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Camp Butler, N.C.



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



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Camp Butner, NORTH CAROLINA

April 29, 1943

Dearest Baby,

Your letter of the 26th. came today. The one you wrote on Dolly's back porch.

I don't think these weekend passes will cut down on furlough time. I don't intend to take too many of them even when I get a chance. I'm not planning on counting on a furlough tho'. It's too easy to be disappointed. The only time you're sure you have a furlough is when you have the paper in your pocket, and you're on the train, moving toward home. This mail service sure has me stumped. I can't figure out why that one letter came from Durham, you can keep me informed as to how they're coming, now that I'm marking them. Your letters only take two days to come here, but mine take about four to get to you.

I'm glad you're having the brakes adjusted, honey. They were beginning to need it. Glad it's running good too. I wish I could have been there to help wash it. I always did like to clean up the little car.

My painting job went alright last nite. I worked from seven till three this morning. Then I slept till 11:30. Just got up in time for dinner today. Now I have till 7:0'clock

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I heard on the radio last nite that there was quite a storm around home. Did it do much damage in Elyria? The newscaster said that Cleveland and Akron were hardest struck. I didn't hear the first part of it, but I imagine it happened Tuesday nite or yesterday, didn't it?

A seven up truck just pulled up by the Day Room with a Vendor on it. It's a big round one that looks like a washing machine. One of the boys, a Texan said, They've got a drink box out here. You hear lots of funny expressions around here.

Mail call treated me swell again today. One from my little lover, one from Genevieve and one from Chuck. I wrote one to Chuck yesterday so I'll hold upon his for awhile. It really keeps me busy just writing letters, but I don't mind, there's not much else to do, and I sure like to receive them. Especially the ones from you, my cute sweetie.

I guess I've told you everything I know for this time, sweetheart so with all my love to the sweetest of the sweet, and the bestest of the best lovers, I'll say so long till tomorrow, darling,

Your own,
Jack

[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE MARCH 1943 – APRIL 1943 #23]

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Camp Butner, N.C.

[[Image: Military post-mark
stamp, with print text

“CAMP BUTNER / N.C”

encircling date:

“APR 30 / 1 PM / 1943”]]

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345 W. River St.

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[[Image: Large, circled number “2”]] Second series

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

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