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My dear Contributor:

THE AMERICAN MERCURY, because of space limitations, can use only a very limited amount of fiction and poetry; normally only one short story and rarely more than five or six poems in an issue.

Under these circumstances we are obliged to send back a great deal of really first-rate material. We are simply unable to absorb as much fine poetry and fiction as is submitted to us.

It is no empty rejection formula, but a simple statement of fact, that rejection in this case is neither a criticism nor a commentary on your work. We are grateful that you let us see it and hope that you will not hesitate to try us again.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Spivak

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Furman Spivak
Nov 45

From: Hindman, KY
To: Littleton, KY

(2 Nov 1897)

Hindman Ky.

Dear Mrs Still.

I have decided to
celebrate quite a few thing on my
birth day your returning safe for
one the other runs a long yearline
you will be glad to know a bank I
am sure I will tell you when you
come over I want you to come
for dinner a round 12 a.m. Nov.
the 11. you come and spend the day
if you can. I will have you and
Miss Standish come over on the 13.
spend the night in the settlement
dont fail to come write me if you
can come write me if you cant
come Sincerely

Martha Burns.

P.S. Thanks for
the gift I found
in my room.

From: B-244
Bushnell, FL
To: Littlejohn, K. J.

November 2, 1945

Dear Uncle Jim,

Mama & Daddy are
planning to spend Thanksgiving
giving us Alabama and
if it is possible, they want
you to be there also. They're
only be there about three
days.

We're all OK and Bill
is expected home soon.
Get Mama know your
decision.

Love,

Hoyle

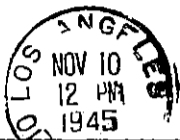
P.S. Mama said to
write corner of the above
since as she doesn't
know his address.

10 1100
Dear Jim:

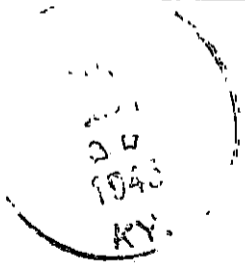
Sorry to hear you were Hypertensive for a month - I think that describes exactly the way I feel now and how I've been feeling the whole time - One reason why no letters though you should know you've been sent plenty telepathy even along with this card - because what an answer this is to your friendly letter of almost a month ago! Hope you are comfortably settled by now, and deep in two-type written words - That practical "Hypertensive" awareness and richest richness of living. Please try to come out and please write again - "ugh" on a penny postal would be adequate response - Grilly's going to Chicago for 3 weeks 15 Dec so my address 6605 Franklin Ave, Hollywood 28 - Tel Hillside 9752 - my name Elbridge G Anderson

266 Linden St
6605 Franklin Ave
Hollywood 28
California

5 Dec 45



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr James Still
Bath

Kentucky

Knot Count: 1

GUY LOOMIS

P. O. BOX 98

BROOKLYN 1, N. Y.

November 10, 1945.

My dear Jimmy:

I have your letter and am sorry indeed to hear that the readjustment from the army to your old life is proving a slower process than you had expected, but as you say, it is being repeated in thousands of lives. Perhaps the immediate change from crowds to complete solitude wasn't the best thing and yet I am sure you must have been looking forward to it for the past three years. What you have been through in having your life dislocated so to speak, added to the enervating effect of staying in the tropics so long, under strain, was bound to take a lot out of you, physically and mentally. I am glad to hear that the stomach trouble is better at least and I think you would be wise to follow your plan and go to a warmer climate this winter, but don't you think that you should stay away for longer than just January and February? The mountains must be bleak and cold in March and also in December, so I should think a longer stay away from there until you get adjusted to the changing seasons again would be wise. If you need any financial help in this I will be glad to help out. It seems to me that Florida would be better than California for you, for if you should make up your mind that Kentucky or in Georgia was where you wanted to be you would not be so far away.

Your letter did not sound like a complaint at all, and my feeling is that it was a relief to you to talk it out. I wouldn't think about the future too much, even though you say you are not worrying about it, for of course this phase won't last long. By the way, I suppose you were gone over physically before you were discharged, so you can be sure there is nothing wrong except the hangover from the malaria, but I would see about the headaches when you get a chance, for it might be something simple - even your eyes.

By the way Miss Mount renewed your subscription to the Readers' Digest last week, giving your address as Bath, so when you know where you will go later, you had better let them know.

My eye is getting along wonderfully well, although I too am having a time getting readjusted, and I let my nurse go a week ago, so am now on my own. I still cannot use the typewriter, so since Miss Mount had to write this for me she read your letter too and her comment was that she was not surprised at all for she knew from the beginning what the war would do to a person like you. I don't know how women get that way, but that's the way they are.

Billy Carr was in the city last week for a night. He is out of the army and expects to go back to the Airlines, but still does not know where he will be sent. In the meantime he and his wife are staying with her people just outside of Philadelphia. They hope he may stay there for they have found living quarters a terrible proposition for the past years.

I hope you will let me hear often how you are making out, and if there is anything I can do let me know.

Affectionately

Why not get a ~~throw~~ physical check up by a good
M.D. - are you leaving?
Willie Guy

Pt 1

La Fayette, Alabama

November 18, 1963

Dear Uncle James,

I haven't heard from you in quite sometime and I don't imagine that you have heard from me in the recent past,

I got married last year while going to high school. My wife was a senior then and went on to finish. I am also trying to finish this year.

I got a job in the mill last November but it hasn't proven to be enough to support us and she can't seem to find a job. I try hard to go to school and work at the same time.

Uncle Jim I tried every where I know to borrow enough money to put my Wife, Evelyn, through school in Opelika. She took these tests that they give in high school to see what the students are best suited for and they told her that ~~they~~ she was best suited for office work.

Uncle Jim I would like to borrow about \$600.00 so I could put her through school and finish my education. ~~It~~ With this I could cover transportation and tuition and it would help me to start to Trade School or College which ever one I decide to go to. I intend if you lend me this amount for it to be handled in a business like manner. I will send you credit and ~~the~~ character references if you would like to have them. I would however make it easier on me to wait at least until she finishes to pay it back.

Yours truly,
Bobby Johnson

P. S.

Please send me a reply as soon as possible one way or the other.

Sunday 7 P.M.

Alexon
19 Nov 45

Dear Jim,

I received your card telling me about Elmore + Mell. being at papa's.

I sure wish that I could go down home but its almost an impossibility at the present time.

I havent been working too much, just 6 hrs. per day 6 days per week. My take home pay is cut in half now. we really have to splurge to get by. The last strike they had at Goodyear and Mary + Rose Marie going home and my trips down put me behind the eight ball.

The only chance is a strike. Im expecting that too; if so I'll go home until its over. If I go, I'll probably go down in the car. I'll let you know.

I suppose that you have been getting adjusted to your home and its surroundings.

I have been wondering if you have been doing any writing lately, or have you got around to that yet?

I have heard thru the Grape Vine that Tom is home, and he and ~~the~~ his wife are visiting Inez & Doug.

I sure would like to see him too.

I'm not making any plans about going home.

How could I get in touch with you in a hurry, in case you wanted to go down with me? If I did go.

If you see Ritchie tell him hello. I'll answer his letter when I get around to it.

When are you coming up for a visit?

Say, we heard a new one from a real west Va. hill billy - "you-seg-er." thought you might be able to use it some time. I hear quite a few new words here. Abson is the American melting pot.

write as often as you can
Mary & Rose make are at church
as ever
Comer

The baby sure is growing. His name is Dale Myron. We call him Dale. He has dark complexion, dark eyes and black hair. Right on the top of his head he has a bit of hair that sticks straight up so we call it his Jim Still curl. I am having some pictures made of him so when I get them back I will send you one.

We will be looking for you this winter.

With love,
Helen

Bushnell, Fla.
Nov. 20, 1945

Dear Jim:
I would have answered your letter before now but I didn't know where you were. I was sure glad to hear that you were out of the army and back at your home. Mamma and Daddy are sure proud of getting to go to Ala. Thanksgiving. They will leave here wed. night and will come back Sunday night. Earl and I will go down to their house and stay until they come back. I will have to milk the cows and so that the kids

have plenty ^{wood} to eat.

Earl has been hauling fruit to Dade City lately. But he left last night for Citrus County on a deer hunt. He said he would be back in 3 or 4 days. This afternoon one of the boys that went with him came by and left me about a quarter of a deer. So I guess they got one. I have never cooked any so I hardly know what to do with it.

I got a letter from Bill to-day and he said by the time I got the letter he would be on his way home. He said he would be leaving for home the 15th of this month. We can hardly wait to see him. He will come by Jacksonville and get his discharge before coming home.

We are living in Bushnell now. We have a family out on the farm doing a little farming.

I sure want you to come to see us this winter. I have an extra bed room so no one would bother you. The baby and I stay here by our selves most of the time. Pat & Tom are both in school.

Tammassee, T.S.

Nov 30, 1945

Dear Jim - What's the chance of seeing you
sometime in December? Silence from you
is usually a good sign.

If you come to a period anywhere it would be
fun to see you.

Dec 2-7 I'll be at Kate Duncan Smith School, Grant
Alabama again. Then I'll head back to Berea
on the 8th.

Nothing of any consequence on till Christmas
Country Dance School which comes Dec 26 - Jan 1st.
What do you say?

Yours,
Marie
(Marvett)