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To: MRS. JACK BELL  
508 WEST STREET  
ELYRIA, OHIO

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

From:

PVT. JOHN P. BELL

A.S.N. 35052495

78TH SIGNAL CO. APO 78

C/O Pst. MSTR. NEW YORK, N.Y.

(Sender's complete address above)

Dearest Sweetheart,

Sat. Oct. 14, 1944

Here goes my first V mail letter. Of course I won't be able to mail it till we land, but maybe I'll be able to write several by that time.

The accommodations aboard ship are much better than I thought they'd be. The breeze is nice and fresh up on deck.

I met one of the fellows I came into the army with. Hadn't seen him for over a year. His wife lives on Woster St. in Elyria.

Darling, I love you so. It will be such a happy day when this mess is all over, and we can be together for keeps. Life together is so wonderful, sweetie. Keep your chin up, honey.

I'll mail this up now, sweetie, and try to write more tomorrow. All my love to the sweetest wife in all the world.

Yours always,  
Jack

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[Page 1 – Envelope]

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