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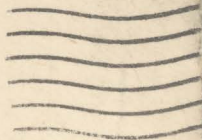
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U. S. ARMY

Guess I don't know
what time it is any
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Feb.
Sat. ~~March~~ 12, 1944

Dearest-darling,

Well our mail finally caught up to us and now I feel like I'm in the know again. Two letters from my baby, one from Sis, and one from Mom and Dad yesterday. Then today I got one from you, and one from Mom and Dad.

I should be the one apologizing to you for not writing oftener, sweetie instead of you to me. Mostly I'm so damn busy, and then too there's not too much of interest around here to write about, but I'll always jot a few lines down whenever I get a chance.

I was glad to hear about your job, honey. This fellow sounds like a pretty good Joe. What's his name? Could be I'd know him. \$25. per week clear isn't a bad set-up, and as long as you won't have a lot of lifting it might be better than a factory. Good luck, darling, and let me know how you're getting along.

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Do Fritzzi miss my loving? Tell her I miss her's too. They sure are a swell couple, aren't they?

How's the weather at home these days? It's been a little rough yesterday and today. Cooled off quite a bit, but it's better than rain. If anyone had told me a year ago I could be as comfortable living outdoors as I have I wouldn't have believed it. I guess it's just the idea of getting used to a thing. My appetite is plenty keen, and I guess when you can eat like a horse you must be healthy.

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U. S. ARMY

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Has Gibby gone to the Navy yet? I hope he gets a good deal out of them.

It would sure be nice to be home with my sweetie on a Saturday nite like this. We could go shopping together, and bring the Sunday papers home with us. Then you could sit on my lap in the big chair, and we'd read the funnies together, and smooch a little from time to time. Oh well, those times will be just be that much sweeter when we can enjoy them again.

Which theatre does Sena work at?

Movies wout cost you much anymore, will they, baby? Say hello to Ben and Sena for me. I probably wout get around to writing to them from here.

Well lover, I guess I'm just about run down for this trip. All my love and bushels of hugs and kisses. I love you sweetheart,

Yours Always
Jack

[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE JAN 1944 – MAR 1944 #8]

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C/O Pst. Mstr. Nashville, Tenn. [[in blue ink:]] 2 – 12 - 44

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