mother's day was a beautiful day only a little sad, ^{to you} understand what I mean. The church was decorated so pretty. I don't hardly ever miss a Sunday going to church. It's make the children feel better knowing that the their parents attend Church. I'm in charge of the young girls and boys, class B, y p. w. 14 yrs to 16 yrs. We like to work with them. We have only 25 in all. I use to think I couldn't do mother's like other people. I have realize you can do any thing you want to if you try with out hight school educated I have had the best luck with my flower this year. I have had plenty of flower to decorated my house this time and also have a go garden. Will have beans to eat in three more week. Wish you would have eat dinner with me today I had a bean dressing salad, home made ice cream plain cake and tea. When I go to eat I think of all you boys over there wonder if you are getting meal every days.. like I do.

I don't eve hear from ^{Walter} at all only through
Alfred is still at Mobile the last time I
heard from him. They don't eve write. But Ellice
write once a month. I heard she was coming home
in June for a week. You know Bo's just the same
old thing. She certian has got pretty flower.
I spend Saturday evening with her just in
time for supper. I hear from Lomer once a
month through Mary, she come home after.
When you come home you wouldn't know the rally for
it has change a lot no young men here now hard
I for got to tell you about Martha. She think she
growin since Cat left. She tall as I am, weight
125 lb. She was 13 year 26 of April. They has the
same birthday to. Mrs Waller is still with us
She has been have spell with her heart. She may
not last long. I wouldn't be surprize to find her
dead at any time. Well my new run out excuse
my mistakes and write. I know I have fell down
on write to you. I write four letter to the
children I think it done a job. Better quit before your
eyes get bad. I am praying and hope that this will
not last long. Return you all safe and sound.
Be good and Remember I am with you always in
~~Prayer~~
Love
Tina

I be willing to do out two meal for you all. All I can
do is to buy bon and stamps. They take out three
dollar a week for bon. Kathryn call Friday and
saying she was getting two week off. She is like
Nurse fine. She has only a year and half to go.
When she finish she said she was to go to
hospital. Charles has a new job now, at sea. He
said for us not to get in touch with him until we
hear from him, it has been three ^{week} now. But I still
write to him just the same by the old address.
He will be twenty-three year May-12. Alvin - 22
May-13. Still single. Alvin is doing fine.
He on another job. He crazy about the airplane.
Jessie is also doing well take the machinist for
plane. He came home for a few days. He certion was
home sick. If it could send you one of their
picture thought mail or not. I plan to go up
home some pretty after-noon on Sunday to take
picture so it could send you one. I kept a flower
pot beside my boys picture I had in charge.
I like to have a plain picture of you so I can
have it in charge for paper for farther day it
some in June. Our daddy look young for his
age and fat as a pig. Fannie will also look better.
She is a good horse keeper now. This clear

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May 9, 1942

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Dear Jimmie,

Just received your letter, been trying to get settled and write you for quite awhile but sugar rationing has kept us busy night and day almost. We have been busy in everything almost. We have hired most of the teachers, with J. H. being replaced by Monroe Wicker. He seems to not be disturbed much, although he never comes in my office. We have got your things from home and put away in our house, we have just had them from a long dry spell, and our gardens are not so good, but hoping they will come out now. We like a few things from your house get and we are going over next week to get them.

Arthur Pignon goes to the Army the 16th, and also Apton Smith. Currie Pignon has filed exemption papers, and on the Yellow dog list, but I think they will take time before very long. They have this week reclassified all married men who have no children in 1-A, which got in towns here, Coaley Ball, Carl Perkins, and several more. I am glad you like better after returning to Camp. It is almost mail time, and I will write again soon. Love and family

May. 10.1042.

Dear Jim.

All well in Alabama

Got your letter a couple of days ago.

Glad you ar likeing better. we ar awful dry here we have not had any rain in two monts.

Comer has sold his car. Kimbrew has sold his

I Have ben swamp with inquires wanting to know where you were located.

Heres hoping everything gose well

with you Asever Pop.

St. George, Utah
May 19, '82

Dear Jim,

Has the army lassoed you yet?
I hope not, because it's my turn
to come around the mountain.

I'm coming East in June -
to New York - and I thought I
might go the southern way and
say hello to some friends in
Birmingham, Ala., & on to you.
I could meet you in Berea, as
you suggested last year, since I have
some friends there.

I would surely love to have
a long visit, either coming in
June or on my way back in
August. Will you let me know
when would be most convenient?
Or, if not at all convenient, let
me know that. Here's hoping!

Maurine [Fuller]

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Dear Jim -

We had a fine rain here last night it seemed
as if our garden was going to be a failure,
but now things are taking on a new life. So day
is Saturday and will be busy as usual, with school
closing and teacher ^{training} and everything else that
goes along with the mess, I like my work
fine at times and other times not so good,
On the whole I like it. We went to Seed
more Monday Wednesday, Everything looking
good out there, we had sweet potatoe plants
set out in your bottom Melvin is making
us some corn and we are going to try
to be as near self sustaining as
possible, I have a whole week in front
of me attending programs at Hindman
and Co. Creek, and I wish it was over.

The selectees to 8th grade were Monday nobody
you know except Arthur Pigeon and after dinner
All married men with no children as now in I.A.
and some will go in June call I think.

to killing a few around town and sin not
sorry for them on bits. They are no better than
anybody else, and perhaps to see them go
that is if anybody goes. Of course sin sorry
to see anybody go to the army, but these towns
do not deserve anything special. Col Perkins,
Barns Dignon, Carley Hall, S.H. Hall,
Pub Hall etc..

If you should leave for foreign
soil, always remember that we all will be
concerned about you, and please make a
special effort to keep us informed as
to your whereabouts as far as possible, and
also everything else that you can about
yourself. We have your two lock box keys
and will keep them until further notice from
you.

With best of luck -

As ever

John and Family.

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May 19, 1942.

Mr. James Still
Lettcary, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Still:

The pressure on my life has been so great this spring, I am afraid I have never thanked you for the copy of your book which you were good enough to send me. I am saving it to read after I escape from troublesome cataracts. At present, I can neither read nor write.

With my very warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. MacDowell

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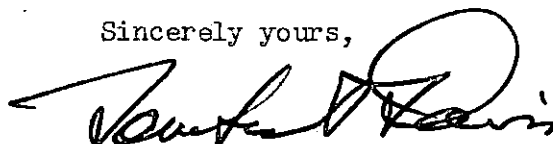
May 22, 1942

Dear James Still:

A friend of mine, Dayton Kohler, whom you may know, wrote me not long ago and in the course of things said that you were in the army. That's not an unusual fate these days, but it interested me and I asked Dayton for your address. That explains this note, which is just a friendly how-do-you-do and how-are-things-with-you. I hope you are finding at least a little time for carrying on your writing. It's not always possible, but I know one or two men in the service who do manage to get along on short stories and poetry even though they can't tackle longer fiction. Please remember my interest in you and your work, and let me know how things go with you.

Maybe you will like Wright Morris's MY UNCLE DUDLEY, a copy of which I am sending you separately. I think the fellow has a real ear for language, and I believe you will agree with me.

Sincerely yours,



Lambert Davis

Mr. James Still
8th Hdq. Squadron, Air Corps
Duncan Field
San Antonio, Texas

Hindman, Kentucky
May 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Still,

See what my sister
found me! It sounds as
if that were the bird
you described when you
were here. As I remember
we thought it might
be a flycatcher. Sounds
like a beauty.

We had a right jolly
commencement, even if it
did rain part of every
day. Pauline Ketchie put
on "The Hoosier Schoolmaster"

and, as always with her
productions, it was mighty
well done. Quite a few of
the "Old grads." came back
to Alumni luncheon, though
many were too far away to
come. Two boys in uniform
- Andrew Pratt & Kern Balen
- and Shelby Stewart was
over the week before.

You probably got the
news from many sources
so I won't repeat. (Nice
lazy way to avoid thinking?)

A friend who was eager
for detailed news, and

got none from my letters
once told me, "You simply
haven't one particle
of Intellectual Curiosity."

Here's hoping it isn't
too hot where you are!
We're still having "Black
berry Winter," with mercury
at 47° this morning!

Sincerely yours,
Ann Cobbs.

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HINDMAN, KENTUCKY

May 26, 1942

Dear Jim—

I have been awfully busy for the past week, I am glad the commensal week is over. Carr Creek and Hindman both on at the same time made it double load for me.

The last bunch of droptees of about 68 went out two weeks ago and almost $\frac{1}{3}$ of the bunch failed in their physical examination. They are looking now for a larger call than ever because of so many failing in the test.

The married men with no dependents may escape this month, but probably can't any more. Went to Old Can Church yesterday and a large crowd was there. We wanted to go up home but it had been raining and roads were a little bad.

Our garden looks pretty good now, plenty of Potatoes, lettuce, mustard and I guess we want Starch. I am going down to work about 2 hrs. this afternoon.

I am anxious to know when you will be moving, you must slip a letter in the mail and let me know when you leave.

I will write again
Jethro Amburgey