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A Message of Interest From---THE HENDERSON TOBACCO BOARD OF TRADE, INC. The Piele 215 Storner St Senduson 91.C. PotJohn P. Bell 78th Sig Co. A.P.O. 78 Camp Butner,

Devicet Darling, Artonious day!!! The Kemperature deads 720 and the sein is skinning and birds are singing and Evalel is missing her sweater. In feeling fine and Im counting the days tell you get back and Baby, it isn't so very long. In agraid this is going to be a Shorty Bell letter and mall out of you you are the severtest, decent bestest and most lovable husband in the whole wide world and In so lucky to have you all to myself (celment) only right nowa little post of you would by the U.S. army. Baby, I got Lee to write to Ida and I'll bet she will be in her seventh blower when she received that letter. Thoulant it be gdd is something actually came Of it? maybe as long as he doesn't Der her its all regut. But

anyway I made a good altempt Hell Sweetheast, I love you very much, but I can't keep repeating that cund? Please take care of yourself for me and hurry back as soon as Lots of Love and Joesses and a great big bear his formy sweet Parling Husband. your dun 1 Fink

Warest sweetheart What a terrible wife Sam not even writing to my sweetheast for so long. Can you ever forgive me, Baby? I shall try to make up for it and write you a big long letter to night. That I love you that I love you that I love you so and miss you so much, devetheart and I'm imputiently waiting for the day when you come home. In going to being you so tight and him you so much you will have to hollo for air. Itall, sweetie I'm a working god once again I do believe I'm going to work for norwick's steady and I like it, Honey, me norwick is swell to work for and Idon't have some of fact they put me over all the others there I'm the only one that a can go to the register besides Florence + Mr. n. and I've been there just a week. and another thing, sweeter, In thier official charffer, Everytime they need something at the Louise or some one wants To go Rome min ne pulle the keys out or his priket and says "Evale, take the can and do such and sugh "and of course you know how I would late to dreve that car, I really feel like a big shot when Im

griving through the down town section in thatour. Me Florwick says he knew I was a good driver from the first time I handled her and he can thank you for all that because look who taught me to drive The best driver in U.S.A. my own sweet little lubby. I started to write you at letter in the stre but I never finished it so if I repeat my self don't mind me I'll try to finish it off to-morrow, if I can. I told you what I did that Thake giving and bod shall stail with the day after words. Itell, Friday, Kenevieve asked in to come over and helpher clean up the left rous from Thanksquing so I did and ever proceeded to get into a geme of Hearts ofter supper and we got so escited about it we dight realize how late it was, so when I got I just tumbled int bed. Itell Sat. I worked the whole day and when I came from mesturner and her designter wife in the bedroom wrapping Christmas gefts so they invited me in and it was new and warm in their place and it was as cold as answeberg in mine so I gladly accepted. Seen morning of got up around 11 and let the stove and put my hair ups and washed out some clother and then mes Turner asked me in to denner and

who amed to refuse a nice time cooked meal. and after that I proceeded to give my solace a good cleaning and it were needed it. I had been working all week and I really wasn't in it long enough to do any thing, so I really had a job. and so I finally finished up by around & O'clock. and Florence and mis norwich had made me promise to come over, because I didn't got there on Thanksgiveng. Do I went over there and had Dupper. Florence Las the nicest aunt and uncle and they are really in the chipse. He owns a big whoheale drug Co. But he surely is a swell fellow you would like himand he is so sorry he wont get a chance to meet you. He is leaving Ital. But you might meet his wife, I think she is staying ovel for a few days longer. Dolly sent out my winter coat and also all of our chaistman gefts. and at the bottom of the boy she put a Charnicle-Telegram and bay, evas I ever glad to see that . There was un account in it about a shower mes Paul auter gove for Mis Lloyd Richmond and also a little attan in it about Frank deely

being in the marines and all about him. But youllouldit apprachate et until you read it. It's just like the Seeling, full of B. S. Boy I read every article in that paper even the ads. It seve felt good to see a home town paper. Igota Card from Ida. and she is at some beind of a convention in Cleveland and she says she is meeting some new friends. I wonder if she meuno men I sun hope so. Foor thing I bought a new winter everyday coat. It's real nice looking, a grey herring bone with am extra lining. I kepe you like it. I sure need one. In almost freezing in my spring coat. Darling I hope the letter will kind of make for the letters I missed . Best, Dailing, I which about you all the time and I really feel to think I have been neglecting my baby the proverbial button. Sweetheurt, I'm sending you back all the keises you sent me, you delait put enough ormple to them, nowshow are mine? But in the flood noone can best my toney. He's The best to tat ever was or ever well be. Cell-my rove and lots of kisses - your own, Finh

[[Bell Correspondence #40]]

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Mrs. J.P. Bell

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Pvt. John P. Bell

78th. Sig. Co. A.P.O. 78

Camp Butner N.C.

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## Dearest Darling,

What a glorious day!!! The temperature reads 72° and the sun is shinning and birds are singing and Evabel is missing her sweetie.

Anyway aside from being goofy I'm feeling fine. And I'm counting the days till you get back and Baby, it isn't so very long.

I'm afraid this is going to be a shorty Bell letter as Im all out of news. Except of course that I love you. You are the sweetest dearest bestest and most lovable husband in the whole wide world. And I'm so lucky to have you all to myself (almost) only right now a little part of you is owned by the U.S. Army.

Oh, yes, Baby, I got Lee to write to Ida and I'll bet she will be in her seventh heaven when she receives that letter. Wouldn't it be odd if something actually came of it? Maybe as long as he doesn't see her it's all right. But

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anyway I made a good attempt.
Well, Sweetheart, I love you
very much but I can't keep repeating
that. Can I?
Please take care of yourself for
me and hurry back as soon as
you can.
Lots of Love and kisses and
a great big hug for my
sweet Darling Husband.

Your Own,
Fink.

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#### Dearest Sweetheart,

What a terrible wife I am not even writing to my sweetheart for so long. Can you ever forgive me, Baby? I shall try to make up for it and write you a big long letter to-night.

First of all I want to tell you that I love you so and miss you so much, Sweetheart and I'm impatiently waiting for the day when you come home. I'm going to hug you so tight and kiss you so much you will have to hollor for air. Well, Sweetie I'm a "working girl" once again I do believe I'm going to work for Norwich's steady and I like it, Honey, Mr Norwich is swell to work for and I don't have some one standing over me all the time. As a matter of fact they put me over all the others there. I'm the only one that can go to the register besides Florence + Mr. N. and I've been there just a week. And another thing, Sweetie, I'm thier official chauffer. Everytime they need something at the house or some one wants to go home Mr. N. pulls the keys out of his pocket and says "Evabel, take the car and do such and such" and of course you know how I would hate to drive that car. I really feel like a big shot when I'm

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driving through the down time section in that car. Mr. Norwich says he knew I was a good driver from the first time I handled her. And he can thank you for all that because look who taught me to drive – The best driver in U.S.A. My own sweet little hubby.

I started to write you a letter in the store but I never finished it so if I repeat myself don't mind me. I'll try to finish it off to-morrow, if I can.

I told you what I did [[strikethrough]]Christmas[[/strikethrough]] Thanksgiving and so I shall start with the day after wards. Well, Friday, Genevieve asked me to come over and help her clean up the left overs from thanksgiving do I did and we proceeded to get into a game of Hearts after supper and we got so excited about it we didn't realize how late it was so when I got home I just tumbled into bed. Well, Sat. I worked the whole day and when I came home Mrs Turner and her daughter were in the bedroom wrapping Christmas gifts so they invited me in. And it was nice and warm in thier place and it was as cold as an iceberg in mine so I gladly accepted. Sun. morning I got up around 11 and lit the stove and put my hair up and washed out some clothes and then Mrs Turner asked me in to dinner and

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who am I to refuse a nice home cooked meal. And after that I proceeded to give my place a good cleaning and it sure needed it. I had been working all week and I really wasn't in it long enough to do any thing, so I really had a job and so I finally finished up by around 4 O'Clock. And Florence and Mrs Norwich had made me promise to come over, because I didn't go there on Thanksgiving. So I went over there and had supper. Florence has the nicest Aunt and Uncle and they are really in the chips. He owns a big wholesale drug Co. But he surely is a swell fellow. You would like him and he is so sorry he wont get a chance to meet you. He is leaving Wed. But you might meet his wife, I think she is staying over for a few days longer.

Dolly sent out my winter coat and also all of our Christmas gifts. And at the bottom of the box she put a Chronicle – telegram and boy, was I ever glad to see that. There was an account in it about a shower Mrs Paul Auxer gave for Mrs Lloyd Richmond and also a little item in it about Frank Seely

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being in the marines and all about him. But you couldn't appreciate it until you read it. It's just like the Seely's, full of B.S. Boy I read every article in that paper even the ads. It sure felt good to see a home town paper.

I got a card from Ida. And she is at some kind of a Convention in Cleveland and she says she is meeting some new friends. I wonder if she means men. I sure hope so. Poor thing.

I bought a new winter every day coat. It's real nice looking. A grey herring one with an extra lining. I hope you like it. I sure need one. I'm almost freezing in my spring coat.

Darling I hope this letter will kind of make up for the letters I missed. But, Darling, I think about you all the time and I really feel bad to think I have been neglecting my baby. But for those few days I was going around like the proverbial button.

Sweetheart, I'm sending you back all the kisses you sent me, you didn't out enough oomph into them. Now how are mine? But in the flesh no one can beat my honey. He's the best [[illegible word]] that ever was or ever will be. Well here's the bottom coming up to meet me. All my love and lots of kisses -- Your own, Fink.

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