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Pvt. J. P. Bell
78th Sig. Co. A.P.O. 78
Camp Butner, N.C.



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Five wavy horizontal lines, a common symbol for postage-free mail.

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

April 14, 1943

Darling,

This will be a short letter, but sweet I hope. It will have to be short because we're going on a hike tonight at 8:15. I don't know how far we're going. I'll tell you about it in tomorrow's letter.

Tomorrow is graduation day. Basic training is thru'. The next step will be specialists training. If I make out as well on that as I have on the basic I won't be too far behind the 8 ball. I got a grade of 94 on a map reading test I took yesterday. That was out of a possible 100. We had a chemical warfare test today. I wouldn't be surprised if I get 100 on that.

That rise table rise sounds interesting. Tell me some more of the questions you asked. Here's hoping that this mess will be all over in eight months - or less, much less.

It's cool here. A lot of the fellows are putting on their John L's (wool underwear) I've had my heavy undershirt on all day. This weather reminds me a lot of Ohio. Nice and warm one day. Cold or rainy or both the next.

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when you get your first check. It probably wont be for another month. Maybe longer. Can you make things go allright on your wages, darling? Tell me how things are going. How much are the electric, gas and water bills? Is the grocery bill smaller since I left? Aint I mosey? But I'm still interested in our little home even if I'm not there.

I'm an awful forgetful guy. I bought a card one nite last week to send to Pa and Aunt Celia. I had it in my pocket, and before I got to write and mail it, it was all crumpled. I'll get another one tomorrow nite if I can, and write it right away and mail it. How are the folks, honey? Do they still play poker on Sunday nites? They both enjoy that. Your Dad could make a fortune around here the next few days. These boys have just been paid, and it's burning a hole in the gamblers' pockets. There's a pretty jingly game going on in the bunk I'm leaning against right now. Easy come, easy go.

Well, baby I guess I'll be saying so long till tomorrow. Note the new way to address my letters. It's on the envelope. All my love to my darling honey.

Yours always,

Jack

[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE MARCH 1943 – APRIL 1943 #15]

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