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

Camp Butler,  
N.C.



July 17.

Dearest Sweetie,

Can you forgive me, Darling, for not writing to you for the past few days? But I have been so busy that I haven't even had time to breathe. I really can't explain what I've been doing, it was so important. But that's always the way it is with you and the busiest doing nothing.

Well, for one thing Viola & Skippy are going to move. They found a pretty decent place on Chestnut St near Broad St. for only \$30 a month. It has 5 rooms and bath and is all private. She says they are real nice big rooms I'm glad for her because I know she was pretty crowded in those three rooms.

Otherwise everything here is



about the same. The weather is just  
as hot and sultry

I'm glad you went to Durban the  
other night. I hope you had a good  
time. Only what did you get me?  
Or do you want to surprise me?

I went to Oberlin with Dolly to-day.  
She drove our car, and I don't know  
what she did, but you know how our  
car is, you can't feed the gas to it too fast.  
Well she ~~must~~ have fed it too fast and  
the car stalled and it wouldn't start  
and it wouldn't start and we didn't  
know what to do, so we had it pushed  
and I put a little gas in the ~~gas~~ carburetor.  
so we just let it sit for a while and it still  
wouldn't start and then finally I thought  
I had better drive and the minute  
I stepped on the starter away she rolled.  
now what is my magic touch?  
any way while we were in Oberlin  
your Aunt Frove came over with her  
husband. She had Aunt Corneal  
and Shirley & Matt's wife's daughter  
with her. But you know Dolly

She wouldn't go in the house the minute she saw company. So we came back to Elvira and I sent you a money order. The reason I didn't put any note in or anything was because I did on a last moment's notice and didn't even get a chance to say any thing to my little Darling. Can you forgive me for for being such a naughty girl and not writing my sweetie boy? I promise not to do it again.

Darling, I'm so glad you like my letters. I love you - you have such a way of writing that seems as though you were right in the same room with me, talking to me. Baby, you are such a sweetheart. I love you more and more. you are the first thing I think about in the morning and the last thing before I fall asleep. Your dear sweet face is ~~and~~ always in my

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mind's eye. Darling, we certainly  
are going to do an awful lot of love  
making when you come home. Do  
you know how much traveling  
time they allow you? Oh yes,  
Darling, another thing, be sure to  
buy your own train ticket. I believe  
soldiers only pay half fare.

Well, Sweetheart, I'm getting pretty  
tired so I guess I'd better be getting  
on to bed.

all my love to my dearest sweetheart  
husband, whom I love so very very  
much.

your own,

Fink.

[[Nick Dante 4/20/16]]

[[Bell Correspondence #14]]

[[Page 1- Envelope, wrinkled and worn]]

Mrs. J. P. Bell  
345 W. River St.  
Elyria, O.

[[image- purple three cents U.S. postage stamp]]

[[image- black circle stamp: ELYRIA, OHIO 1943  
JUL 17 11-AM]]

Pvt. John P. Bell

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