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Camp Butner, NORTH CAROLINA

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May 11, 1943

Dearest Sweetheart,

I have a few minutes before supper so I'll start to write to my honey now. We were going to have a retreat parade, but it started to rain, and we all got soaked before we could get back to the barracks. I have a dry uniform on now, and I believe I'd just as soon get wet as march in a parade.

No letter from you today, but I suppose I'll get two tomorrow. That's the way it usually works. I'll try and write a better letter tonight than I did last nite. I was so tired I just couldn't write much. You'll excuse me, won't you lover?

I can hardly wait to get your letter telling me when you're coming down here, sweetie. It's going to be so swell to see you, darling. Let's keep our fingers crossed, honey so I'll be able to get a pass to see you every nite. Of course I could get you a pass to come on the post every evening while you're here, but there's about as much privacy here as there was at Camp Perry. Anyway will be together, sweetie.

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I took a test on five words per minute this morning, and passed it so I'm on seven words per, now. They say after you get up to ten it takes longer to work up, but so far it's been pretty easy. In fact, the code is the easiest part of the whole thing. Procedure is tough. It's all memorizing.

It sure was nice to get out over the weekend. It seemed good to see people in civilian clothes again. Everybody looks like everybody else in a uniform.

Darling, I love you so very much. It was wonderful to hear your voice Sunday, but it will be even more wonderful to see you, and the way things are going now, for the allies I don't think it will be so very long till I'm home for good. The sooner the better, huh baby? The future will be so sweet, honey. I keep thinking about that little tile house we're going to have, lover.

Well, baby it's taken me all evening to write this little letter. I'm just as poor a letter writer as I ever was I guess. I like to tell you everyday how much I love you tho'. It's just about about time for lights out so I'll say good night darling & ink, I'll see you in my dreams. All my love to the sweetest, bestest lover whom I love very much,
yours always,
Jack

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[[letterhead- Camp Butner, North Carolina]]

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