

OFFICE OF THE
EDITOR



8 ARLINGTON STREET
BOSTON 16

The Atlantic Monthly

July 7, 1944

Dear Mr. Still:

We were glad to see this revision of "Drought on Troublesome" and "The Planting." It is with reluctance that we have had to decide against them. However, this season finds us with a quantity of good verse on hand and only a limited space in which to use it.

Do let us hear from
you again.

Sincerely yours,

For the Editors

T/Sgt. James Still, 35133320
Hq & Hq Sq, 8th ADG, AAF
APO # 606, Care of Postmaster
Miami, Florida

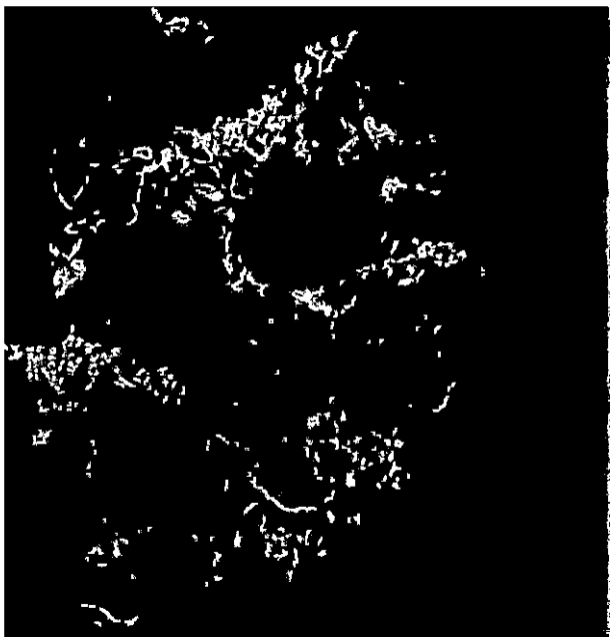
as many, and --
good luck be with you, Jim,
Esther.

(Original poem - picture
not original.)

Sat., July 8, 1944

Dear Jim, Hope this arrives in time for
your birthday on July 16th. I read many news-
papers Ernest Pyle's "This is your War," and quite
a few "Yanks," but never see your name nor
face. Where is your publicity agent? Can't he
get you in Life, or a news reel?

Mother had a cerebral hemorrhage, so I'm home
with her for a couple of months. She started walk-
ing yesterday, hooray! Do you ever hear from
Father (Martin?)? Sincerely, Esther (Beau!



Dear Jim, Here I sit,
Almost having a private
fit,

Thinking of birthday
wishes.

For tho there are many
I can't think of any
(What rhymes with wishes
besides fishes?)

I can't think of a birthday
wish

That would have a certain
wish,

Dash, elan, and vim.

Back to the good old
words we know

"Many happy returns.

Westerly, R. I.
July 9, 1944

Dear Jim: You may get a little sand or salt spray mixed into this letter for I'm sitting on the beach & a stiff wind is blowing. I've had to retreat to the umbrella for I'm getting pink as fast.

Yes, I'm back with another friends & service committee visit - this time just for the month of July and I'm just responsible for the playground. So I have more leisure.

The people in charge this year love to discuss & they harangue around so much talking about religion I'm wondering whether anyone will ~~hear~~ ~~any~~ at all when the summer is over. You would just blow up if you could hear us sometimes. The beach is a good outlet for me. They're all in a great huddle right now talking & don't have sense enough to just stop & take in all that is before them.

We have 6 children on our playground. We give a noisy welcome they gave us - they are so tall to have it again & do they keep us stepping for 3 hrs every morning.

See, it would be good to hear from you. I don't feel as though I'm writing to myself. But some day I'm expecting a letter. I suppose I should comment on the news we get but what can I say? Most important of all is that I hear from you. Be it what it may! Ever,
C. M. O.



WESTERN KENTUCKY STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

July 9, 1944

Dear Mr. Still,

Praise for my column coming from you is praise indeed, for I regard you as one of the truest voices that Kentucky has produced. I have greatly enjoyed writing for nine years the essays that have now grown into the hundreds and have also enjoyed the large number of people who have written me that they had liked my efforts to tell the truth about folk customs. As you have already gathered from many of my articles, I belong to that group of people who resent the TinPan Alley interpretation of Kentucky and Kentucky people. The only merit my articles have is sincerity, for I have tried to ground every one of them on the actual facts of my own boyhood, a very typical boyhood of the nineties and early nineteen hundreds.

Your wishing that I would put some of these into a book has already been fulfilled. Last December I published PASSING INSTITUTIONS, which is already far into its third printing. I have a personally autographed copy for you but have discovered that it will be necessary for you to request it in writing before I can send it to you, since it weighs more than a pound. When our letters have had time to go and come, the book will be on its way with my very best wishes to you for an early return to America and to your distinctive work.

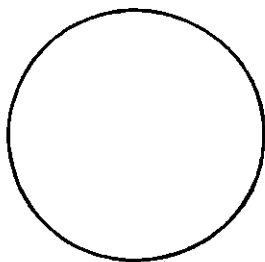
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon Wilson".

Gordon Wilson, Head of English Department

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SGT. J. A. STILL, 35133320

HQ. & HQ. SQ., 8TH A.D.G.

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MIAMI, FLORIDA

HILL TURNER, ALUMNI SECRETARY
(Sender's name)

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY
(Sender's address)

NASHVILLE 4, TENNESSEE

JULY 12, 1944
(Date)

MY DEAR JIM:

THE OTHER DAY I RECEIVED FROM AN ALUMNUS IN CHICAGO COPY OF "THE CHICAGO SUN BOOK WEEK", OF JULY 9TH, IN WHICH I FOUND A REVIEW OF BEATTY'S BOOK, "A VANDERBILT MISCELLANY". THE AUTHOR OF THIS REVIEW, JOHN T. FREDERICK, WHO RUNS THE COLUMN, "I'VE BEEN READING", HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT YOUR WORK: "TO ME THE MOST INTERESTING PIECES IN THE FICTION SECTION ARE THOSE OF JAMES STILL AND OF MILDRED HAUN."

I WAS MIGHTY GLAD THAT HE MADE THIS REFERENCE BECAUSE I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED THAT LITTLE COLLECTION OF POEMS OF YOURS.

I HAVE BEEN HOPING THAT I WOULD HEAR FROM YOU SOME TIME BUT THE LAST REFERENCE I HAD WAS FROM A BOY WHO PASSED THROUGH HERE, CAME OUT AND ATE LUNCH WITH ME AND TOLD ME ABOUT YOU.

WITH BEST WISHES, I AM

SINCERELY YOURS,

HT
HILL TURNER,
ALUMNI SECRETARY.

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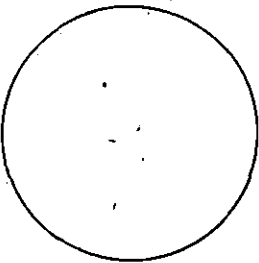
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TO: Tc. Sgt. James Still, 35133320
Hqts. + Hdqts. Sq., 8th ADG HAF
1 PO Box 606
90 Postmaster, Miami, Florida

Miss Frances Grover
Mitchell College
Statesville, N.C.



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SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

(Sender's complete address above)

Dear Jim:

As I woke up this morning, I promised myself to write you on this, your birthday. Though you certainly have no way of knowing it, July 16 never comes without my thinking of you, had a correspondent as I've always been. Hindman somehow has always put the junk on letters for me — I'm turning over a new leaf from 'now on'. I've had scattered bits of news about you from Mrs. Ginn and Jethro, as I expect you may have had about me. You probably know I am not to be in Hindman next year, and I still wonder who will be the next principal.

I am now in Bowling Green, Kentucky, studying typewriting and bookkeeping at the Business University's College of Commerce, and it's proving to be even a better summer than I had anticipated. Lessenberg himself, of typing fame, spent two days here last week, and what a teacher he is. I had a wonderful hour's visit the other night with Miss Marjorie Helm, head of the library at Western, and she knew a good deal about you!

I'm September (after 2 weeks in Hindman in late August) I go to Mitchell College, Statesville, North Carolina, where I am to teach typing and be business manager in that small Presbyterian junior college. I shall help with correspondence and publicity, much as I did in the Hindman office, and it looks as if it would be rather an interesting place. I'm going to miss sharing some of your letters as I did in it. Won't you write me at Mitchell? — I wish you would! — as ever, Frances G.

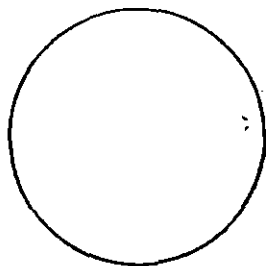
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V...-MAIL

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

T/Sgt James Still 3513320
Hq + Hq Sq, 8th ADG AAF
APO # 606 90 Postmaster
Miami, Fla.

Helen Swain
(Sender's name)

Bushnell
(Sender's address)

Fla.

July 17, 1944
(Date)

Dear Jim:
"Happy Birthday"

I remembered this morning that yesterday was your birthday. Today is Earl's, he is 29.

I received your letter of the 4th. We sure enjoyed it. I read it over several times to the kids. They were interested in the funerals you described, especially Pat.

We are having a lot of rain and hot weather. I have about all my canning done. I canned peaches last week, and have a little more of wild plum jelly and fig preserves to make. We have 3 fig trees which are loaded.

We had a nice long letter from Bill. He is in the New Hebrides islands. He seems to be fine.

Harvey came by a few days ago on his way to Tallahassee to a conference of agriculture teachers. He has quite a job teaching in 2 counties.

Earl, Pat, Tom + I spent 4th July with Grandpa Still. We summed the same only he had lost a little weight. Fannie Villo's boy has been sent across and she could talk about.

I must close, you I am cooking Earl a birthday dinner. I wish you were here. We will remember you.

With love,
Helen.

V...-MAIL

218 East 36th Street,
New York, N. Y.
July 17, 1944

Dear Jim:

A letter from Irma Jean this morning said that you had been ill. I'm sorry, and hope that you are well now and will stay well.

You were thought of yesterday for your birthday. Finally got it straightened out that it is in July and not in June. A friend of mine (a girl of 22) is in the WAFTS - she's been flying since she was 16 - and as her birthday comes one day after yours, she got a false greeting (premature is a better word) last month. She's a wisp of a girl who has passed all the tests in her training and now pilots the big pursuit planes - the War Hawks, Airacoba's, Thunderbolts, etc. She's made a few coast-to-coast trips and will soon be eligible for overseas ferrying, it seems.

Is there anything you want or need, Jim? Please let me know. This is an evening when there is no work so I'm going home in a moment and start a Christmas story. It is at least cooling and refreshing to do that in the middle of our hottest summer (I hope we have taken some of the heat away from you). Have had very few evenings at home and it is such a pleasure to have them. I mean the week-day evenings. A couple of weeks ago I was home on such an evening and when I went to go with the dog for his walk, one of the young men of the house met me in front and asked if I would have time to listen to a poem which his girl had written. I'd seen a sample of the girl's prose and it was rather good, yet as you know even had it been perfect, it would have been no guarantee that the poetry also be good. Well, it wasn't, except for sudden and widely scattered good words or ideas. There were three legal-size pages, filled single-spaced and except for the mentioned good spots, they were an amazing example of what poetry is not. The almost-good spots were the puzzle until he came to the last page which was divided into stanzas. The next-to-the-last one became suddenly lyrical and the last one familiar. It was copied word for word from Sara Teasdale. Am still trying to place the next-to-the-last one.

Jim dear, do take care of yourself. Write to me please and tell me how you are. I'm eager to hear. I wish you could have a furlough and come home. Good night for now.

Love from

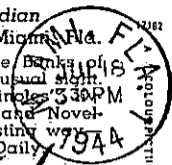
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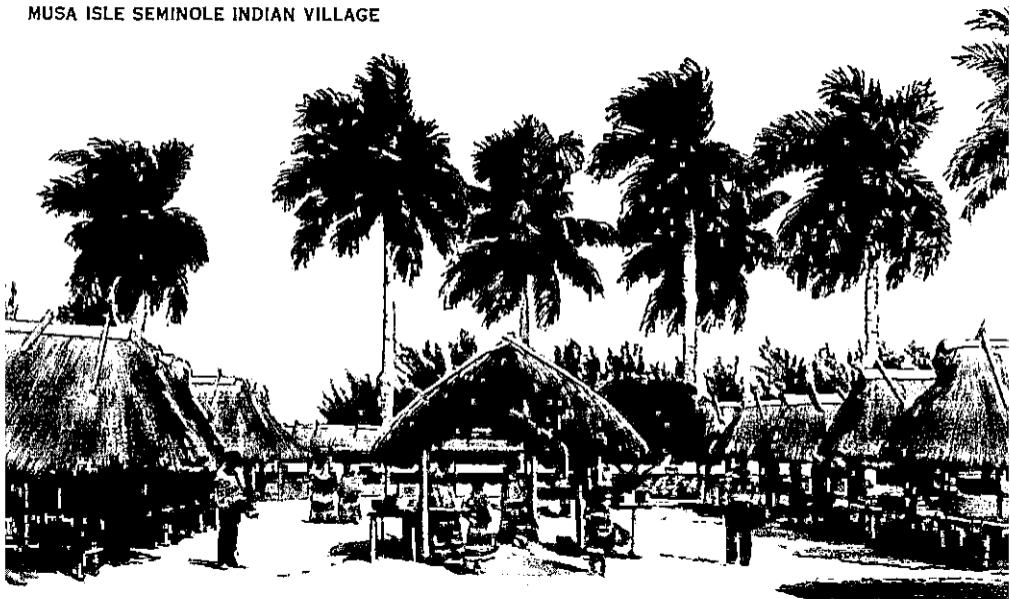
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I have been here
in Miami since
last Tuesday for
vacation, would
like to sell you, but
don't suppose you are
my where near. This
is a beautiful city. Same
tagging at 8421 N. Miami

Staff Sgt James Still
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A PO 606 Postmaster
Miami, Florida

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Knott County Board Of Education

JETHRO AMBURGEY
SUPERINTENDENT

HINDMAN, KENTUCKY

BOARD MEETS:
FIRST MONDAY
EACH MONTH

7/19/44

Dear Jim

Your long letter has just arrived and also the package and your bond. Glad to read such a newsy letter and you may rest assured all your requests will be taken care of. I will take your bonds to Hazard soon. I suppose your box rent is paid up. If not I will renew for you. We need some of you come here in Kentucky. Crops all over the State has been cut short for the lack of rain this summer. I'm afraid the climate there is too hard on you. Since now you are 38 maybe you can get released if you desire and make an effort. I believe you should do it. Our knifork visitors has been swimming us lately from Lexington, Missouri etc. ^{+ Freds} ~~There's~~ plenty of work for Roman Morris has signed up for the Army Air Corps reserve and now waiting his call which I expect will be leaving us in a short while. Of course you know we hate to see him go but we hope the best for him and us. He is today driving the school bus to Hazard for the Crippled Childrens Clinic. Hiram has just arrived from Texas I purchased a car for him and he is here after it.

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Everything is about as usual here at Hindman and Knott County Circuit Court is in session with two murder cases on docket, so not be surprised when I tell you I am not bidding for the Supt's place next time. I have had an awful hard time for the past two years; more than I want to stand the next two years, it is nerve racking. I haven't had anybody in the office with me that would cooperate to any degree, except Kathleen and she has been just wonderful as far as her job goes; but my other help has been terrible. Beckham will probably be in again and if he does I will be given the a job equal or almost to the top if I desire I could tell you a lot the reason for not trying to be Supt. but not now my own things fold too much and paid back all money expended in my behalf, in money and jobs.

I have hired a principal for our school with a B.S. degree from Columbia, with wide educational experience and seems to be a real man for the job. I'm sorry of my delay in writing, we have started our schools and I have been terrible busy. Royer died from some disease.

Yours & family's

Akron, Ohio
July 18, 1944

Dear Jim;

Here I am in Akron working for Goodyear.

I have a very good job and I like the fellows I work with.

Akron is quite a place. There are a lot of things to do and it's a very pretty city too.

Papa was fine when I was at home. He looked just as young as he did ten years ago except he's more gray.

I sure wish that you had been able to come home.

I would like to hear from Tom. He just won't write me a line.

I had a letter from Mary & Rose Marie. They were doing

alright and are about ready to
come to see me.

Its been terribly lonsome for
me here, but I think I can
manage everything alright.

I went to Jackson Michigan
before I came to Abion. I did not
like it there so well. It is a
very pretty country though.

I had quite a vacation. I traveled
through thirteen states ~~before~~ on
my vacation I rested from the 26th of
June till the 14th day of July.

I wish that you could have been
with me. I saw many interesting
things and met lots of swell people.

Traveling is sure tough though.
Write me here at the Hotel.

Take care of your self.

lots of luck -
Cowie

MR. & MRS. DOUGLAS H. BARNES

924 AVENUE D
GADSDEN, ALA.



2820-J

July 19, 1944

Dearest James.

I sure hope these few lines find you feeling fine and well. We are well only Doug's been giving him a lot of trouble lately. I should's a million for the gift's recently was appreciated lot's. We are had a nice rain to day. They are painting my house and trimming it in green and its going to be very pretty. Louise got a letter from Jess's sis in Italy now. Here is her new address. Pleasant Jesse L. Barnes & Co. really likes Maryland much better. Wilfred Johnson is at home for the present. I called Mrs Adams, she told me that Comer ^{was} working in Akron Ohio. I'm so sorry Comer left here if I did not get to see him of this, only when I went over they are all well. Douglas played golf today and shot a 43, his buddie shot 44. I called Papa Sat. he's well and gee his voice sounded good to. Douglas lost his gas book but they gave him another one. Our garden is not doing so well to know as it been so dry. I should's again for the gift's and with hoping you the best of luck wish it was possible for you and Jim to meet each other. I love you and Jim.

Radio School 709
Berks, 54-L. U. S. N. T. C.
Bainbridge, Md.



JULY "22nd-44

My dear Jimmie

No word from you in many weeks so am wondering How you are and where you are. Whether or not your ailment has returned or whether you are busy at your job with no time for letter writing. Billy Carr landed back here about the middle of June. He had been in three engagements and had won three starts and his face clearly showed the strain he had been under. He will go to Dallas Texas tomorrow and he may be there for the Duration. His knowledge is needed down there. But he has taken on another important job and it is MATRIMONY. Has known the young lady for a long time and she will go down with him. He was married yesterday. It was a bit unexpected for they had planned to marry next September but he was afraid he might not be able to get a furlough so they did it up quickly.

He is, like myself, alone in the World with no family and was tired of being in that state. Speaks very highly of the girl and from a letter or two I received from her when we were both looking for something he wanted badly-a Parker # 51 pen and pencil set-was very much impressed with her capability. Hope some day to see a picture of her. We have been having a siege of hot and humid weather so all one can do is to sit tight and be as comfortable as possible. No news for without gas we may not do any touring. But do get enough to let me use the car around the city. And that is a big comfort for they have cut off a lot of trolleys and substituted busses in their stead and the busses are jammed to the limit at all times.

Harry is sending a lot of clothing to Hindman and I ~~am~~ send papers ^{every} ~~very~~ few weeks-book reviews ^{etc} and they seem to appreciate both greatly. Write when you can if only a line to let me know you are O.K. Am 100 %

myself and by care hope to keep up the record.

Affectionately yours

APR 22 1944
M. J. M. Postmaster



July 22, 1944

UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER
BAINBRIDGE, MARYLAND

Dear Uncle James

How are you getting along, fine
I hope.

I am going to go to a Radio School
as soon as there is one open here at
this camp.

I did not ask for Radio School
but they gave it to me anyway.

I got a letter from Mother to-
day and she said she got ~~the~~ a
package from you, and she sure
did like it.

Everybody that goes to Radio
School here at Bainbridge, Md, get
three (3) weeks of H. P. before they
start to school. I am on my (3)
weeks now.



UNITED STATES NAVAL TRAINING CENTER
BAINBRIDGE, MARYLAND

The bad part about it is you
have to get up so early every day.

I guess I will be here for at
least six months. Well I guess
I had better close so write soon

As Ever

Jess S. Barnes

Sunday July 23, 1909

Dear Jim,

It a rather rainy day - stormy would describe it better, low rumbling thunders and occasionally the get so dark - then a down pour yesterday morning Saturday Hazel & I cleaned yards. It was cloudy but sultry hot, just as we got through the lightning was striking pretty close and by middle of the afternoon it was really storming the rain came in gusts so thick you couldnt see very far.

cleared away about dark so we went to town to get groceries & mail. But when we waked up this a.m. it was starting in full swing again. Its the beginning of the rainy season & storms we have just got through the gradin stages. The market opens tomorrow, but

I noticed in 7 days paper Senator Pepper advised the tobacco growers to hold their tobacco so as to get a better price. Our crop was good this year, but ~~but~~ help was scarce & high - we must do what we could. And had to use seven school boys & girls and had to pay them \$4.00 + \$5.00 a day.

We haven't anything growing but hog feed & an acre in sweet potatoes.

Well well - won the election for County Commissioner by a comfortable margin. And Hazel has just been notified that she won an \$800 scholarship to Florida State College. Oh have I already written about it?

Helen Carl & kids ran up to Alabama. The 7th of July. Stayed a day & night. All was well, Lois & Allen was expecting

Wilfred in most any day. Sorry he is in such a condition. (Paralyzed from waist down).

Had a letter from Inez saying corner had gone out near Chicago & work.

Your jacky came and also the magazine of Africa. Very interesting. Thanks.

Hazel is writing so she will tell about here - she shows them to every one.

The news sounds good, so I hope its want last so very much longer. I dreamt you came home, could see you so plain, when I waked up it didn't hardly believe it wasn't true.

Elvise + Becky is visiting down at Brownville these last two weeks. Look for them home in a few days.

I haven't planned to go any where this summer, But know I should go to

see papa. but school soon starts, and
 three girls to dress its quite an expense
 with unusual high cost of material. This is
 one time it pays to sew. I used to get
 dresses for the girls for a \$1.00 now its \$5.00

I'm not grubbing just comparing price

Earl has ^{just} gone he came by for Mel +
 Hazel to go with him to a ball game
 over at "Crystal River". He had no
 more players. So I decided to stay
 home as he would have a full car
 by the time Helen, Pat + Tom get in.
 Bill is still in the new vehicle so
 my letter writing keeps me rather
 busy. I'm writing once a week
 I may sometimes tell the same
 thing over.

Love
 Ellorie

7/23/44

Dear Uncle Jim,

Your package arrived several days ago and I surely liked all the gifts.

But what part is to be Pat's?

It is pouring down here and cold outside. This rain has been falling continuously for the past couple of days. But by now we're all getting used to it.

I was pretty lucky for I won an God scholarship for being Sumner Coeley's most outstanding graduate of '44. This scholarship is to Florida State College

for Women at Fall House.
And I will be given
\$200 each year. I'm
certainly glad that I'm
getting the chance of
a College education

all the family's getting
along fine.

Thanks again and
I'd like like to
hear from you.

Yours
Dorothy

JULY 27 - 1944.

HINDMAN SETTLEMENT SCHOOL
HINDMAN, KENTUCKY.

GENTLEMEN,

PLEASE SEND ME

ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE REGARDING MY BROTHER
FRANK E. (PAT) TURPIN.

THE ENCLOSED FORMS WILL SHOW
WHAT WE NEED.

PAT WAS KILLED WHEN HE JUMPED
FROM A TRANSPORT PLANE IN NEW SOUTH
WALES, AUSTRALIA AND HIS PARACHUTE
FAILED TO OPEN.

THANKING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR
THIS INFORMATION,

SINCERELY,

LT H.S. TURPIN.

Knott County Board Of Education

JETHRO AMBURGEY
SUPERINTENDENT

HINDMAN, KENTUCKY

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7/29/44

Dear Jimmie:

Today is Saturday and it hasn't rained in so long everything has about burned up. Never saw such a dry time. People will not raise more than 1/2 crop.

I wrote you a letter a few days ago and forgot to tell you about how to vote in the November election. You write the Secretary of State, Frankfort, Ky. and tell him you want to make application for an absentee ballot and you will be taken care of.

Hiram is here from Texas and expects to leave soon. One of the boys with him. Everything about as usual here at Hindman, except dry weather which is out of the ordinary. Let us hear from you. Will write again soon.

Jethro & family.