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Pvt. John P. Bell 35052495
Co. D Det. of Patients H.I.P. 4167
APO 514-A 9:00 P.M. New York

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. Jack Bell
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Darling Wife,

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No, Jim hadn't said anything to me about getting home. He doesn't limp. He looked very good when I saw him. Did he tell Madelyn that he might be coming home? Sure would be nice if he could.

I'm glad you like our place, darling. I do too. Let's just stay there until we can move into our own home, shall we? It's homey and comfortable, and I don't like to move. Chuck sent me the clipping from the Oberlin Times with our picture. Quite a writeup they gave us. Nothing like being a big shot in a small town.
That was very thoughtful of you to send me this nice airmail stationery, sweetie.

Your new skirt and jerkin sounds yummy, honey. I know they look Keen on you because you really know how to wear clothes. You're my first choice for best-dressed woman in America, Darling.

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I'm wrapping up lots of hugs and kisses, and all my love.

Good night, sweetheart.

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