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345 W. River St  
Elyria, O.



ELYRIA, OHIO  
MAY 29 1943  
VIA AIR MAIL

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

Air Mail

Dearest Sweetie,

May 28

I'm glad you got the pictures and the box all in good order. We sure do have fun peaking them. And I want you to know that it means as much to us to send one as it does to you to get one.

We had club last night and it went off very nice. We had election of officers and Jean was elected Pres and Barb Sec - Treas. and Dolly - reporter and I'm just a member now.

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To-night I think I shall go over to your folks. I've been so busy this week I haven't even had a chance to. Bill & Dolly took my laundry over the beginning of the week and I need it so I shall get it. I don't know what I'm going to over the weekend. Probably sleep. and I sure do need it. I've gone to bed every night at midnight and last night it was 1 O'Clock. It's ~~so~~ beautiful to-day. I hope it's warm anyway it looks nice from inside.

I sure do wish this war would hurry up and end. I want my man back again with me. I don't particularly care about being a bachelor girl. I'd rather be a domestic wife. you know, Honey, I like my job and all that but the minute you come home that job is going overboard for a better one. One that I'll do without pay.

Oh I'll get paid <sup>2,</sup> all right, not in money  
but in love and kisses, and, Darling, that  
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we first got married we thought we  
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Boy, now sometimes when I get up in  
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May 29,

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and finish it there and mail it on  
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your mother washed my hair and  
by the time I got it put up it was  
supper time so we ate and after  
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But I shall try to make up for it  
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Your Aunt Cornelia was over yesterday  
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[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE - EVABEL COLLECTION APRIL 1943 – MAY 1943 #36]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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“ELYRIA, OHIO”

encircling date:

“MAY 29 / 930 PM / 1943”]]

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of a prop plane in flight.]]

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