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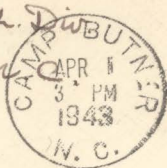
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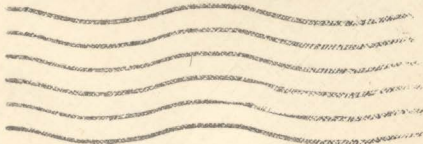
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Camp Butner, Va.

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

March 31, 1943  
Camp Butner, N. C.

Dearest Wife,

Got your letter today, darling, the one you wrote Sunday at the folks'. I also got one from Mom and Dad today, and she told about you coming over.

Glad to hear you had such a good time out with the girls, Saturday nite. It sounded like a real good time.

To tell you the truth, honey, I really don't have much to write about tonite, unless I start repeating myself. Our days are sort of routine right now. Mostly classes. After while when I get into specialized training I'll probably have something new to write about. Anyway, if you don't get tired of hearing me say I love you, I'll still have something to write about. I never tire of hearing you say it.



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Once again thanks to everyone for the gifts. In the army I use everyone of them everyday.

Well darling, this isn't much of a letter, maybe tomorrow I'll have more to write.

All my love and lots of kisses,

Your own,  
Jack

The war news is getting better every mite. Kids get into the post in the afternoon with the Durham and Raleigh papers. I always take a look at the headlines. I think these days will go down in history as Rommel's last stand. Let's hope he doesn't stand many hours longer.

As near as I can figure out Henderson must be south and west of here. Just about every afternoon when we're standing retreat I see a bus heading in that direction marked Henderson.

In a few weeks we'll be getting our insignia. It's a semicircle of red with a white streak of lightning in it. If I should happen to get an extra one I'll send it to you. Would you like it? It's not likely that they'll give me too many, but I can buy them at the PX. The insignia is worn ~~at~~ on the left shoulder or I should say high up on

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[Page 1 – Envelope]

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Camp Butner, N.C.

stamp, with print text

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“CAMP BUTNER / N.C”

encircling date:

“APR 1 / 3 PM / 1943”]]

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