

Nov. 1, 1942

Dear Sgt. Still,

Don't know where you are now how long it has been since I last saw you but am anxious to hear from you. I was on furlough last May and heard that you were in Texas, I wrote, but no reply, how about it? Two weeks ago I was home and got your address from Mrs. Gurn. She told me that you were a 1st. Sgt. ~~Over~~ in the Air Corps. Had a long talk with getho, he said that you were satisfied as a non-com. and wanted out of the Army just as soon as the war was over. Well, I can understand that alright. Don't suppose you have any time to write while in the Army.

I'm here at Ft. Bragg, N.C. and have been here for 14 months already. I'm in Field Artillery and am not considering a Commission even though the pressure is great at times. Hope this reaches you and that you answer. Good luck

your friend,
Shelby Stewart

Shawmut, Ala.
Nov. 2, 1942

Dear Brother;

I wish you and I could pull up a chair to fire have a talk this morning. Fire sure feel good every morning get warm up in day.

The pot flowers are looking good. fines I have in several years, I know you would like them too. Our rose had one rose on it, but was perfect.

I have been wright busse this year ~~stoping~~ done and I spent two weeks with Elore in June, had a good time. I went home with done from Elore's spent two & ~~to~~ half days with her. in L. adeden, Comer was there at work at, time, I had spent last week in Fair Fax. I just got see Comer that's all. and Alfred came by said hello and good by. at same time on his way back to work.

Tom left Oct. 29. for seraves U.S.A. I did not get to see him, the last time I saw Tom was when you were here I tried to

Well I didn't tell I been doing. I have bought four Bonds. "Can 1.84 jars" prute vegetable. some half gal. to half pint, and wish you had some my pear relish & Apple relish also if I knew I could send it.

I really don't know what to I can send and can't, We mail you Christmas card last week. I am sending you "The Better Home." from our Church.

I receive a notice from National Service Life Insurance yesterday, Nov. 1, 1942 - ask me to notify the insured of receipt. That I have received the application for safekeeping for.

Mary went to see James A. Johnson's wife, he been in since just about two months.

I will close for this time some of other's people just come in so by by.

Love

Lois

P.S. Please let us here from you, since we get this address,

Bath Ky
Nov. 2, 1942

Wells farm

This comes in all well
as usual. Working ever day
weathering corn. Good is
still working in parts
north Va. making it very
good. Elmer is Caladros. now
says he likes the Army fine

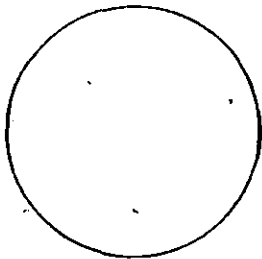
I am going to school
ever day making pretty
good. Laid Matt's women is
my English teacher say she
is a tough egg. Carr Creek
is going to have a good hab.
town this year. Hays and
Bernie they is doing fine boys
around cats and sheep. The
flowers is all gone. Now
things is all bright over to
the house we go over after
noon. I see up the doors and
let out the house.

Arnold is going to school
and learning fine letters
at first, seems some some
a little bit now all ab
the boys gone seems lonson
here and well game Jackson
he is here he makes so much
happy as gathering some
and a little time, I hope
the war won't last long
so you can come back,
well I got to close write
more next time Good by.

Tommy

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]

Sergeant James Still
35133320
Hq & Hq Squadron 8th.A.D.G.
C/O POSTMASTER
MIAMI FLORIDA

Guy Loomis
P.O. BOX 98
Brooklyn N.Y. U.S.A.
(Sender's name)
(Sender's address)

(Date)

Nov. 7th-42

My dear Jimmie

Office is enquiring daily "WHERE IS JIMMIE" and I can give no address nor tell them where you might be. I sent you a double postal to above address, after you had reached Camp Dix, but the return postal never came back. So thought you might have moved from "Joisy" to parts unknown. So am using this type of letter sheet, should you have sailed for foreign parts as the P.O. has requested they be used for places outside of the U.S. So if you get this just drop a line to quiet us. No news to send for things are just drifting along. Gas rationing has cut out all long trip so we use the car for essentials only. Want to keep Harry on for you know I am alone with no family and no relatives near me. He is reliable and I can call on him night or day should it be necessary. Billy Carr is in Australia. If by any chance you should get out there look him up. He asked what line you were in so I sent him your address. His address is LIEUT. W.A. CARR -- Battery "C" 94th Coast Artillery, U.S. ARMY A.P.O. 922 C/O POSTMASTER SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA. If you get this don't fail to drop a line if only a postal so we will know you are O.K.

Affectionately yours,

Am 100 % and trying to keep so. Hope you are O.K.
Uncle G--

V...-MAIL

Gadsden, Ala.

Nov. 20, 1942.

Dearest James,

Here I am again, we are sure enjoying these beautiful warm autumn days we have a little fine night and morning. Every body is well except my cold liked to have got the best of me I've had the stripped throat and newregen as I've got a bad tooth will get out soon. Louise and Resant has gone to a party. Barbara Sue is cutting out paper dolls. Douglas is playing solitaire. Dad called me Thursday nite and gee he was feeling first over hearing of you be safe. When he told me I thank to God for it. Tom is in Oregon. I got a card from Alfred to-day he liked his job fine and was in plenty. We are working six days, Thanksgiving we will get nine and half time. Well it's been three years this Thursday that we lost our darling boy. It seems almost like yesterday we taken supper with Corner and Mary Sunday night he had a birthday supper we sure enjoyed it lots. Mary and Rosemary is going home for the holidays. Got a letter from Elmore they are well. Write when can but always remember me and think of you. A lots Love. A Mom

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Each Month

Dear Jimmie:

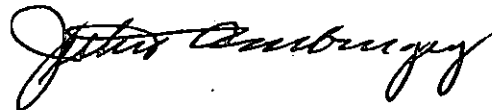
I haven't heard from you in two or three months. I know you have gone across and I have been expecting to hear from you for a long time. Hope you are well and doing fine. We wish we could know where you are at this time. It seems too bad that we can't know.

Things are looking better now, almost on every front and we are thinking and hoping here that this war sooner than we thought some time ago.

Things are as usual here in Knott County and Hindman. Melvin and Isabel eat dinner with us yesterday Saturday. They were worrying about not hearing from you. Melvin has his corn all in and he says he has about 50 bu. for me. I planned on buying me two hogs and fattening for the winter but I give it up as too big a job. We have been home all day except went over to the school for dinner. Had a good dinner. Our car is in the garage for repairs which accounts for us staying at home today. Gasoline rationing will go into effect here Dec. 1st. and we will be allowed only four gallons per week. We will stay at home then I suppose. I think I will get extra gasoline for business purposes. Your house is alright. Melvin said things were O.K. and we are thinking of going up there this week end which is Thanksgiving. Wish you could be with us.

I will close for this time and I will try and send you a letter regular from now on.

Sincerely yours



THE
NEW YORKER

No. 25 WEST 43RD STREET



EDITORIAL OFFICES
BRYANT 9-8200

November 25, 1942

Dear Mr. Still:

Mr. Fadiman has suggested that you might be persuaded to let us see some of your shorter fiction. Although The New Yorker is technically a humorous magazine, the fiction that appears in it is often serious in tone. Our only requirement actually is in the matter of length. We prefer stories that are about twenty-five hundred words long. However we have printed, and will continue to print, stories that run as long as four thousand words. Anything over that is difficult to accomodate in a magazine the size of The New Yorker.

If you have anything which seems at all suited to our needs, we hope very much that you will let us see it.

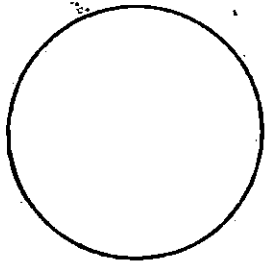
Sincerely yours,

William Maxwell
William Maxwell

Mr. James Still
c/o Viking Press, Inc.
18 East 48th Street
New York City

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[CENSOR'S STAMP]

SERGEANT JAMES STILL # 35133320

Hq & Hq SQUADRON 8th A.D.G.

A.P.O. 625 & 625) A.D.G.

C/O POSTMASTER

MIAMI

FLORIDA

GUY LOOMIS

(Sender's name)

P.O. BOX 98

BROOKLYN N.Y.

(Sender's address)

U.S.A.

(Date)

~~BATTERY PARK HOTEL ASH-EVILLE N.C. NOV. 28th-42~~

My dear Jimmie

Your postal that reached me down here in your country was indeed a great surprise. Knew that when they shipped you up to Camp Dix that you were headed for overseas and was wondering where you would go. Your postal answered the question and let me pass along the word to Kate Loomis - Christine Innings and Mrs Watkins. Every one of them wrote me for your address. Miss Mount saw the card ere they sent it to me so did not have to tell her. Asked each one to write you. Will tell them when I write them not to expect prompt replies. Also sent the address to Edith and Elmer Schoocraft for they had written and asked for it. You must be having great times in a strange land and shall eagerly await a letter from you. Am down here on likely what will be my last trip to this section during the Duration. Gas and tires are both rationed and had to get a special allowance to make this trip. Could not have gotten it had I not been going to the Grace Nettleton. Had to lay up the Buick and get a small Dodge. And it is most economical on both gas and tires. Had six tires but had to turn one of them in for you had to declare the number you had and if we tried to get by with six they would not issue the owner any gas book. Must have a car to do what little business I do and at my age to get around in but walk whenever it is possible and turn in the unused tickets at the end of each period. Billy Carr is out in Australia somewhere and here is his address. Keep your eyes open and you may meet. He is a fine fellow and has heard a lot about you from me so all you will have to do is to tell him your name. He also calls me "Uncle Guy". He is a Brooklyn boy but has no family left. I address his letters as follows:

Lieut. W.A. CARR
Battery " C "
94th COAST ARTILLERY
A.P.O. 922 (922)
U.S. Army
C/O POST MASTER

SA N FRANCISCO--- CALIFORNIA

Will be here a few days and then head home via the G.N.H. Best of Luck

Affectionately yours

Someone I know of you get this

Uncle Guy

V...-MAIL

Nov. 29. 1942

Dear James

I received your letter yesterday. Certain was glad to hear from you in a long time. I trust words you use tend and amount, what was wrong with you. We are all doing just fine. My two girls and my self spent the day up home. Sure did have to go of dinner fresh meat. Papa is doing fine. I got a pig. I got a dog and a cat. I got a Spring. I got Sunday two weeks. Our daddy has put grass around the grave and also his father and mother. I wish you could see it. It is so pretty and green.

Mary and Rose Red came for a few days visit and love and the family was not able to come on account of her being sick with her throat. I heard from Bill yesterday. He is working in Mobile at the ship yard. His family has been down sick with the flu, but is better now.

The family heard from Charles last Wednesday in the first time in two months. Charles thinks he will get to come home Christmas which is the twenty two off. I do hope he will get to come. He had not been home in several months. Charles really is home sick the way he wants to see his family. I got Saturday hope he will get it off if not too late by Sat. I am sure he will see you in a time. Also send

ged up. I am having a turkey for Christmas.
get it from my daddy. Weight only five lbs.
I just don't know how proud I am of my
daddy and also my brother for they doing
times best for our country. I have two wolf
ay for and on my birth. They take
at three dollar a week for bond.
I really had fun last week getting
black-out, but it never did happen
but I think it will be one night next week, when
I think about it. My brother is going
to get some new teeth next week. so he can
eat his brother's so much better. We all go
to church and Sunday school now. I didn't go to
~~church~~ ^{church} ~~last~~ ^{last}
night it was raining and cold with it. I thought
write you and my dad. I try to write once
a week to them. I do hope you all will
have a good Christmas.

I remember you all daily in my pray and hope
this thing won't last long.

Love
Lorrie

Love

Lorrie

went to Massachusetts
for seven weeks and
visited around. I had
a few motor trips and
saw several stage plays.
One of the best was
The Moon is Down, with
Conrad Nagel as the German
officer. Also saw The
Vinegar Tree.

I am teaching Chemistry
this year, as there was no
one else qualified. I have
just begun the twelve
lessons in The Use of the
Library. I keep busy enough
including work all day Satur-
day. Mrs. Gunn takes over
two afternoons a week.

Raney Hays died suddenly
after recovering from an operation.

With all good wishes for
the New Year, if not in time
for Christmas. W. L. H. 11

CMS

Hindman, Kentucky
Nov. 29, 1942

Dear Mr. Still,

How I wish you could
drop in this quiet Sunday
afternoon and give an account
of yourself! Doubtless you
would have lots to tell.

We are as quiet as ever here
even quieter, as so many
of the young men have left
and some of the girls, too.

School has gone well with
Frances as principal, but
of course she has to work
hard. A week ago she
moved from the library
to "little Hillard's" home.

you know she has wanted a home of her own for years, and I am glad she has it at last. She has two bedrooms and both of them have been occupied most of the time. Mrs. Burns is consoled by having Miss Emerson with her.

We have several changes in personnel. At long last Miss Elkin left and her successor, Miss Bear, has worked hard to make Orchard House more livable, to say nothing of more sanitary. She is a woman of broad experience in social work.

Miss Brown has been at Eastover only a week but her presence is felt

already all over the campus. She is a big masculine type of woman with a pleasing voice and friendly manner. She has spent twenty years in China and is very much the world citizen. She is an easy speaker and has something to say. I believe she will be able to handle the boys.

It will soon be Christmas but only a few workers will go away. Trains and buses are so crowded and so much needed by service men that I think it is better for us to stay here.

Last summer I took no sightseeing trip - just