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Mrs. Jack Bell  
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Elyria, Ohio

# Mail Jam Broken, APO Claims

By LESTER BERNSTEIN  
Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Oct. 23—Theater postal authorities today came up with facts and figures to explain recent delays in the dispatch of States-bound air mail and to assure GIs that their letters now are flying home without delay for the first time this month.

A recent New York dispatch recorded the complaint of redeployed troops that they were beating their own letters to the States and reported anxious inquiries from letterless correspondents of men still in Europe.

Today's announcement disclosed that high priority cargo and passengers had been "bumping" air mail on ATC planes. As a result the planes were unable to carry the 22,500 pounds of mail daily allocated by the theater priorities board—an allocation large enough to cover all westbound air mail.

The situation grew so bad early in the month that on Oct. 8 and 9 it became necessary to dispatch a total of 104,300 pounds of air mail by fast ships. This represented about 4,700,000 letters, or 37 per cent of all the air mail originating in the theater during the first 15 days of October.

Those letters, it was announced, will be delayed in delivery from ten days to two weeks over the time it would have taken them to reach their destinations had they been flown.

But the backlog of lingering letters now has been cleared up, and the air mail situation is "current"—postal talk meaning that the letters are not staying in any one place more than 24 hours. As of 6 PM yesterday, 12,676 pounds—570,420 letters—were on hand on the Continent and 1,400 pounds—63,000 letters—were in the UK awaiting air dispatch, but none of this mail had been there a full day.





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October 24

Darling wife,

It looks as if your mail should be coming thru a little better now sweetie. I read in the S+S today where it had been screwing up here on the continent, and none of it had been going air mail to the states, but now they have it straightened out again so I'm hoping my letters will be getting to you faster.

Three of us went to the show tonite. I didn't care too much for it. "Music for Millions." The music was good, but the story itself was strictly from hunger.

You know honey in a way the time has really been going fast here. I like it much better than the 78th. We don't have any formations here. The CQ calls you at 6:30 in the morning, then we sleep another half hour, and go to breakfast. Then we sweep and straighten up our cots, and around eight o'clock go to work.

Darling I'm always thinking of the grand times we've had together, and how wonderful the future is going to be. I'm so happy when I'm with



you. It doesn't matter what we do as long as we're together. You're such a dear sweet darling.

I love you so very much sweetheart that it seems I couldn't possibly love you more, and yet every day I love you more and more. You're my cute sweetie and my sweet cutie, and I'm just existing till the happy day when I come home, and we'll never be separated again.

Remember how we'd start out in the car in the winter time, and you'd try the heater, and say "Cold heat was coming out." I'm always thinking of all the cute little things you do and say. Oh darling it's going to be so wonderful when I can walk up behind you, and lift your hair, and kiss your sweet little neck. Being with you is such sweet paradise.

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Another six days till Halloween. Remember the last Halloween I was home, and your Aunt had the party in Ralph and Edith's basement? That was really a good one. Remember how Jean McDonald was drinking wine, and got meaner than a snake?

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Your own,  
Jack



[JACK P. BELL CORRESPONDENCE OCTOBER 1945 #14]

[Page 1 – Envelope]

Pfc. John P. Bell 35052495  
279th. QM Ref. Co. APO 758  
C/O PM New York, N.Y.

[[Image: Military  
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SERVICE / A.P.O.”,  
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[Page 2 – Newspaper clipping]

[[Clipping describing how mail would begin moving more freely between GIs and civilians]]

[Page 3 – Back of Clipping]

[[Back of clipping, depicting a photograph overlaid with comic characters.]]



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