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Evabel Bell

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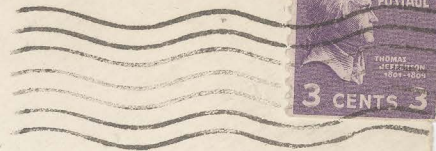
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Camp Butner,  
N. C.

A.P.O. 78

Mrs J. P. Bell  
345 St. River St.  
Elyria, O.



April 14, 1943

Darling Sweetie,

Well here it is winter again. When I got up this morning, what do you think, there was about 2 inches of snow on the ground and the wind was whistling and it was plenty cold. and this is supposed to be spring, you know, April showers bring may flowers, etc. I shall be so glad when it gets warm once and for all and stays warm.

Didn't you ~~ask~~ ask for a certain thing you want to do. you said in one of your previous letters that you could state your choice as to what branch of the signal corps you want to be in. Or is that like any thing else the Army does. They put you where they damn well please.

Talk about service, you know I told you the "Associate Co" didn't send us our Certificate of title for the car. Well Monday, Ida wrote them a real snappy letter telling them to send me



the certificate of title right away. Still to-day (Wed) I got the title. They must have mailed it out right away. Still anyway I'm glad I have it. I shall put it in our safety deposit box as soon as I get a chance to. But I don't know when that will be because I work till 3:00 and the banks close at 3:30.

Darling you said when you come home we shall celebrate my birthday. Sweetie, when you come home we shall celebrate every thing, Christmas, new years, Fourth of July, Birthdays, anniversaries all rolled into one. And what a celebration. But one thing, we are going to be by ourselves most of the time. I may be a bit selfish but I want you all to my self.

I'll just share you one tiny bit with everyone but not very much. you know you're all mine and I have every priority on you. isn't that right, Darling? As for a birthday gift. Darling, every day is my birthday



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Well, Baby, the time has come for me to say adieu to my darling  
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