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Mr. Jack Bell
508 West Street
Elyria, Ohio
In England
Nov. 2, 1944

Dear 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.

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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. Sixpence a shilling. 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.
puts out a larger paper than any of the London dailies.

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

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Pierce and Barney 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 Sid 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 swelle about doing things for us since she's 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,
Pvt. John P. Bell 35052495
78th. Signal Co. A.P.O. 78
C/O Pst. Mstr. New York, N.Y.

Mrs. Jack Bell
508 West Street
Elyria, Ohio

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Lt G L Brooks, Jr.
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