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Pvt. John P. Bell 35052495
Co. D Det. of Patients H.P. 4167
APO 514-A 9/0 P.M. New York



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



England - March 6

Darling Wife,

I've just finished up with guard duty, and I'm not a bit angry about it. After I'd written the V letter yesterday I received another batch of letters. Twelve in all. Then four today so you see my mail is coming in good now. One of the air mail letters I got yesterday was postmarked Feb. 22 so that was a little less than two weeks. Pretty good.

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 air mail 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.

Abs, honey I'm looking forward to that big dinner with everything we like, and also you said you were going to have something I like too. What a tiger in the boudoir I'm going to be, sweetheart. Are you going to be a bit of a tigress, darling? I'll betcha!

How I love to get your letters sweetie. You write such grand ones. Wish I could write nice ones like you do, but I guess everyone can't be literary, can they lover?

Ida is strictly a big time operator these days, driving all those different cars, isn't she? Say hello to her. Hope Sam can get home. It will do his mother a lot of good, and his little

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Thanks for the picture of the big snow storm, honey. The last time I remember seeing near that much was in the winter of '35-'36, and I guess this year was even worse - They can keep those old fashioned winters. It's alright if you can stay in the house all the time, but not so good when you have to go out in it. This coming summer will probably be hotter than blue blazes too. One extreme usually follows another.

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I still feel bad about missing Jim on Saturday. I'll probably get another chance to see him before I leave England, tho'.

Darling, have I reminded you lately what a wonderful darling you are. I'm so very proud of you, sweetheart. You've taken over all the responsibility of our home, holding down your job, and you never complain. I'll be a happy kid when I can come home, and take over again, and make up to you for the good job you've done. I feel as you do, darling. I'd rather be away from you, knowing our love is so strong and true than to be with someone who meant little to me. We have so much to look forward to, honey. Just like before only better if that is possible.

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Yours always,
Jack

[[Nick Dante 11/30/15]]

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