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## 1944-10-07, Jack to Evabel

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NINETY - THREE PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

TEL. MURRAY HILL 5-8062

Sat. October 7

Darling Wife,

Here I sit on Park Ave. writing to my sweetheart. I'm going to put a stamp on this, and mail it instead of screwing around with the censor.

Now, here are some things which I'm not supposed to tell you, and don't ever mention them in any letters you write to me. I'm at Camp Kilmer, N.J. about thirty five miles from New York City. Above all don't address my mail to this camp. Use the New York, A.P.O. Otherwise I ~~might~~ <sup>would</sup> get reamed. I just wanted to tell you where I am, which of course I think you have a perfect right to know. Don't tell anyone the name of this camp tho'. Just say I'm at a New York P.O.E. You don't know where

It will just be a week tomorrow since I saw you, lover, but it seems like ages ago. I love you so, sweetheart. Keep your chin up, darling. It may not be as long as we think and this mess will be all over, and we ~~q~~ can go back to our good way of living again.

I imagine by this time you are either home or just about ready to start so I'll address this to Pa's place. Say hello to them for me. I hope you had a nice trip with no trouble, honey. Write and tell me about it.

Did Florence go down to La. to be with Frank? I wonder if he is heading for overseas?

I got a 12 hour pass. Probably won't be able to see much, but this seems just like any other town, only bigger. They aren't much different, I guess. Home is where you and I are together, darling. That's all any place means to me. You are such a wonderful wife. What a wonderful day it will be when we know that all this is history, and from then on it will be

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Just- you and me with no interruptions.

When you write to me, honey tell me all about- everything and everybody. Of course you always do. You write such swell letters, darling. Almost like having you right beside me, talking to me. Only, of course, it's so much nicer to have you talking to me so I can hear your sweet voice, and maybe pester you once in a while - just a little bit. Do you realize, sweetheart that we've only been married three years six months and seven days, and you know that a husband still on his honeymoon should be able to pester his wife just a little bit - am I right? Darling, I guess it will always be a honeymoon for us, wont it? How could it be different with such a sweet and charming wife as you.

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Yours Always,  
Jack

Put. J. P. Bell 35052445  
78th. Signal Co. A.P.O. 78  
C/O Pt. Mstr. New York City





[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE APR 1944 – Dec 1944 #10]

[Page 1 – Envelope (front)]

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T.V.S.O  
93 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK 16, N.Y.

[[Image: Postmark stamp  
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“NEW YORK, / N.Y.”  
encircling date: APR 14 /  
930 PM / 1944”]]

[[Image: Postal Air-Mail  
8-cent stamp with a flying  
Bomber plane, obscured by  
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ANNEX”]]

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[Page 2 – Envelope (back)]

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[Page 3 – Letter]

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
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[[Written inside a hand-drawn box:]]

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[[Image: hand-drawn arrow pointing to left, to the box]]

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