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c/o P.M. New York

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Free



Mrs. Jack Bell
345 W. River St.
Elyria, Ohio



Handwritten signature/initials.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

England - Feb. 25

Darling Wife,

It's a lazy Sunday afternoon, and I'm sitting here in the Red Cross Club writing to my little sweetheart.

I got my first Christmas package yesterday. It was from Sis. Two packs of cigarettes, four packs of razor blades, gum, lifesavers, a wash cloth, a bar of toilet soap, shaving soap, and a nice jar of home made preserves. I'll probably be getting some more of my packages shortly now.

Haven't received any of my Esquines yet, but thanks a million for the subscription, honey.

Spring seems just around the corner here. It's so nice out. I hope you're getting some decent weather at home now.

I hope it was possible for you to send me some samples of the wallpaper, honey. I used to be able to see our little home in my mind's eye, but now since it's newly papered I



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have to sort of guess at it. I'm looking forward to receiving some snaps of you too, darling. Do you have any of those we took in Victoria? I think they came out pretty good, didn't they?

Something happened last week that I'm sorry about, honey. I lost my bag, and I had those little wooden shoes in it. I'd never been able to get anything to pack them in to send to you. I'll pick you up some more tho', sweetie when I get back on the continent.

I just picked up a couple of donuts from the tray. Have one, honey? Wherever there's a Red Cross you'll find donuts.

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Darling, I love you so. You're such a wonderful wife. You're doing a swell job of keeping our little home together. I'm very proud of you, and when I come home I'm going to make it all up to you. First of all I'll fire you from your job, and then I'm going to spend the rest of my life making love to you, and getting you the things you want. We'll have such good times together, honey.



AMERICAN RED CROSS

Everything we do is fun, isn't it, sweetie? I never tire of telling you how sweet you are, and how precious and dear, and what a grand person you are to share my life.

This should reach you in time for your birthday, darling so I'll wish you a Happy Birthday. Maybe next year we can celebrate it the right way, honey. But anyway, when I come home we'll celebrate them all rolled into one. As Jim says, "We'll make the joint jump." The old town will really come alive when we all get back.

Well, baby dear I'll wind this up for now, and try to write you a V-mail tonite. All my love, darling.

Your Sam,

Jack

[[Nick Dante 11/24/15]]

[[Bell Correspondence #7]]

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POSTAL SERVICE 614 FEB 28 1945]]

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