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Camp Butler,
N. C.

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Apr 18. 1943

Darling Husband,

I got two letters from my baby yesterday. I wonder why they don't come separately. And one was dated the 13th & one the 14th. How do you get the mail? Any better?

Well, baby, here it is Sunday morning and what a beautiful day. It's just the kind of day we both loved so well. To get into the car and take a nice big ride. I got so that I enjoyed and kind of looked forward to days like this so we could go for lovely rides in our little car. Now I know if you were home to-day, you would be out there washing and cleaning up the car like mad. Perhaps if I can get enough ambition up I might do it too.

I'm glad to hear you got paid. Do you have enough money to go on? As for me I'm making out fine. I have more than enough to go on. As for my grocery bill. It averages about \$2.00

a week. Don't you think I'm terribly extravagant. But you see I eat out quite a bit and then too I'm invited out to people's houses. As for my gas, electric bill I only got the one that we had when you were still here. But I ~~do~~ imagine they will be much smaller. I'm rarely home in the evening. So far most of my money has been going for clothes. I figure they will start rationing clothes pretty soon so I had better get some dresses. Any way I have all of my accessories. Now about you? Do you have ~~have~~ your spring outfit already? Are you getting the matched suit or are you going to wear the sport outfit? I suppose you have so many outfits you don't know what to do with them all. (Wa! Wa!) But seriously, Darling, do you have enough socks and underwear? If not just say the word. I don't want my hubby to be getting short on anything.

Darling, enclosed you will find a little sign that expressing my thoughts of you. Some fellow at the shop had just gotten married and he was making them for his wife almost every day so I asked him if he would make one for me and he did. You can do whatever you want with it. If you don't want it you can throw it away. It's just a little silly thing anyway, in my part anyway but I'm always thinking of you in my every waking minute. I'll bet an hour doesn't pass during the day that you aren't in my thoughts.

Don't your ear ever burn? I'm always thinking about you. How nice it will be when this g. d. mess is all over. And when we are reunited once and for all. And how much I love you and what good times we had together and how I used to wait for your whistle up the stairs and when you used to go to work, how we would stand and kiss each other for the longest times first like you were going on a long trip. And how you would love to watch me get dressed. And how you used to sing in the shower and how sometimes we would get nutty and talk to each other in that new language we invented you know the mmmmm one and how sometimes after we'd get to bed and neither one of us could sleep and we would sing all our favorite old songs or you'd whistle "Kola" and "Dardanel" and all those songs for me. Oh, Darling, I could go on forever with all the precious little memories we have that belong to just you & me. Maybe the the army can take you away from me but it sure can't take our sweet memories away can it, Sweetie?

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 Or didn't you think I showed it very much.
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P.S. I love you very much.

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[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE - EVABEL COLLECTION APRIL 1943 – MAY 1943 #5]

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