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March, 1944; 1944; United States; Camp Butner, N.C.; Elyria, Ohio; letterhead; army; soldiers; troops; signal corps; correspondence; postal service; infantry; wife; husband; women at home; women; love; romance; friendship; brother; missions; combat; leave; supplies; clothing; post-war hopes; philosophy

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Pvt. J. P. Bell 350.52495  
78th. Sig. Co. A. P.O. 78  
c/o Per. Mstr. Nashville, Tenn.



Free

Five wavy horizontal lines, a common symbol for postage-free mail.

Mrs. Jack Bell  
345 W. River St.  
Elyria, Ohio



Sunday March 19, 1944

Dearest Sweetheart,

The mailman sure treated me swell tonite. Two letters from my honey, and a letter from Bill. I sure was glad to hear that Chuck has his missions all completed. That letter sure got here in a hurry too. It was post-marked yesterday morning at 9:30

Honey, I don't know a whole lot more about the furlough situation. So far it's pretty certain that we'll leave Tennessee a week from tomorrow (March 27) Don't send my shaver and shoes till I write for them tho', I just might get a furlough as soon as we get there. We'll just have to wait and see.

I got some more stationery today. I have plenty of paper. They don't put enough envelopes in these kits. When I get back to civilization I'll get a couple packs of envelopes, and have stationery for a month.

You know sweetie, you said in your letter that it seems like this old mess will never end, and things look so hopeless, well it helps a lot to figure that, "it's always darkest before the dawn."

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Your own,  
Jack

[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE JAN 1944 – MAR 1944 #25]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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C/O Pst. Mstr. Nashville, Tenn.

[[Image: Postmark stamp with printed text:  
“NASHVILLE / TENN.” encircling date:  
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Mrs. Jack Bell  
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[[Image: stylized combat scene  
against an outline of Tennessee]]

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