

Had a Card from Elvis the Other Day

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postmarked Budapest, Hungary, 76 Forint in postage due, the card had a pretty good Chamber-of-Commerce-ish photo of the Danube on it. In slanted and slightly flattened-out handwriting Elvis had scrawled "Hi pal how you doin'? Is this a river or what? Say hi to the Colonel for me. Chow baby, ELVIS." I had a card from Elvis

the other day postmarked LaGrange, Illinois, 15 cents postage due, heads of wheat wildly wavin' in the spring's winds etched in blood-brown ink around its borders, he'd written "Hi pal how ya doin'? Is this a river or what? Say hi to the Colonel for me. Chow baby, ELVIS." Had a card from

Elvis the other day, postmarked Sutter, California, no postage due, on the front was a vertical hand-tinted likeness of rounded rollin' Buttes full-a thigh-high golden grass leanin' with the wind anticipatin' black-nosed sheeps' winter grazin'. It read "Hi pal how're ya doin'? Is this a river or what? Say hi to the Colonel for me. Chow baby, ELVIS." I had

a card from Elvis the other day, postmarked Newalla, Oklahoma, 3 cents postage due. Pasted on the front're all-cap local newspaper headlines sayin' **BETHEL RAIDERS BEAT HARRAH TIGERS! DALE BLUEJAYS DOWNED BY MOORE'S**

BISONS! SHAWNEE'S SEMINOLES UPSET MC-LOUD'S CORNTOPPERS! Elvis wrote "Hi pal how ya doin a'? Is this a river or what? Say hi to the Colonel for me. Chow baby, ELVIS." Had a card from

Elvis the other day postmarked Kabul, Afghanistan, a thousand Afghani in postage due. On the front was a Kodak-processed black-and-white photograph showin' the inner spaces of the Kremlin with a tiny little airplane parked way off in a far corner surrounded by zillions of cheering onlookers. "Hi pal," Elvis began, "How ya doin'? Boy, is this a river or what? Say hello to the Colonel for me. Chow baby, ELVIS." Elvis sent me another card the

other day, postmarked Memphis, 10 cents in postage due'n on it was a hand-drawn etching of the Colorado Rockies in early fall with yellow and purple field flowers bloomin' their fullest'n aspens their whitest'n deer'n bear sippin' pure clear icy water from meanderin' streams crossed here and there by crafted little foot bridges. In slanted and slightly flattened-out writing Elvis scrawled "Hi pal how're ya doin'? Is this a river or what? Say hi to 'Scilla for me. Chow baby, E." I have some

doubts, though, about this last card actually bein' from Elvis, since on none of his others did he ever sign his name as simply "E". I'd appreciate hearin' about this from others who've heard from Elvis lately.