

# ENLISTMENT RECORD

## REGULAR ARMY

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JONES (Last name)      JAMES (First name)      RAMON (Middle name)      691544 (Army serial number)\*      WHITE (Race; see Instruction 6)

Home address 301 South King St., (Number and street or rural route, if none, so state)      Robinson (City, town, or post office)      Crawford (County)      Illinois (State)

\*Enlisted at Chanute Field, Illinois, on the 10th day of November, 1939 Private (In the grade of)

\*by W. H. GIST Jr., 2nd Lt., AC for Air Corps, Hawaiian Dept. to serve Three (3) years (Company, regiment, and arm or service) (Word and figure)

\*for service in Air Corps, Hawaiian Dept. Service completed for longevity pay 0 years 0 months (If enlisted for service outside the United States, or in any particular service within his arm or service)

Last enlisted service in the Regular Army or the Regular Army Reserve: (None) Date of discharge \_\_\_\_\_ (In the grade of) \_\_\_\_\_ (Company, regiment, and arm or service)

\*To be filled out at place of enlistment. Care will be taken to make place and date of enlistment, name of enlisting officer, and period of enlistment the same as in oath.

### DECLARATION OF APPLICANT

(See Instruction 7)

1. Where were you born? Robinson (City, town, or county) Illinois (State or country) What is your race? White (See Instruction 6)
2. Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes (If a naturalized citizen, show how, when, and where naturalized)
3. What grade or year did you complete in: Grammar school 8 High school 4 College or university 0
4. What is your civilian trade or occupation? Student How long did you work at it? \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly wage? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What special military qualification or occupation have you? (None) (For example, cook, company clerk, radio operator, motor mechanic, airplane engine mechanic, supply sergeant)
6. Are you single, married, widower, or divorced? Single Is anyone dependent on you for support? No State number and relationship \_\_\_\_\_
7. Have you ever been convicted (a) of a felony? No (b) of any offense? No  
 Have you ever been imprisoned under sentence of a civil court? No If so, where and when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you ever been discharged other than honorably from the United States military or naval service, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard in an active, inactive, or reserve status? No
8. Have you ever served in the United States military or naval service, the Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or National Guard in an active, inactive, or reserve status? No If so, state last service, date, nature, and cause of separation therefrom \_\_\_\_\_
9. Have you ever previously applied for enlistment and been rejected? No If so, give date, place, and cause of rejection \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you know that if you are rejected because of any disqualifications known to you and concealed from the accepting officer, you will not be furnished with return transportation to the place of acceptance? Yes
11. Do you know that if you secure your enlistment by means of any false statement, willful misrepresentation, or concealment as to your qualifications for enlistment, you are liable to trial by court-martial for fraudulent enlistment? Yes
12. To the best of your knowledge and belief, are you now sound and well? Yes If not, give details \_\_\_\_\_
13. What illnesses, diseases, or accidents have you had since childhood which required treatment by a physician? Pneumonia,  
 When? 1938

In consideration of being accepted for enlistment, I agree not to marry during the period of this enlistment except as authorized in AR 600-750 or not until I am serving in one of the first three grades. I understand that if I violate this agreement I will be discharged, and that I will not be reenlisted even though I obtain a divorce.

I declare that I am not now a member of the Army (Regular Army Reserve excepted), Navy, Marine Corps, National Guard, or Coast Guard in an active, inactive, reserve, or retired status; that the foregoing questions and my answers thereto have been read to me; that my answers have been correctly recorded and are true in all respects and that I fully understand the conditions under which I am enlisting.

\*I further declare that no promises have been made to me that I would be assigned to a school or that I would be taught to fly or given any flying instruction; that I have not been promised any unusual considerations and I understand that, if I am detailed to a special service school and complete the course, I will not be eligible for discharge by purchase during this enlistment except for dependency of near relatives.

Given at Chanute Field, Illinois, the place of acceptance, this 10th day of November, 1939

Witness: W. H. GIST Jr. (To be witnessed by recruiting officer)      2nd Lt., AC (Grade and organization)      Signature of applicant: James R Jones (First name) (Middle initial) (Last name)

Verified at \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ (Recruiting officer)      \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade and organization) (See Instruction 7)

Canvasser \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)      \_\_\_\_\_ (Grade)

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This part of declaration does not apply to man enlisting as flying cadet or enlisting with the avowed intention of applying for admission to the United States Military Academy; and will be lined out.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT PLACE OF ENLISTMENT**  
(MADE BY AN AUTHORIZED MEDICAL EXAMINER)

(Applicant stripped. See Instruction 8)

Eyes Brown Hair Brown Complexion Ruddy Height 67 inches. Weight 148 pounds.  
Girth of chest (at nipples): At expiration 34 inches. At inspiration 37 inches.  
General examination (physique, skin, head, chest, abdomen, extremities, etc.) Normal

General surgical conditions (including hernia, hemorrhoids, varicose veins, and state of abdominal wall and viscera) Normal

Organs of locomotion (including bones, joints, muscles, and tendons) Normal

Genito-urinary system (including functioning of kidneys) Normal  
Vision: Right eye 20/100 Left eye 20/100 Eye conditions Normal Corrected to 20/20 own glasses  
Hearing: Right ear 20/20 Left ear 20/20 Ear, nose, and throat conditions Normal

Teeth { Right (Examinee's) Left  
8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 (Strike out those that are missing; circle those that may be restored)

Mouth and gums Normal Cl ss ll  
Cardio-vascular system Normal

Lungs Normal

Neuro-psychiatric examination Normal

† Remarks None

† I certify that I have carefully examined the applicant and have correctly recorded the results of the examination; and that, to the best of my judgment and belief, \* he is mentally and physically qualified for service in the Army of the United States, \* He is Not physically or mentally disqualified for service in the Army of the United States by reason of \_\_\_\_\_

Place Channahon Field, Ill. Signature Cole D. Pittman

Date November 10, 1939. Name typed or stamped: Cole D. Pittman 1st. Lt. Med. Rec., Medical Corps.  
(Grade)

\* Strike out clause not applicable. † Strike out word not applicable. ‡ See Instruction 9.

**FINGERPRINTS—RIGHT HAND**

Fingerprint impressions will be made in this space in the case of every man enlisting and reenlisting in the Regular Army.

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Hospital Social Service Record S. S. No.

Name of hospital **Station Hospital** White  Hosp. No. **42,447**  
**Camp Campbell, Ky.** Colored  
Name of patient **Jones, James R.** Pvt. Other **SM/SD**

Birthplace: date **Ill.** Age **22** Occupation

Religious affiliation **None**

Address **300 17th St., Miami Beach, Florida.** Date **6/2/44**

Family and friends  
**Mr. G.W. Jones.**



Relationship and address  
**Brother. same.**

Referred to S. S. when; by whom; why **Psychiatric Social Service.**

History requested by **Medical Officer. (Soon Possible.)**

S. S. exchange information

Enlistment record **ASN 6915544, 842nd QM Gas Sup. 2nd ARMY, Service 4Yrs.**

Pension No. Date filed Award

Insurance

Public assistance

1st admission date **6/1/44** Hospital status **17 D** Discharge date

2nd

3rd

4th

STATION HOSPITAL  
Camp Campbell, Kentucky

201 Jones, James R. (Enl)

2 June 1944

Subject: Information Regarding Soldier.

To: Commanding Officer, 842nd QM. Gas Sup., 2nd ARMY.  
Camp Campbell, Kentucky.



1. Private James R. Jones, ASN 6915544, was admitted to this hospital on 1 June 1944, under the following circumstances:

**Neuropsychiatric observation.**

**Please also furnish AGCT score.**

2. He is now under observation to determine whether a nervous or mental disease is present. In order that the proper diagnosis and disposition may be arrived at, it is requested that statements, in the form of certificates or affidavits, as applicable, be submitted. These statements should be made by individuals who have had opportunity to best observe the soldier for any evidence of deviation from normal behavior. A statement from his unit commander giving his estimate of the soldier's worth to the military service is also requested.

For The Commanding Officer

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John E. Runnells, Jr.".

JOHN E. RUNNELLS, JR.,  
2nd. Lt., Med. Adm. C.  
Adjutant

201-Jones, James R. (Enl)



3 June 1944.

SUBJECT: Abstract of Clinical Record.

TO: Commanding Officer, Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Request an abstract of the clinical record in the case of Private James R. Jones, ASN 6915544, who was hospitalized your hospital between June and November 1943.

For The Commanding Officer:

G. H. POPE  
1st Lt., MAC  
Registrar

7 June 1944

I, the undersigned, having known Pvt James R. Jones, since my entry into this Company, on 21 Jan 1944, have had close relations with him and have work with him, I am led to believe that he is highly nervous and is very quick tempered. I think that these conditions are due the period that he spent over-seas in combat duty. Also at times his actions, from personal observation, are quite queer and peculiar.

In my estimation the above mentioned soldier is under a nervous strain, and I further believe that if this organization should go into combat, that this man would be of little value to the service.

*Warne W. Sutter*  
Warne W. Sutter  
Tec 5, ASN 33 463 263  
842d QM Gas Supply Co.



7 June 1944

I have known Pvt James R. Jones since January 7, 1944. My observation of his condition is that he is of a very high strung and nervous temperament. His experience while over-seas has aggravated this nervous tendency. Pvt Jones resents regimentation in any form, an industrious worker for a short period of time, and then loses his temper completely whereupon he is unable to do his job efficiently for several days. Pvt Jones's ambition is to write and has been AWOL several times to get away from people. He often stated he would lose all control of himself if he had to remain in the army and be forced to return to a theatre of operations. In my estimation Pvt Jones is not qualified for any duty as his efficacy and dependability are impaired due to his condition.

*Raymond R. Dear*  
RAYMOND R. DEAR  
2d Lt., QMC  
842d QM Gas Supply Col.



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201-Jones, James R. (E) 1st Ind. EAM/ws  
842d QM GAS SUPPLY COMPANY, Cp Campbell, Kentucky, 10 June 44

TO: Commanding Officer, Station Hospital, Cp Campbell, Ky.

1. The above mentioned soldier's AGCT Score is I-131.
2. I the undersigned have recently taken command of this organization and, at present, I am unable to make a statement in regard to the above mentioned soldier.

*Eugene A. Malloux*  
EUGENE A. MALLLOUX  
Capt., MC  
Commanding





**CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY FOR DISCHARGE**

(See AR 600-500 and AR 615-360)

Jones, James R. 6915544  
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number)

A. U. S.  Regular Army  Regular Army Reserve  National Guard  Enlisted Reserve

Pvt Casual Co, 3557th SU  
(Grade) (Reg. or arm or service)

10 Nov 39 Student  
(Date ind. or current enl.) (Civilian occupation)

Prior service None  
(Total years and months)

6 Nov 21 5'7" 148 Brown Brown W  
(Date of birth) (Height) (Weight) (Color-eyes) (Color hair) (Race)

Last discharged ----  
(Date)

Recommended for discharge on account of Psychoneurosis, mixed anxiety and obsessive types, severe.  
(State nature of disability)

Became unfit for duty from present disease or injury 1 June 1944  
(Day) (Month) (Year)

Disease contracted or injury received Guadalcanal, 1942  
(Date and place)

When disability arose soldier was assigned to and performing duties as Pvt with 842d QM Gas Supply Co  
(State duty and service) Cp Campbell, Kentucky

If absent from company \_\_\_\_\_  
(State cause and date)

Course of disease, or circumstances under which it appeared: Cause undetermined. Soldier gives history of severe anxiety and obsessive tendencies since service in active combat; Guadalcanal, 1942.

Disability was ~~was not~~\* incurred in line of duty.

*Frank Ruvic*  
 FRANK RUVIC,  
 Capt, AUS.  
 Commanding

Camp Campbell, Kentucky

22 June, 1944

**REPORT OF BOARD OF MEDICAL OFFICERS**

From a careful consideration of all the evidence obtainable in the case and a critical examination of the soldier (see sec. I, Cir. No. 146, W. D., 1941), (for line of duty see par. 18, AR 40-1025) WE FIND that he is unfit for service as a soldier because of:

Diagnosis: Psychoneurosis, mixed anxiety and obsessive types, severe. Incapacitates because of severe anxiety and obsessive tendencies. Onset of symptoms: 1942, Guadalcanal. After this campaign soldier felt he could no longer be of service to the army. Patient feels that his career as a writer is now all important. Patient

- That the disqualifying disability was ~~was not~~\* incurred in active service.
- That the injury or disease ~~did~~/did not\* exist prior to enlistment/~~induction~~.
- That the ~~injury or disease was~~/was not\* aggravated by active service.
- That the disability ~~was~~/was not\* due to his own misconduct.
- That the disability was ~~was not~~\* in line of duty.

is tense, tremulous and tearful. Chest X-ray is negative.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE SOLDIER BE DISCHARGED For disability in/ ~~not in~~\* line of duty and ~~due~~/not due\* to his own misconduct. Length of time case has been under observation of one or more members of board:

TWENTY (20) Days

The soldier ~~did~~/did not\* decline treatment for the relief of disability.

*Solomon S. Bobes*  
 SOLOMON S. BOBES Lt. Col, MC  
(Name) (Grade)

*Isadore Schlamowitz*  
 ISADORE SCHLAMO WITZ Captain, MC  
(Name) (Grade)

*Howard E. Roberts*  
 HOWARD E. ROBERTS Captain, MC  
(Name) (Grade)

1st Indorsement

Station Hospital

(Hospital)

Camp Campbell, Kentucky

(Place)

24 June 1944

(Date)

To: Commanding Officer Camp Campbell, Kentucky

(Station or unit)

2d Indorsement

Headquarters, 19

To: Commanding General

Commanding

Indorsement

2nd Indorsement

Headquarters

Camp Campbell, Kentucky

30 June, 19 44

To: Comanding Officer

Casual Co, 3557th SU

Camp Campbell, Kentucky

(Arm or service)

The discharge of Pvt James R. Jones is approved

6915544

order By command of Colonel TAYLOR:

W. R. WISE, 1ST LT, AUS, ASST CH OF MIL PERS BR.

Indorsement

Final Indorsement

Headquarters

Camp Campbell, Kentucky

6 July, 19 44

To: The Adjutant General.

This soldier was honorably/other than honorably\* discharged at Camp Campbell, Kentucky

on the 6th day of July, 19 44

and was furnished with a discharge certificate and duplicate final statements. He desires to be addressed at

300 17th Street

county of Miami State of Florida

W. R. WISE, 1ST LT, AUS,

ASST CH OF MIL PERS BR.

Commanding

NOTE.—Each soldier being separated from active service will be told that he may, if he so desires, apply in writing to World War II Records Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, 209 S. Main St., High Point, N. Carolina, for a statement of medical record, stating the purpose for which it is to be used.

\*Strike out words not applicable.

# Army of the United States



## Honorable Discharge

*This is to certify that*

JAMES R. JONES, 6915544, PVT, 842d QM GAS SUPPLY CO, CAMP CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the  
United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest and Faithful  
Service to his country.*

*Given at* CAMP CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY

*Date* 6 JULY 1944

*William E. Wolfe*  
WILLIAM E. WOLFE, MAJOR, INF,  
CHIEF OF MIL PERS BR.

## ENLISTED RECORD OF

Jones James R. 6915544 Pvt  
 (Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army serial number) (Grade)

Born in Robinson, in the State of Illinois  
 Enlisted ~~on~~ 10 November 1939, at Chanute Field, Illinois  
 When enlisted ~~on~~ he was 18 years of age and by occupation  
 a Student  
 He had Brown eyes, Brown hair, Ruddy complexion,  
 and was Five feet Seven inches in height.  
 Completed Four years, Seven months, Nine days service for longevity pay.  
 Prior service: None

Noncommissioned officer Aptd Cpl 13 May 42 red to Pvt 3 Dec 43: Aptd Sgt 1 Mar 44 red to Pvt  
 Military qualifications: Expert - Carbine; Expert - 1903 Rifle; Marksman-M1 Rifle. 20 May 44.  
 Army specialty Laborer  
 Attendance at None (Name of noncommissioned officers' or special service school)

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions Served at Schofield Bks, T.H, during Japanese attack  
 on the Island of Oahu, 7 Dec 41. Served Guadalcanal, 30 Dec 42.

Decorations, service medals, citations Purple Heart - 13 Jan 43.

Wounds received in service None

Date and result of smallpox vaccination<sup>1</sup> Vaccinoid - 29 Dec 41

Date of completion of all typhoid-paratyphoid vaccinations<sup>1</sup> Stimulating Dose - 4 Feb 44

Date and result of diphtheria immunity test (Schick)<sup>1</sup> None

Date of other vaccinations (specify vaccine used)<sup>1</sup> Tetanus - Stimulating Dose - 28 Sep 42

Physical condition when discharged Poor Married or single Single

Honorably discharged by reason of Sec II AR 615-360 CDD; 2d Ind Hq Cp Campbell, Ky, 30 Jun 44

Character Excellent Periods of active duty<sup>6</sup> None

Remarks<sup>7</sup> 18 days lost under AW-107. AWOL fr 23 Nov 43 to 25 Nov 43 incl (3 days). AWOL  
 fr 19 May 44 to 31 May 44 incl (13 days). AWOL fr 24 Feb 44 to 25 Feb 44 incl (2 days).  
 Soldier entitled to travel pay. Left US for duty in Honolulu, H.T. 30 Jan 40. Arrived  
 in US from Foreign Service 19 May 43.

Print of Right Thumb



Signature of soldier

Lapel Button issued at  
 Camp Campbell, Kentucky  
 6 July 1944

James R. Jones  
 W. R. WISE, 1ST LT, AUS,  
 ASST CH OF MIL PERS BR.

W. R. WISE, 1ST LT, AUS,  
 ASST CH OF MIL PERS BR.

Commanding

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENLISTED RECORD

<sup>1</sup> Enter date of induction only in case of trainee inducted under Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 (Bull. 25, W. D., 1940); in all other cases enter date of enlistment. Eliminate word not applicable.

<sup>2</sup> For each enlistment give company, regiment, or arm or service with inclusive dates of service, grade, cause of discharge, number of days lost under A W 107 (if none, so state), and number of days retained and cause of retention in service for convenience of the Government, if any.

<sup>3</sup> Enter qualifications in arms, horsemanship, etc. Show the qualification, date thereof; and number, date, and source of order announcing same.

<sup>4</sup> See paragraph 12, AR 40-210.

<sup>5</sup> If discharged prior to expiration of service, give number, date, and source of order or full description of authority therefor.

<sup>6</sup> Enter periods of active duty of enlisted men of the Regular Army Reserve and the Enlisted Reserve Corps and dates of induction into Federal Service in the cases of members of the National Guard.

<sup>7</sup> In all cases of men who are entitled to receive Certificates of Service under AR 345-500, enter here appointments and ratings held and all other items of special proficiency or merit other than those shown above.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE

AR 345-470.

Insert name; as, "John J. Doe," in center of form.

Insert Army serial number, grade, company, regiment, or arm or service; as "1620302"; "Corporal, Company A, 1st Infantry"; "Sergeant, Quartermaster Corps."

The name and grade of the officer signing the certificate will be typewritten or printed below the signature.

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State of Indiana }  
County of Marion } SS:

September 23, 1944

This is to certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original of my Discharge from the United States Army.

James R Jones  
JAMES R. JONES

Subscribed and sworn to before me a notary public in and for said County and State, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1944

Howard S. Pinkerton  
Notary Public

My commission expires April 16, 1948





NOTE: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FILL OUT THIS CARD WITHOUT FIRST READING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN AR 615-25 VERY CAREFULLY

SOLDIER'S QUALIFICATION CARD

(22) - (7) PREVIOUS MILITARY EXPERIENCE

ARM OR SERVICE	YEARS IN EACH	HIGHEST GRADE OR RANK	CATEGORY R.A. N.G. C.C.C. ETC.	LAST DISCHARGE (YEAR)	SPECIAL TRAINING RECEIVED			LAST DATE (YEAR)
					SPECIFIC NATURE	YEARS	MO'S.	
Inf	1/4	Corp	CMTC	"38"	Rifle		3	38
Air Corps	3/4	Priv.	R.A.		Guard & P.P.		9	"40"

(28) RECORD OF SERVICE

DATE	ORGANIZATION	PRINCIPAL DUTY
11/19/39	Co. "F" 27th Inf.	Reg Army Pvt Rifleman 745
3 JUN 41	Co F 27th Inf	priv Rifleman 745
MAY 13 '42	Co A 27th Inf.	Epl Sgd Lds 653
Mo		

(23) - (7) SERVICE SCHOOLS, ARM, OR SERVICE

NUMBER OF WEEKS	COURSE	YEAR GRADUATED AND SCHOOL RATING
1.		
2.		
3.		

6-1-43 DET. PAT. KGH-MEMPHIS-TENN.

10 Nov 43	Co H, 101st Inf, Cp Campbell, Ky	Cpl
3 DEC 43	Co K, 101st Inf. Camp Campbell, Ky	Pvt
22 Dec 43	842nd QM Gas & Supply Co Cp Campbell, Ky	Pvt
3/1/44	242nd QM Gas Supply Co WPO 402 1/2 PM	Sgt Sec. Sgt
5/20/44	842nd QM Gas Supply Co	Pvt Laborer 590
22 Jun 44	Cas. Co. 3557th S. U., Cp. Campbell, Ky.	Pvt Pen 4279 Diobh
6 July 44	Hon Disch Sec II AR 615-360	
	CDD 2nd Ind Hq. Cp Campbell, Ky. dtd 30 June 1944	

(24) LIMITED SERVICE CLASS A (T-27) CLASS B (T-28) SD PREFERRED

FINAL PHYSICAL CLASSIFICATION

(25) RECOMMENDED BY CLASSIFIER FOR ASSIGNMENT AS

1.	
2.	
3.	

(26) CLASSIFICATION IN MILITARY SPECIALTIES

DESIGNATION AND SPEC. SER. NO.	DEGREE	DATE
1. Rifleman Spec Ser No 745	Satis. 5-SK	11/19/40
2. Rifleman 745	Satis 5-SK	JUN 30 41
3. Squad Leader 653	Satis 5K	MAY 13 '42
4. Clerk 405	Satis 5-SK	23 Feb 44.
5. Sec Sgt 652	Skilled	3/1/44
6. Laborer 590		6/7/44

(29) FOR USE OF CIVILIAN AGENCIES WHEN AUTHORIZED BY WAR DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS

TITLE OF OFFICE

LOCATION OF OFFICE

SIGNATURES

INTERVIEWER

REGISTRAR OR SOLDIER

*James R. Lewis*

(27) REMARKS Social Security No. 279 12 6781 (if none, so state)

(30) - (8) DATE OF ENLISTMENT CROSS OUT ONE

Nov. 10, 1939

DATE OF INTERVIEW 11/20/40

SIGNATURES

INTERVIEWER *Charles J. Thales, 2nd Lt. 8th J.U. Res.*

CLASSIFIER *Robert M. Nunez, 2nd Lt. 4ACD*

STATION Schofield Barracks, T. H.

Employed immediately prior to entering service. yes  no

Carbine (LET 115) 2/10/44

"03" (EX 184) 2-11-44

Infiltration Course Day & Night 4-28-44

Hand Grenade (ZADS) 5-6-44



June 20/



**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

OFFICE OF THE FIELD DIRECTOR

AAFRS #2, Alamo Hotel  
Miami Beach, Florida



May 27, 1944

Eugene A. Mailloux  
Capt. 842d QM Gas Supply Co.  
Camp Campbell, Kentucky

Dear Captain Mailloux:

I have your letter of May 23 in which you tell me that my brother, James, has been over the hill since Friday, May 19. This was the first information I had relative to his being gone and it comes to me as a complete surprise. I wish to assure you that he has neither been here nor have I heard from him since the beginning date of his absence.

I have a suspicion that he may have gone to our old home town in Illinois and in view of that feeling, I have wired today to friends asking them if he is there to advise him to return to Camp Campbell immediately.

Jim spent a 30 day convalescent leave with me here in Miami Beach just prior to his release from Kennedy General in Memphis, Tennessee. At that time I noticed that some of his actions and mannerisms were different from those which he had prior to his entrance in the regular Army. I wondered at that time if it was possible that the skull fracture he received as a result of shrapnel while on Guadacanal could have any bearing. I discussed it with him at that time, he assured me that the wound had been of a most superficial nature. As a matter of fact he was hospitalized only ten days and was then returned to the theatre of operations. However, I am still wondering if it is possible that his experience on Guadacanal and that wound in particular has some bearing on his present attitude.

I am convinced in my own mind that Jim's absence is not due to any intent to avoid having duty or to shirk important service. It is due I am sure to woman trouble. I am not sure that there is anything constructive I can do about it although I will do everything possible.

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OFFICE OF THE FIELD DIRECTOR

Eugene A. Mailloux, CAPT.

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May 27, 1944

Please do not think that I am trying to make excuses for him because being AWOL at a time like this has no excuse as far as I am concerned. I merely wanted to bring these things to your attention so that on his return you might have a better insight into his mind.

Thank you for your information and rest assured that I shall do everything possible to effect his return at once.

Yours truly,

*G.W. Jones*  
G.W. JONES  
Program Director



GWJ:ap

Lowney Handy  
Robinson, Illinois

June 2, 1944

Captain Eugene A. Mailloux,  
842nd Q.M. Gas Supply,  
Camp Campbell, Kentucky.



Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry concerning the whereabouts of my friend, Sgt. James R. Jones, I regret that I am unable to be of any help to you. I also want it on record that I will not assume responsibility for any of his erratic decisions as he is the sort of person whose actions are positively unpredictable. Not that I especially mean this as derogatory, however, since you say you have checked with the men and studied his record I am certain you understand what I mean. I can furnish all sorts of proof from any one living here in Robinson, his home town, as to his instability as an ordinary citizen, although harmless if left alone to work at the one thing he cares about.

Jones is an artist. He is very sensitive, and certainly far from conservative in his thinking. Like all artists he is not aware of any law, so cannot predict what he may do, and am positive that he has never understood the term ethics as you and I define it. I have heard him say that when he was overseas he meant to kill his commanding officer and that the only reason he did not do so was that the opportunity did not occur. This of course could have been a form of showing off, but I felt at the time that he had spoken truth.

On the other hand, I am sure, he is a writer of very rare promise. This is not only my own opinion but I have shown samples of his work to a number of people and they have been unusually impressed. Among these was Tom Uzzell, former fiction editor of Collier's Weekly. All agree that he is brilliant, undoubtedly genius. If he is a poor soldier this will account for it, for genius is almost invariably remarkably astute in one line and utter failures in all others.

You say your aim is to help him. I am glad that he is in the hands of an understanding person who realizes that writers of his ability (my friends agree that he is in a class with Ernest Hemmingway, Tom Wolfe, John Dos Passos, the few great) develop so seldom in a century.

If you care to check further with people living here in his home town, I suggest that you write, Bayard E. Heath, maker of Heath Toffee Bar, who was a boyhood school friend of his father and will confirm my statement as to his lifelong instability, and suicide. Judge William B. McCarty will back this information that one of his father's brothers was a gangster and 'taken for

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Robinson, Illinois

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a ride' in East Saint Louis a few years ago. Also he will enlarge on the fact that another brother is a shyster lawyer, who had to leave here for a number of years, making his home in Florida because of crooked dealings. Dr. Sam S. Allen will give you medical statistics on the family histories of his parents, showing the same instability on the maternal side. Mr. Maxwell Minor, one of his highschool teachers, who still resides here will confirm his abnormal brilliance as well as all the trouble he caused the faculty. I have been told that he was on probation at this time, with talk of being sent to the reformatory, however, I cannot verify this, and it ~~may~~ may be nothing but gossip. But this I am sure, through his conversation to me that he hates society and feels that he owes them nothing because of all the buffing around he has received. Both of his parents died while he was overseas and not yet twenty.

Again I wish to make it quite clear that I will not be held responsible for any of his actions, although I consider him quite harmless if he is allowed to follow his profession, I might even make it as strong as destiny. But there will never be any stability nor dependability in this character along the line of a good conservative citizen. This is the history of his case and even though I have made a tremendous effort on my part to help him and will do so again, I will not be accountable for anything he may do. I will wire or call you if I should learn of his ~~name~~ whereabouts.

Sincerely yours,

Lowney Handy

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CAMP CAMPBELL KENTUCKY

11 June 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Additional Documents

TO : Commanding Officer, Station Hospital, Camp Campbell, Kentucky

1. Transmitted herewith are additional documents, pertaining to Private James R. Jones, ASN 6 915 544, of this organization.
2. Request acknowledgment of receipt by indorsement hereon.



EUGENE A. MAILLOUX  
Capt., QMC  
Commanding

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- 1 Ltr of Lowney Handy
- 1 Ltr of G.W. Jones

201-Jones, James R. (Enl) 1st Ind

Commanding Officer, Station Hospital, Camp Campbell, Ky., 15 June 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer, 842nd Qm. Gas Supply Co., Camp Campbell, Ky.

Acknowledge receipt of letters inclosed with basic communication.

JOSEPH J. WALKER  
Lt.-Col., M.C.  
Commanding

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Field Director, Station Hospital, Camp Campbell, Kentucky June 12, 1944

Mrs. Catherine Argo, Home Service Director



RECEIVED JUN 16 1944

RE: JONES, James R. Sgt.  
ASN 6915544  
842nd QM Gas Sup.  
Age 22--White--Single  
Length of service--4 years.

BROTHER: Mr. G. W. Jones  
300 17th Street  
Miami Beach, Florida

In response to your request of June 5th regarding social history information on the above mentioned serviceman, we wish to submit the following report:

Informant: Mr. G. W. Jones, brother of your patient--Mr. Jones is a Red Cross Field Director stationed on Miami Beach. He is in charge of recreation for the Redistribution Center. Mr. Jones is intensely interested in his brother and was most cooperative and helpful throughout the interview.

Family Background: Mr. Jones stated that he believed that his brother's present difficulties arose from one outstanding fact in <sup>his</sup> background. He stated that his father had been very much interested in writing but that his grandfather had insisted that his father study to be a dentist. His father practiced this profession for a good many years and was excellent in his field. The only thing in dentistry that he was at all interested in was surgery. Mr. Jones stated that he was about the best exodontist in their part of the country. Mr. Jones stated that if his father had specialized in this field and practiced in a more metropolitan center he might have been happy. In latter years he became so bored with dentistry that he began drinking as an outlet. His son stated that he could not be called a real drunkard because he was always able to stop drinking if he had something interesting to do. He wrote a great deal of verse and he read a great deal.

Mr. Jones is twelve years older than your patient and at the time his father started drinking, he was able to throw aside public opinion. However, your patient was quite young and felt very strongly that the people in the small town where they lived pitied him. He had a great deal of respect for his father but was not able to cope with small-town gossip. Mr. Jones stated that he adopted a very offensive attitude. As he grew older, this attitude was carried over to other things so that at present he is arrogant, belligerent, and self contained.

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Mr. Jones stated that fifteen years before his mother's death, she suffered with diabetes and died about the time of Pearl Harbor of nephritis. His mother was unable to help Jim in facing the outside world because she herself was so ill and so nervous.

Father committed suicide one year and three days after the mother's death. Mr. Jones stated that both he and Jim have the same attitude about this. They feel that if their father was so bored with life and so dissatisfied and felt sure there was nothing more in life for him that it was courageous for him to take his own life. At the time of his father's death, Jim was stationed overseas. Mr. Jones sent him a cable with-holding the details. Later he explained the details in a letter and Jim answered that he knew without being told that his father had committed suicide.

The only other member of their immediate family living is a sister who is three years younger than Jim. The only other relative living is an uncle. This uncle is not very close to Jim or his sister because as children they made him nervous. He married late in life. The family saw little of him particularly because he was too strict with the children.

Personality: Mr. Jones stated that his brother has always been an individualist. This has been particularly true since he went into the Army. He stated that he would always do what he thought best regardless of the consequences. Whenever he would decide to do anything he would think about what advantages there were in the plan and what the consequences might be. If the advantages seemed to him to outweigh the punishment he would go ahead. Last Thanksgiving he went AWOL. He felt that it was more important to him to be at home for Thanksgiving than the probable loss of his rank. Mr. Jones related to Worker the story Jim told him that had happened when he was first hospitalized in this country. Mr. Jones believed the story because throughout his life he has never known his brother to lie. He can remember that when he was a child he would admit doing something even tho he knew he would be punished severely for it. One day when the Medical Officer was coming through the wards he spoke sharply to Jim. Later when the officer was about to leave the wards, Jim still on crutches walked up to him and told the officer that he felt that he did not deserve the scolding which had been given to him and asked for an apology. The Medical Officer stated he would have Jim "busted" for insubordination. Jim stated that was immaterial to him but that he wished to have the pleasure of busting the officer in the nose with his crutches. The officer stated, "I think you really mean that" and apologized.

Health and Medical History: Mr. Jones stated that the only serious illness that his brother had had as a child was pneumonia. The only accident that he could remember was on Jim's graduation. He played the trombone in the orchestra and with some of the other boys was in the auditorium fixing wires. He slipped and fell through the plaster on to some folding chairs thirty feet below. His body was badly lacerated. However, he insisted upon graduating with the rest of his class, walking across the stage to get his diploma. He sat with the orchestra and altho he could not play due to his lip being swollen he insisted upon pretending he was.

## Social History Cont.

**Education:** Jim finished high school. Although his brother and his father urged him to go on immediately to college, he felt that he was too young to decide on a career and wanted to wait a few years before entering. While he was stationed in Hawaii he worked under an English professor who had been a classmate of John Steinbeck. Mr. Jones received a letter from this man who stated that he felt Jim had great possibilities as a writer. Worker asked Mr. Jones if Jim had been successful in selling any of his work. He said he had sold a few pieces to a Hawaiian newspaper and he sold a few things to pulp magazines.

**Military Induction:** Three days after his 18th birthday, he enlisted in the Army for adventure and experience. He signed up for four years. He then planned to continue his studies. Mr. Jones stated that it was not long after he went in the Army that he was sorry he did so. As soon as he became fully acquainted with the regimentation and red tape of Army life, his present attitude of disgust for the Army began to make an appearance. It has increased throughout his period of service. His brother stated that he was at Schofield Barracks when war was declared and that he was shipped over to Guadalcanal very shortly afterwards. While there he received a head injury which was not serious. At this time, he was given the choice as to whether he would remain or go back to the States. He chose to remain. When Worker asked Mr. Jones why he did not take advantage of returning, he stated that his brother felt a very great responsibility for finishing the job which he started. Later he received an ankle injury which incapacitated him. He was returned to the States for hospitalization. When he was discharged from the hospital he spent thirty days convalescent furlough with his brother on Miami Beach. Mr. Jones stated that during these times he followed the newspapers closely because at that time his old outfit was in Bougainville. He felt very strongly that it was not right for him to be over here when his company was going through such hell. He told his brother that when he left he was going to ask to be returned to his outfit, although he admitted he was "scared to death".

At this time he was a Corporal in the regular Army. He was sent to Camp Campbell and did some work in relation to gas and transportation. Although he was reduced to a Buck Private at Thanksgiving, within four months he had risen to a Buck Sgt., because he knew so much about the field in which he was working.

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He said that because his brother is such an individualist, that he will never fit into Army life and because of the same individualism the Army cannot understand his behavior. In relation to his writing, Mrs. Jones stated that at times Jim has become very discouraged but that basically he knows that he can write.

Future Plans: Mr. Jones stated that Jim has never mentioned the possibilities of his being discharged. He feels that if he is discharged he will continue to write. He will probably make his home with his brother here in Miami. Mr. Jones stated that he has been saving \$25.00 every month since he went into Service. Also, that he has a small farm which is owned jointly by all three children. He stated that this would be enough money for him to live on for quite a period of time and would enable him to spend all his time writing. He does not want to go to school yet because he is particularly anxious to go back to Hawaii and study under his former English professor there.

We hope that this information will be helpful to the medical authorities.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Catherine Spear  
Home Service Director

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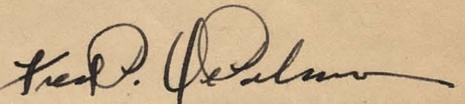
19 June 1944

SUBJECT: Dismissal of Court Martial Charges

TO : Commanding Officer, Station Hospital Camp Campbell, Camp Campbell, Ky

1. Court Martial Charge preferred against Pvt James R. Jones ASN  
6 915 544, this Company, has been dismissed.

2. Dismissal will expediate pending CDD.



FRED P. DE PALMA  
1st Lt., QMC  
Commanding

