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Pat John P. Bell

78<sup>th</sup> Sig. Co A.P.O. 78

Camp Butner,  
N.C.

Mrs. J. P. Bell  
34 S. River St  
Elyria, O.

Dearest Darling,      -May 24.

Can you forgive me for not writing yesterday? you see I went to Larry Babick's wedding and I was so busy I didn't get a chance to write. I got up and the first thing I did was clean up the house and then I had to get dressed, go over to Jan Gibson's to comb my hair, and while I was there we saw a fire. Some house was burning not very far from where Jan lives. and then I picked up the folks and we went. They had a real nice wedding. It was small but very nice. Lenore wore a long white gown with a veil and she looked very nice. Bob + Fritz were their attendants. And Darling, you should have seen, there were no young



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had been in the army  
for almost 2 years. He  
was in England now.  
Well, Sweden, it's raining  
again. It didn't rain for 2 days.  
Darling, I love you so  
~~much, you are such~~  
a dear sweet boy. Yesterday  
when I was driving through  
Cleveland, I thought about  
the time we took a ride  
to Cleveland on a Wed.  
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 needed anyone else. I think  
 because we loved each  
 other so much we just  
 wanted to be to-gether all  
 the time. Only one thing  
 you have to promise me  
 we are going to go to  
 more dances. I've missed  
 dancing with you

Dearest, please excuse  
 the lovely stationery. I  
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 Lots of kisses to my sweet-  
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Camp Butner,

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Mrs. J. P. Bell  
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