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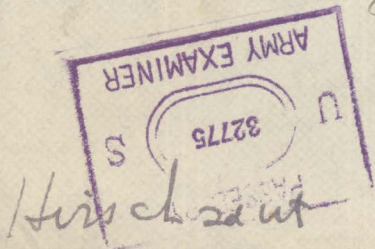
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Pvt. John P. Bell 350527...  
M F R C APO 131  
C/O P.M. New York, N.Y.



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



Germany - May 3, '45

Dearest Sweetheart,

How's my precious darling today? I'll just drop in for a minute, and say hello.

When I was in England, naturally I couldn't tell you my exact location. Now I can give you a little information. That first place was a very small town near Gloucester. The last place was about five miles from Coventry, which is quite well known in this war for the pasting it took in the blitz. It's a nice city which has grown a lot since the war as it's all industrial - just like Elyria.

Now, I'm very close to the city where Grandpa Linden lived. You should be able to look at a map, and make a pretty accurate guess. This is a beautiful country, and everything is modern. Definite proof to me that greed causes a war. They just weren't satisfied.



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Honey, have I reminded you lately how much I love you? Well, I will, as well as I can, with ink and paper. You're such a dear, sweet little wife. I'm a lucky fellow to have you for my very own. Darling, how you're going to be loved when I get home. Mmm! I'm going to hold you so tight, and never let you go.

I'm enclosing millions of hugs and kisses to the dearest, sweetest and best wife in all the world.

Your own,  
Jack

[[Nick Dante 12/7/15]]

[[Bell Correspondence #1]]

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[[image- red six cents Air Mail U.S. Postage Stamp]]

Pvt. John P. Bell 35052495  
78<sup>th</sup>, Signal Co. A.P.O. 78  
C/o P.M. New York, N.Y.

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MAY 6 1945]]

VIA AIR MAIL

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