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Miss J. P. Bell  
345 W. River St.  
Elyria O.



Post John M. Bell  
78<sup>th</sup> Sig Co. A P.O. 78  
Camp  
Pickett,  
Va.

Apr. 15.



Darling Sweetheart,

I have just come

home from an evening out  
with the girls. I went out  
with Ida, Sylvia Averbach and  
Ruth Rothman. We went to  
Wretchoff's, Castle and Thomas.  
There is only one trouble. Since  
they have slapped this new  
35% state tax on liquor  
they have cut out dancing. It  
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no matter if there isn't no place  
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Darling, you wrote in your letter to-day about me staying at the guest house and looking for my own room when I come there. Well Sweetie, I think that is an excellent idea. I think women when they rent rooms to soldiers they kind of like to see the wive, and then you will be more satisfied if I can see what I'm getting. But if you should happen to get a nice apartment or room and it's reasonable and you think it would be worth the money. I'd say go ahead and take it. Any way Sweetie. I shall leave it up to you.

Well, Darling, I suppose you still don't know when you are coming home? I hope it will be real soon. I can hardly wait to see my honey.



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Sweetheart, I love you so much. I just can't seem to find words to tell you how wonderful you are. You are everything I've ever hoped for in a man and a little more besides. You are my sweet cutie and my cute sweetie and my sweet little graham cracker boy.

I'm going into Cleveland with Ida tomorrow. Fritz is pregnant and she got ill and they took her to the hospital and Ida's mother wants to see her. He will be back about 4 or 4:30 and then we are going to Oberlin for a while.

Gosh, Honey, at the rate I'm going, I'll really be able to save gas in a big way. I haven't used the car since Tuesday and the

only reason I used it then  
 was because it was pouring so  
 hard I would have gotten soaked  
 if I'd have walked. So try to be  
 very frugal with the gas till  
 you come. And then I shall  
 really splurge.

Well, Sweetheart. It's 9:00  
 now so I guess it's about time  
 for me to get to bed. Ida is  
 sitting on theavenport drinking  
 a glass of pineapple juice. Oh yes,  
 Sylvia Overbrook, says to be sure  
 and send her regards to you.

Well, I guess I really love now.  
 I'm sending you lots of hugs  
 and kisses and all my love.

Your Own,  
 Finb.

[[Nick Dante 2/11/16]]

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[[Page 1- Envelope]]

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

[[image- purple 3 cent U.S. postage stamp  
w/ President Jefferson]]

[[image- black circle stamp: ELYRIA, OHIO 1944  
APR 16 2<sup>00</sup> PM]]

Pvt. John P. Bell  
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[[image- Printed American Flag]]

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