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Mrs. J. R. Bell 3 45 It. River St. Elyia, O.

april 1, 1943. Darling, Here lase at your mocher's again using her stationery and lating her meals. ain't I an awful chisler, but really I'm not because I trought over a three bound can of Crisco (which she said she needed) and a Can of pumphin ( which I promised her). Didn't I write you and awful letter yes ! terday. But when I was writing it I had a head oche and could it think very straight But I sale try to make up for it to-day you know I get the sweetest letters from a certain soldier. I just love them, I read them so much I'll het & practically know them by heart. and, Parling don't you dan say you don't write nice letters They you write the grandest letter, I just fell as though you were sitting right nept to me talking to me. Its the next best thing to hearing your

voice + seeing you. Tella Sweetie do you get good mesto. I I sow is chow? are ile army cooks as good as me? I h, of course not, They have only had years of experience, Itell any way I hope you enjoy your meals because I know you always did love to lat. your aunt Violet Came in just now with maior and she says to be sure to be rembered Oh yes, your mother wrote and told Viniever about our ride to the lake that Dat. before you left and then arther told her to elaborate on the scene so she wrote back two pages on the scene and then you should read the answer art wrote her. He wrote all about the scenery wound there is the most elaborate wording and then he ended by saying the only appropriate place for ice to in the golden yellow generated

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Please tell me about your buddies, are they married, and do they have any Children . and Then many married men in your barracks: How do you get along with the men? your name was in the paper to-night. It was in the news of the Service men. It just good a list of the Service men sent to the various Campo from Camp Perry and yours was one of those sent to Camp Butnes. now don't forget just as soon as you get out of quantine and get your garmen Let I want you to take agricture of your self. I don't even have a good perhus of you, I mean a big one. and I want one of you omiling because that's the way you always were at home (at least most align) Well, Veiling, I guess in at the page so I had better say so long to the desiest husband in the whole wide world and send you a great big kiss. your own

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N.C.

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Mrs J. P. Bell 345 W. River St Elyria, O. [[Page 3 – Letter]]

April 1, 1943.

Darling,

Here I am at your Mother's again using her stationary and eating her meals. Ain't I an awful chisler, but really I'm not because I brought over a three pound can of Crisco (which she said she needed) and a can of pumpkin (which I promised her).

Didn't I write you and awful letter yesterday. But when I was writing it I had a headache and could it think very straight But I shall try to make up for it to-day. You know I get the sweetest letters from a certain soldier. I just love them. I read them so much I'll bet I practically know them by heart. And, Darling don't you dare say you don't write nice letters Why you write the grandest letters, I just feel as though you were sitting right next to me talking to me. It's the next best thing to hearing your

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voice + seeing you.

Tell me, sweetie, do you get good meals? How is chow? Are the Army Cooks as good as me? Oh, of course not, They have only had years of experience. Well any way I hope you enjoy your meals because I know you always did love to eat.

Your aunt Violet came in just now with Marion and she says to be sure to be remembered to you.

Oh yes, your Mother wrote and told Genieveve about our ride to the lake that Sat. before you left and then Arthur told her to elaborate on the scene so she wrote back two pages on the scene and then you should read the answer Art wrote her. He wrote all about the scenery around there in the most elaborate wording and then he ended by saying the only appropriate place for ice is in the golden yellow generated

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Yesterday when we went for a ride down to the lake, it certainly was beautiful. The lake and the sky were almost the same color and they blended beautifully and then the sky was all golden from the rays of the sun too. It was about 7:30 and it was still broad daylight.

To-morrow is Jim's birthday so I must remeber to send him a card.

Your Mother hasn't heard from Chuck yet. Unless she gets a call from him to-night. But I shall write you the first thing.

Now, Darling, I know you can't call or any thing else so don't fret about it. As long as I get your sweet letter every day I'm happy.

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Please tell me about your buddies, Are they married, and do they have any children. Are there many married men in your barracks? How do you get along with the men? Your name was in the paper to-night. It was in the news of the service men. It just gave a list of the service men sent to the various camps from Camp Perry. And yours was one of those sent to Camp Butner. Now don't forget just as soon as you get out of quarantine and get your garrison hat I want you to take a picture of your self. I don't even have a good picture of you, I mean a big one. And I want one of you smiling because that's the way you always were at home (at least most always)

Well, Darling, I guess I'm at the bottom of the page so I had better say so long to the dearest husband in the whole wife world and send you a great big kiss.

> your own, Fink.