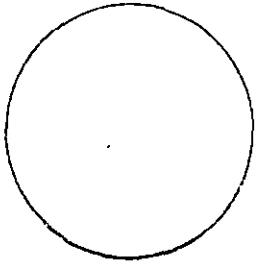


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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

S/Sgt. James Still 35133320
Hq. and Hq. Sq. 8th ADG AAF
APO Box #0625 % Postmaster
Miami, Florida

W. Comer Still
(Sender's name)
918 Spruce Street
(Sender's address)
Gadsden, Alabama

May 4, 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim,

We are right in the middle of a smoke screen of the city of Gadsden. There is to be a fake air raid one night this week.

I haven't heard from home in some time, but presume all is well.

I worked 84 hours last week. Have been transferred to the Engineering department and am really catching trouble.

Inez, Doug and kids ate supper here last Saturday night. They seemed to enjoy it. I sure wish you could have been here. We are expecting you home after the African Campaign is over.

We haven't been able to find any film yet. I wrote Rance Osborne out at Camp Sibert to try to get some for me.

Rose Marie and Barbara Sue are really proud of their purses. Already they've shown them off. We enjoy your letters. Write often.

C.S/m.S

V-MAIL

Lots of luck. your
Bud - Comer

Gadsden, Ala.

May 5, 1943

Dearest Uncle James:

I guess by now you think I have forgotten you but, I have been so busy these past few weeks studying for final exams, which we will have pretty soon. I sure do dread them. I wish you were here to help me study.

I am at home by myself today as I did not go to school. I sure am lonesome. I have blisters on the bottom of my feet and they got infected. They sure do hurt. Daddy is my doctor.

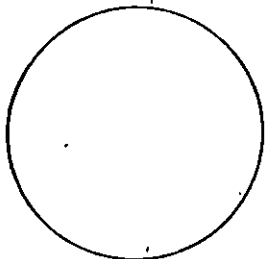
I have been going to church every morning before school time for the past two weeks. I hope to go to camp this summer, in Florence.

I have been once before and I enjoyed it very much. We had regally missionary trainings. We will stay at the teachers college. We will only stay about three or four days. But during ~~those few days~~ we will have a grand time. I am looking forward to it. The reason I want to go so much is that I will meet people from Cuba, China and other strange lands. Last year I met a little Cuban girl and I was very fond of her. Her name was Julia Moskra. I heard from her three or four times after we left camp. Then one day I received a letter from her mother saying that she had died from fever. I was terribly grieved over it. I will always remember her as a dear sweet girl.

Well I will have to close now. Please write to me as I am very anxious to hear from you. Your loving niece

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Staff Sgt. James Still 35183320
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)
R. 1 Box 73
May 9 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim.

As I'm passing off the time trying to catch up with my letter writing, well to-day is Mother's day. How I wish I had one. It would mean so much to us. Wish we could have gone to Rock Springs

I got a Mother's Day Greeting from Bill Saturday. An a package from Harvey + Gladys. The latest news from home, was a card from Inez. all was just fine. We picked beans yesterday and I'm really sore. Still getting a few berries too. The crops are growing, but need rain. your letter came Saturday and was really glad to hear from you. Well still tries to keep up with all the news. It seems forty times a day. Two weeks and school will be out. The kids kind of hate to see it come.

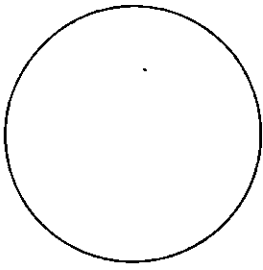
Tom + Patsy send their love. Helen said 'Hello' will write you again in a few day - any way we will be thinking of you & love.

V-MAIL

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STAFF Sgt. JAMES, STILL, 35133320
Ho. Ho. Sq, 8th ADG
A.P.O. BOX 625
% POSTMASTER
MIAMI, FLORIDA.

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

924 AVE D
(Sender's address)

GADSDEN,

ALA.

MAY 9 (Date) 1943

Sunday May 9, 1943. Gadsden Ala. Mother Day.
Dearest James. Sure hope you are still doing nicely. We are all well and Peanut is really enjoying him self as today is his birthday his Dad gave him a fine dollar base ball glove. I gave him a fine dollar bill fold with his name engraved on it. Barbara Sue is still enjoying her purse and money she says I keep this as long as I live. I have not heard from home lately. Did get couple of linting card 26 of April. Sure hope they put flowers on mother grave today. Yes James I think of mamma a lot and gee how proud she would be of you and above all things we would still have a home to visit at all times. I want to go to see Dad soon. Comers of Allos are well Rose may spent Sat. with Barbara. Sure they get along fine. I still have not been able to find any films as they are really scarce now. Our Victory garden is doing nicely. Strawbs are ripe with plenty of. Can't wait to see you. Love Mom.

V - MAIL

May 14
43

Dear Jim,

The United States is not the same place that we left seven or so months ago, but it is still a good U. S. A. I am sure that you too would notice a big change. You will be interested in the changes I have noticed.

The place of women has become very important. In a small town like Wrayville, or in a small community like the one you come from, that isn't much difference. It is in the cities. Here in Buffalo women drive the big city buses. On the railroads women do the porter's job a sweeping out the car. Of course, that isn't true on all trains. Women are ticket agents in

some of the stations. While riding the train through Florida and Georgia I noticed at two separate places - women - ~~negro~~ women - working with men as section hands. At one place in Pennsylvania the track was being repaired. Women were the ones standing along the tracks holding the "danger" flags. One other thing about women in the group in the Service. Especially in Florida, the WAAAC's and WAVES are thick.

Rationing has changed the States. There isn't as much "griping" about it as I expected to find. Potatoes in some sections are practically extinct. (You won't curse me out for using that word will you?) In Miami ~~and~~ potatoes are ~~the~~ very hard to get. Meat

is also scarce in some places.

The people as a whole still don't feel the war ~~at~~ sufficiently. There has been a marked improvement in the seven months we were away, but it still could stand more. The North African victory has done wonders for morale. It put John T. Lewis just that much further behind the eight ball. Lewis hasn't organized labor very much. The repercussions are beginning to take shape in Congress in anti-labor legislation. Everytime Lewis appears on a newspaper the boos and hisses are loud and prolonged.

The problem of what is to come after the war is over is almost an unheard of subject. Washington is no doubt talking and planning, but the people as a whole

seem to think very little about
it.

Jim, I sent the package
for you and wrote the letters
I hope they reached their destination.

I had a nice 8 days in
Mayville. I returned to Miami
to find that I cannot get into
school until about June first. I
am in Buffalo with my wife
now.

Drop me a line. Send
it to Mayville. I will write
more later. I wish you luck in
your O. C. A. I feel sure you will
make it O. K. I will be glad when
we can be together again. I am
anxious to see Carr Creek.

Arnold

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FAIRFAX, ALABAMA
May 15, 1945

MRS. CHARLES HOUSTON
SECRETARY

Hi, There!

This week, have had letters from Australia, India, New Guinea, Africa; and the Solomons.....It is swell to get them, even tho' they say the censors won't let them tell the important things...The real important thing is to get the letters. There has been a shortage of mail from you fellows in the states this week, Could it be that you have misplaced our address?

Here and There: Got a paper today which Charles Edwards mailed in January: the CBI RoundUp.... He was all pepped up in a letter this week, written in April, because he had gotten the April editions of the paper. Almost fresh Alabama news! A blackout again Tuesday night, and they blew the sirens for five minutes, for they were trying out new signals.....I still can't see why they are having trouble making people hear it. I can't hear anything else for an hour after it blows! ...The Variety Club put on a show Thursday night, and it was grand....Mary Almond(local girl) did a gag act with a violin, and she was the best thing on the program. Ralph Kirkpatrick and Rev. Harrison McMains put on a good act, too. They make a good team; I don't think they knew what they were going to do, before they got up there....We didn't know we had such good local talent.....Lots of company this week: The Henry Jones, of St. Catharines, Ontario; Lloyd Medders, Wat Still; Stanley Yarbrough and George Bonner.....And "Jimbo" Finch and "Sambo" Jennings are on the way home; first furlough for both.....Lloyd ran into Clifford Fuller while in Washington, and says he is fine.....

Here is a message from Robert Hurley (who is on his way to a destination): "Say, I read Marvin Fink's letter; you can tell him not to get too cocky about being in that particular branch! The sensation he gets from flying will never equal the thrill of the Navy.....And I have backers, too, in Nealy, Beck, and others.... Maybe we could start a nice argument: Navy vs. Aircorps!"

Milford Brown in a letter this week asks for some letters from you fellows. He doesn't have your address, since we are not allowed to send those overseas. But you have his, it is the same as in the last bulletin.

Will hush this time, as I am including some extra baseball news.....

Until later,
Vera Houston

What Makes Spring?

"There's a mockingbird singing from a dogwood tree,
 There's a bluebird sitting on a post.
 There's a robin bobbin' all over the lawn
 And a south wind giving it's toast
 But the surest answer of all the lot
 That tingles the human spine,
 Is the roar that comes with the bases full
 From a Double along the line!"

Players (1943 Season)

CLUB TEAM

Pitcher: "Wheatie" Kinney
 "(and Mgr) "Popeye" Jennings
 Catcher: "Buck" Edge
 1st. Base: "Preacher" Reeves
 2nd. Base: Clyde Moore
 3rd. Base: Jim Howell
 Short: Joe Edge
 Outfield: Charlie Caldwell
 " Junior Browning
 " Glenn Jarvis
 Sub. Pierce Weldon

AMERICAN LEGION TEAM (Ages 14-17)

Pitchers: John Tidwell*
 Richard Stanfield
 Red Smith*
 Catcher: Red Scott*
 " Ralph Beck
 1st. Base: F. B. Bradfield
 2nd. Base: "Bud" Williams
 3rd. Base: Howard Howell
 Short: Eugene Carden
 Outfield: Lee Browning
 Charles Morgan*
 Sub: "Bud" Hollis
 "Rusty" Kent
 Manager: "Buck" Edge



"LOOK, JOE! AN ORCHID. SOMEBODY THOUGHT
 YOU WERE RIGHT!"

Note: Stars indicate a promising
 player (from Sam)

LATEST SCORES: (This Week)

Fairfax....7-----Shawmut.....5

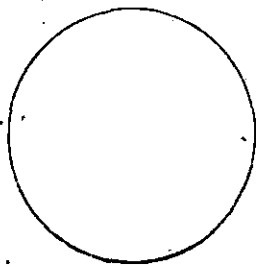
Fairfax Legion....3-----Lanett.....8

SOFTBALL: The Grasshoppers and the Midgets play a schedule of two games each week. In the Grasshoppers League, the Crows, managed by Larry Yarbrough, are leading, and will probably win the championship for the schedule which closes the 24th. The winning team will be given individual prizes; then all players will go to the Langdale pool for an outing.

SWIMMING: 200 children in Fairfax have signed up for swimming classes, and can't wait to get going. Looks like a busy summer.

If you like this extra ball news, let us know. Sam and I sorta thought you would.

No. _____



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

S/ Sgt. James Still 35133320
Hq. and Hq. Sq. 8th. A.D.S.-A.27
Co Post Master A.P.O. No 625
Miami, Florida

W. Corner Still
(Sender's name)
918 Spruce Street
(Sender's address)
Dadeville, Alabama
May, 17, 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim,
I haven't had any news from home in some time, so I suppose you know more about the family than I do.
I did hear that Tom was home on furlough. We haven't seen anything of him.
Rose Marie received her monkey skin purse and the money enclosed. I think I know by now about where you are. I suppose you will be changing location in a short time.
Today was my eight wedding anniversary, also Mary's birthday.
I am on third shift now and I mean it's a tough one. When are you coming home? Write as often as possible
your Bud
Comer.

V-MAIL

P.S. Can you keep little
snap shots. If you can
I will send you one of
myself in my Nurses
Uniform. That is: if you
honor me with a nice
long letter.

All the family including
the boys are well and
happy.

Fairfax, Alabama
May 19, 1943

Dear Uncle Jim:

You're surprised aren't
you, hearing from your
little "niece" for a change.

I'm really intended
writing sooner but neglected
to do so, and for the past
four months I haven't
had time to do any writing.

I am now getting a
two-week vacation from
my newly acquired prof-
fession, and I really
feel as if I need one.
I've never studied or worked
so hard in all my
life but I'll love it.

We are having beautiful³
weather here now with
threatning of rain in the
evenings.

You've been in the Army
a year now - it has been
a different but interesting
life, hasn't it? I don't
suppose you're quite the
same person - you could be
or, not with what you've
been through - But, you'll
be proud of your experiences
in years to come. I can
hardly wait to see you,
and hear of the interesting
tales of your experiences.

I'll probably be back
in B'ham when you re-
ceived this letter, so
write me a letter there

Too Hillman Hospital
Birmingham, Alabama

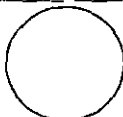
Yours
Wathyn

only week I had gone
into training immediately
after finishing school - I
would practically be an
P.N. by now - and could be
serving my country in
that branch. But it's their
still time I suppose.

From the letters you've
written Mother, you seem
to like the Army immensely
- I'm sure you're one of
the best soldiers we have
- I'm proud of you.

Grandfather was here
last night. He asked me
to tell you that he re-
ceived a letter from Mr
Nuydema, and that he
was awfully concerned about
you, since he hadn't heard
from you in several
months.

No. _____



(PLACE STAMP)

A/Sgt. James Still, No. 2611320

W. J. H. Co., 5th St. S.W., Wash. D.C.

A. P. O. Box 425,

C/o Postmaster, Miami, Florida.

ROBERT E. HANCOCK

215 Montague Street

BROOKLYN, N. Y. U. S. A.

MAY 19, 1942.

(Enc.)

Dear Jimmy Still:

Mr. Lewis has asked me to drop you a note, since he is temporarily on the side lines because of a chin infection on his face. The doctor at first thought it was erysipelas, but fortunately it was not, and he is getting on all right. I think he will be out in a few days, but in the meantime he wanted me to say that the last letter he sent from you was No. 4, which came before the first of March, and he is anxious. In fact, we are all watching the case, hoping for news of you.

I have been intending to write you for weeks, but Father was desperately ill and about a month ago I lost her, so my hands and heart have been full. I am mailing you some clippings I have been saving which I thought might be of interest. Some of them are pretty stale now but I'll send them anyway, not knowing what magazines or newspapers may have reached you.

Sorry my Christmas box failed to reach you. Not that it amounted to so much but it would have swarmed as a Christmas stocking and it did have some poetry magazines and paper covered books of short stories, together with the usual assortment of amusements, sweets and small junk. I had a lot of fun packing it; having to weigh everything complicated matters; and I wish it had gone through. I'm glad your cards reached you at least.

Long ago, when you asked about the make-up of the Yale Review Anthology I went over to Brewster's and looked at it and made a short list of the contents, which I thought Mr. Lewis would enclose in one of his letters, but it seems he thought I was to do it, so between us we failed you. It was made up of three sections; I and II being essays and sociological articles and so forth and taking up most of the book. Section III consisted of nine short stories - "Disillusion," Thomas Mann; "....The Soldier," by Eric Calder (my short-handled story was torn and part of the title missing "On the Broad Road," Ivan Bunin; "Portable Phonograph," Walter Clark; "Woman of France," Thornton Wilder; "The Christie," Hugh Walpole; "The Egg Tree," James Still; "Beaconsfield," by Walter de la Mare; "The French Tree," Paul Kerguelan. In putting a copy of this in with the clippings so maybe one will reach you.

It is just about a year ago that you wrote me of your long trip from Texas, to spend such a short time at home. You said it seemed like heaven, and I hoped you might be back there when Spring came again. I spent last week and in New Jersey and I have never seen the country so beautiful. It has been so cool that everything has come out slowly and lasted for a long time. I'm a little hazy about the seasons over there. Is it Spring there too? Or haven't you had time to notice? It is good to hear the news of victory, but we'll feel better when we have heard from you, too.

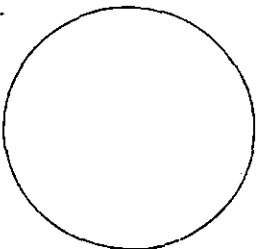
Mr. Lewis has kept pretty well in spite of the fact that he had to stay here during the winter. He misses being able to go to the Home and see the youngsters and visit his other friends in the south, and gets pretty tired of Brooklyn. He hears from Billy Carr quite regularly and the V Mail letters come through in incredibly short time. All is well with him, and I hope we may soon hear the same good news from you. All good wishes,

Sincerely,



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S/Sgt. James Still-35133320

Hq. + Hq. Sq. 8th A.G.D. A.A.F.

A.P.O. 625

9th Postmaster - Miami, Florida

Mrs H. S. Watkins
(Sender's name)

145 Hicks Street
(Sender's address)

Brooklyn, New York

(Date)

5/20/43

Dear Jimmie -

Uncle Guy has been anxious because he has not heard from you in several months.

We hear very generous reports of your excellent work - you and all our boys in Africa - and Uncle Guy is very proud of you and Billy Carr in Australia.

I am proud to be working as an accountant at the Army Exchange Service here in New York and I find it very interesting.

Do write if you need anything we can get.

Regards from Betty
Hazel Watkins

V...-MAIL

Spalden Ala.

May 24, 1943

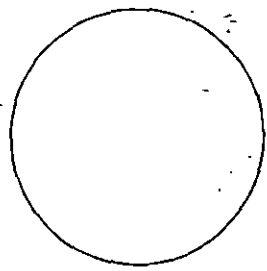
Dearest James,

Monday rite after a hard day's work. We have been doing spring cleaning for two weeks this week we will end up so what a relief, that means more work in the garden. School will be out Friday and I'm a little glad the girls can be a lot of help here in the house. By the way the Mr. Crommer you spoke about in your letter gee I read a bout him in the Birmingham post (Ernie Pyle Column I never miss reading of the him. Well my big brother Tho. Watson still I notice in the Valley paper where he spent a furlow in the Valley but he or any of the rest of them didn't even as much write us so we could see him there. Mary mother is living with them now. They have lots of company from the Valley most every week. I don't hear from any of the folks down here we are going to Columbus in a few weeks Douglas is really tired he work 13 hours a day. Comers & Folles are well we do all

the going. We are having cool weather
now black berry winter I guess. I am
preparing to do a good bit of canning - this
summer. Pearl is driving the car
a cassette. Alfred and Elsie are still
in mobile. I don't think they have the
children with them. Louise is taking
some milk, as she said the only
thing she dislikes about about it, she had
to eat her cooking. I notice in the paper
where Katherine Waller was visiting her
~~parents~~ parents. Louise is going to
Florence May 9 for a study of mission work.
Billie and Aunt Mollie are doing fine
she is 79 years old and can get about
all most as good as I do. Billie works
most all the time. I made a straw-
berry short cake lately that was
really good. we have new Irish potatoes
and my monthly roses are beautiful.
we want to wait away getting mobile for
the boy's grave. James one of our neighbors
killed his wife and five children last
Monday saying its age 9 years to one
month old shot his self but he did
not die he has developse phemissin will
wilt soon. lots of love your sis Dorey.

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Staff Sgt James Still, 35133320
79th 79th Sq, 8th A D 8, AAF
A.P.O. Box # 625
% Postmaster
Miami, Florida

Mrs M. H. Sharpe
(Sender's name)
Bushnell
(Sender's address)
Florida
May 28 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim:

Well the weekly letter should get in the mail so here goes ect. - For its Friday, where has the week gone? We are really having summer weather. It is cool,

still, partly cloudy. one of those quiet morning. Every little sound goes a long ways. The kind I like best of all. Even my thoughts goes a far and near. And still I feel so near every one. I guess we all have our day, month and times of the year we love most.

I been busy canning beans and turnips. greens the last week. Glad all the vegetables come on one at a time. They really look good in the jars. I put a big piece of bacon in each jar so they are all ready to eat. 60 qt. of them.

We had our first peas and tomatoes yesterday. so peas will be to can next week and tomatoes. 10 qt. each. chickens large enough to fry and know one much to eat. The three girls (Hazel, Eloise & Becky) are the only one at home.

Heck & kids comes up about once a week. Tommy ran out the other day to see a plane flying low. He called come down Uncle Jim we are at Grandma's. He thinks because you are far away you will come in a plane.

Earl is down at Bradenton now. Every one is fine.

Hope to hear from you soon, Love

V-MAIL

Eloise.

NO OTHER ENVELOPE SHOULD BE USED

918 Spruce Street
Gadsden, Ala.

[C. May]

Monday 29, 1943
8⁰⁰ P.M.

Dear Jim;

We spent the week end down home. Got to see all the folks. All of them are well and doing fine.

Papa is in good spirits.

We saw Alful. He was home from Mobile, moving his family down there.

It was the same ole Fairfax. Just as soon as I saw all the folks I was ready to come back to Gadsden.

We went down with Inez + Doug.

Jessie Waller is now in the Navy. Wilfred Johnson is in the Army. Went in last week.

I don't imagine many months will pass before I'll be in the Army.

We are expecting Tom home any day now.

I am planting a Victory Garden. I also have 20 chickens weighing about a pound.

Write often as you can.

your Best
Comer

Camp White
May 30, 1943

Dear Jim

Your letter that your white
me the 29 of April was
here in camp when I come
back off of my furlough.

and all the rest of them at
home was all O.K. I did
not have only five days at
home & spent the rest on
the road going and come
back. for it is quite a
jump from Oregon to Ala.
Jim there are three other
boys from the Valley here
but I did not know them
one is from Longdale and

And the other two are
from Lowell. And all of
the other are from the Northern
States.

Jim things are going
all right with me here
and I have given 73¢ cents.
I have been in the Army.
your brother
Tom