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Elyria O.



Post John P. Bell.
78th Sig. Co. A.P.O. 78
Camp Butner,
N.C

may 17,

Dearest Darling

Sweetheart can you possibly forgive me for the terrible letters I've been writing you lately? you see, Sweetie, I have been writing them at work and I try to get all done in a half an hour so I can mail it right away. and you know it takes longer than a half hour to write a decent letter at least it does me. I like to take at least an hour or an hour and a half.

I'm writing this one at work too but I'm just going to start it now and then I'm going to finish it up at home.

I forgot to tell you, Darling, I got the money order for \$25 from Senevere. I'm going to put it in the bank. I'm going to put \$15 in my account and \$10 in yours. In that way I shall keep it active for you. Darling, we are going to have something when you come home,

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sometimes walk home from work with. Well yesterday she got to talking to me about religion. Well you know me about that subject, the less I hear of it the happier I am. and she tried to fill me full of crap, but, honestly I couldn't shake her every time I'd say good-bye she'd start something new. She said she was going to heaven and she was going to Jacob, Isaac, + Abraham, and I told her right now I'd rather see my husband. and I said I didn't want to go to heaven because none of my friends would be there.

I was over to Bill and Dolly's last night. Boy they sure are swell to me. you thank them for it. That will tickle them.

I think I'll mail this now and write you another long one when I get home. Wouldn't you rather get two letters than one?

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He'll have enough to build our little tile house and we won't have to borrow any, (I hope). I know it would be so wonderful to go down there and live with you. But, Sweetheart, I'm trying to look at the future. I want it so that when you come home, you will have something to get started on. Of course money isn't everything but it certainly means a lot to make up ones happiness. not that you have to have a lot but a little helps like the devil. Everyone asks me when I'm going to go down to live with you but, honey, do you honestly think that's wise? If you would ask me to come, I'd pack up in a minute and go, but, Sweetheart, what would I do with our apartment? Do you suppose I could sub. let it? anyway I just wanted to air my thoughts to you. I always feel better when I talk things over with my lover boy.

Oh, honey. I've got something funny to tell you. There is some woman I

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I'll make the next one real nice.
I love you, Sweetheart, I'm sending
a million hugs & kisses.

your own,
Frank.

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Mrs. J. Bell

345 W. River St.

Elyria, O.

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