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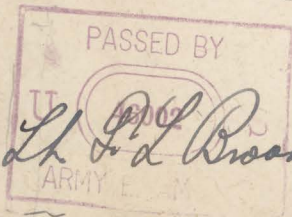
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Elyria, Ohio



Lt. J. L. Brooks, Jr.
ARMY

In England
Nov. 2, 1944

Dearest-Sweetheart,

Received your letter today in which you said you were going to Detroit. Tell me about it. Are you driving or taking the train? Anyway I hope you have a good time.

I'm still sweating out an answer to the letter I wrote Chuck. Mail service here seems slow compared to the states.

Sorry you have a colds, honey. Hope it's all over by now. Probably the change of climate aggravated it. I think mine is

getting better now.

The English money isn't too hard to learn. A half penny is about the same as the American Penny. They have pennies which are about the size of a half dollar. Three pence is equal to a nickel. Six pence a dime. Shillings are worth twenty cents. The notes I've seen so far are ten shilling, and one pound values. A pound is worth about \$4.03

Newspapers are cheaper here, but there's not much to them. The paper shortage has hurt them so badly that most any small town at home.

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If I can find anything - that might be interesting I'll buy it, and send it to you, honey. What kind of stuff did Sam send Sibby?

Nov. 3

Didn't finish last evening. Why is a simple little thing like writing a letter so hard to do? Well my darling, some fine day I'll be able to tell you in person how very much I love you, and what a wonderful sweetheart you are.

Purce and Burley and I dropped

into the Red Cross this evening. They have a nice record player there, and some pretty good records so I really enjoyed it. Some of those good Dorsey tunes that Sis has. We were lucky enough to get Coca Cola's too.

No mail call today. It's getting to the point where there are just two kinds of days. The days we get mail, and the ones we don't. Yours are always worth waiting for, honey and if I have to wait a few days for them I just appreciate them that much more.

Bill told me to write him a request so they can send me a package. They're very thoughtful. Sure have been swell about doing things for us since I've been in the service, haven't they? To tell the truth, darling there's not a thing I can think of that I want or need at present, one exception of course, and that is you. I always would rather receive a letter than a package.

Well sweetie, I'll wind this up before the bottom of the page catches me. All my love, Yours always,
Jack

[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE APR 1944 – Dec 1944 #18]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

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C/O Pst. Mstr. New York, N.Y.

[[Image: Military post-

mark stamp, print text

“U.S. ARMY / POSTAL

SERVICE” encircling date:

“NOV 4 / 1944 / 2 PM”]]

[[Image: Embossed

6-cent orange post stamp

with a prop plane in flight,

with text: “U.S. POSTAGE /

VIA AIR MAIL”]]

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Elyria, Ohio

[[Image: Censor’s Stamp with print text:

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[[Censor’s hand, over stamp:]] Lt G L Brooks, Jr.

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