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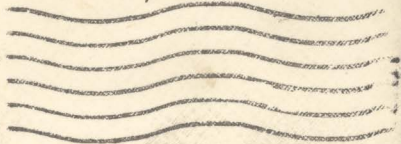
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Free



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

March 28, '43

Camp Butner, N.C.

Good Morning Sweetheart,

9 o'clock Sunday morning. Bet  
you're still sleeping. We get to sleep  
late on Sunday morning. Till 7 o'clock.  
Aint that sompin'?

This has certainly been a busy week.  
You could probably tell that by my letters.  
I wrote them on the fly. A little here, and  
a little there. Today I believe is all mine.

I haven't had any mail yet. I suppose  
I'll be getting one from you tomorrow. Will  
that be nice. I'm going to try and write one  
every day even if it's just a short one.

There's a crap game going on in here  
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We just had a mail call. They have one on Sunday. I suppose it's stuff that comes in late Saturday. I missed the boat tho'. Oh, well I could hardly expect any mail so soon I guess. About the first of the week I'll probably start getting letters.

Honey, do you have enough money?

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I'm going to try and write to Bill and Dolly today also the boys at Coca Cola. I've received a card and a letter from Genevieve so I'll have to try and write her today too.

It's cool today, but the sun is shining brightly. It rained all nite long. Real Carolina weather. The ground is all sandy around here so the water doesn't stick around long in most spots.

I put on my summer underwear last nite. Tomorrow I'll take my woolies to the laundry. They take \$1.50 out of every pay for laundry anyway so I might as well get some-thing out of it.

I have three good Ohio buddies here in the barracks. Jim Kurtz from Cleveland, a Greyhound ticket agent. Trenton Coleman.

If you need any don't forget that's what it's in the bank for, and if that isn't enough cash in some bonds.

I keep thinking of our little place, and how nice it will be when I can come home and enjoy it again with you. I think I've always appreciated my home, but I guess now I really realize how swell it is. Tell me when you write how you're making out on your job. I'll probably be able to write more interesting letters after I really get to doing something. Now it's all drill, classes etc.

Well, darling I'll be staying so long now, with a big hug and lots of kisses for the sweetest little wife in the world.

Your Sweetheart,

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[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE MARCH 1943 – APRIL 1943 #5]

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Camp Butner, N.C.

stamp, with print text

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“CAMP BUTNER / N.C”

encircling date:

“MAR 29 / 3 PM / 1943”]]

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