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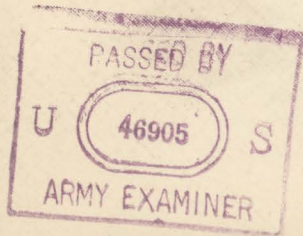
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Pvt. John P. Bell 35052495  
Co. D Det. of Patients Hosp. Plant-4167  
APO 514-A C/O PM New York, N.Y.



VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. Jack Bell  
345 W. River St.  
Elyria, Ohio



*Requid*

England - Feb. 13, 1945

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Yours always,  
Jack



[[Nick Dante 11/24/15]]

[[Bell Correspondence #10]]

[[Page 1- Envelope]]

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