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Put John P. Bell
78th Signal Co. 78th Div.
Camp Butner,
N.C.

A.P.O. 78

Mrs. J. P. Bell

345 St. River St

Chyria O.

March 30, 43

My Sweetie,

I got your letter of the 26th.

That means it takes four days for your letters to get here. I guess all those southern camps have slow mail service. Oh well I don't care as long as I get mail from my sweetie, I don't care how old it is.

I have got your picture propped up in front of me and your look so happy that I just have to smile back at you. It's the one that we took at Puritas Spring park, remember? We each had one with our mouths open. But this one I have of you is just darling. You look just like your going to say "Hello my little lover." in your own inimitable way. I just love it. Just as I love you. Only my love for you has no ending, it just goes on and on and on until it reaches clear down

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I'll understand, and I shall write every
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I bought another blouse. I paid 59¢
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Frank.

[[Nick Dante 6/15/16]]

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