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John P. Bell 35052495 Det . of Patients Hosp. Plant 4149 a.P.O. 63 C/o Pst. Mali. New york, My. K. Mrs. Jack Bell 352 2 West Street Elyria, Ohio Jan Wallary

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I just had a Coea Cola. First I'd had since I was in Bournemouth.

Baby dear, I miss you more every day, but the longer were apart the grander it will be when we are re-

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Pvt. John P. Bell 35052495 Det. of Patients Hosp. Plant 4149 A.P.O. 63 c/o Pst. Mstr. New York, N.Y. [[image- orange U.S. Postage Via Air Mail Stamp]]

Air Mail

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Mrs. Jack Bell 352 ½ West Street Elyria, Ohio

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