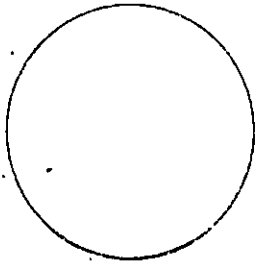


We do not have a picture available of our family now but will send one later. I am sure we would like you with us through Christmas.

It is snowing today and it seems as if we may have a white Christmas. I spent two days in Springton this week. Morris wrecked my car and I had it in the garage down there. A letter will follow soon.

John and family

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

Sgt James Still 35133320
Apt 4 7th St 8th A.D.S. A.A.F.
A.P.O. 606 - C/o postmaster
Miami, Florida

W. Corner Still
(Sender's name)
918 Spruce Street
(Sender's address)
Gadsden, Alabama
Dec. 4, 1943
(Date)

Dear Jim;

We were sure happy to get your letter, and to know that you were alright.

Did you get to see Roosevelt, Churchill + Chang Kwei-chek? We are all well. They spent last week end with pop. He is doing fine.

I had a letter from Clove. Bill had been home and they had had a grand Reunion.

I also had a letter from James Johnson. He is in England. Tom is at Camp Adair Oregon. I sent him a Christmas boy this week. However I havent heard from him for several months. He just won't write.

I have got to work a double tomorrow. will get pay for thirty two hours for one days work.

I'm expecting a letter from you soon
Lots of luck
alover comes

V - MAIL

Alcala, Fla. -

Dec 5 - 43

Dear James.

Of all people I suppose I am the last one you would expect to hear from. About four weeks ago I wrote you to send me your address. I supposed you was in the service some where and thought you would enjoy a letter from me. I have often thought of you, and especially when we were children. I thought you was the only cousin I had. "believe it or not," I often think of those days when I looked forward to the visits to your house, when we lived in Flatham you remember when mother would go to Buffalo she would always take me along with her to look after the baby for her. Those memories are very pleasant ones at this age. I don't think I have seen you since I was about thirteen, but one time. I suppose you remember me & Elsie took me to see you about ten years ago while I was on a visit in Fayette, and you was visiting your dad and family, you was sitting on the porch and came out to the car and talked with us, you promised to stop over to see me on your next trip

to Florida. I have often wondered if you have been here until now. If so you didn't come to see me as you promised.

An education is a wonderful thing to have, so I have heard you went to College and so on. I read a book you wrote while I was visiting you three years ago this past summer. It was good and very interesting. I understand you can write poetry. write some for me. I love it. what church do you belong to, and do you go to church, and are you a christian.

To me education and christianity is a wonderful thing combined, but one without the other doesn't amount to very much. However if we want it bad enough god will provide a way in getting it. He will open the dark places and let the light shine through if we believe and will ask for his guidance. It would please me very much to know you are living a christian life. There is nothing like it. I wouldn't dare to live otherwise. I have a son in service. He is in the navy. In Great Lakes Illinois training station, was called in november. I have two other children a girl and boy. Margaret is fourteen and John eight. we have

lived in Ocala for seventeen years,
we have a Tailor shop here, mostly work
for the merchants. Mr Barksdale & I enjoy
the work but often it gets so barson we
we wish we had never seen a sewing
machine, and especially now as we are so
rushed with service mens clothes.
we keep our shop closed half of the time
to keep the crowd out. I have no time
to stay home and keep house as a wife
should do, so you can arrange what
it looks like. We live out of town on
the old Silver Springs Road 2 miles and
it is inconvenient to get maids or house
keepers. I wish you would tell me some
thing about your self, and your brothers
and sisters, where are they? Are you married,

when you make up your mind to come to
see me, or have a chance to, I will take you
out to see our beautiful Silver Springs,
Tho if you have been here I suppose you
have seen it. we have a Rainbow Springs
which is about twenty miles from here
it is very beautiful too. My mother is with
Mal at present, Jack is in Panama City, Fla, Woodrow
is in Hawthorne, Joel is somewhere in Alabama &
his wife and two daughters are in Miami. This
is all for this time, will close hoping to hear from you soon.

10. my address,

Mrs Elizabeth Barksdale
5 Fort King Avenue
Ocala, Florida.

Send me a picture of your self "please,"
It is almost like writing a theme to
write your address.

W. M. M. M. M.

Private - Club.

Bathing Beach

12/8/43

Dear Master,

I have the honor
to most respectfully to approach
you with this my humble
petition.

There is, I see among
you all my masters that you
are one of them who can
understand my terms and
satisfy me with my work.

I want you to go again and
talk to the other members about
the improvement of the
club. The one thing

I have enquired by a good reply
was given. The ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~every-~~
thing to you, to try and talk to the
other members.

I'm not speaking what I earn
is not enough to meet my expen-
ses per a month. And I have to
borrow money before cover the
expenses.

Hope that you will do it

As ever,

Yours,

John W. H. H. H.

Thurs

ETHEL GLENN HIER
THE OSBORNE - 205 WEST 57TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Dec. 19, 1943

Dear Jim - Your letter of last August is on my desk and I can't believe I haven't written before - It was forwarded to our summer place at Lakeside Conn. and I was delighted to have it and to know where you are or were - I'm sending this to the address given on your envelope, hoping it will be forwarded to you wherever you are -

I've wondered if you were in the "Italian" theatre as they call it on the radio. What a thrilling experience it must be and what a good aviator you must be! I read a Forster tale of the Mediterranean.

can while I was in the hospital this Fall (laryngitis) of a young seaman who was a poet and I thought of you and sent up a little prayer for your protection —

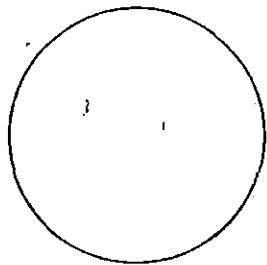
I'm sorry I can't send

a cheery report of performances of "Mountain Preacher" — I've had sweet words of praise from choral conductors but choruses are so disrupted with male voices gone, for the most part, that I'll have to wait until the war is over, I'm afraid, to hear it.

It was a wonderful experience, to me, to write the music, and that should be enough for a poor mortal — In a way I have heard it!

Now, Jim, believe me when I say a line from you would mean a lot — I wish I could send you something. Do let me know where to write next and may God watch over you. We need such spirits

No. _____



(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To S/Sgt. James Still, 35133320
Hq 1 Hq. Sq. 8th ADG, AAF
A.P.O. Box 606
% Postmaster
Miami, Fla.

From

M. H. Sharpe

(Sender's name)

Bushnell

(Sender's address)

Florida

Oct 1, 1953

(Date)

Dear Jim -

Your letter of the 11th arrived yesterday containing the pictures of Cairo, The Pyramids + Camel set. I thank a lot for we appreciated them very much after all has seen them they will be put away with the rest for keeps. Tom saw the pictures, he wanted to know if you rode the Camels. Said he sure would like to. but it would be lots of fun.

Jim, I feel as crazy as a bat this morning. Of all things I felt the mumps creeping on yesterday, I didn't intend for the rest to know. Being freezing cold any way, I wrapped a scarf around my head. Supper came I couldn't eat hardly or talk. So my secret was out. Helen has them to. all has had them except Eloise. She said this morning she believe she was taking them. Probably will be over them by Xmas.

The kids are all home for the holidays. But they had rather go to school.

Had a long letter from Tom Still. Said he was just fine and hoped to get to go home in January. Corner wrote he would be called in January.

Had a telegram from Bill, saying he was back in in the states (San Francisco) being transferred to another ship. Earl's Cousin + Wife are there, Bill knew them well so he has visited them. Said it was sure good to see old friends again. Straw berries
all beginning to ripen.
Love, Eloise

V...-MAIL

(from: New York, NY

(23 Dec 1943)

To: H₂ + H₂ S₂ 8th ADB AAF
APO #1606 c/o PM
Miami, FL]

All good wishes, and
hopes that we will have
word from you in 1944.

Marshall Best

THE CHRIST CHILD
RETABLO FROM NEW MEXICO. SPANISH COLONIAL
XVI CENTURY. FROM A DRAWING BY E. BOYD
The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Index of American Design





VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

DEC 24 1943

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

James Still, S# 35 133 320
S/Sgt. Hq. & Hq. Sq. 8th Air Depot Gp,
APO 625, % Postmaster
Miami, Fla.

IN REPLY REFER TO: FBCC
FN 1 634 883
N- 2 657 020
Plan: 20pl
Effective: Jan.1,1943
Amount: 5.18
Premium:

Dear Sir:

Your application for conversion of National Service Life Insurance has been approved and the change has been made in the records of the Veterans Administration as is indicated above.

Policies for this type of insurance are not available at this time, and pending receipt thereof, this letter may be held as evidence that the change requested has been completed.

If premiums are being paid by direct remittances, or by deductions from service pay, at a rate different than that shown above, proper adjustment should be made.

Very truly yours,

H. L. McCOY,
Director of Insurance.

P. S. A new 5 LPT certificate has been endorsed to show the plan as indicated above and has been forwarded to your father to be held as evidence that the change requested has been completed. The certificate previously issued is of no further value.

Your remittance in the amount of 21.84 paid the cost of change to July 1, '43, with a credit of 06¢. It is assumed deductions in the amount of 1.54 were paid through June when deductions in amount of 5.18 was due.

The changes in beneficiaries, three requests Form 336 received, are a matter of record.

Bushnell, Fla.
Dec. 29, 1943

Dear Jim -

We received your Xmas card yesterday. Patsy is saving the card to put in her scrap book. She already has cards & letters from different parts of the world.

I am glad you got your package by Xmas.

Every one is getting along fine. Hervey & Gladys were here for a couple of days. They left yesterday. They had to be back home by Monday to start back to school.

Mamma received a telegram from Bill last night saying that he would be home next Sunday or Monday for a week or ten days. Hervey said he went to Ala. for a few days just before Xmas.

He said every one was fine but that the weather was awfully cold. We are having ^{some} cold rainy weather now.

Earl is busy with a crew picking oranges this morning. Looking after the saw mill, picking & hauling oranges is keeping Earl busy these days. Also it is time to start turning ground for a spring crop.

Daddy came by this morning on his way to Inverness to carry turnip greens. He has been selling quite a few vegetables all winter. He had some pretty turnips, cabbage & straw berries.

Mamma has just got over a case of mumps. After all these years of being around the mumps she just had them week before last. Patey just had them, then Tommy, Hazel, Becky and myself. Eloise is the only one left to have them. If any thing comes along you can depend on Patey taking it then giving it to the rest of

The family. But the mumps didn't hurt
any of us much. I hardly knew I had
them.

You mentioned about how much cloth
it would take to make ~~for~~^{paty} a dress, well
it will take 2 yards. I always buy that
much but sometimes it doesn't take quite
all of it for a dress. But to be safe I buy
2 yards.

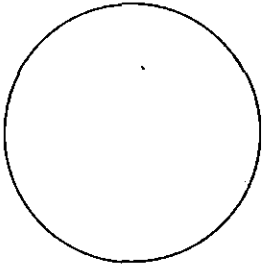
I must close as I have a big washing
to do to-day that has been piled up
since before Tmas.

As ever

Helen [Swain]

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.

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(CENSOR'S STAMP)

S/Sgt. James Still 35133320
Hq. + Hq. Sq, 8th A.D.G. AAF
A.P.O. # 606
% Postmaster
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Mrs. D. H. Barnes
(Sender's name)
924 Avenue D.
(Sender's address)
Gadsden, Alabama
December 30, 1943
(Date)

December 30, '43
Gadsden, Ala.

Dear James;

We enjoyed the holidays very much and hope you did also. We are all getting along just fine. How are you?

Peanut and I have just returned from Westpoint, Georgia. We killed a hog while we were there. Papa was getting along just fine.

I have canned twenty-four pints of sausage this afternoon and I am really tired.

Comer and his family are O. K. too. I certainly enjoyed your last letter and the pictures. So I want you to write more often and longer letters.

We're having a little cold weather now. We had a white Christmas with ice. I hope old Santa was good to you. School starts next week.

V.-MAIL

Love - Dorey