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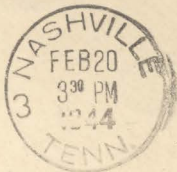
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U. S. ARMY

Wed. Feb. 16, 1944

Darling Sweetheart,

Really can't think of much to say, but it looks like I'll have a few minutes for myself so I'll say "hello", anyway.

Today is really making up for some of the bum weather we've had. It's beautiful out. The sun is shining, and it's mild. Sure hope it stays this way. It's a pain in the neck moving around at nite when it's cold. One consolation tho' when I lay down at nite my little sleeping bag keeps me warm.

It's now evening, honey. The third problem ended this afternoon so we have a nice fire here. Five more problems to go, and the maneuvers will be over. If you ask me, tho' according to the way they've cut every-thing else short well probably be thru' them before the five weeks are up. You never can tell.

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I believe I'd really enjoy all that snow for a change (I mean being at home and enjoying it with you) The south is really not what it's cracked up to be

They have just about all the inconvenience of winter with none of the beauty.

You still have some of the Kanukwa stationery huh, honey? That was a dandy trip. We'll have some more nice trips in the near future.

I'm glad you could get some candy for Chuck. It's just too bad I'm stuck in the woods, and can't get any paper to wrap the box with.

It makes me feel good to know you have such nice neighbors.

You're such a wonderful little wife, honey. I have so much to look forward to. A life time with my sweetie. It makes me happy to know that you're waiting and counting the days too, and I don't think it will be too long now, and this old mess will be history. Then we can begin to enjoy our life together forever and ever. I love you so, darling. Good nite, darling. I'll dream you're in my arms with your lips on mine.

Your lover,
Jack



U. S. ARMY

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Dearest Lover,

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I'm glad the tube ~~wasn't~~ wasn't badly damaged altho' I wasn't worried about it. What make is this tire you're buying from Phil? If it's nearly new, and no breaks it probably is the wise thing to buy it.

You're really having winter weather, sweetie. We get ours in rain down here.

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Sweetheart, I have a confession to make. I love you. My heart beats just for you. It says Fink, Fink, Fink. Whenever I look at the dandy watch you gave me I think, This is our time, even if we're apart, and some day soon it will be our time-together, and that's the time we're both waiting for. What wonderful time that will be, lover. We'll enjoy everything so much, and appreciate everything just a little more for having been apart. You're my cuddly lover, and my lovely cuddler, and I love you so very, very much.

Say hello to all our friends for me, darling.
All my love to my darlingest darling,

Your sweetheart,
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[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE JAN 1944 – MAR 1944 #11]

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