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Mrs. Jack Bell
345 W. River St.
Elyria, Ohio
July 6, 1943

Dear Sweetheart,

How is my darling lover today? I hope.

This letter will mostly answer the questions you asked me in your letter today.

Don't worry about the mail service, sweetie. Sometimes it slows up, and I go a day without a letter, but the next day I usually get two or even if they're late I get them, and I don't mind getting my sweetie letters double at all.

About the furlough, honey. This division is made up almost entirely of new men like myself. We're all supposed to get furlough now, but they can't let everyone go at once. They are letting 15% out at a time. That's approximately two thousand men. It comes down to companies the same way - 15%. We have to put in our application, and they'll tell us when we can go. I applied for mine yesterday. How all I can do is wait impatiently.

I haven't had too much KP duty. In fact, they slipped up on it for a couple of weeks. I should get it every twenty days. The Saturday I was out on the range should have been my turn, but for some reason they had a different crew working. You know I'm always a good boy, sweetie.

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Well, sweetie. I guess that answers some of your questions. Now I'll get to the important part of the letter. I love you, baby, and I can hardly wait till I'll be in your arms.
Snuggling and kissing you so we will both keep our fingers crossed, and I will get my furlough. All my love to my darling wife whom I love so very very much.

Your Graham cracker boy,

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