

UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS NO. 513

PROGRAM TITLE

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1942

11:30 - 12:00 NOON BLUE

DAY & DATE

TIME

PRODUCTION NOTES

CAST:

BESS - KATHERINE CARD
JERRY- JOHN LARKIN
JIM - HARVEY HAYS -
(FROM NEW YORK)

CHARACTERS

CAST

SOUND

REMARKS

MASTER Attached as broadcast:

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Orchestra Leader

Production Director

Announcer

Agency Producer or Announcer

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EXCERPTS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1942

11:50 - 12:00 HOUR BLUE

CAST:

BESS - KATHERINE W. O'ROURKE
TERRY - JOHN L. LEVIN
JIM - HARVEY B. HALE
(FROM NEW YORK)

PRODUCTION NOTES

11-12-42 11:50-12:00 BLUE

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: Theme

3. ANNOUNCER: Nearly a thousand members of the United States Forest Service,
4. nearly twenty percent of the entire peace-time staff, are
5. now on military furlough, engaged in active war service
6. for Uncle Sam -- with the Army and Navy, with the Air Forces
7. and the Marines, and, in the case of some of the forestry
8. women, with the WAACS and the WAVES. In the meantime, however,
9. the job of keeping our forests green and growing moves right
10. along. Here at home, the men and women of the Forest Service
11. cheerfully take on the added burdens of wartime forestry.
12. For them, the spirit of conservation and wise use burns
13. brighter than ever before, because their high resolve - that
14. our forests must be managed for the greatest good of the
15. greatest number of people in the long run - now has greater
16. force and greater significance than ever before.....

17. And so, to the Pine Cone Ranger Station where we find Bess
18. Robbins talking to Assistant Ranger Jerry Quick. Bess seems
19. quite concerned over the absence of her husband, Ranger Jim
20. Robbins, who went to Elk City four days ago. Well, here's
21. Bess and Jerry.

22. BESS: (FADING IN) But I tell you, Jerry, what Jim had to do in the
23. city shouldn't have taken only a couple of days. If only he'd
24. write and.....
25.

United States Forest Service

MEMORANDUM

TO :

FROM :

Nearly a thousand members of the United States Forest Service are now on military duty, engaged in active service for Uncle Sam -- with the Army and Navy, with the Air Force and the Marines, and in the case of some of the forestry women, with the WAAC and the WAVES. In the meantime, however, the job of keeping our forests green and growing never stops. Here at home, the men and women of the Forest Service are doing their share on the added burdens of wartime forestry. The spirit of conservation and wise use has become more than ever before, because their high resolve -- our forests must be managed for the greatest good of the greatest number of people in the long run -- has become more and more significant than ever before. . . .

and so, to the Pine Cone Ranger Station where we find the following letter to Assistant Ranger Jerry Price. . . .

quite concerned over the chance of her husband, Ranger Price, being sent to the city two days ago. . . .

and Jerry.

(P.S. I am Jerry's wife, what I had to do was to also shouldn't have taken only a couple of days. . . .)

SUBJECT:

DATE:

1. JERRY: He sent that telegram two days ago, didn't he, telling us
2. he was going to be away longer than he thought? I don't see
3. what there is to worry about, Mrs. Robbins.

4. BESS: Jim hasn't been himself these past few weeks, Jerry.

5. JERRY: Huh? What do you mean?

6. BESS: Jim's been uneasy...I've come on him quite often lately,
7. just...well, just staring into space. I never said anything
8. to him about it but..now...I don't know. Maybe I should
9. have.

10. JERRY: I hadn't noticed anything like that, Mrs. Robbins. But then,
11. Jim always seems the same to me.

12. BESS: Yes, I know. Jim doesn't show his feelings very often. But
13. I...I can tell when something's bothering him, Jerry. It's
14. just that when two people have been together as long as Jim
15. and I, and they've shared each other's tribulations and
16. happiness over so many years, they get to sort of sense things
17. in one another.

18. JERRY: I understand.

19. BESS: I can't help but feel that Jim has finally reached a point
20. where he wonders if he's really doing enough to help win the
21. war - if his work here in the forest is where he could serve
22. best.

23. JERRY: You mean to say you've figured all that out just from
24. catching Jim staring into space a couple of times? Mrs. Robbins
25. you shouldn't let yourself go overboard like that.

He went into California two days ago, didn't he? I don't know if he was going to be away longer than he thought. I don't know what there is to worry about, Mrs. Robbins.

The man's been himself these past few weeks, Jerry.

What do you mean?

Jim's been queer... I've come on him quite often lately, just... well, just staring into space. I never said anything to him about it but... now... I don't know. Maybe I should have.

I don't notice anything like that, Mrs. Robbins. But you Jim always seems the same to me.

Yes, I know. Jim doesn't show his feelings very often, but I can tell when something's bothering him, Jerry. It's just that when two people have been together as long as Jim and I, and they've shared each other's tribulations and hardships over so many years, they get to sort of sense things in one another.

I understand.

I can't help but feel that Jim has really worried a good while he wonders if he's really doing enough to help the way - if his work here in the forest is where he could best.

You can't say you've figured all that out just now.

Excuse me, I'm sorry to hear a couple of times that you shouldn't let yourself go overboard like that.

1. BESS: Don't forget, Jerry, this is the second World War Jim and I
2. have lived through. Staring into space is only part of it.
3. You see, Jim has.... no, I'll put it another way.

4. JERRY: If you'd rather not talk about it, Mrs. Robbins.....

5. BESS: Oh, but I want to, Jerry. What I started to say was,
6. I've remembered that Jim went through almost exactly the same
7. uncertainty in that last war. Of course, our boy...David..
8. he was in the armed forces then and Jim wanted so badly to be
9. with him. Now, I'm not sure what Jim want exactly, but
10. it's the same sort of feeling.

11. JERRY: Let me get this straight, Mrs. Robbins. You really think
12. that Jim's staying so long in Elk City has something to do
13. with all this?

14. BESS: Yes, Jerry.

15. JERRY: Good gravey! You don't think Jim's gonna go and enlist or
16. something, do you? Why, his job is here, right here in the
17. forest.

18. BESS: A man's mind plays tricks on him sometimes, Jerry.

19. JERRY: Yeah, sure. But shucks. Jim has always told me that our job
20. is here, getting out the wood for war, protecting the forest...
21. at least till we're called to something else. What you're
22. saying doesn't make sense, Mrs. Robbins....Oh, excuse me, I
23. didn't mean that.....

24. BESS: I understand, Jerry...It's all right. I...I hope I am wrong
25. about all this. But the signs are all the same as last time.

26. JERRY: During the last war, you mean?

Don't forget, Jerry, this is the second world war and
state laws through. Starting into space is only part of it.

You see, the war... no, I'll put it another way.

If you'd rather not talk about it, Mrs. Robbins...

Oh, but I want to, Jerry. What I wanted to say was,

I've remembered that Jim went through almost exactly the same

uncertainty in that last war. Of course, our boy... David.

He was in the armed forces then and Jim wanted to follow to

with him. Now, I'm not sure what Jim wants exactly, but

it's the same sort of feeling.

Let me get this straight, Mrs. Robbins. You really think

that Jim's staying so long in the city has something to do

with all this?

Yes, Jerry.

Good gosh! You don't think Jim's gonna go and enlist or

something, do you? What the hell is there, right here in the

town?

A war's kind plain folks or his sometimes, Jerry.

Yeah, sure. But she's... she has always told us that our

is here, getting out the word for war, protesting the town.

at least till we're called to something else. Let you

know, doesn't make sense, Mrs. Robbins... Oh, excuse me.

That's what I mean, Jerry...

I understand, Jerry... It's all right. I... I hope I

about all this. But she says she all the same as last war.

During the last war, you mean?

1. BESS: Yes, Jerry. Jim acted just like he's acting this time.
2. JERRY: Even to going off to Elk City like now?
3. BESS: Yes. Then Jim really planned to join David, as he put it.
4. JERRY: What happened?
5. BESS: I..I received word that David was killed in action.
6. JERRY: Oh.
7. BESS: I sent word to Jim, of course.
8. JERRY: And he came back home?
9. BESS: Yes, back home and to work. We never said a word about it.
10. And after a while Jim was all right again. He worked night
11. and day in the forestAnd now.....
12. JERRY: I understand. But it seems to me, that Jim would have less
13. reason to want to leave his job here now than before.
14. BESS: You'd think so, wouldn't you? Well, maybe I have gone overboard
15. Jerry, like you said.
16. JERRY: Sure. Jim's all right. He...well..... those jobs he had to
17. do in Elk City....he probably didn't finish 'em off as fast
18. as he thought he would. So that's why he had to stay over.
19. See?
20. BESS: You're a sweet boy, Jerry.
21. JERRY: Feel better?
22. BESS: Yes, Jerry. I guess I.. maybe... I've been a bit silly at that
23. Jim would let me know before he did anything drastic, wouldn't
24. he?
25. JERRY: Of course he would.....You know, I got a funny feeling, Mrs.
- Robbins.

Yes, Jerry. Jim asked just like he's coming out there.

Ever to going off to see him later now?

Yes. When Jim really planned to join David, on the way...

What happened?

I... I received word that David was killed in action.

Oh.

I sent word to Jim, of course.

And he came back home?

Yes, back home and to work. He never said a word about it.

And after a while Jim was all right again. He worked right

and lay in the forest... and how...

I understand. But it seems to me, that Jim would have been

reason to want to leave his job here now than before.

That's true, wouldn't you? Well, maybe I have gone over

before, like you said.

Guess Jim's all right... well... those jobs he had to

do in his city... he probably didn't finish 'em off as fast

as he thought he would. As that's why he had to stay over

long.

You're a sweet boy, Jerry.

Well, thank you.

Yes, Jerry. I guess... maybe... I've been a bit silly at times.

Jim would let me know before he did anything drastic, wouldn't

he?

Of course he would... You know, I got a funny feeling

Robinson.

1. BESS: What's that, Jerry?

2. JERRY: It's the strangest thing. I got a feeling we're going to
3. hear from Jim pretty quick. I bet he's sitting down right
4. now, writing a letter (FADE) to you.

5. PAUSE:

6. SWITCH TO NEW YORK

7. FADE IN SCRATCHING PEN, SUSTAIN

8. JIM: (SLOW, AS IF REPEATING WORDS AS HE WRITES THEM) Dear Bess...
9. This is one letter I've got to write. It's my answer to the
10. way you looked at me when I left the Station four days ago,
11. and said, "Jim, take care of yourself, whatever you decide to
12. do." If anybody but you had even hinted that I might get
13. sidetracked from my official work here in Elk City, I'd
14. probably have thought he was crazy.
15. But you, Bess, you always seem to know me better than I know
16. myself. You knew, didn't you, what I've gone through the past
17. few weeks? And that it finally caught up with me? I guess
18. that's happening to a lot of folks these days. There comes
19. a time when a fellow's got to make sure, for himself, that
20. what he's doing is right.....
21. Oh, I know I've tried to get across to Jerry and others how
22. important it is to keep the logs rolling, to stop waste and
23. carelessness, and with it all, to sustain our forests for future
24. good...but, well....I just had to make sure that these things
25. were all-important as far as I, Jim Robbins, was concerned....
I've stood for hours at the recruiting stations here, watching
the lines of young men eagerly waiting to bear arms for their
country.

(MORE)

What's that, Jerry?

REPLY:

It's the strangest thing. I got a feeling we're going to
hear from him pretty quick. I bet he's sitting down right
now, writing a letter (TRAIL) to you.

REPLY:

SWITCH TO NEW YORK

FACE IN SEPARATING THE, SUSTAIN

REPLY:

(SLOW, AS IF REPEATING WORDS AS HE WRITES THEM) Dear Jerry,
This is one letter I've got to write. It's my answer to the
way you looked at me when I left the station two days ago
and said, "Jim, take care of yourself, whatever you do."
It's nobody but you had ever hinted that I might get
altered from my official work here in New York, I'd

probably have thought he was crazy.

But you, Jerry, you always seem to know me better than I know
myself. You know, didn't you, what I've gone through the last
few weeks? And that it finally caught up with me? I guess
that's happening to a lot of folk these days. There's been
a time when a fellow's got to make sure, for himself, that
what he's doing is right.....

Oh, I know I've tried to get across to Jerry and other
important it is to keep the logs rolling, to stop waste and
extraneous, and with it all, to sustain our interests for the
good...but, well...I just had to make sure that these things
were all-important as far as I, Jim Hopkins, was concerned.
I've stood for hours at the recording stations here, watching
the lines of young men eagerly waiting to hear news for their

JIM:

(CONT.)

1. It was easy to see that what I've got by way of strength
2. and faith doesn't stack up with the youth and spirit of those
3. young men. But if and when the call comes for me, I'll be
4. ready. Yes, and just as eager as the youngest lad in those
5. lines.....Meanwhile I wanted to find out if there isn't
6. some morevital war job I can do..even more vital than handling
7. the Pine Cone. Well, I've been to all of the war plants
8. around Elk City. And in all the plants I visited, I found men
9. handling, working, and shaping the material I've given most of
10. my life to - wood from the forest. Yes, in all these plants
11. I saw more than ever before the importance of wood - sound,
12. clean wood - to Uncle Sam's war job....In the plane factories,
13. training planes of wood are being turned out; in the
14. rifle plant, it's wood that is going into the stocks; in the
15. boat factory, assault boats made mostly out of wood products
16. are hitting the testing pond, day after day. And, Bess, at
17. one wood-working plant I found some of our own logs on the
18. yard - logs from the Pine Cone National Forest, mind you,
19. and there was the U. S. stamp and Jerry's scrawled tally
20. numbers in blue crayon. And everywhere I went, Bess, the plant
21. managers and supervisors seemed really glad to see me, and some
22. of them told me, "Robbins, keep the wood rolling and we'll
23. keep the planes flying and the boats sailing and the guns
24. firing." I saw shatterproof glass, artificial leather and
25. sponges, photographic film and hundreds of other essential
items made out of wood.....Well, I began to feel good again,
Bess.

(MORE)

(Cont.)

LINE

It was easy to see that what I've got by way of strength
 and that doesn't stand up with the youth and spirit of these
 young men. But it and when the call comes for me, I'll be
 ready. Yes, and just as eager as the youngsters led in those
 lines..... Meanwhile I wanted to find out if there isn't
 some novel way for me to do something more vital than handling
 the pine cones. Well, I've been to all of the war plants
 around Dix City. And in all the plants I visited, I found
 handling, working, and shipping the material I've given
 my life to - wood from the forest. Yes, in all these places
 I saw more than ever before the importance of wood - some
 clean wood - to Uncle Sam's war job.... In the pine
 handling plants of wood are being turned out; in the
 mill plants, it's wood that is going into the stocks; in the
 boat factory, essential boats made mostly out of wood products
 are getting the setting point, day after day. And, here, in
 one wood-working plant I found some of our own logs on the
 yard - logs from the Pine Cone National Forest, and here
 and there was the U. S. stamp and Jerry's authorized tally
 numbers in blue crayon. And everywhere I went, here, the
 managers and supervisors seemed really glad to see me, and
 of them told me, "Remember keep the wood rolling and we'll
 keep the planes flying and the boats sailing and the guns
 firing." I saw shatterproof glass, artificial leather and
 sponges, photographic film and hundreds of other essential
 items made out of wood.... Well, I began to feel good again.

(MORE)

Beer

1. JIM: (CONT'D)

2. My job back home, handling a forest, got into focus again.....
3. Early this morning, I met a ragged little fellow
4. tugging a patched-up wagon full of wood scraps he'd picked
5. up at a mill. We had a fine talk. The lad was proud as a
6. peacock, Bess, because, as he put it, he was getting in the
7. wood for Mother. It seems his brother, now somewhere across
8. the seas, once had the same chore. He made me see, better'n
9. anything else, that we have a job here at home to do, that
10. my biggest job right now is to get in the wood, too.....
11. So, Bess, soon after I drop this letter in a mailbox, I'll
12. be hopping a bus for home. Seems like the best way I can help
13. Uncle Sam right now is indeed to keep the logs rolling, and
14. try to stop waste and carelessness and to sustain the forest for
15. future good. So - I'm coming back to my job in the woods.
16. Love, Jim.....

17. SWITCH TO CHICAGO

18. MUSICAL FINALE

19. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week during the
20. National Farm and Home Hour as a network presentation with
21. the cooperation of the Forest Service, United States
22. Department of Agriculture.
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BJ:2:30
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(CONT'D)

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My job was to handle the forest, get into some areas
 Early this morning, I set a rigged little fence
 tugging a ratcheted-up wagon full of wood screws he'd picked
 up at a mill. We had a fine talk. The lad was proud of
 himself, that, because, as he put it, he was getting in the
 wood for Mother. It seems the brother, now somewhere around
 the seat, once had the same chore. He made us see, before
 anything else, that we have a job here at home to do, that
 my biggest job right now is to get in the wood, too.
 So, soon after I drop this letter in a mailbox, I'll
 be hoping a bus for home. Same like the bear way I can
 Uncle Sam right now is trying to keep the logs rolling and
 try to stop waste and carelessness and to sustain the forest
 there good. So - I'm coming back to my job in the woods.
 Love, Jim.....

SWITCH TO CHICAGO

MEDIA FINAL

ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers come to you each week during the
 National Law and Home Show as a radio presentation of
 the cooperation of the Forest Service, United States
 Department of Agriculture.

11/17/52