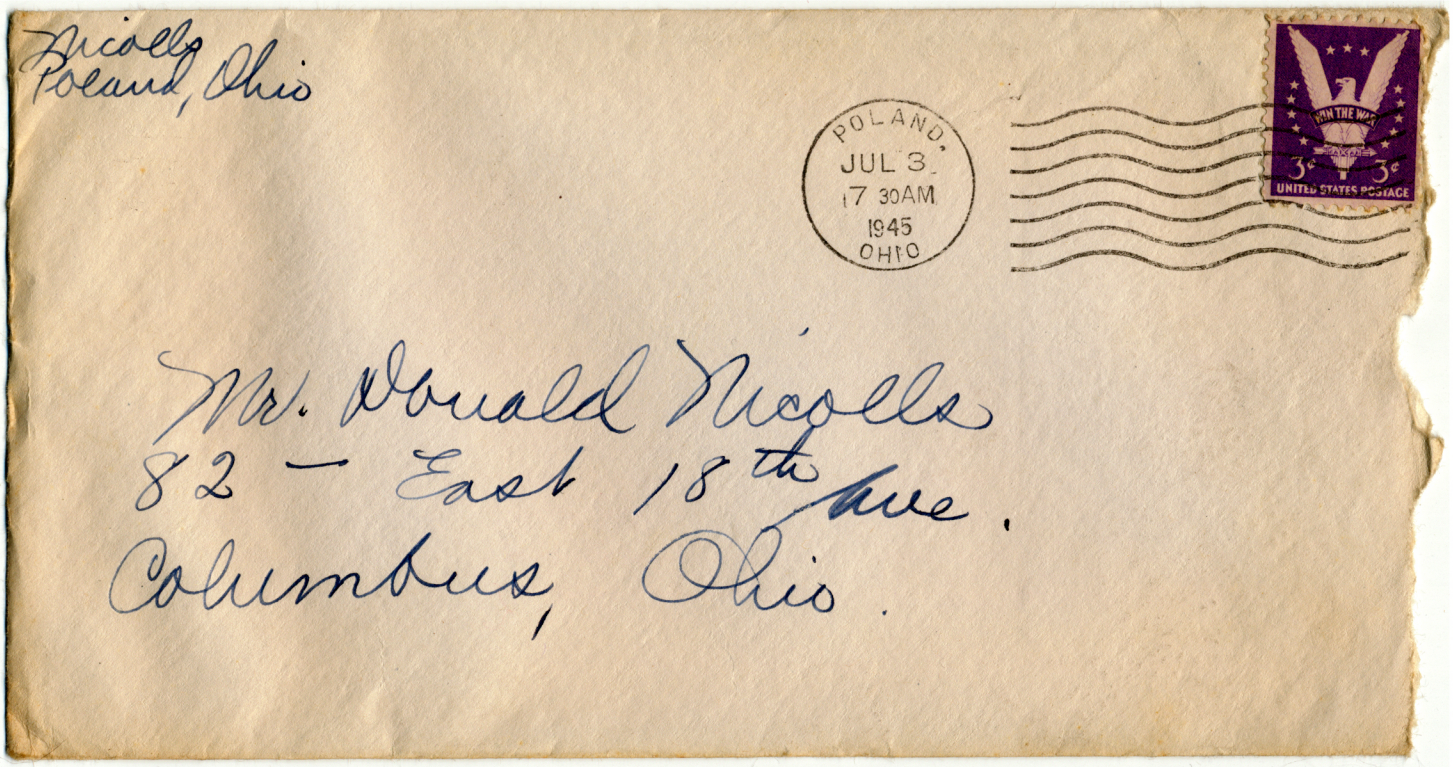
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Mr. Donald Nicolls
82 — East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio.

Monday P.M.
July 2nd.

Dear Dow: —

Guess who I talked to today at the P.O.!? Yessir! It was her — she — Margie! Shed just got off the bus coming from school with a big armful of books. She showed me the pictures of you & Dick & Joe — "sneeze-dog" taken at the Senior Picnic and told me shed get one made for me if Id like — which I would. She was going to stop at Barnes to see if her colored pictures were back yet. She wanted to know if Id like to help her on her English Composition — says she has a lot of themes to write & book reviews to report on, so — all the books. I was so glad I happened to meet her — hope it happens again soon.

We had letters from you — Ruth's (she didnt let me read it tho' — course I didnt ask to — she took hers upstairs) one from Dave & Gene & Betty — pretty good for one mail call. Gene's was written Fri. & I think he left Sat. morn. He called Tues. Fri. night & from the way he talked she got the idea he was leaving next day. He said Betty cooked them a "darn good meal" last Tues. Says he thinks she makes a good housewife.

Dave's still — same place — same station etc. He has a birthday a week from tomorrow (the 10th) so if you get a chance to get a card — or else just write him a letter if you have time. He said he got one from you last week.

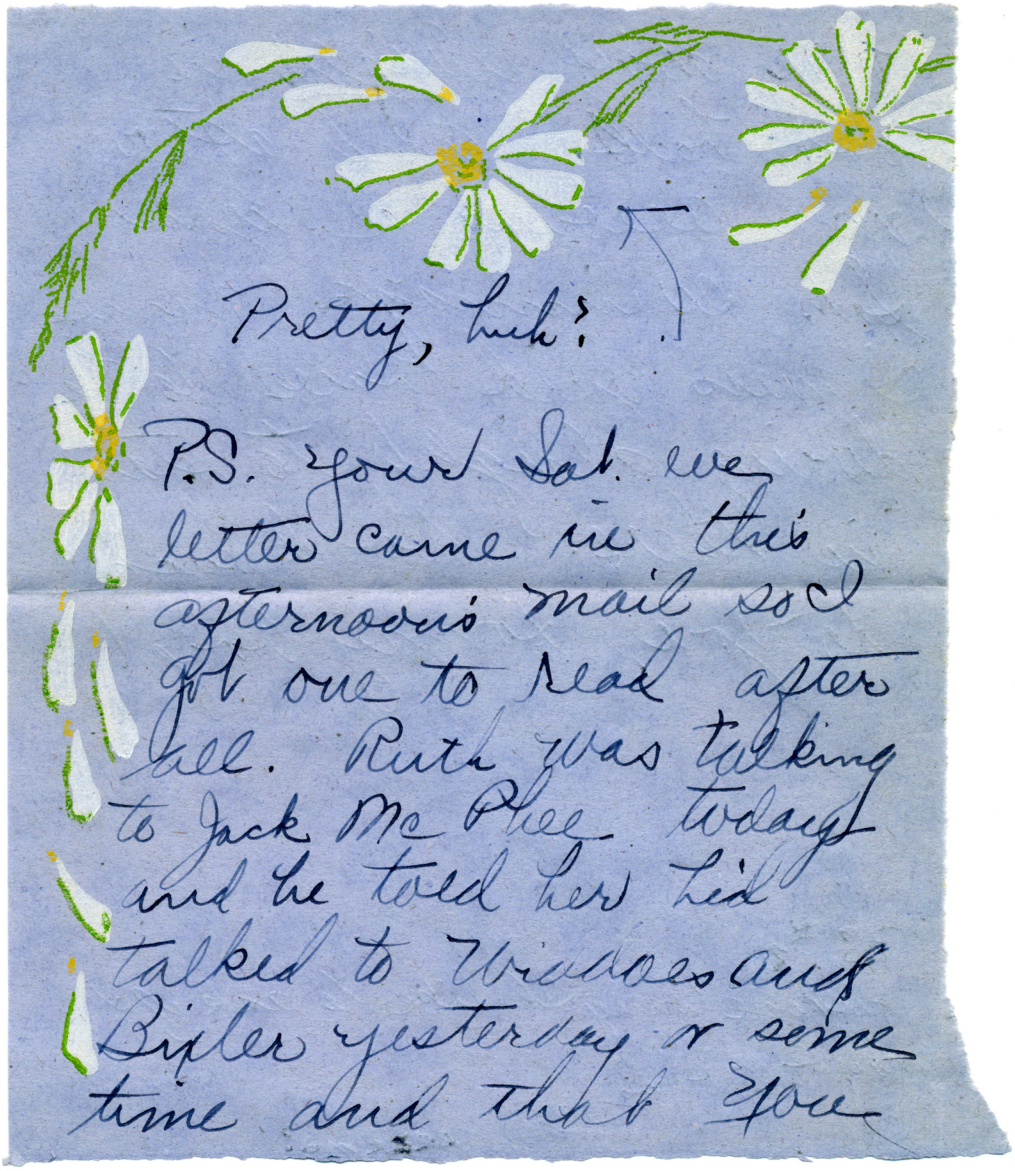
Your laundry arrived this morning again so it's all washed — but not dry — 'cause it rained all morning so I probably won't get it sent back till — oh! oh! Wed. is a holiday — maybe I'll get it ready by tomorrow P.M. but I drive truck again tomorrow. Anyhow you won't run out of clothes right away, I guess.

Now that it's rained I got a lot of plants from Grandma today and will put them in my garden tonight to fill up those bare spots — I got the grass all out of the ditch & have holly-hocks — blooming along part of it & so far have a head-start on the weeds. But — say how many feet down did you plant those glads? They still aren't up. Either they're not going to grow or you put them so far down they can't find their way up.

I talked to Mrs. Hahn today & she says not to join Khi Phi — Bill belonged to Delta Sigma Pi — but that's just for Commerce students — but she thinks there'd be one for Law students & they're the kind that help — but she says don't get into one till you're sure what it's like. I saw the O.S. annual over there — Amling is prominent in it, but didn't see any of the others you mention — too big to look at all at once.

Their recreation is night clubs! Not for you, Joy!

Much love — Mom.

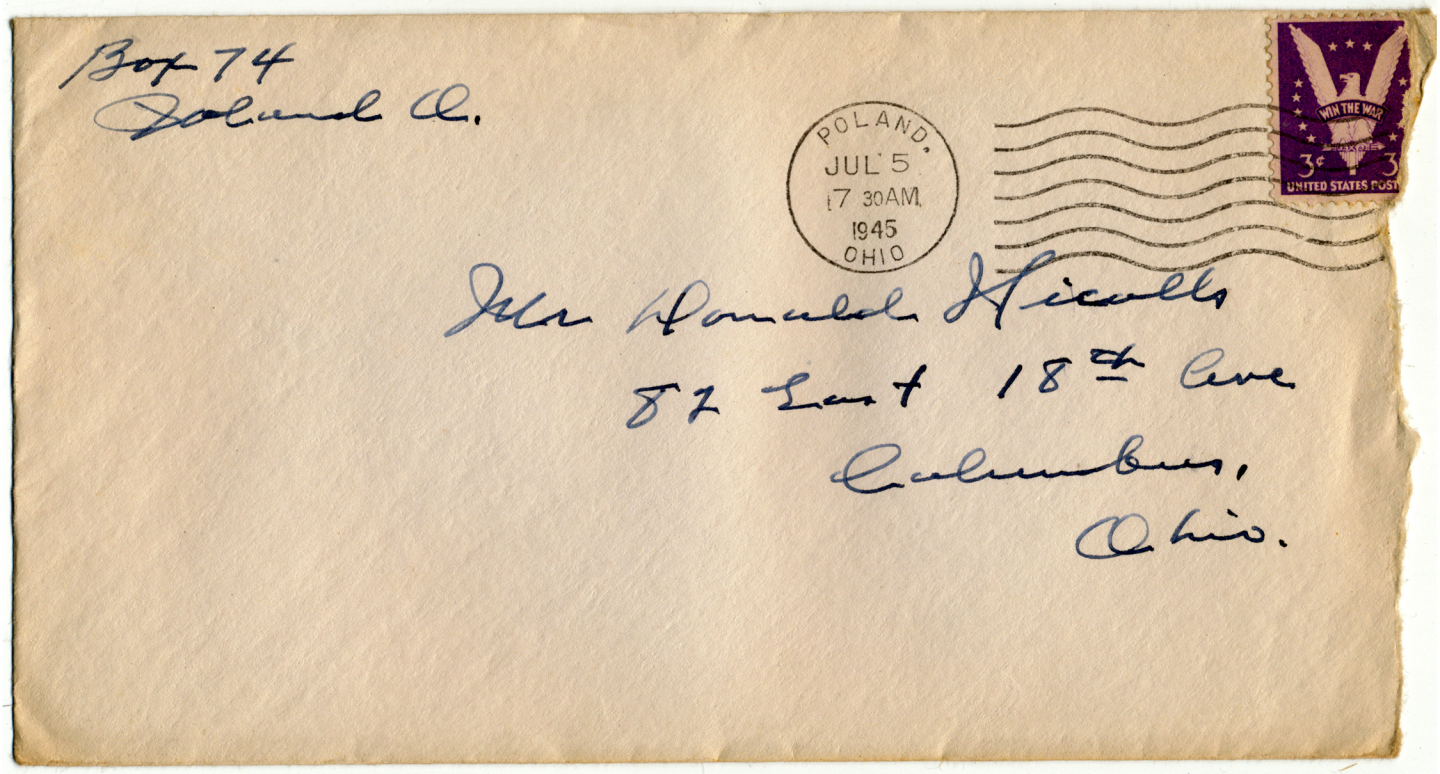


Pretty, huh?

P.S. your Sat. we
letter came in this
afternoon's mail so I
got one to read after
all. Ruth was talking
to Jack McPhee today
and he told her he'd
talked to Widdoes and
Bixler yesterday or some
time and that you

were doing alright in
foot-ball. And after
your account of your
Sat. scrimmage game
I guess you'd have to be
doing alright to stay
in there. Good Luck
to you, Sonny boy!

P.S #2
Just one thing I'd like to ask if I
may — Hows
Your eczema?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Mrs Harold Nicolls
82 East 18th Ave
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Bolivar Ohio
July 3 - '45

Hello Don.

What a nice day we had today was not to hot also had a nice rain yesterday and how the garden is growing also the chickens, by the way Mom is sure keeping her flower garden nice and lot of flowers and no weeds.

Yesterday we had letters from everyone but Bob and last night Mom and Dad called also Dave and he about ready to pull out and I think he will go to Southern England for you know there a big meeting in Berlin soon so you can guess the rest but dont say any thing about it, and Eugene probably has left I think last Friday some time for he called Dawn to say good bye.

Was sorry to hear about your hand and hope no bones broke and soon will be OK. so let us know when you can write also let us know in time when you need the money and how much for we have it ready for you also how is your eyes I hope OK., I suppose foot ball

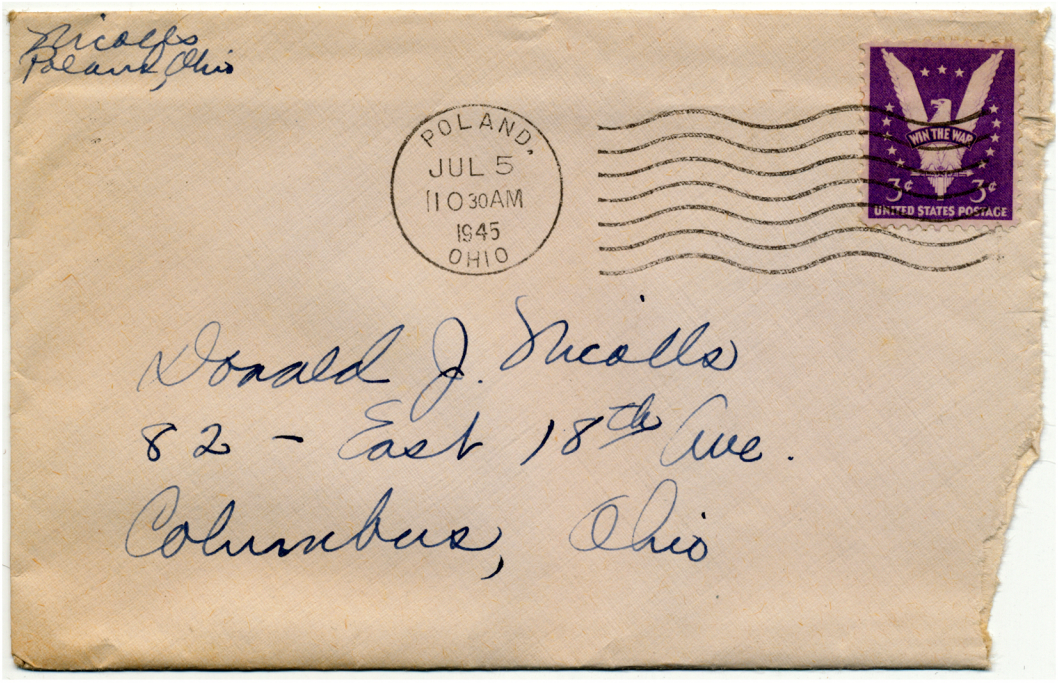
is really rugged by this time also how are your teaching and in your classes are they very hard.

We were real busy today and Vern and Jim got done taking the orders at 6:30 tonight and sure had lots of them and lots of meat also 13 hams but they didnt last very long also Jim got his license today so will let him do it about most of the time now.

That about all the news I know so hope you are getting along OK. also your hand and let us know if you need anything.

Your Dad

Carl.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Donald J. Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

4th of July - 1945.

Dear Buck,

I wonder what you're doing today? Studying? Did you have classes? Football practise? You can't practise now can you, till your fingers are O.K.? Did Dad ask you if you broke your fingers? He was very disappointed that he wasn't here when you called. He kept asking me things that I didn't think to ask you. He says "He didn't break his fingers, did he?" I said "I didn't think of it or I'd have asked him." Did you? Anyhow I told Ruth if he had talked to you he'd probably have said "Sure you didn't break them? Sure you didn't break your leg? Etc." You know him.

Well, I hope you just store them + I hope they're all alright now and you tell those boys not to play so rough with you. Do + keep your fist shut. I hope it doesn't keep you out of practice long. I'm sure doing a lot of hoping, aren't I?

Well, Dad went golfing at 8 a.m. so I wrote to Dave + Bob, went to the P.O. + got a letter from Dave - written Sun. eve. Before I talked to him Mon. eve. I sure felt I'd had a large evening when both your boys called and besides Annie was up for awhile. Did Dad tell you where he thinks Dave

2. is going? It was one of his navy scuttle butts so I told him not to be so sure yet but will let you know when & if he does go there. I sure hope so. (there I go again)

I like to know where Gene is bout now. Edna Mae's dick landed in India & it's been 10 wks. since he left, so I've set a limit of 2 months on Gene - but sure hope (!) we hear sooner than that.

Dad just told me I had the flag hung wrong (I had to do it all myself today) so I told him to go out and change it then. I also mowed the front part of the lawn and raked up the leaves of the maple trees. did I tell

you whatever that sticky stuff was on them must be a disease of some sort and there is awful lice on the leaves and a lot of them have dropped off not enough to shoot on the tree, but those still on look half eaten up. Sure did spoil the looks of them.

I don't know what made me think of this but do you remember grandpa Dic telling of Lee Earls finding the baby deer? They wrote to the state — somebody and asked permission to keep it but the game warden came and got it. Janie said she cried when they took it. That would be a nice pet. Or would it?

3. Also did I tell you Pudge is working for Mr. Stone over at the Stadium this summer — Ruth says he gets paid for it. He working on the track she says. They still don't have the tennis courts made.

Did Dad tell you what a day we had in yesterday! Well Ruth + I only worked part of the day but boy oh boy! It was worse than Dry Sat. We never got done delivering till 6:30 and poor Jim was nearly a wreck — it's really too much for him alone. Everyone had new papers yesterday and Dad had bread so they all were going to really eat today.

I sent your laundry back yesterday and I wondered about the monkey suit. Did it have a button on the pocket and blue stains on the pants when I got it or did I do that. I sure hope I didn't but I sent it back that way anyhow. I didn't have a button like that or I'd have sewed it on. Do you have to have 'em all on or would you get a demerit? Or the guard-house or what? And you couldn't sew one on now. Oh dear! I'm so worried.

next morning —

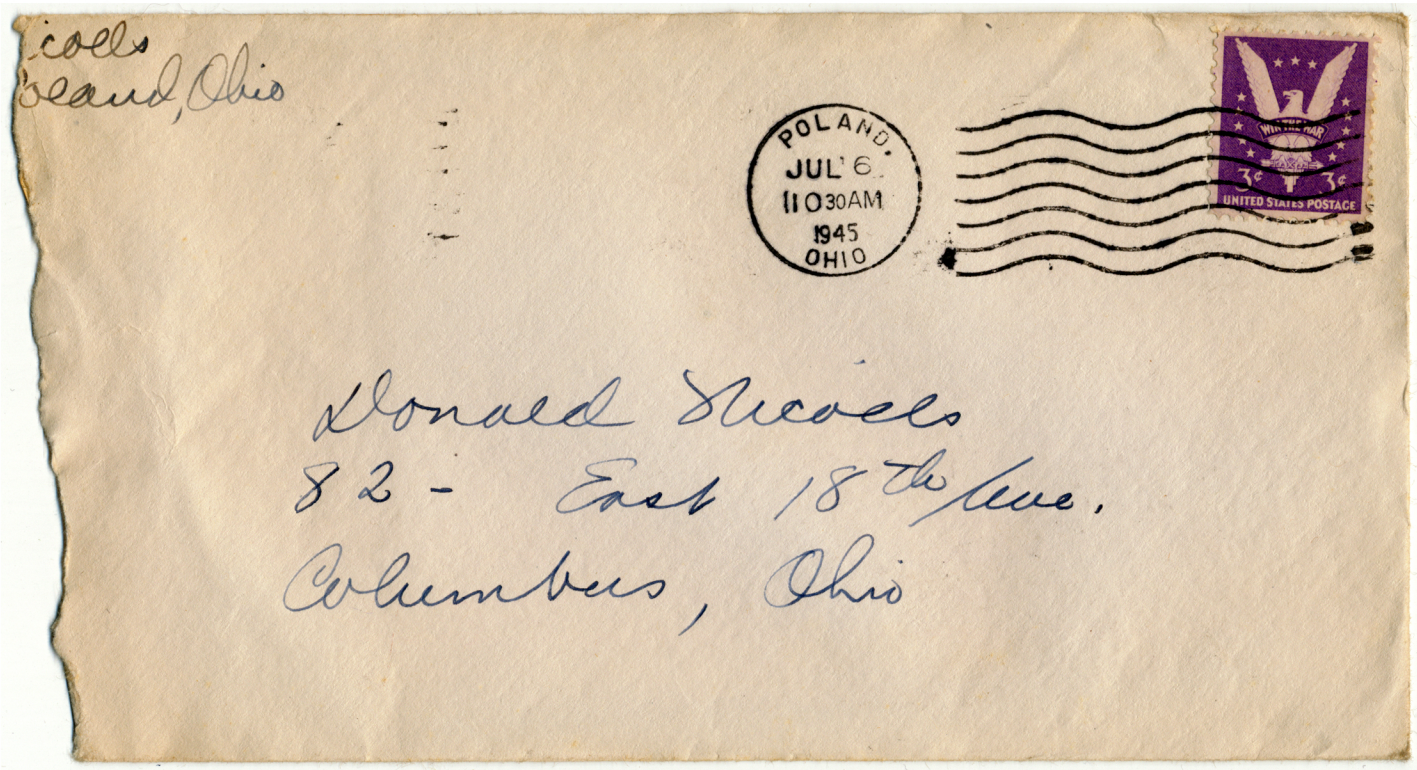
We went to the stadium last night and heard the Grand Boy's Band again. They're all pretty young fellows — and — there's about 5 girls in it now. Probably had to replace

4. a man ?, for active duty. I don't think that stadium ever was so packed. Mr. Bickler was bringing the late comers in & trying to find seats for them and every little spot was taken up by the time the fireworks began & I think some must have had to stand. Dad said there must have been at least 2000 people there. And the traffic after! We were glad we'd walked. The fireworks were per usual except that a bunch of them went off un-expectedly and for a while people didn't know whether to run, jump over the wall, or sit it out — colored bombs were bursting all over the field & flying in all

directories & reaching to the stands but none came up into them luckily. We heard after that one of the men who set them off was burned. I sure wouldn't have wanted that job.

Bill Watts was there looking very salty in his whites. I talked to Fred Marrie, too. Did I tell you the story about his car? It was true just as I heard it he said. If I didn't tell you - let one know & I will.

Did you know Bob Freely and Dick Davis have gone to the Navy? And Ed Johnson is at Fort Knox. Mrs. Mac. - Mrs. Heim - Mr. McCauley & others asked about you. More soon - if you can write by Sat. or Sun. Call again. Love Mom.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Donald Nicoels
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Fri. morn.
the 6th

Dear 2-fingers Buck,

Just a few lines to tell you I appreciate your extreme effort to pen a letter to me in your crippled condition. I really can't see much difference tho — except it must be harder for you — forgive me, but you asked for it on the card. After gene's writing I can decipher anything. Dave says he pities the man who has to censor gene's letters. You think you'll be O. K. in a couple

days? Then they aren't broken? I'll expect anything from now on. Sounds like murder to me, yet they call it foot-ball.

Don't you dare give Persick any plays, that pot as maurice would say! no, not even wrong ones 'cause pity the poor guys on his team. Dad says he didn't know Robinette had changed. Do you know if he has? I'm sure I read that he was at one of the Yo. H. Schools now.

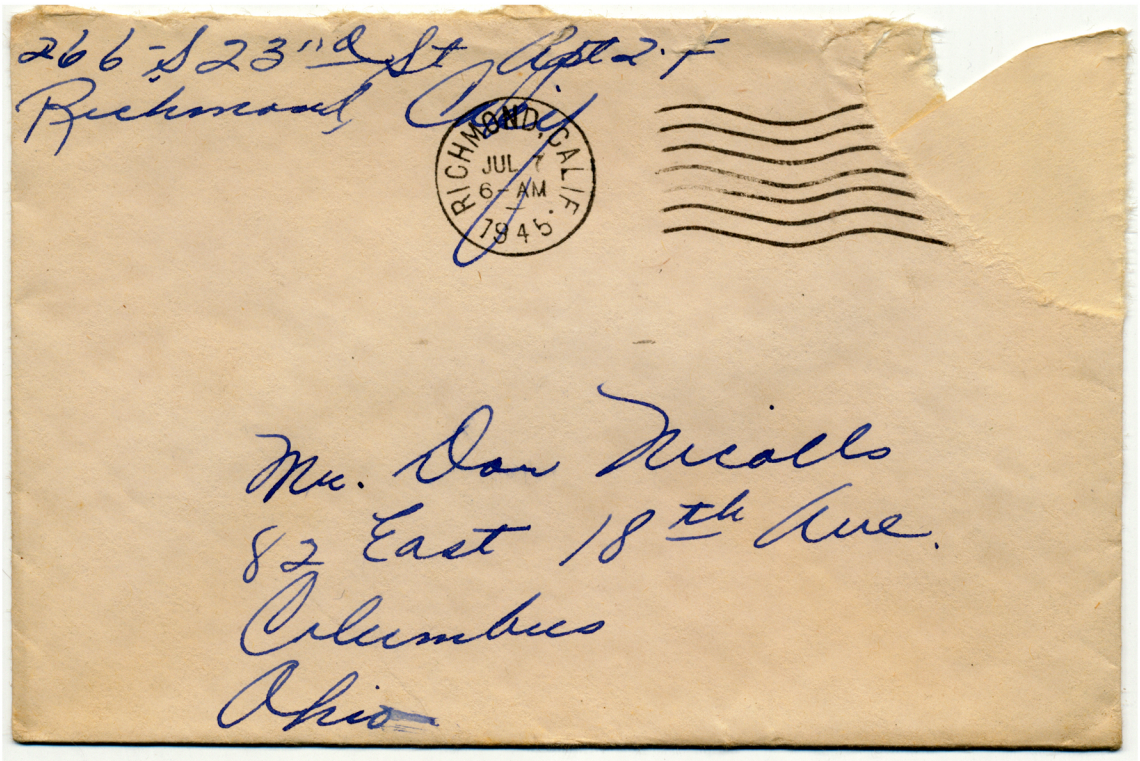
2. Will those 2 pr. socks be enough or should I look for some more next time I'm in?

You never say anything about your studies or are they just — incidental? What kind of History are you studying + just what — in a couple words is Bus. adm. and — What is your Eng. — declension (??) or — are you getting any spelling? Would you be insulted — angry — mad — if I'd correct spelling in your letters?

a good lawyer should be
able to spell. I don't mean
you're such a bad speller
but the sun is shining
— one n not two, etc. etc.
Use your mind? But please
now don't avoid writing
for fear of misspelling
a word. (one or 2 s's I don't know)

I want to go to the P.O.
— time for the mail so
see write more again
soon, and I hope you
"try to write" — again soon

Yours in deep sympathy
for your handicap
may you never have a
worse one. Lots of Love Mom.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82 East 18th Ave.
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Fri. PM

Dear Buck,

How's the old "Joe College" by now? Sounds like you're making out O.K. Mom says you stoved two fingers. Can you still play football? Now if they get too rough for you just let me know & I'll dash over & help you out.

As for my meals, they're wonderful. In fact, they're super. a-hem. Tonight we had stale bread, black, burned meat, lumpy potatoes & sour milk.

Sound good? All kidding aside - I'm getting pretty good - ask Gene, he knows. I'll bet the watch is nice. Leave it to Dad to think of everything you need. He doesn't forget a thing, does he?

It's nice you're near Mr. Barton. Have you been home yet?

Yes this apt. really keeps me stepping. It won't be bad after I quit work but I guess I'll be quitting for a few months yet.

3/ I had a letter from Dave not long ago & he didn't think he'd be getting home now. I hope he can yet before he has to go out again. I hope he gets out this way too so I can see him. Gene sure looked good & I hated to see him leave. I haven't heard from him since he was here so I guess he's gone.

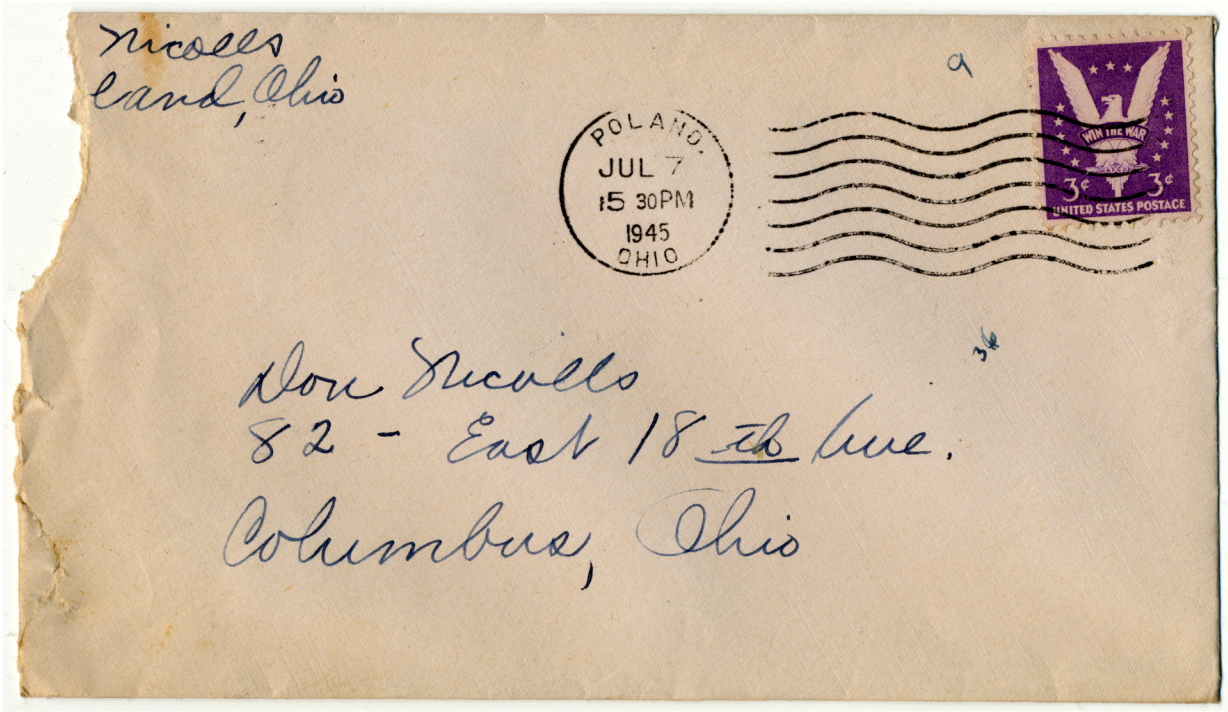
It hasn't been too hot here. There's a breeze all the time so

it seems cooler than
it really is.

We're going to Oakland
tomorrow night dancing.
It'll be the first dance
we've been to since
we've been here.

Bye now & write
when you can.

Lots of Love,
Betty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Don Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Sat. July 7th

dear Don,

Glad to hear you're practically back to normal — or are you? since or if you went into practise 2 hours. & since that. I'll expect any thing from now on.

Sounded like you had a nice trip last Sunday. And I'm glad you didn't go on that beer party. Of course I don't expect you to — but being away from mother's guiding hand (??) I don't want you straying from the "straight & narrow."

And don't play poker!
Jimmy is here telling
me how he's been going
to poker parties and I
think what is this
world coming to? He
was at Bill Osterstadt's
last night & won $2.25.
Bad boy! (He's sweet, tho:)
We didn't have it so
tough today. Just a
nice ordinary day. I
told you about hour
4th program, didn't I?
or did I? I wrote to
everyone that day but
a couple I wrote before
the evening.

Helen Ship. just
called and says Frank

2. Walker is expected home today. Isn't that grand! They finally heard from Slaf dale (Dick) too. He's on Okinawa. Geo. MacDon. is in Borneo. Dave must be gone — have you guessed where we hope he's gone? Maggie said Jane's husband said that scuttlebutt around the Navy Yard in Phila. is that the Philly isn't fit for Atlantic duty let alone Pacific duty. I don't know if I'd better tell Dave that or not. It may insult him.

yet, Bill Ship. says the Maury is going to stay in the Atlantic — he thinks. Such a time as we have — guessing.

Will you excuse the briefness of this if I close now & go to the P.O. I just must get some mail. no very good mail call this week at all. None from Betty since last Mon. even.

I, yes, I'm not sure if I'd better send the radio or not — if I can get it packed so it wouldn't get jolted it may ride alright. I'll see what I can do.

For now Lotsa Love, Mom.

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Mrs. Don Hinalls
87 East 18th Ave.
Columbus,
Ohio.

Roland Akins
July 8- '45

Hello Don.

We had a good golf game this morning and after dinner also had a sleep so I feel good now for I was real hungry and tired when we got home.

The past few weeks was rather warm and very dry and also in the paper was an write up about your practice last Friday and how we seem to be playing fast ball and the coach said they would have a good team this year and lots of material to work with so good luck to you boys and only three more of weeks to practice.

We were rather busy at the store the past week and had more meat such as the new points came in everyone was buying even if they haven't any left for the last of the month also Jim has his license now and he took the orders out alone last afternoon but I am done in the morning for we had lots of them.

We had a letter from Bob yesterday but none from Dave or Eugene the past week and I believe they have both gone.

We have had the Plymouth out only a couple of times since you left so now have lots of gas for who ever gets home first.

My garden is coming along good and the chickens are getting real big and soon will be ready to eat also this dry hot weather the grass grows rather slow and not much cutting to do these days.

That about all the news I know so hope your hand is O.K. now and you are getting along good at school and let us know when you need money and how much.

Your Dad
Carl.

E. Nicolls
Poland, Ohio

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Donald Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Tues. a.m.
the 10th

Dear Son Buck,

Letter of the 6th received
as of Mon. July 9th - wish
to thank you for full explanation
of condition of your extremities
(fingers to you) - also as to condition
of uniform & ~~possible~~ no consequence
as of having one button gone if
caught - (hope you don't have
to pull out shirt tonight) advise
you procure extra buttons for
such emergencies. Also... no mention
was made of blue stains on
uniform ~~as~~ - if necessary to buy
new uniform please inform your
laundress who will advance
funds for same. Laundry case
for this week received per usual
Mon. a.m. - 8:30 so now is in
readiness to be sent back to
wearer (of clothes, not laundry case).
Hope wearer will find every-
thing in desired condition
if not — — get a new
laundress!

Signed, Mabe of the Suds & Suds

Now — that was to get even with you for the That's bad — that's good story. Course I appreciated it — but dad says "What the dickens was he talking about there?" He just doesn't speak the same language — or else doesn't listen to the radio enough. — Speaking of radios — have you or Jim tried to get his piped down there — if there is a place down there why don't you get an estimate on it & if it isn't too much over to pay half the expense of it (See advance the mula & ahem) But if not maybe I'll try to send this one but it's so big to pack carefully & is in poor condition as it is so I don't think it's hardly worth it. If I knew someone who was driving down & could take it, it would be much better. We don't need your ration books but we won't let any stamps run out — I don't think any of them will for a couple months.

2. Evening of same day – Before I got ~~this~~ finished answering your Fri. eve letter – your Sun. one arrived. I'm so, so sorry you were so deeply hurt at my ~~criticizm~~ – criticism (who said who would correct spelling?) but glad you made the generous decision to continue corresponding even tho' you must feel like you're going to be jumped on for every mistake. As to the "try to write again soon" that's exactly the way you ended your letter I was only copying from there. And DO N'T call me Mrs. Winchell – I'd sure hate to be his wife!

What do you do? Sit with a dictionary at your elbow now?

I deeply appreciate the enlightenment on your course of study. It gives me a little idea now what you're doing when you're not learning war and football. See? Listen, boy, I want you to take in a good movie oftener at least once a week. I'll bet you're studying your head off just

like you did here only worse. Get out week-ends at least! Dja' hear me! I'm glad you tried the method. Church ~~the~~ and find it "swell" too! Just seems tho' you can't get away from book reports, can you?

— — Time out — had to let MINOR T. in — call Ruth — and since he just caught her before she could get away she went for a "ride" with him. She says "How long?" He says "Oh, as long as you stay — till 11 o'clock!" She says "You must have lots of gas." He says "I have, I just got her filled up!" — So, she can't be a complete failure as long as he still comes around, do you think — or does that prove she is? She wanted me to ask Jimmy to come out tonight. I told her to get her own men — I had to snag my own — no one helped me!

Well, to go back to your letter I think that shirt looked awfully small in the neck when I ironed it. Your letters get it

3. ~~get it~~ (cracked record?) changed. One more question. Do you wear the uniform thru your # 1 o'clock class too then? What time is FB practise then? — If you want — you can wait till you get home (— ??) to answer all these questions.

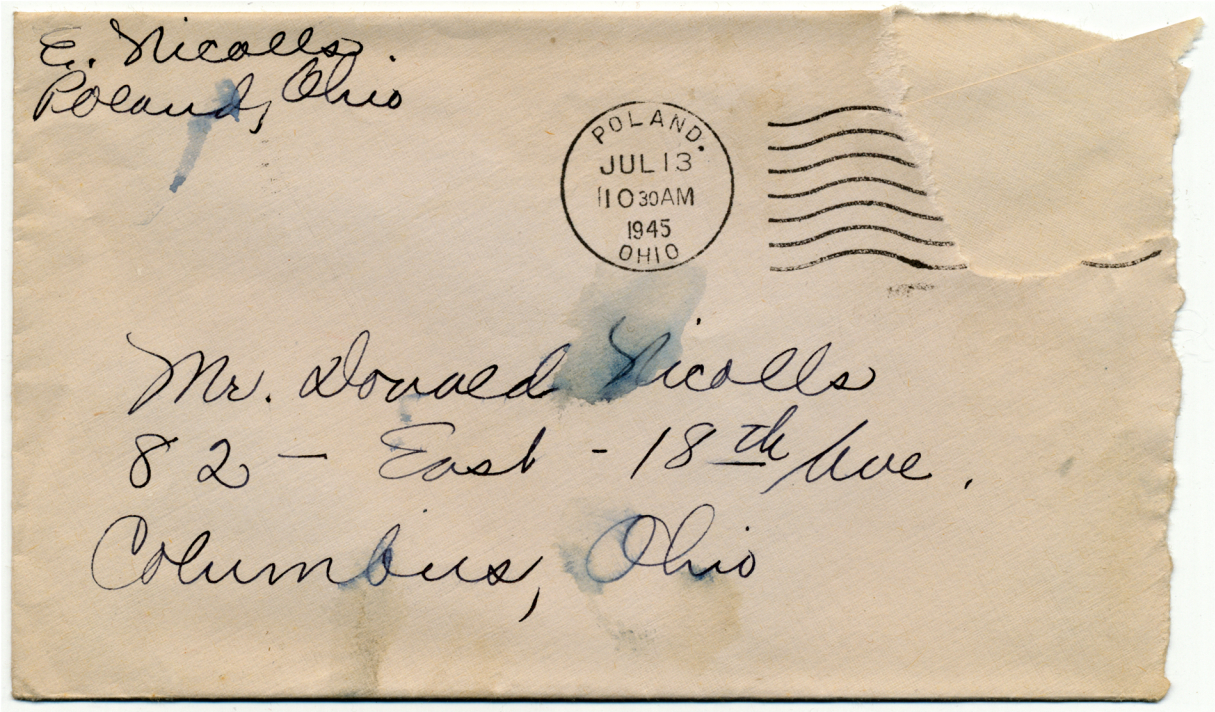
Now, I'll answer some of yours. Boo has neglected me terribly of late — she hardly ever calls me. I called her yesterday tho and she's her same complaining self. Don't tell her I said that either! I can't imagine who you mean by the Dela. Ave Mrs. J. C. Parks. Oh, no.? She wants to make her men some shorts — you know underwear like those nice tan ones you had in the wash this week (By the way, how'd you like them?) and she can't get any material so I told her I'd give her some of my pretty feed sacks & she took me up on it. So John may be running around soon in a "growing mash" sack. Do you spose Lid get mad if I'd kid him about it? Say he took your place last night — in a

way he did. One of those dag-gonned little sparrows built a nest in the spouting again so Dad & I went over to get the ladders and John came out and insisted on helping Dad. He said he'd take your place — I said "Oh, Would you?" "He's a good Kid" — especially at a time like that. He's quite enthused over his golf now.

Say, Ed Johnson is a PFC already and has only been in the army 15 days. Is driving a tank already. His mother got your address for him today cause he wants to write to you. They sure were excited today.

Our mail calls have dropped off a lot since we don't hear from Gene or Dave now. I think we'll hear from Dave about next week some time. Guessed yet where we think he went? Betty doesn't write so often now. She's busy figuring ration points & learning to coop. Dunk baked an apple pie last week.

Dad's going over to Ivan's & play cinch with the "boys". I told him he could (as if I had to.) He played golf again today. Just call him Play Boy Nicolls. Bye now Lots of love Mom.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Thurs. eve
July 12th

dear Don,

Your father has just instructed me to send you the first installment of your next months board money. We didn't know if you could get a money order cashed very easy or not, so decided to send $20 in 3 different letters totaling $60 in all so Be looking for the next two. I hope they all arrive in due time. If any or all do not arrive by Tues. let us know quickly.

So you're having good old fun, eh? I hope they didn't get you down. How'd you get along marching? Hup, 2-3-4, huh?

You & Betty are the only correspondents we've had this week. Nuthin' at all from the other 3. Inquiries to hear from Dale now & see if he can tell us much of where he is. Seems tho' he could if they announce it on the radio and in the papers. But — the Trib didn't even mention the Philly. I'd cancel the damned paper if it wasn't that I wouldn't know if Breathless gets to spend her money or not. Lucille Withers called me to tell me she'd heard the news that the Philly was with the Augusta. Then she said Jewell

2. Thomas mentioned it two, but I didn't hear it. But, Ann said the Cleveland Papers mentioned the Philly too. I think I'll call the Vendo & tell them off!

Well, Shirley Simmons arrived tonight and Ruth got to take the car & some & the girls & go up and meet the train at 6:30 P.M. & get her & take her to Lois Ashley's. She called from out there & said Tommy & Jay & Cliffy R. were there too. She says Barbara Brooks is has been dreading Shirley's coming — she'll lose her "followers".

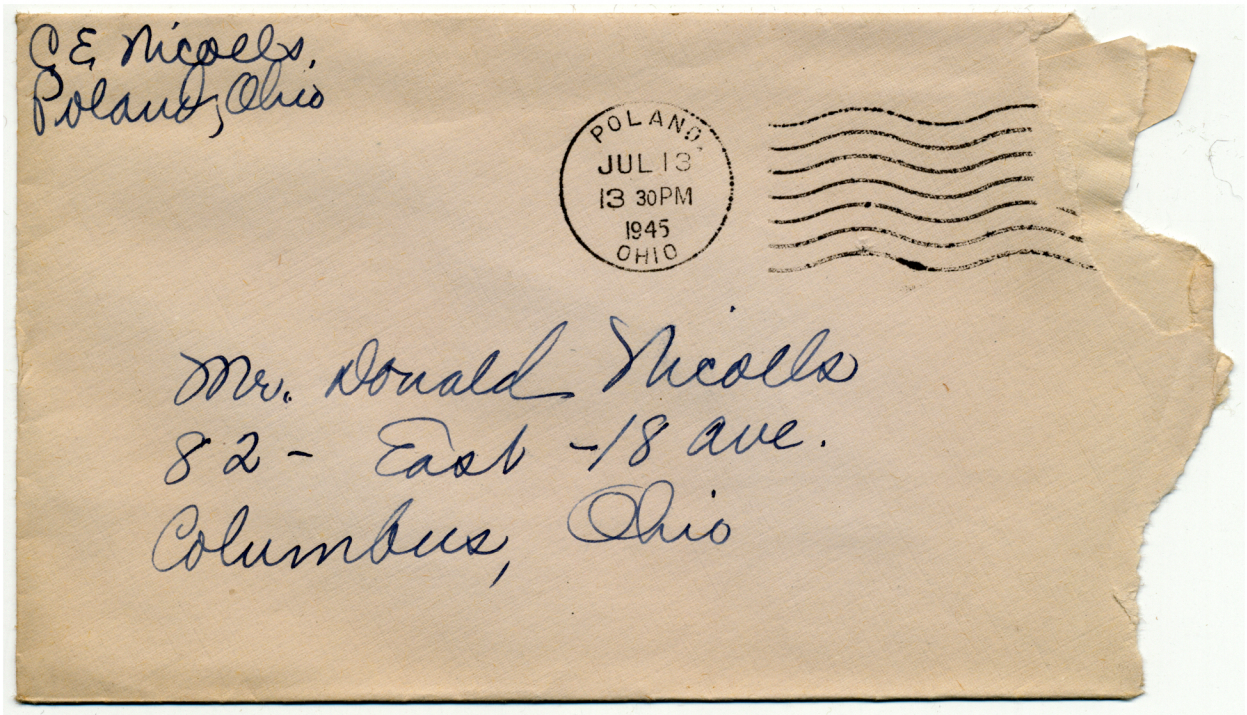
If you don't hear from Fred Sat. soon & want to write to him I could call

his folks and get his address. I haven't heard where Geo. Dale is. Bill Shipp goes back tomorrow eve. Those 30 days go fast.

I have checked my statistics and find you've written 19 to date (July 10). So you wrote Margie 26 then — woops! sorry — I don't want to have any more trouble with you, boy, you're getting too tough playing with those big boys so let's keep on friendly terms, shall we? I shouldn't have said "not very good mail call" I mean heavy or numerous. You're doing very well. No complaints.

Another letter follows soon or sooner!

Much love Mom.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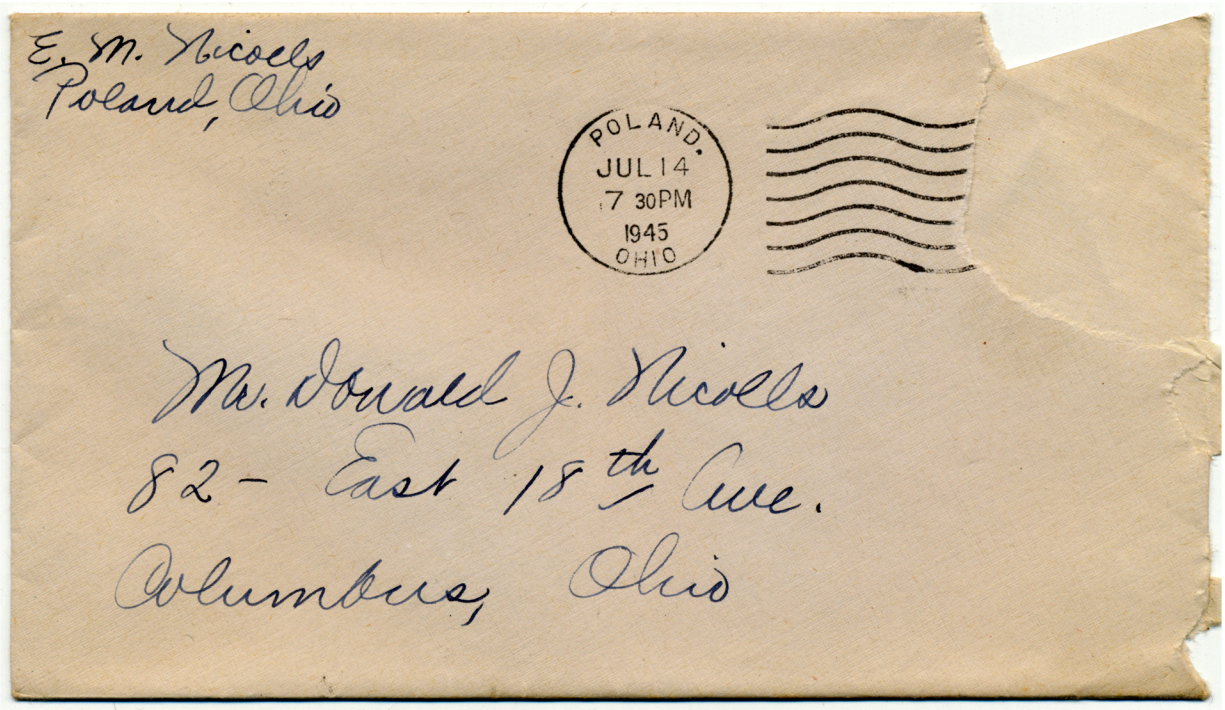
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Mr. Donald J. Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Friday the 13th
In the Eve.

Dear Don,

We didn't get any letters today but did get a box & things from Bob which was a big surprise 'cause he hadn't said he was sending anything. Altho' the box was sent since the last letter we had from him 'cause there was a Star & Stripes of June 12 in the box. Well there wasn't any gun for you & maybe he can't that. But there was: — 1. an old shirt of his with his 1st Sgt. stripes on the sleeves. 2. a piece of bright red cloth which is probably a piece of a Nazi flag. 3. another piece of material 4. a German Bible which has writing in the front that sounds as tho' one of Bob's "boys" gave him this Bible as a gift of appreciation for being nice to him. 5. a German copy of Mein Kampf!! by that rat.

It's marked Mannheim, Germany in Bob's writing & April 1945. 6. a compass which he must have carried as it has "NIC" on the case. 7. A salt & pepper set — believe it or not! cute dogs. 8. A carved wooden box and in it was — (9.) a lovely gold ladie's watch — it runs, too on a long gold chain. 10. Three pins that look very "antiquey". 11. a small gold chain. 12. Two doilies of the sort whittle sent Betty. 13. Pamphlets & booklets of Marseille & Paris. I think that's all. We had fun opening it only Ruth wouldn't open up anything. When I unwrapped the compass she said "Maybe it's a time bomb!" Oh, yes, I forgot one of the most important things a road map of the sector he was in during Christmas & New Years. I haven't got it figured out yet but he was coming South instead of going North as I'd supposed.

2. We'll give you time out to look at it first time you're home. I have so many questions saved up to ask you I may talk or have you talk all the time you're home. If we don't soon get rain there isn't going to be any more lawn to mow, and maybe Dad will be glad but I guess not, he likes his lawn too much. But just this week they're looking so brown. It's a shame. I have some flowers anyhow, tho', cause I've been watering them very faithfully every eve.

Say I was over & talked to Tapleys tonight in the back yard & told them you appreciated hearing from them at grad. time when they were away. They said they think of you at the time & miss you now so I'll bet they'd be pleased to get a picture post card from you. You wouldn't need to mention the grad. card.

I went over to ask about Mr. Werner. She usually finds out each day how he is. He's some better this week again but was real bad last week again. He's been in the hospital over 5 weeks now. I don't if he'll ever be able to do any thing again if he does pull out of it.

Well, better go water the posies.

This is the 3rd - "20" Sure sure so have they all arrived?

Let me know when you need more or if that will enough.

Good Luck & don't study too hard.

Loads of Love

Mom.

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Mr Don Hirolls
87 East 18th Ave
Columbus
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Redmond Wash
July 14-45

Hello Don.

We had a nice rain today rather all day and the grass is sure green again also the garden looks real good so I will have to mow the yard next Monday didnt know it this much first time since you left I let it go.

Today paper says the Gen. party will land in Antwerp Belgium tomorrow morning and suppose Gene had a good trip and hope he gets some liberties while there and also see London on his way back and would be grand if he gets home about the time you do, he went from Eugene to San Francisco we got a box from Bob yesterday filled with things he sent home that he had gathered up in Germany.

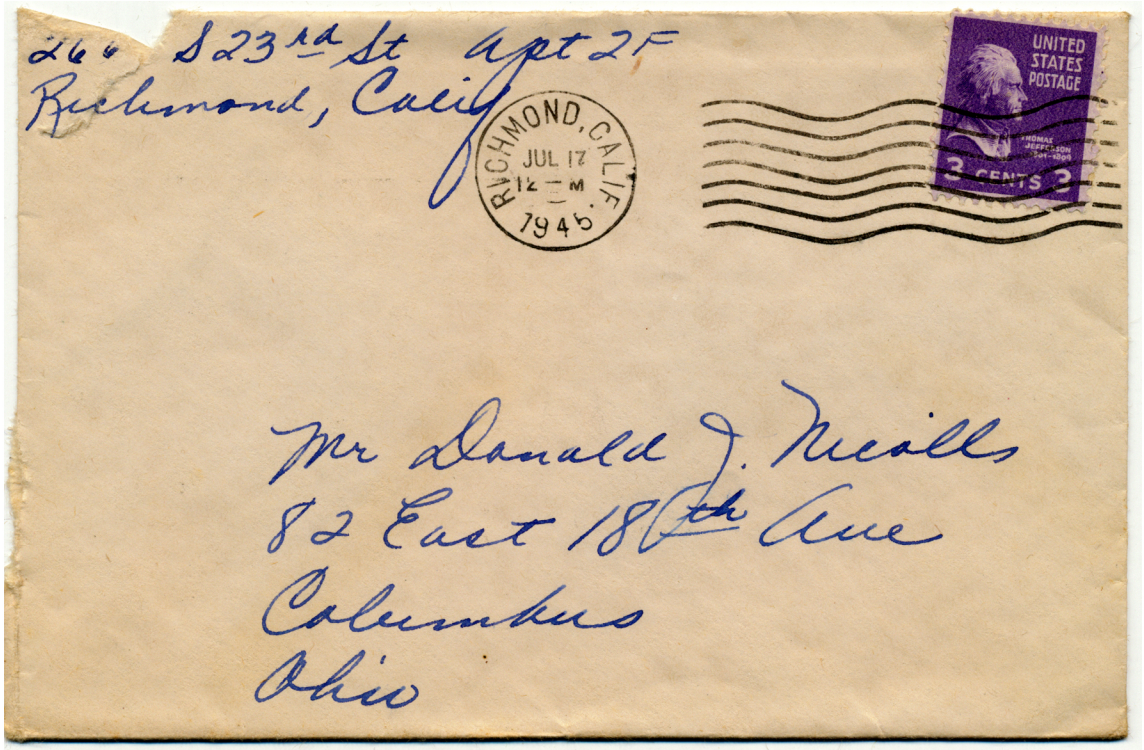
Mom, Ruth and some girls are playing ping pong and so lots of noise you know how much noise girls can make.

Hope you received your 'CO and if you need more let us know or any thing else you need also am glad you are getting along in your studies and that the Exams are over

for another month and as you say you have been away over a month but suppose it seems a long time to you also how is fast ball coming along and how is your hand.

That about all the news I know and as we had a rather hard day am going to bed early had lots of bunt again this week.

Your Dad
Carl.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Mon P.M.

Dear Buck - alias Don,

So you're really grown up. Aren't you afraid grahm crackers are too much for you? Be careful now & don't eat too many. You may end up with indigestion or something.

How's the weather down there? Believe it or not it's cool here. I actually freeze at night, no kidding. I have three blankets & a sheet on the bed & I'm still cold. That's good old California. The part I've seen should be given back to the Indians. I've

2/ seen some nice parts
but not many. Guess
they're all down around
Los Angelos.
That's an insult about
my learning to cook. I
want you to know I've
only burned one meal &
that was a meat loaf.
It looked like charcoal
when I got finished with
it. I put it on a plate &
sat it in front of Dunk
that night as a joke. He
said he was never so
close to going home to
his mother in all his
life.
We went to Frisco

3 last Friday & saw besides
Sailors the King Cole
Trio on the Golden Gate
Theater stage. They were
real good. Tonight we're
going to Oakland to see
Charley Barnett's orchestra.
You're a little behind
times aren't you? Trail
of the Lonesome Pine was
years ago. I saw it when
I was still in diapers.
Didn't you like the
little boy in it? He was
so cute & fat. Looked like
you when you were a
little younger — couple
years ago.

P/ I sure wouldn't mind being with Dave now. I wonder if he saw the Pres. Looks like Stalin is taking his time getting to the meeting. He sure keeps us guessing doesn't he?

How's the football coming? Also the fingers? Did you make first team yet? I keep looking every night for Buck Nicolls Rides again on the sports page.

Better quit this & get a delicious meal ready. Don't laugh in the best cook there is. Bye now

Jane

Betty

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MR. DONALD NICOLLS
82 EAST 18TH STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO

Monday morning
July 16, 1945

Dear Mom,

I'll try to dig up enough news to write you a letter this morning. I have the midnight 'til morning watch again but there's not much cooking right now. I haven't had any mail for several weeks now so I'm way behind on the news from home but maybe will get some within the next few days so I'll get caught up again.

I suppose you've heard the song "Sentimental Journey", well we've changed it to "Presidential Journey" in our case and have brought President Truman to Europe for his Big Three Conference. We left the states last week with the Cruiser Augusta and after four days out we got the official word that the President and several other high government officials were aboard the Augusta and we were taking them to Europe.

I can't tell you just now where we brought him over here but you probably have heard where he left us and I heard several minutes ago on the radio that he had arrived in Potsdam. I would have liked to have gone there with him too but we only go as long as the water holds out.

We figured something big was in the air when we were just sitting around and waiting last month. We had ideas that this might be it but didn't know for sure until we left. It's been an interesting trip so far and one I'll never forget. Quite a contrast to the duty we had last year at this time.

How is everything going with you at school? You should really be in shape after all that football practice and I'm hoping to see your name in the lineup this year. Amen!!! That isn't asking too much is it? Are you guys going to take the Big Ten like you did last year? I hope so.

Well Buck, I have several other letters I want to get written so I'll cut this short this time but will write more later. Write when you can and send the news.

Best of luck, study hard, and I hope to see you one of these days.

Your brother
Dave

David Nicolls RM3/c

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Mrs. Donald Nicolls
82 - East 18 Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Tues. July 17th

Dear Son Buck,

What do you mean - is the dish-washing business a reputable profession - haven't I earned my living for the past 25 yrs. doing just that? and a few other odd jobs on the side! And I figure I'm just as "reputable" as those gals who sit on the bosses lap taking dictation(?) all day! There - I guess that gives you an idea of how I feel about your "serious problem". But - Ruth & your Dad may have another view-point - in fact I'm sure they will. Dad read about it - started to laugh and then said seriously "Now, why's he doing that? Do you spose he's short of money?? I keep asking him if he needs any!" I told him I figured you just couldn't bear the thoughts of handing out $40 a month just for "Eats" & that you should earn that money. Well, you don't need to feel that way at all. Eating

is a very important part of your schedule and I want you to get good meals & plenty wherever it is & however much it costs. See? As far as I'm concerned Lil rather you wouldn't try to work during this first quarter. If you get a chance to continue on there then you may need a little income or help but this summer is paid for - we might say - and if I know you you're probably doing a lot of studying and I'd rather you'd get out on your spare time & go to a movie or relax in some way - other than washing dishes. Of course, my chief concern is that job is your eczema. Would it make it worse having your hands in water? — Alright, there's "worry-wart mabee's" opinion — now do as you darn please!

Well, now — we got 2 dandy, newsy, interesting letters from Bob yester day written June 26 & 27 and finally pictures. This one I'm sending really looks like him — all except

2. the mustache but wait till you see the one taken last month in Ulm — I'll send it later. He sure looks like a tough 1st Sgt. in it. If he comes home with that mustache I'll shave it off while he's asleep. I do not like it! He didn't mention the souvenirs so maybe there's another letter in between that we haven't got yet. He's in a new camp again — Darmstadt, between Mannheim & Frankfurt & they take care of Jugo-Slavs. He got his annual Oct. 27th. Says he's very busy at his 'desk' and sent a schedule of the day — I'll send it later, too. They got 40 new men in the battery & several were transferred to be sent home. He says Uncle Sam will say if he's staying — going home or Japan — he doesn't know. But, I have an idea as long as there's any of this work to do he'll stay there, since he's been to 3 different 'camps now. He's must know something about it.

No word from Dave yet. I'm anxious to know if he'll get to go right seeing over there & have to sit in the

channel & wait 3 wks. or so for 'Harry' to come back.

Say, do we get a report card on your tests or doesn't that come till the end of the quarter? Hope English gets clearer or easier for you.

We had some grand rain Sat. too and did it ever help our gardens & lawns? I was afraid every thing was going to dry up & it would have with another week of no rain.

Well I'm going to pack the laundry & get on to the P.O. Had a lovely wash day and "Friend Frances" came over at 7 last night and sat till 9:30 so I got a lot of ironing done. — I wonder if I have room to tell you the joke on Mary. She came down last night with a yellow rose bush for me & said she was separating things in her flower garden & putting a lot of things on the garden lot next to them and she said "Even if some one buys it — I won't care — they can have the flowers" and without ever thinking I said "I'll bet you wouldn't put any flowers on it if you knew who I heard was going to buy it!" "Who?" she says. "Don Gamble" I says. Well — ask Frances — I thot she was going to hit the sky! Wow! me & my big mouth. She swears she'll sell out to "niggers" if he buys there. Said she wouldn't sleep last night, etc.

Bye now — Lotsa Love, Mom.

Poor Mary

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MR.DONALD S NICOLLS
82 EAST 18TH AVENUE
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DARMSTADT, GERMANY
17 JULY 45

DEAR DON,

I'LL WRITE YOU A LETTER WHILE I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING THIS AFTERNOON AND BEFORE I GET MY DETAIL LIST OUT FOR TOMORROW. I HAVE BEEN OKAY AND NOT TOO BUSY LATELY. WE HAVE A PRETTY NICE CAMP HERE BUT WE ARE GOING TO PULL OUT THIS WEEKEND FOR WHERE (?). I HAVE HAD THE JERRIES MAKE US A SWIMMING POOL THAT IS DARN GOOD, A BALLPARK, TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS, ETC. SO YOU SEE THAT WHILE WE HAVE VERY LITTLE TO DO WE DO HAVE SOME RECREATION THAT KEEPS US BUSY AND THAT WE CAN GET SOME EXERCISE. WE HAVE A DARN GOOD SOFTBALL TEAM THAT HAS BEEN WINNING QUITE A FEW GAMES. THIS MORNING WE HAD A DOUBLE HEADER. WE WON THE FIRST GAME FROM 'A' BATTERY BY THE SCORE OF 12 TO 1. THEN WE DROPPED THE SECOND GAME 5 TO 2 TO THE 3RD ARMOURED DIVISION. WE BEAT 'B' BATTERY THE OTHER DAY BY THE SCORE OF 15 TO 2.

YOUR LETTERS SOUND AS THOUGH YOU ARE GETTING ALONG ALL RIGHT AT COLLEGE. I'M GLAD THAT YOU ARE DOING SO WELL ON THE FOOTBALL TEAM BUT JUST REMEMBER THAT STUDIES ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING. MAYBE NEXT FALL OR THE NEXT I CAN SEE YOU IN A FEW GAMES. THE BEST OF LUCK TO YOU IN YOUR NEW LIFE, DON.

MOST OF THE FELLOWS OVER HERE DO NOT CARE MUCH FOR THE GI BILL OF RIGHTS AS WE DON'T SEE WHERE A GUY CAN REALLY BENEFIT VERY MUCH FROM IT.

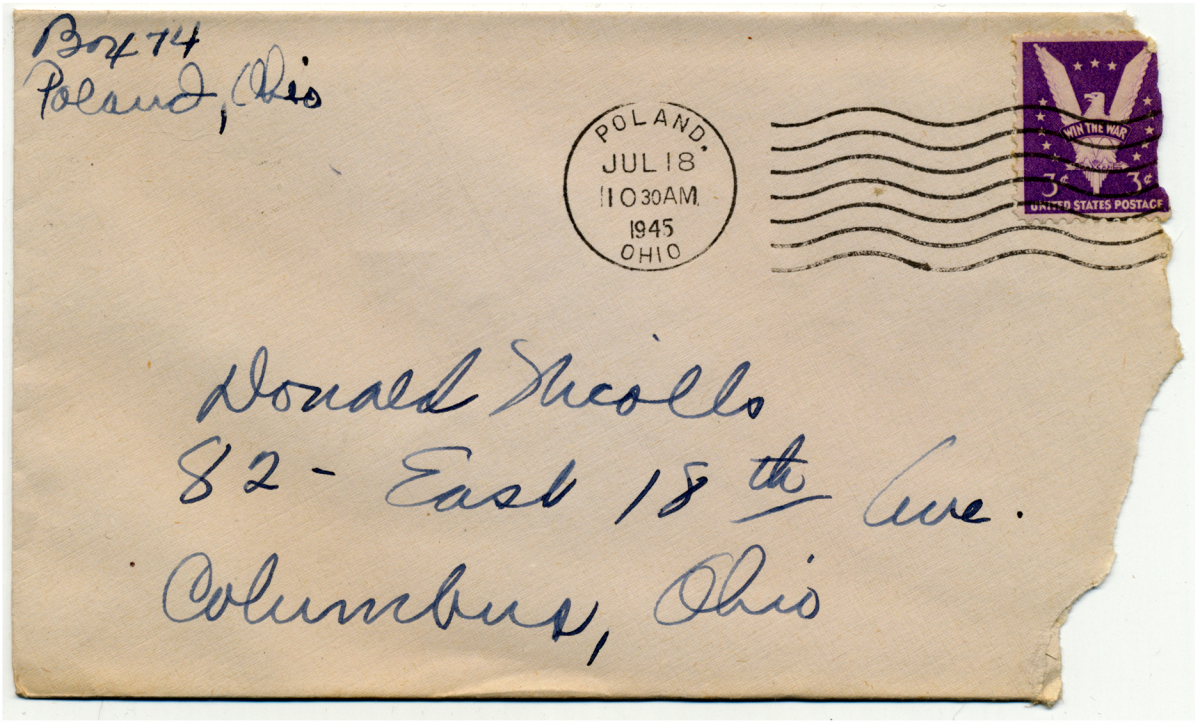
YOU MENTIONED THAT MR. BARTON WAS DOWN THERE. WHAT IS HE DOING? IS HE TEACHING OR IS HE STUDYING ALSO?

I JUST NOW RECEIVED YOUR JULY 8TH LETTER AND WILL ALSO ANSWER IT. I SPENT THE FOURTH JUST LOAFING AROUND EXCEPT FOR A FLAGRAISING THAT WE HAD HERE AT CAMP. MOST OF THE DAY WAS SPENT IN THE SWIMMING POOL.

I WISH THAT YOU COULD SEE THESE PEOPLE OVER HERE AND SEE HOW FAR BEHIND THEY ARE. THE GERMANS ARE THE MOST ADVANCED OF THE EUROPEANS. I HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH THE RUSSIANS, THE FRENCH, THE BRITISH, THE ITALIANS, THE POLISH, THE YUGOSLAVS, THE ARABIANS, AND MANY MORE AND IT IS NO EASY TASK AS THEY SEEM TO BE SO THICK HEADED. BUT I HAVE LEARNED SO MUCH THAT I COULD NEVER GET ANY PLACE ELSE THAT I FEEL THAT I HAVE BEEN WELL REWARDED FOR MY TIME IN THE ARMY. I NOW HOPE THAT I CAN GET TO THE PACIFIC AREA SO AS TO SEE AND LEARN A LITTLE ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE OVER THERE.

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW AS I HAVE MY TOMMOROW'S LIST TO GET OUT AT THIS TIME. GOOD LUCK AND TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF, DON.

Your brother
Bob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Wed. moon
July 18th

Dear "you wash 'em - I dry 'em" - Buck,

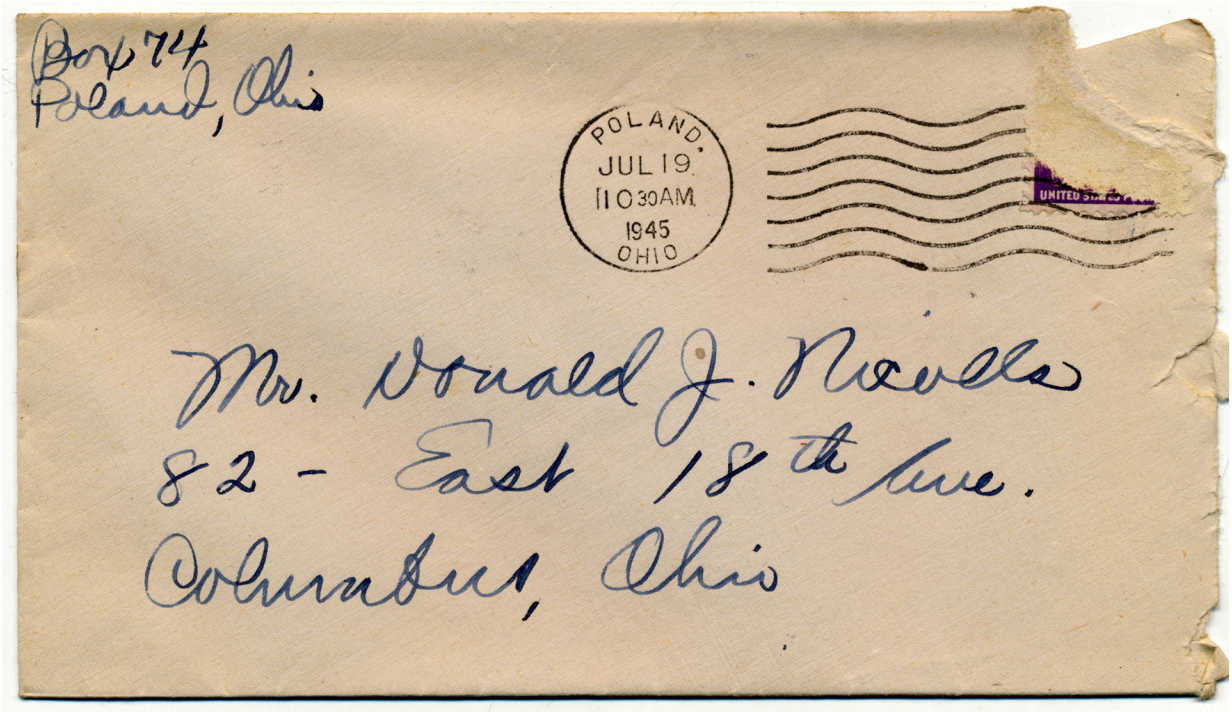
I'm glad you explained about why you did dishes for 5 hrs & 4.5 min last Sunday - I thot maybe you ate so much they made you work that long to pay for it! (only kidding.) I think you're going to hear from your father soon. He said after reading that letter telling of your Sun. work "I just can't see why he's doing that? Do you 'spose he's short of money???" I told him "That's just Don." Good old ambitious Buck - feels he has to earn part of his keep. I admire you for it but still say - don't feel you should do it - if it takes too much of your leisure (what's that?) time or if it means you'll have to study 'till the "wee hours". Get your 8 hrs. sleep regardless. Doggone, you just better come home here so I can "boss"

you a little. I miss it, really.
Course all my saying "Don't study
so much" never did any good
— you went right ahead. I know
you need to, but you need your
sleep too! Now, listen to mama!
Jim sending one jar of Nox today.
I'll send another with your
laundry next week. I haven't
been to Barnes yet to get the Tarts.
It will come next.

Your dad went golfing at 1 P.M.
yesterday and came back at 1 A.M.
Now what kind of golf is that?
Jim delivers alone now, but I
went to the store anyhow. Told
him I was the big boss just
checking up & they said the big
boss had just been there —
Henry and Ruth says Jim had
just gone over to Clarks & gotten
them each an ice-cream cone
before that but I guess they had
them about finished when he
came in. —!

Jim sending these other pics of
Betty so you can see the sea shore.
& cliff house. Bonse says he's been there.
and that sea shore I mean

More soon — Love Mom.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P.S. Sending a jar of Turbonis today.
I'll send Bob's other picture soon.
Want to show it to the Ladies today.

Thurs. a.m.
the 19th

Dear Buck,

Just a short (?) review of your Mon. eve letter as you seemed to do some interrogating (don't look that up in the dictionary now cause I don't think that's ~~right~~ spelled right) this time. First, I spose you laughed about me varrying about you having your hands in the water. I spose you don't do that with the automatic. At least, one I saw in Kress' one time — you put the dishes in-in racks, put the lid down and when you lifted it presto! clean & then I think they steamed dry & didn't need to be wiped even. Sounds like you get good meals so — more power to you!! What's the name of the Restaurant "greasy Joe's"? — Do you buy your breakfast there, then? That's right I was going to answer your ques. instead of ask more, wasn't I?

Glad the money all arrived o.K.? Are you sure you have ENUFF??

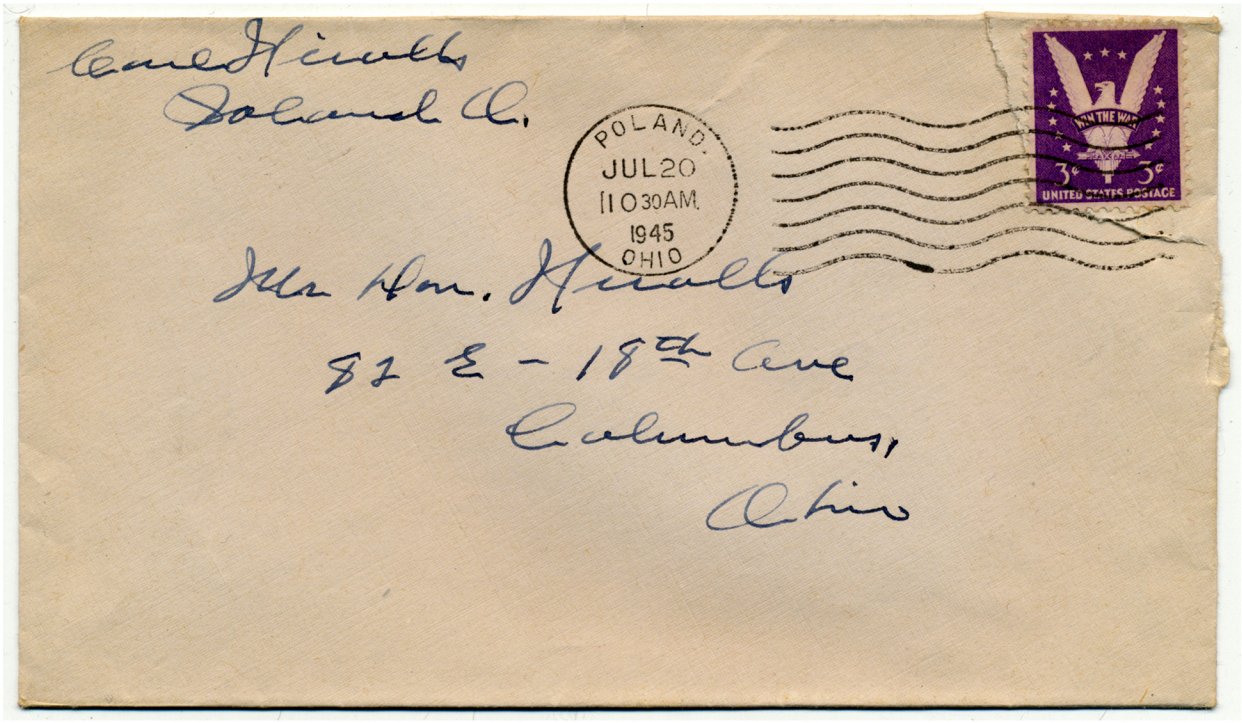
Dad will have to inform you on his garden. I've only been up once since we planted it. That's too far away for me. I have one hill of cucumbers (in blossom now) one row of radishes 1 row of beets & 1 row of peppers, & tomatoes & onions & lettuce down back of the posy beds, so that's enough for me. I think the neighbor kids were playing cops & robbers in there the other day tho.' Looks like some one sat in the cucumbers & pulled up rhubarb & carrots. Little devils! The chicks are alright only they require an awful lot of $4.00-a-100# feed. I just can't keep them satisfied. Some are beginning to look like a meal — if you don't want too much and you wouldn't! Last night Mrs. Pete wanted to know if she could put 4 ~~live~~ chickens she'd bought out in the country in with ours till she was ready to kill them. I heard an awful squawking out

2. there awhile ago. I hope
They aren't quarreling. Dad
asked Frances if they "crowed"
cause he said he didn't
want to have any hard
feelings with his neighbour
(mary.) We're still laughing
over the other night and her
"blow-up" and I haven't talked
to her since. She's been away
both days. She & Jack went to
the Akron Races with Baxter's
yesterday. Noone told me, I
just figured it out but am
pretty sure anyhow. nosen. When I
talk to her again I'm going
to say (or will I?) that I spose
she's been out hunting a
place to move and not to look
on Highland Ave. Cause I hear
Don G. is looking at lots over
there now. That's what Ralph
told me. Darn Ralph — he's
worse than Frances to carry
news & get me into trouble.
I get into more trouble just
standing at home —!
The other getche happens
to be Jack Gettig. See?

Jack has a job up at the Y similar to yours. He's takes the trays from the Kitchen to the dining room & then back out. Bus boy they call him. Mr. Hunneke got him the job. Makes about $70 a mo. His mother is working in a real-estate office. Hunneke's have gone to Camp Fitch for 10 days.

Kath Ruck came up last night & wanted to know if I'd meet her in town at 5 tonight have supper there & then go up to see Mr. Werner. I said 'Sure' and Our Ray is having an all day sew. meeting today so I won't be around much today but I worked hard yesterday. Washed down the back stairway & got as far as the first floor will have to finish it next week, I guess.

The water main broke in front of Angden's yesterday and they were still working on it at 10:30 last night. Half the town - well part of them were without water. Gotta go now. Love & stuff, Mom.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Poland Ohio
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Hello Don.

This was rather a hot day and very warm tonight so maybe we will have some more rain for we had a real nice rain last Sat night and sure made things grow also the chickens are getting real big.

Was surprised to hear you have a job and it O.K. with me if it dont take to much time from your school and as money Don if you need more let us know for after all you dont have to work unless you want to so it is entirely up to you and any time you can come home and you need money let us know if I have it right you will have one more week of football practice.

We are well and no word from Dave or Eugene so far but we know where Dave it, he is in Belgium and we hear from Bob about every week and he is moved has a new camp near Frankfort but doing the same kind of work and he sent us a big box home last week and you can look them over when you come home or maybe Mon has told you what was in the box.

Mon and Mrs Ruch went up to the hospital to see Mr Werner

tonight and then were going to a show and Ruth it down at the church to a carnival.

We have lots of meat at the store now and no one has any points so will be rather tough the rest of this month, tonight we had a real good steak and only wish that you could be home to help us eat it for sure was good.

That about all the news I know of so hope you are OK and let us know if you need any thing and will look for you home some week end.

Your Dad
Earl.

E. Nicolls
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Mr. Donald Nicolls
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Sat. P.M.
July 21st.

dear Buck,

According to my "books" I haven't written you since last Tues. – surely I have since that, haven't I? I even can't keep it straight when I keep "books" on it. Seems there hasn't been much news this week anyhow except Mon. when Bobbi letters came – yes sir I had 3 from you and Betty this week + they were newsy & course and very much appreciated. now don't go getting "huffy" cause I said there wasn't much news! Say, I think I wrote you about Wed. or Thurs + sent you those pics of Betty's, didn't I? How do you like this one of Bob? Everyone says "it doesn't look like him – he has a moustache!" Isn't he fab? He'd better take setting up exercises, or play some tennis. – That reminds me, the tennis courts are

all done now except paint the lines on them. Maybe they'll get that done by the time school starts. Ruth practically lives at the stadium when she isn't working now. Is shooting archery she says, and some nights doesn't get home till 11:15 so she must "luminous" arrows, too.

We could use a little rain now again. Isn't thinking of you in a scrimmage game today 'cause it's 70 again. We weren't too busy at the store today. Jim's delivering alone now & seems to get along alright. Dad was pretty nervous last Sat. tho. When he went & kept looking up & down the street watching for him. He told him he'd fire him if he caught him playing Kids on the truck. And I wonder who'd deliver if he'd fired him. I hate to think of it!

2. You were asking about Jon Hoyt. He's home all the time now & did you see in Fiji, nights papers his dad & he (tho' he doesn't like the idea) are ~~suing~~ suing? - (how the heck do you spell suing?) the Y.M.C.A. He'll probably never get the use of his arms now 'cause he isn't improving any along that line, I guess. Don't that awful? Mrs. Hoyt told some of the kids it was up to them now to keep him cheered up. She brings him up to Barb. Broods a lot.

Geo. Dale & J. Fowler were home this last week. Saw Fred in the car but haven't seen Geo. Saw Dick Hall. going down street all dressed up last night & asked who the girl was. He said he wasn't interested in girls - then added 'not tonight, anyhow'.

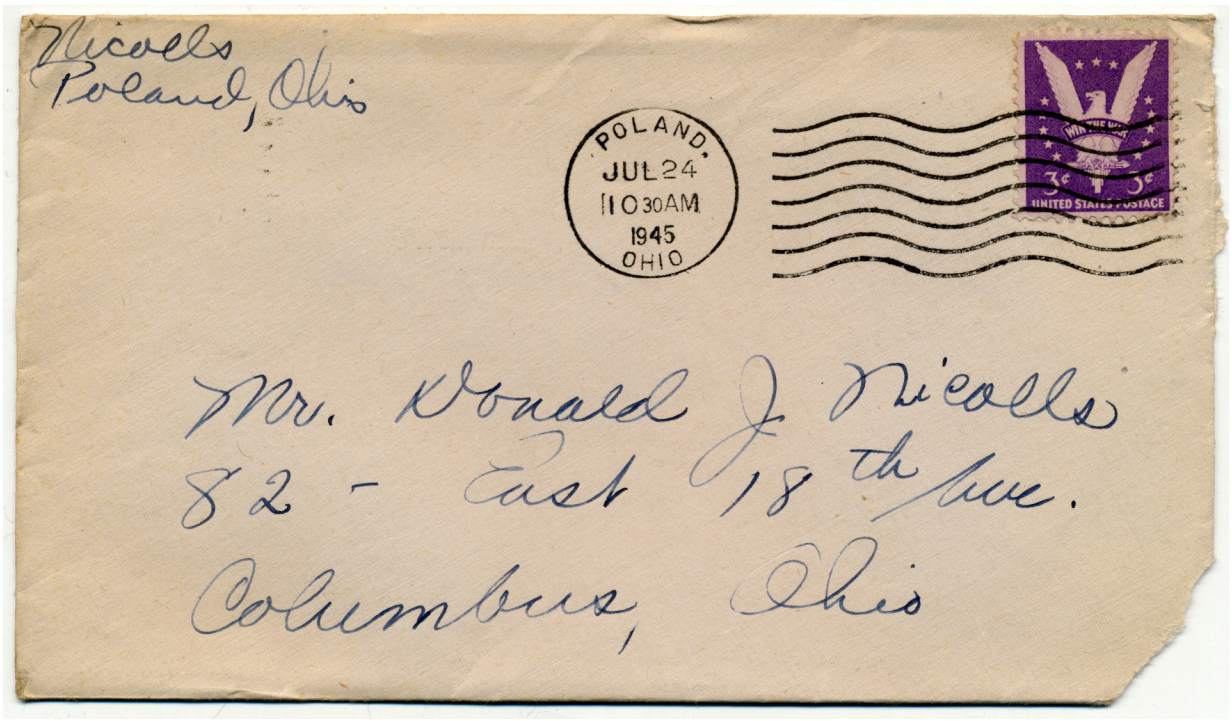
I wish I'd run into Margie again when she has

those colored pictures with her. I never did see those Covers took of you & Martha. She promised she'd bring them up. Some day I'll stop there & demand to see them & get the films. I have some pictures coming Mon. Hope they're good. Martha is going to Mt. Union this Fall. Has given up the nursing idea for some reason.

Kath Ruch & I went up to see Mr. Werner Thurs. eve & he's getting better but it will be a long time yet before he can be around again.

Well, can I start counting the days till 2wks. from today? Will you be home then? I think Ted Wallace is going to flunk you up this week. He hasn't asked for your address yet but told Ruth he was going to see you. Bye for now & love

Mom.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Tues. morn
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Dear Buck,

I must get at my ironing or I'll get behind schedule today, on your laundry. I didn't get it till around 10 yesterday anyhow so what with a very foggy day until about 1 P.M. I think I did right well. I have it all ready but 3 shirts. Yes, I kept one out last week since the bag was so full and I imagine they were pretty crushed as it was. Also you missed an extra pack of gum that was in there so I'll just leave it in for this week's supply. My grocer didn't send me any this week yet anyhow.

We had mail from everyone but Bob yesterday and Grandma Dix besides. What a mail-call. Gene was writing from aboard ship & another written July 9 from Pearl Harbor — unless my detective abilities have gone wrong. He said "I can't

tell you where I am but "you can tell Betty, Junk is still with me, but I don't think we'll be together long." Junk went to Hawaii, too, but no further. Then he ended the letter "It's sure been a long time since grampa died. I guess we will remember that day for a long time. Nothing has been the same since." — Pearl Harbor Day! How am I doing? I think he's quite clever at that don't you? The other letter he was telling of his first night out & how sick every one was. He said he was O. K. till he went below to his compartment and he said the floor was going up & down and round & round and then his head and stomach started going with it, so they rigged up a couple bowls & set on the deck so if they couldn't make it to the "head" (navy's bathroom)

2. He says he never wants to put in a night like that again. He says they were all O.K. after that tho' and didn't mind it a bit.

Dave's letter was written July 8 so wasn't very recent, but I imagine we'll get more soon now. He was just about one day out by then, but told us in code that he was with the Pres. - but of course that's old news now.

Grandma Nis says they still haven't any word from Art. and their letters are still coming back. I sure hope they hear something soon. Uncle Howard's mother died last week. She's been real sick for a long time. I told you Marge & Carol were living in a trailer, didn't I? at Nickville, Fla. just 15 miles from the Gulf of Mexico.

Did dad or I tell you about Leo Carney? They got a telegram from the God. Sab. that he'd been killed in Germany July 4th. They haven't

any other word yet. They had a letter from him written July 3rd. They had mass for him yesterday. Did you know she was his aunt? I didn't — I always s'posed she was Mrs. Carney. Live & learn. It's too bad it happened tho' — now when we feel they're safe over there.

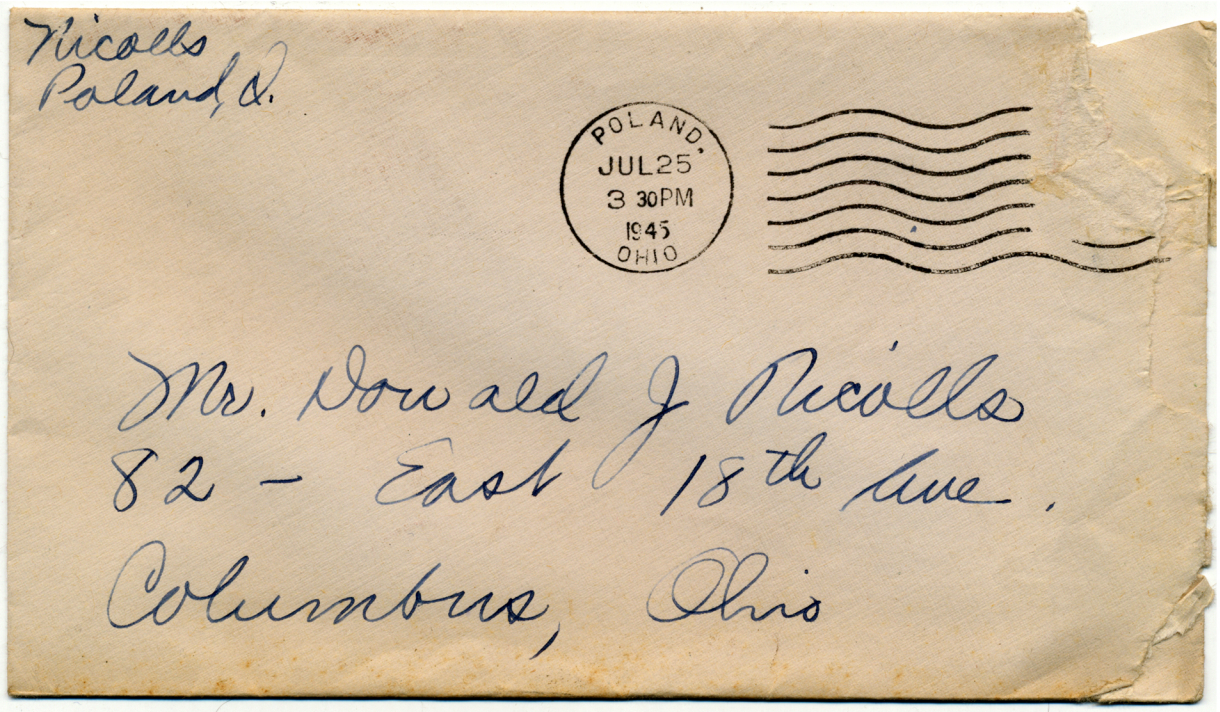
I must get at my ironing.

Bye now — we got your Fri. letter yesterday, too.

Red W. got your address. They're coming back a week from Friday and I told her that you might come then too so they might suggest you come back along. If they do — come ahead unless they don't leave till Sat. or Sun. Otherwise get the first train you can out of there. I hope you can make it that week-end. I'm counting on it!

Much love till then & after

Mom.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Please to send the pics back in your Wed. morn. next letter 'cause "Charley" says I can only get one re-print & I want to send Bob these. This is to show you I did get the flag up alone July 4 and Dad is happy even tho he does have to mow all the lawn now + the neigh. gang are playing ping pong these days.

Dear Duck

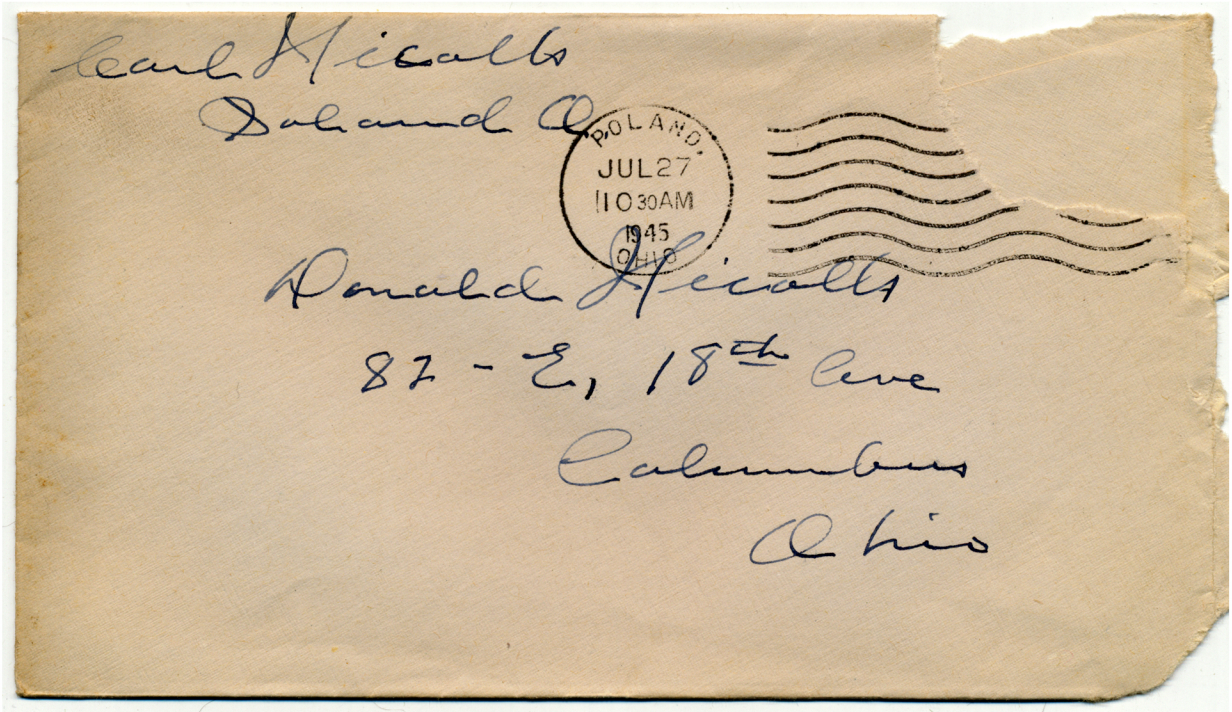
I'm rather rushed for time this morning so forgive a short note, will you? Just wanted to tell you Art got home last Sat. eve. Called them from Meadville to come get him. She says his in good shape - gets spells of malaria once in a while but not bad ones. Is just tired. He isn't released cause she said he had 45 days. All who can, are coming out there the Aug. 5. That's the Sun. I'm expecting you home too so maybe we can go out for a while if you want to altho we can go another Sunday just as well - we'll see later about that. I'm so glad he finally got home. He left Manila June 10th.

Say, we're just wearing out this dipping showing it

to everyone — "that's our Buck!" I see Johnny Russ will help officiate Sat.) Well, good luck to you then! That sounds like I meant you'll need it with him there, but I didn't mean it that way. Just good luck in general!

Where'd you pick up this darling little salt shaker and where's it's mate? Did you get it at a tray at the "Dutch Tavern (no liquor sold here)?"

We got another letter from Dave yesterday written July 14th. Said he guessed we'd know he was with the Pres. & where they were going by the time we got his letter so there wasn't anything new in it. Said it was a real nice duty" taking the Augusta across — worth all that setting around Norfolk so long. Bye now, don't work too hard. More good luck & love Mom.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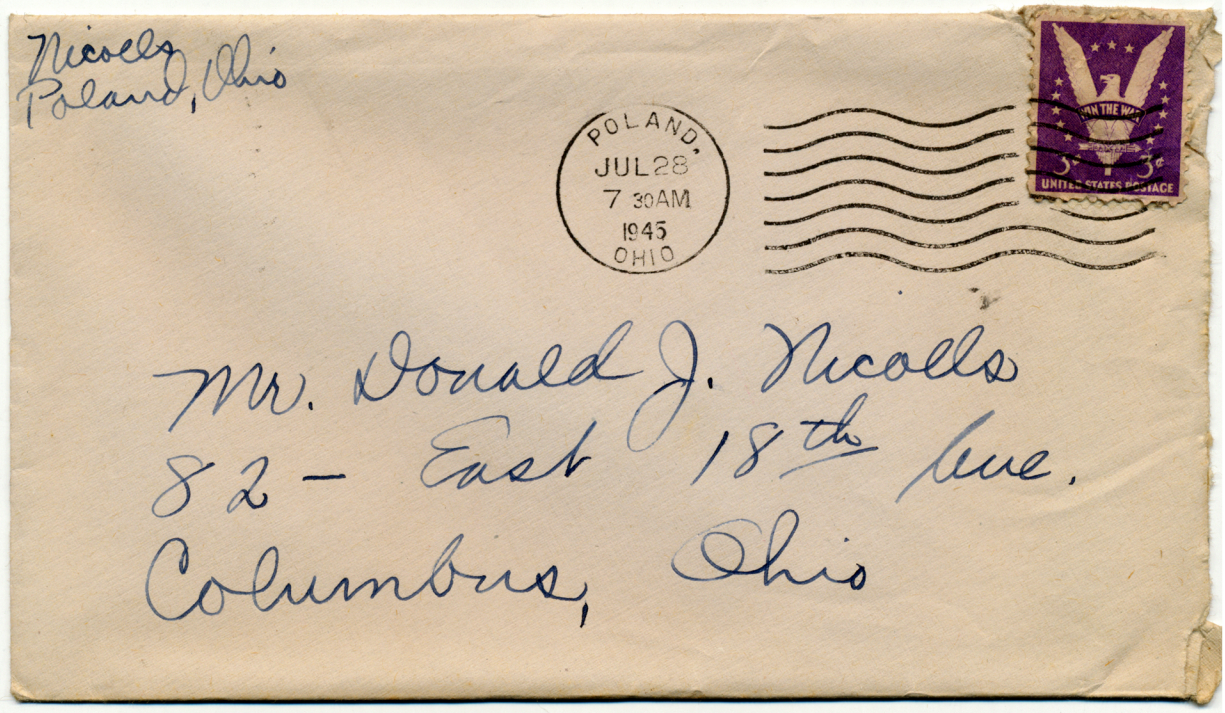
Hello Don.

Nice warm weather the last few weeks and some rain but not to much for everything is growing even our chickens.

Was surprised to see you made the Columbus paper so good luck and more power to you Don and this Sat. I sure would like to be down there for your game so I will ~~being~~ be pulling for you all day Sat even if I am counting points and cutting meat for we have plenty now also we are getting along at the store now Jim is doing O.K. only have a hard time to get him out early on Sat.

Hope you can get home some week end soon and if you need money let us know so good luck Sat and hope to see you soon, as it is late and I have to clean up will make this rather short.

Your Dad
Carl.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Fri. P.M.

Dear Donald James,

Again I have an apology to make — (always apologies) I sat down to write to you since I haven't done so for a couple days and took your last 2 letters in hand to re-read to see if there was anything I should "comment" on. And I find a paragraph in your Sunday's letter that — help me — I never read before. It must have popped in there after I read the letter. Honest! It was the one concerning your pacing up & down hunting

salt & pep is for me — honest to John I never even saw that mag before — as I said before. Tell you how I think it happened — I read the letter in front of Price's gas station while Rich was looking at the picture of you in the paper & I spose he said something to me & I just skipped that paragraph — and don't go saying you won't write any more 'cause I don't read your letters 'cause I always read them the second time but being very busy this week — I am so! — I have only now gotten

2. around to it — oh Heck! I seem to be getting in deeper & deeper — Why did I even mention it except that you wondered I guess, why I asked about the salt & pep for I think you didn't mention it — Say! I don't believe that wild story anyhow — I'll bet you got it in the dutch Kitchen as I also said before! Yes, you'd better stay out of those antique places — you might break something & then have to pay for it — and I advocate any extra cash

to send you and you'd have to wash dishes way into the night every night to make enough money to pay for it — let's see for what? Why did I ever start saving salt & pepp in the first place! In closing I wish to state I deeply appreciate your extreme efforts and just love this darling little ittsy-bittsy salt or pep shaker whichever it is since it hasn't a mate — where is its mate??

Alright so you sweat till they called out the

3. Red Cross well, I'll
bet you didn't get them
'cause they were up here
guarding my chickens
'cause of the flood danger
from "Snable" working
& slaving in her
garden. I worked out
there 2 hrs. the other
morning & sweat till
it rolled off my nose
& chin & watered the
flowers as I went along
and so, they're growing
just fine, thank you!
I think Mary is going
to give me some ever-
bearing Straw - Berry

plants. She got some
from Baxters & they have
new plants already &
also have berries on
them now so I cleaned
out a part of the veg.
end of the garden & now
I'll have to throw out
some mints till she
gives me some plants.
She always wanted
some, but I s'pose they
won't grow for me.

Well, we got a letter
from Bob today so
we've heard from all
3 of you this week now
which helps the home

4. sure morale immensely.
This letter was written July 1
so not very recent but seems
to be settled at Darmstadt.
Said some of the Divers
were coming back to the
States & he was about
the only one there who knew
the job now so had to
stick pretty close - Said
wanted to go to Munich
to see Johnny Pulos, but
didn't think he could so
I s'pose he won't get to
see Dave either. Tho I
was hoping & praying.
I s'pose Dad told you
I'll tell the big shots
Dave said. He says
this is really a

grand "duty" – and well worth all their sitting around Norfolk so long for. What do you think of Churchill's defeat? Isn't it too bad he couldn't finish the war as one of the Big Three? But the news commentator's don't seem to think it's going to harm the proceedings any – it's beginning to look as tho' they've got Japan on their knees now and the next thing is to get them as a nation to commit Kari Kari by figuratively

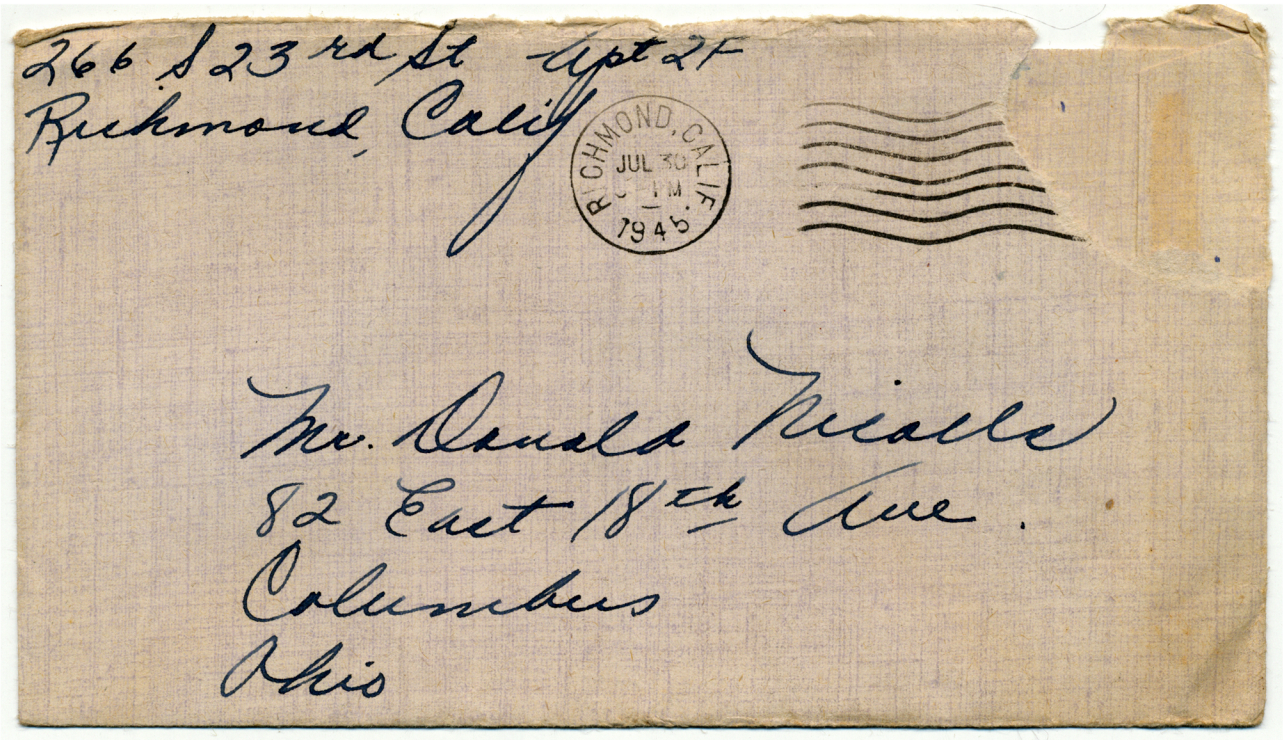
5. sticking a Knife in their stomach as is their custom. If you get what I mean — which reminds me — you'll have to write your Dad separate simple-worded letters, I guess. He wanted to know what you meant ~~by~~ about "Bob — & you glad he wasn't your "top-Kick". He didn't even know what Top-Kick was! I'm going to start giving him a lesson every evening in modern and army slang. He just isn't hep to the newest jive-talking. The best

one I heard lately was "stoops" — Know what it means? Jello, Bananas potatoes (now) etc are "stoops" or on the stoop list. When you ask for them the grocer "stoops" to get them! Marian Resch on the radio was telling about it but she said the grocer isn't to be blamed for keeping such things under the counter for if he put them out on the shelf anyone who came in might be tempted to buy them just because

6. they know they're scarce articles while if he keeps them out of sight and a customer asks for them he figures he must really want some or he wouldn't ask when he doesn't see any. — well, that could be in some cases. Some powders are on the stop list now two — only one box to a customer — if any! Listen, my dear Josie, you don't have to work at the store when you come home — don't think of it — you know how glad you were to get away. Remember? We're getting along very nicely. So

Far Jim seems to be
getting along alright. He's
a good Kid!
Are you getting awfully
tired — or haven't you
got this far? Well, it's
about over I think —
I'm tired myself, so
I hope you last thru
Sat. game whether you
play 15 min. or however
long and I hope you
don't have to wash too
many dishes & I hope
I see you soon. And
Bye for now, Your
Long-winded but loving
Mom.

I'm sure Mr. Bartons left now. I hear he's going to the lake for a couple weeks.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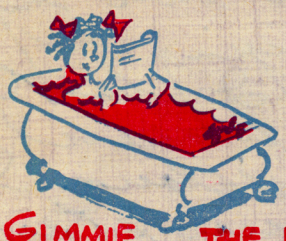

Fri. P.M.

Dear Buck,

How do you like my paper? Ruth should hand it, shouldn't she. She wrote me a letter once on paper that had a big pretty girl on it & I couldn't get it away from Dunk for ages. Guess he liked it.

I got your letter & am so glad you're doing so well at college & pushing dishes. I'm only glad I don't eat at that restaurant cause I'd probably get dirt poisoning. All kidding aside that's a good way to earn extra money & anyone can wash dishes with a dishwasher. I hate not a job but instead a vocation. Wait 'til I tell Jr. his uncle owns a washed dishes. I'll wait til you're President though so don't worry.

You should see my nose. It's red as a beet & looks like I've been out drinking for nights. I got sunburned last Sunday &

everything turned brown but my
nose & it insists on staying a
bright rosy red. Dunk says I look
like W. C. Fields. I'm really brown
now though & is Dunk jealous. I
keep telling him only sissies stay
white & it makes him mad cause
he can't get a tan like me.

You never did tell me how many
touchdowns you made. What's the
matter — bashful?

I got a letter from Dave telling
all about his trip & I guess it was
really exciting. I wonder if he'll
bring Truman back. Saw I love
to have a news talk with you.
I'm right up there & there's nothing
I don't know about the war right
now. I'm better than the news
commentators.

Last Sat. we went to Frisco & saw
Jan Savitt's orchestra. He's really good.
I haven't seen along Come Joyce but
intend to this week end. I'll bet it's
good if Gary Cooper's in it.

No more paper. Bye now & wash
those dishes clean.

Love
Betty


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Somewhere in the Visayas
July 27, 1945

Hello Buck

Well, how is football and college going along now? Do you really enjoy it or would you rather be at home? In my position, I'd rather be home. Ho! Ho! It will probably be a long long time before I get home again.

In case you don't know where the Visayas are; it's in the central part of the Philippines. You'd probably know that tho.

We had a good boat ride over. I wish I could tell you where we stayed and so on but can't do it. All we did all day long was play cards, sleep, and read. Our company didn't pull any details at all. There were a lot of nurses on the boat, but if we ever talked to them, we'd get them in the brig. They'd lay around in their rooms fully naked.

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I was in pretty bad shape the later part of the trip. I had a boil on my back and a stye on my eye. They had both my face bandaged up and I had only one eye for over a week. My eye was swollen shut most of the time. I was up at the hospital today and they fixed me up and hope I get the bandage off so I get pretty good again. At least I can see out of two eyes now.

You should see the natives around here. There really a lot of them, and they try to sell you every thing under the sun. They sure love to get their hands on G.I. equipment. A couple of girls were around here selling bananas today.

Well, Russ my eyes are getting blurry so I'll close this for now and when you get time write and let me know how your doing and I'll drop a line to you as much as I can. Take care of yourself your brother

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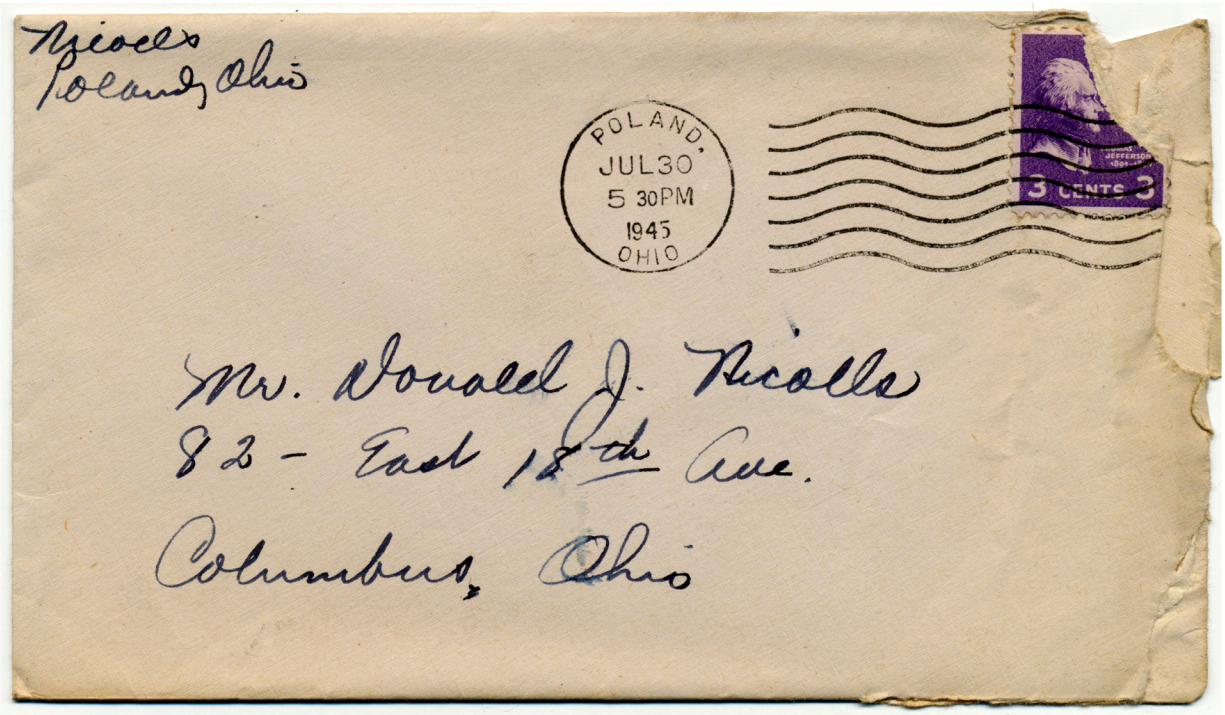
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Monday P.M.
July 30th

Dear Buck,

I'm listening to Ladies Be Seated (I think it is) and a soldier is being interviewed who says he's from some place in Wisconsin but now goes to Ohio State U. in a S.T.C. His Pol. Sci. Mac Donald.

I've been checking your bus schedule & this is what I found out - Leaving Col. 1 P.M. arrid. Jo. 8 P.M. (approximately)
" " 6 P.M. " " 12:38!!
So that accordingly the same as what you found out? Or have you? Then you can leave at 4 P.M. here & get there at 10:25 P.M. Would that be too late? We've about given up going out home next Sunday, cause You won't feel like making that trip & then taking a 6 hr. bus ride on top of it. We can see Arthurs again, maybe go out on a Mon. P.M. or if you want to see him you can go out another day — well will talk it over this week! end — if we get time. Dad says he supposes you'll have a date

all set up for Sat. night. Right?
By the way - Ruth took Margie
home from the P.O. today.
She 'happened' to go in about
12:10 - as I never 'happen' to.
Ruth was looking for the
laundry - but so far it has
not arrived, but I didn't expect
it after you telling you didn't
have it back Friday yet and
I don't know why 'cause I sent
it back Tues. about 2:30. I'll
send part of it back this week
but kept a "change" here for
you - O.K.? And say, you
have our new "bag" with
Ruth's initials on, don't you?
She will need it when she goes
to the Lake - if she goes
(Geneva is quarantined for Inf.
Paralysis now) so, would you
bring it home along. Maybe
we can find something if
you have anything to take
back. Let's see now - what
else? Let me know - (you will -
I imagine) when to meet you.
wish I could come down

2. after you. There's no train unless you leave at noon. Can you skip the 1 o'clock class? I spose not!

I talked to Mr. Barton at church yesterday. He said maybe you was missing him yesterday at church. He's going up to the Lake right away I guess only there's a School Board Meeting tonight he's going to. Dad says the "Flour Salesman" is ~~[illegible]~~ son – he doesn't know his name – is going to teach history out here this year. He's been in the Pacific for 2 or 3 yrs. & is discharged. Young & un-married! Did Mr. Barton tell you Mrs. Hankison isn't coming back, nor Miss McDerm. and Mr. Moore & Mr. Mac I heard, I'm not sure – except Mr. & Mrs. Hank. are going to run the Hdwe. store in Petersburg I hear. Well, we see by the vindi that you Substituted Sat.

but we don't know whether for Wh. or Red's or was it both? O'dea made the head-lines by his block + kick. Are you still getting the Vinde? It must be about run out? Shall I renew right away?

We got another letter from Dave Sat. + he'd been to Brussels + was telling of that. very interesting. The Aug. + Philly have now left for an un-disclosed port + will pick up the Pres. from there + Mrs. Sher. Holmes can't figure where that is unless it's London.

I'm rather hoping Wallace's will bring you home unless maybe you'd rather come by bus.

Bob Murray was here Yesterday. Has a 15 day leave but says it'll probably be a long time before he gets home again. Looks good but thin.

Must stop now + go to P.O. Hoping to see you soon.

Lotsa Love Mom.

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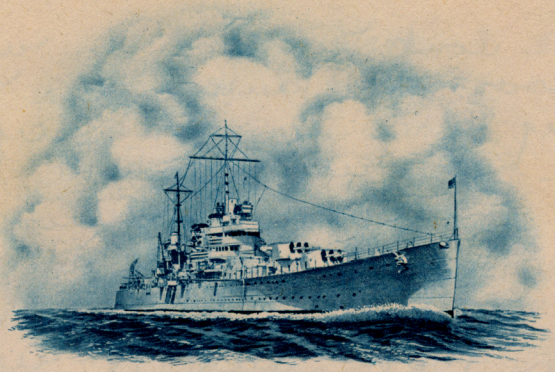

U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

Tuesday evening
July 31, 1945

Dear Don,

We got a lot of our first-class mail yesterday and today and two of your letters came so I'll answer them this evening while I have some time. You seem to be doing real well at school and I'm glad to hear it.

Things here are going fine and we're getting a lot of liberty and I've seen a lot of interesting things and places the past few months, rather weeks. I went with a group from the ship to see one of the concentration camps and it is hard to believe all they say and write about one of those camps until you see one and then you begin to wonder if people are really civilized. We went through the torture chambers and all that and it must have been miserable.

I went to one of the capitals over here and had a good time. They have some modern buildings, cafes & night clubs that are really nice. Lots of pretty girls too. but of course they didn't look me one but. not much!! To get there we went by train and they really travel. They're electric and nice & clean—really surprising.

We don't know when we'll be heading back but soon I think. We have to wait for the Big Three to patch up the world I guess. I sure would like to get a leave when you get your vacation for I'd like to hear all about school and college life.

I tried my darndest to get in touch with Bob but it was impossible due to complications. I'd sure like to see him but I guess I won't now until the war is over and we get home.

I got some swell pictures of our ship and the Augusta as we were coming into port when we brought the President. I have one of us + one of the Augie. A civilian took them and sold them through a department store where we got them. I'll send them home + you can see them when you have your vacation. It's the best picture I've ever seen of our ship.

Well Buck, I've got to close now for I have several more letters to answer before I quit tonight. Write when you can and hope to see you soon. Best of luck—

Your brother
Dave

P.S. About that job Buck—
if it's good for extra
dough by gad—it's a
good job. I think so
anyhow.

David Nicolls