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 Pvt. John P. Bell
78th Sig. Co. 78th Div.
Camp Butner,

A.P.O. 078
N.C.
Mrs J. P. Bell
345 W. River St.
Elyria, O.
Darling Sweetie,

Well here it is winter again. When I got up this morning, what do you think, there was about 2 miles 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 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 know well please.

Talk about service, you know I told you the "Associated 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. Will
to-day (1st) I got the title. They must
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I'll just have you one thing but with
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when I get a letter from you. But, wrong, there is one thing that I would like, if you can get it for me. I tried to live in town but I couldn't. I would like a little Signal Corps pin. I saw some girls wearing one and I think they are so nice. It shows just what branch of service your beloved is in.

If you can't that's all right too, I just thought perhaps you could get one at the PX.

Sweetie, do you know what, the Chief has said that if your husband has a furlough, you can take off as long as he has and that after I've been 3 months, I can take a week off or if I'm there 6 mo. I can take two weeks off. So, it's something nice to know isn't it. So when you get a furlough (in the dim future) I won't have to work all the time you are home. Isn't that swell?

Darling, everything is exactly the same as you left it. I'm not going to change a thing. So when you come home, you will hardly know you left. The shower still works fine. I love you.
tack a bath since you left and a
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