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MRS. JACK BELL

345 W. RIVER STREET

ELYRIA, OHIO
DARLING WIFE,

I GOT TWO LETTERS FROM YOU TONITE, SWEETIE. WRITTEN THE
SEVENTEENTH AND THE TWENTIETH. I MUST STILL HAVE SOME COMING THAT
YOU'D WRITTEN BEFORE. OH WELL JUST SO I GET THEM EVENTUALLY.

I MADE THE TEAM AGAIN TONITE, AND I'VE JUST FINISHED MY FIRST
TURN. THIS IS A PRETTY GOOD POST WE HAVE TONITE. IT'S THE COAL
PILE. THERE'S A LITTLE HOUSE WITH A STOVE IN IT SO WE MANAGE TO
KEEP COMFORTABLE.

NO, PURSE AND BURLAP AIN'T HOME YET. THEY'RE STILL IN THE
ETO, BUT I EXPECT THEY'LL BE SAILING ANY DAY NOW. THE WAY THEY
WORK IT IS SOMETHING LIKE THIS. THEY SEND OUT ORDERS FOR MEN IN
CERTAIN POINT GROUPS, THEN THEY TRANSFER THEM INTO A UNIT THAT'S
GOING TO THE STATES. WHEN THE UNIT MOVES THEY MOVE TOO. IN THE
MEANTIME THEY'VE SHIPPED OUT THEIR LOW POINT MEN SO THE UNIT IS
ALL HIGH POINT MEN WHEN THEY HIT THE BOAT.

I DIDN'T KNOW HERBERT SHROYER. I MIGHT HAVE EVEN SEEN HIM
TOO, AND DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS FROM ELYRIA.

YOU MUST BE GETTING THIS COOL WEATHER TOO HONEY FROM WHAT
YOU SAID IN YOUR LETTER. MY ROOM IS SNUG AND COZY WITH MY STOVE
GOING. ALL OF OUR COAL IS IN THE FORM OF LITTLE BRIGUETTES, AND
IT BURNS RIGHT DOWN TO A FINE ASH.

IT'S A GOOD FEELING TO KNOW SOMETHING DEFINITE ABOUT
GOING HOME EVEN THO' I KNOW IT ISN'T RIGHT AWAY. AT LEAST WE
KNOW AS IT STANDS NOW THAT THE LATEST WOULD BE NEXT JUNE, AND IT
PROBABLY WILL HAPPEN BEFORE THEN.

YOU BET WE'LL TAKE A NICE TRIP WHEN I COME HOME SWEETIE.
MAYBE WE'LL JUST START OUT, AND NOT HAVE ANY PLACE IN MIND, BUT
JUST DRIVE, AND WHEN WE FEEL LIKE STOPPING SOME PLACE WE'LL STOP.
WE'LL JUST MAKE IT STRICTLY A LAZY GOOD TIME, AND LOTS AND LOTS
OF LOVING.

I SUPPOSE THE GAS STRIKES HAVE CURTAILED THE GASOLINE IN
ELYRIA, HAVEN'T THEY? I'VE BEEN READING ABOUT THEM IN THE PAPER.
IT'S TOO BAD SOME OF THOSE POOR UNDERPAID PEOPLE COULDN'T HAVE
WORKED A FEW YEARS FOR FIFTY BUCKS A MONTH. MAYBE I SHOULD RESERVE
MY OPINION. THEY MIGHT HAVE GOOD REASONS FOR STRIKING.

DARLING, I LOVE YOU SO, AND I'M JUST EXISTING TILL THAT HAPPY
DAY WHEN I CAN TAKE YOU IN MY ARMS AND HOLD YOU CLOSE. YOU'RE
SUCH A SWEETIE AND A SWEET CUTIE THAT I'M GOING TO BE HUGGING
AND KISSING YOU ALL THE TIME.

I'LL WANT YOU TO GO WITH ME WHEN I START PICKING OUT THOSE
GOOD CIVILIAN CLOTHES SWEETIE. I'M REALLY GOING TO ENJOY THAT.
IT'S REALLY FUN TO LOOK THRU ESQUIRE, AND SEE ALL THOSE NICE
SUITS AND SHIRTS AND STUFF. IT WILL SURE SEEM SWELL TO GET OUT
OF THESE FREE CLOTHES.

WELL LINGER I THINK I'LL TRY TO CATCH A FEW HOURS SLEEP BEFORE
I GO TO WORK AGAIN. I'LL SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS SWEETHEART. ALL MY
LOVE AND MILLIONS OF HUGS AND KISSES.

YOUR OWN,

Jack