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Camp Butner, NORTH CAROLINA

April 21, 1943

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I got your letter you wrote Sunday, darling. I always think of those things we used to do too. I'm glad to hear that the weather is getting better. We've had a month of spring on the calendar, but I guess that's the only place spring has really been so far.

I'm certainly getting wonderful breaks here at Butner. I'm on an air raid alert team, and won't be able to get off the post for the next two weeks so that shoots my plans for Easter all to hell. One consolation is that I have company in misery. The fellows who got Sunday KP and guard duty also got sucked into this. They hand out this malarkey in alphabetical order, and it's too late to change our names to Zacharowski.

I'm glad you're getting along so fine, darling. I get along swell too. My expenses are small so I always have a few bucks in my belly bag.

Yes, darling I already have my Easter outfit. As for socks and underwear I have plenty. Tell me all about your Easter outfit, sweetie, and what you're doing Sunday. It will be what you did by the time I get the letter, but I'm interested.

That's a swell token you sent me, lover. I'll always keep it. No one can ever take our wonderful memories from us, sweetheart, and when I come home we'll make some more of them to reminisce over from time to time. I think of you always too, lover. You are always in my heart.

I'm glad you had such a swell time Saturday nite, dearest. The '41 Buick wasn't too hard to take either I'll bet. How old a person is Libby's boss' wife?

On closer inspection of our insignia I just barely noticed you were pregnant. So that's Wolf? You always did make a good appearance when you were pregnant. How do you do it, dear?

Well, lover much as I hate to, I must be saying so long, and get ready to go. All my love to my darling wife whom I love so dearly,

Your lover,
Jack

[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE MARCH 1943 – APRIL 1943 #17]

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Camp Butner, N.C.

[[Image: Military post-mark
stamp, with print text
“CAMP BUTNER / N.C”
encircling date:
“APR 22 / 1 PM / 1943”]]

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[[Image: Grayscale image of a group of soldiers fighting/training with jeeps, artillery, rifles.

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