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## 1943-03-17, Evabel to Jack

Evabel Bell

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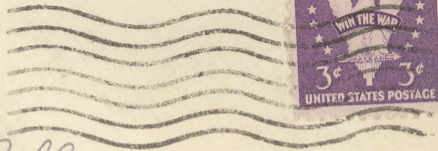
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Pvt. John P. Bell

78<sup>th</sup> Signal Co. 78<sup>th</sup> Div

Camp Butner,

North Carolina

A.P.O. 78

Mrs Jack Bell ①  
345 St. River St  
Elyria, O.

435th - 19th. bomb group

Wed, 17 of Mar.  
St. Patrick's day.

Darling, Pyote A.A.B. Pyote, Texas

Well my second day at work didn't go so very bad, except that for about an hour afterwards I can still hear the noise. I suppose when I get used to it it won't be too bad.

are you getting used to the army or I should say is the army getting used to you? I don't think that training will hurt you ~~any~~. maybe it might train you in something which could be used "after the duration"

I got your seperation papers from the Coca Cola Co and also a receipt of the amount of victory tax you <sup>paid</sup> which can be deducted from your 1944 income tax, the amount was \$22.80. So I shall put those in safety deposit box along with the other things you told me to put in.

I have signed up for them to

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take \$10 a month out of my pay<sup>or bonds</sup>. I wanted to have them made out in your name but I thought I'd better make them out in my ~~name~~ and then you be the co-owner. So I shall be getting a bond every other month. That's not too bad for a poor little old factory worker.

The phone has been ringing constantly since I got home. Everyone inviting me over for supper and asking about you. So you see, Darling, I'm going to be well taken care of while you're gone. Of course it won't be you, but we'll always be to-gether in our hearts. At least you are always in my heart.

It sure was swell of Bill & Dolly to drive me out to see you last night. I'm so glad I went. I enjoyed being with you even if you did have a few things to do. I thought you looked so cute in your fatigue clothes even in

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When I came home to-day from work, I sat down and <sup>read</sup> three days papers. I didn't get a chance to even look at a paper since Saturday. So I caught up on my reading.

Oh, yes I forgot to tell you. I bought a "mike" to-day at the shop, it costs \$6.75 and they take it out of two pays. But you see I had to have it to work on the hickies I inspect (whatever they are) That's all right with you isn't it sweetie? They said I can always sell it if I take a notion to quit. Also they are hard to get and it just happened they had some on hand, otherwise I'd have to keep borrowing from the girls which I hate to do.

I had a card from Chuck to-day. a bit of encouragement, telling me to keep my chin up, which of course I'm doing for my dearest soldier boy whom I love.

so very much.

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Darling, if you get this before my birthday. Do you know what I would like more than any thing else in the world, would be for you to call me up. Of course reverse the changes. I'll be home all evening waiting for it. To hear your dear voice would mean more to me than all the riches in the world. But if you can't do it, don't worry darling I'll understand because I shall know that you want to do it just as bad as I want you to.

I love you so very much darling as you know, but I'm getting along swell, so don't you worry, honey, I really like my job and I work with an awfully nice bunch of girls.

Take care of your self sweetheart and write when you can - all my love

P.S. Remember to look for the numbers on the envelopes.

Fink



Mar 19, 1943.

Darling,

What luck we had last night on the way home. Here we were skinning along so nicely when all of the sudden Viola got sick. We had to stop the car and she got out and threw up. I guess she always gets car sick. Skinny said if they drive more than 50 miles she is sick. And she just loves to go too. Well anyway that isn't all. When we got to Skinny's mother's house to pick up the baby we discovered we had a flat tire so Skinny had to change the tire. It's a good thing you keep that spare full of air. (I'll have to remember to do that) So we had a ~~very~~ jolly old time. But it was all worth it to go out to see you.

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I was going to stay home to-night and clean up the house but I have some one to do it for me to-morrow.

Welen (the girl downstairs in the back) has some ~~old~~ lady staying with her, so I'm going to have her give the house a real good cleaning. and if she does it good then I'm going to have her come up every Saturday and give the house a good cleaning. You know, Honey, when I come home

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Yours always  
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[[Nick Dante 6/9/16]]

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