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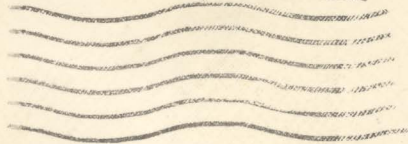
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Mrs. Jack Bell
345 W. River St.
Elyria, Ohio

April 6, 1943

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My Sweet Wife,

I received the family letter today. Did that one ever get here fast. It was postmarked April 5, 9 A.M., and I got it today. I'm glad everyone had a good time. I was thinking about you all Sunday as I performed my duties as a policeman (K.P.). I also got a copy of the Oberlin Times today. It had an article about Chuck in it. I wonder if Chuck will like Texas. He seemed to be quite fond of Denver.

I was down to the dry cleaners this evening to see if my clothes were back yet. No. They were supposed to come back Saturday. The progressive South!

The war news is certainly getting encouraging. If they keep on going this way I wouldn't be surprised to see Germany

K.O.'d in a month.

This is the size notebook I was telling you fits in my fatigue shirt pocket. The flap buttons down too. They're pockets what are pockets. I need a pretty good sized note book. Most all the classes I have I take notes.

I never did think we spent any money foolishly, honey. We always got our money's worth. Didn't we? Wait till I get home, darling. We'll swing out high wide and handsome again. I don't think any couple ever enjoyed each others company or had as much fun together as we do. Do you sweetie?

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you haven't heard anything about "Biddie" huh? Just wait and see, that son of a gun will get all sorts of deferments. That kind of a guy just falls into things like that. I wonder if they still have A-rack. What a dog!

It seems funny to be listening to the radio down here and hear the announcer say Atlanta Georgia. Just like we'd get Detroit or Chicago at home.

Well darling I guess I've spent my entire store of knowledge for today so with all my love I'll say Goodnite, dearest sweetheart.

Your lover,
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[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE MARCH 1943 – APRIL 1943 #11]

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