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## 1944-11-29, Jack to Evabel

Jack P. Bell

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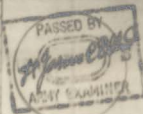
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POSTAL SERVICE  
DEC 7  
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1944  
3

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID  
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300



What the complete address in plain letters in the panel below and address in cursive in the photographing panel.



(GROSSER'S STAMP)

To: MRS. JACK BELL  
352 1/2 WEST STREET  
ELYRIA, OHIO

See Instruction No. 3

From: PVT. JOHN P. BELL  
3805 & 9th  
78TH SIG. CO. APO 70  
CA/ATLANTA, NEW YORK  
N.Y.

(Sender's complete address above)

Nov 29, 1944  
In Belgium

Dearest Fried,

At last the mail is catching up with me, and it looks as tho' V-mail is the best bet for speedy delivery. In addressing this to Loni's as you said you had moved in with her, are you going into our place the first of January as you'd planned?

Howev, if you can get me some cigarettes I'd appreciate them. Any brand will do. My ration here isn't quite enough. If you can't get them don't worry about it as the situation may be improved. I know it's hard to get them at home these days.

Let me know what kind of paper you choose for the apartment, darling.

I'll write you regular letters from time to time, but I thought this might get to you a little sooner.

In sending you a million hugs and kisses,  
Your Own,  
Jack



HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?



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[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE APR 1944 – Dec 1944 #38]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

[[Image: Print Text:]]

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V - - MAIL SERVICE  
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[[Image: Military post-  
mark stamp, print text  
“U.S. POSTAL SERVICE /  
No. 3” encircling date:  
“DEC 7 / 6 PM / 1944”]]

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[Page 2 – V-Mail Letter]

	[[In a box, after “To:”]]	[[On address lines, after “From:”]]
[[Image: censor stamp, overlaid with signature]]	MRS. JACK BELL 352 1/2 WEST STREET ELYRIA, OHIO	PVT. JOHN P. BELL 35052495 78TH SIG. CO. A.P.O. 78 C/O PST. MSTR. NEW YORK N.Y.

[[Partition above letter proper]]

Nov. 29, 1944  
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[[Image: Magenta postmark stamp over the written text, with a date: Ded 16, 1944]]

I'm sending you a million hugs and kisses,

Your Own,

[[underscore]] Jack [[underscore]]

[[Image: Footer, including typed text ensuring writers have filled in all fields completely]]