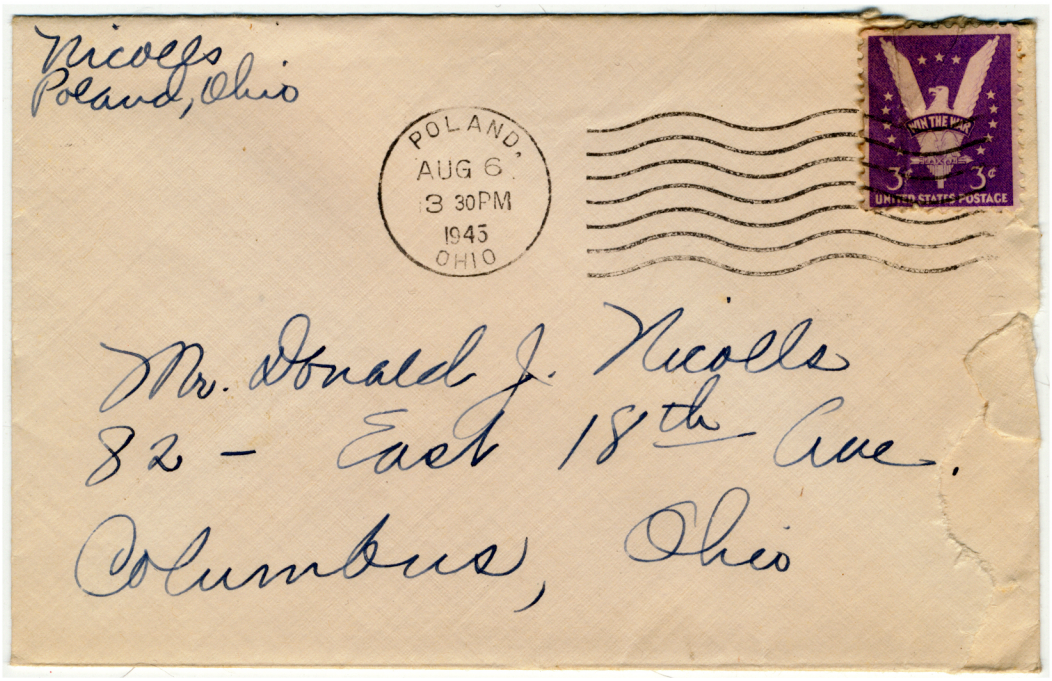
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UNITED STATES POSTAGE
Mr. Donald J. Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Mon. morn.

Dear Buck,

Did you get there O. K.? Did you let that "floozy" blond "have your seat"? Did your laundry "bust open"? Did you get any sleep on the way? Did you go right to bed? Does the radio work alright down there? Do you have enough money? Oh yes! Dad asked you that. Didn't he?

I'll bet he's at his wits end this morning. He has 4 (count 'em) four girls helping him at the

store. Besides Ruth & Miriam
Carol & Barbara Stevens
went down cause he was
teasing them one night when
they were playing store
and told them if they
wanted to play store to
come down & hid let them
really do it - They wanted
to sell candy. So he said
they could this morning and
there were here at 10 to 9
to go with Ruth. Would you
like a Kitten down there?
Maybe Mrs. B. would?? There's
a stray one on the porch.
Jay & Tom Hoyt were up
awhile last night. I think
Jay is shining up to Miriam.
Muff for now just tho't you'd
be looking for mail. Mrs. Dale
called to get your address for

2. geo. last night.
He is in San Diego
taking Radar
& is very pleased
over it. His
grandma & her
lives at Pasadena
& he wanted to
stay there when
they were there
5 yrs. ago. he liked Calif so well.
Had to
fill up the page
Bye now! Don't work
too hard & get your sleep. Love
Mom.


Pvt. Eugene d. Nicolls 35921945
Co. C 116th Medical Bn
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82 E. 18th Ave
Columbus, Ohio.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

Zamboanga, Mindanao
Wed. Aug. 7, 1945

Dear Dan,

Well, how is football coming? Still in there fighting? As you have probably noticed I am no longer in the Armored Division, but at least I didn't get the infantry like most of them did. I'm now in the Medical Corps. It's a pretty good deal here and I think I'll like it a lot. There's a lot I'll have to learn naturally, but I'll do my best to learn it.

There were just 7 of us that came to the medics and my buddy Jean Buster was one of them and we even got in the same Co. and same tent. We

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

were sure hoping and praying that we could stick together and I guess luck went with us. Bob Hamilton went to the infantry or Engineers. I don't remember which.

The food here is really good. We haven't had anything good to eat since we left the states until we got here. Half the time we ate rations and they aren't even half fer a dog to eat.

You should see the girls here. But. Some of them are pretties the same as in the states. By the way talking about girls — how are you and your girl getting along? Be sure to write and tell me, as I want to know.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

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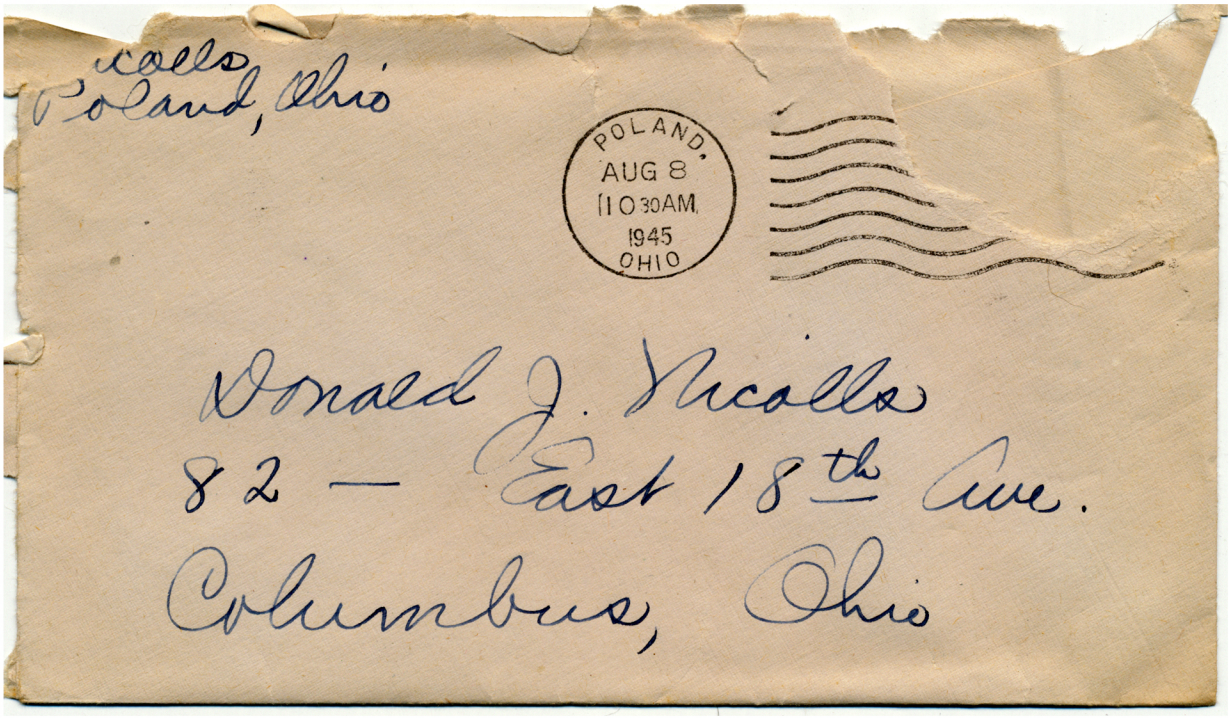
My women and I are getting along just fine. I haven't had any mail for quite some time now but it should start coming in one of these days.

Well, Buck, drop me a line and let me know how things are going and I'll do the same.

Your brother
Gus.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Donald J. Nicolls
82 — East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Wed. morn the 8th

Dear Collegiate Don,

You must have been quite encouraged the first day back to get those good grades and Boy – I'm really proud of you on that Biology test – that shows how efforts are showing results – now with so steady F.B. practise you should get a good start on them & help out When you've busy with F.B. again. So you don't have to stay up till 3 am. So Mrs. Barnes missed you! That's something. I sent your shoes with – at the same time as the laundry bag so I don't know if they'd fix them any quicker or not. I doubt it tho' but listen, you need those heels fixed badly – I was tempted to keep them & get them fixed. It's not good for your feet with all the walking you do, so either get them fixed

2. right away or send them back & and I will. Dad got you a new laundry bag Monday. He went in town with me so I let him buy it. It's a better one, but he was standing waiting for me & the handle came lose just like yours did at the station so he took it right back and she gave him another. I got you a white shirt but all I could get was that thin kind. They'll be alright to finish out the warm weather. Wear ~~them~~ those two first & save the others.

Dave called last night. He got in Norfolk at 15 to 5 yesterday afternoon. Didn't have any idea what their plans were - whether he'd get home or not but hopes to know in a couple days. Said he really enjoyed that trip and censorship was lifted coming back so he wrote us all about where he'd been. Haven't got it yet.

We also had a letter from Gene written July 27 - Somewhere in the Phillipines."

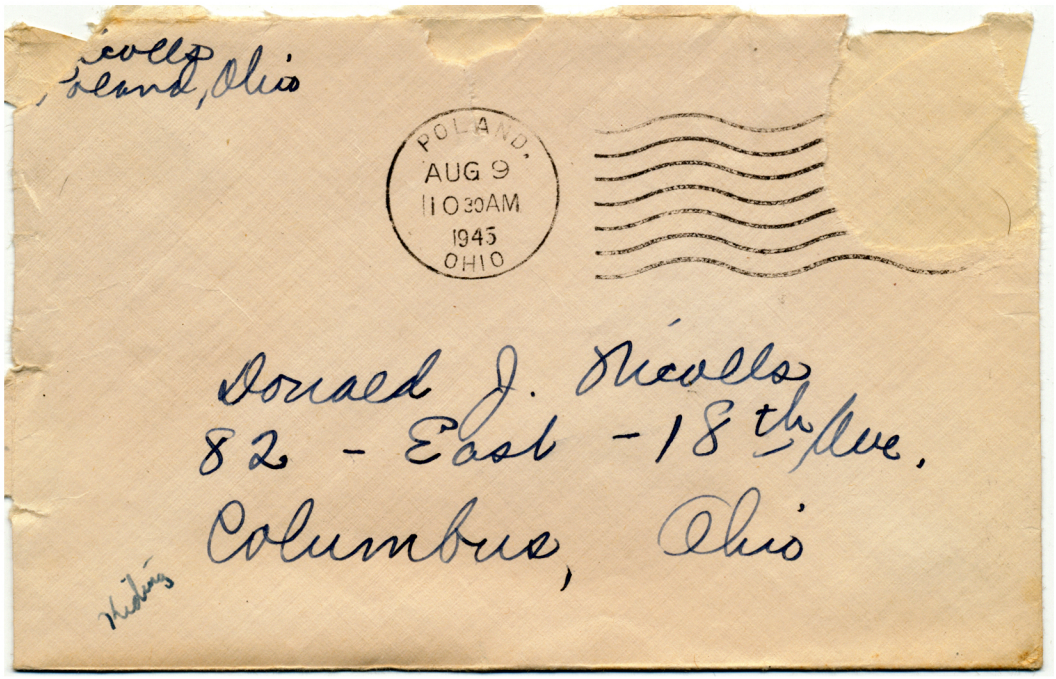
Jean hears you thinking - "He probably waited so long the thing fell apart."

3. He says its awfully hot there with Phillipinas all around them trying to sell them something all the time. He's at a Replacement Depot. so hill probably move on from there soon. He hadn't gotten any mail yet so was wondering what the family was doing during the last month. All the fellows are still together even Chuck McIntyre is there.

Miriam is still with us. Also Jay & Tom every night till — I don't know when. Every night Jay brings over a bunch of records and I go to sleep with either 'Sleepy Time Gal' 'Humoreske' or 'Please don't squezza da banana' ringing in my ears.

Jimmy told Dad he was quitting next week to play foot-ball. What's that make me I wonder? Maybe Ruth will be delivering groceries after all.

Pvt. E J N. 35929945 Bye now till next
273 Repl. Co. 4th Repl. Depot time.
A.P.O. #703 c/o P.M. Love
San Francisco, Calif. Mom.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Donald J. Nicholls
82 - East - 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Thurs., the 9

Dear A Student,

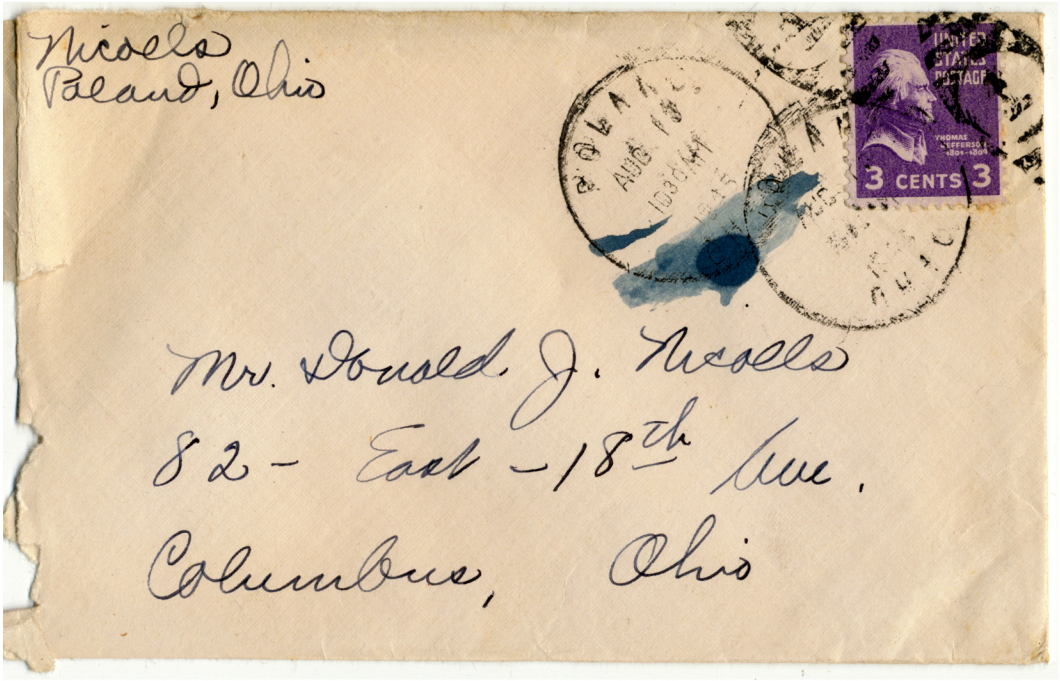
Congrats to you! Now I'm very proud of you — honest! — Dad says — "oh! I don't worry about him & his studies — ahem!" But — you needn't try to advance your argument that "burning the midnite (3 a.m.) oil is what makes A's. You must have your sleep — A's or no A's! And in a while maybe work hurt — but don't make a practice of it! Dja hear me??

Besides your interesting letter yesterday we got 2 from Gene written July 29 in the Virgins and Dave's telling us of his trip! — But first I — yes, order the 6 pics — if I have to take in washing to pay for 'em — I want them, see?
Also your laundry received yesterday — washed the shirt, undies & P.J.'s — will send back today. Hope you get the other one today so you can get it sent by Monday. Guess you're not coming home this week-End, eh? I know you're afraid I'll get lush! Grandma Nick called last night & we talked to her. He sounds fine & says he is. I think they wanted to come out today but Dad talked them into waiting 'till we see if Dave gets home & then we'll get you home too, so we can really have a get-together. We'll be over Sat. Sept. 5.
Did Gene tell you he had a stye on his eye & a boil on his back going over? Must

not have been a very
pleasant trip. Dad & I
fine-combed 2 maps here
for an hour last night
and can not find Vicayas
I thot it might be a
group of small islands
cause he says he's not near
Bill Heim. Art said it
may be a province, — he
hadn't heard of it.
You can read Dave's
letter next time you're
home. very interesting
He saw the King, too.
Bye now
with love
Mom.

Ruth got quite a kick out of your letter.

P.S.
Thanks for the schedules. I'll try to attend the Games.



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

Sun - eve.

Dear Don,

I've been trying to settle down to letter-writing all day, but there's too much excitement in the air. Besides hanging over the radio & getting "flashes" and then denials of the flashes - there's been a steady flow of men coming & going all week I might say & almost all day today. Miriam seems to attract them like a light attracts moths - that's letting Ruth out - but ~~we~~ maybe a couple of them came to see her. Thinstance Minor who came awhile

2. ago and left soon after when Dick Hadnett — Jay & Tom Hoyt all came. Even Johnny Reef has been coming over — but only to watch & play a little badminton — well, he did take the girls to Barnes for a milk shake last night. — after which Bob Freely came & ~~Dick~~ went — next Tom & Jay — when they left about 9:30 — Bob F & Dick H came & took the girls to Idora. In the midst of all this — as I sat on the porch with the young folks a car drove up in front — a sailor & a girl got out — came up the steps and asked "Nicolls?" I said "yes" & he said "Well, I'm on emergency leave & just don't dare go back to Dave & the ship without coming to see you folks!" Guess who?? Yeah! Goodballet! And we can see why Dave likes him. He was so good to see & talk with. Had his wife along — she's nice — but can't even hold a candle to Dave's Marian. He said he was afraid Dave was "slipping" too. Remember

3 Ripasky? He's married too. He's out of service now — for some reason. Goodballeti father is in the hospital so he got an emerg. leave to come home to see him. They were still at Norfolk he said & weren't sure what was next — then — today at 3:00 Dave called again and told us he's leaving tomorrow for New Port R.I. and their ship will be a training ship for "boots" They've cut the crew to 750 so he thinks he'll get a leave — still don't know. Anyway, that

4. work be bad duty. And
I think that's where Maggie's
Jane & Walter are. Oh, I do
hope he gets a leave, tho'.
next morning — & still
no answer from the Japs.
I hope we don't have to
drop another 2 those
awful bombs to get
them to give in.

Miriam left at
11:30 last night. Would
get in Oakland at 2:15 a.m. She
didn't want to go home.
Dick, Jay & Jim took
her to the train.

Dad said he was
going to write letters
last night but he

talked to Dave yesterday and you'd be coming home this week. End — good excuses. I asked him if he thot you. wouldn't like some mail this week anyhow.

I hope you got your old, book read and are caught up on all your work so you can really enjoy your week — End.

This is all for now.

Bye + Love

Mom.

P.B.
Heres
Dick
+
Annie
Dagwood, all still alive. even B.O. Plenty

David S. Nicolls RM3/C

David S. Nicolls RM3/C
USS Philadelphia - 300
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New York, New York

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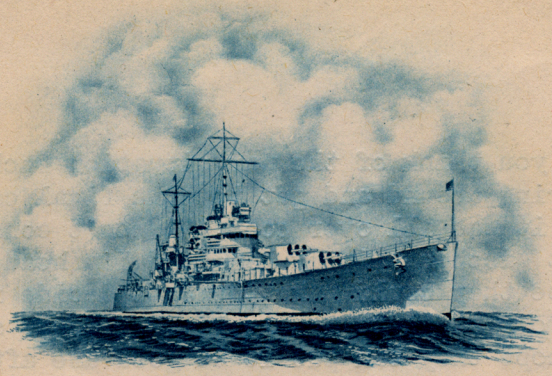
82 East 18th Street

Columbus, Ohio



U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

Sunday evening
August 12, 1945

Dear Don,

I've had two letters from you in the past few days so I'll answer them this evening while I have some time. You seem to be getting along fine at school and from those grades you got you must really be burning the old midnight oil. Those grades were really good Don and keep up the fine work.

I called home a few hours ago and talked to Mom and Dad. They told me they had a visit last night. Bob Goodballet, you know, my friend from the ship, is home on an emergency leave and he and his wife dropped in to see the folks for awhile last night on their way to Idora. Bob's Dad is pretty sick so he got a ten day leave. It was the first time Mom and Dad had met Bob but Mom said she knew him right away.

I guess we're ready for some new duty soon but I can't tell you what it is just now. I'm hoping that I can get home for this coming or the following week since you will be able to come home then. I don't know if it will be possible but if there is a chance of it I will try my darndest. I'd like to see Art before his furlough is up too.

Yesterday afternoon four of us went out golfing and had a lot of fun. We started out with just four balls and ended up with one. I found one and lost three so had to quit after the 7th hole. After the game we went to a Chinese place and had chow mein and then went to the Park and watched the Fords (two legged ones) go by. After we saw enough fords we came back to the ship.

I'll take you up on that Wisconsin game Buck if I can get home then. I'd sure like to see the game with Marian and Mom and Dad. I'd be for you guys of course but I don't know about Marian but I think I could change her mind but maybe you could change her mind by licking the pants off Wisconsin. Yep, I'd sure like to see that game.

I got a letter from Betty and she sent a picture of her and Dunk taken in Frisco. It was real good and I was glad to get it for I haven't had one of them since they were married. I got a letter from Gene too and he was telling me about his Army life in the Philippines.

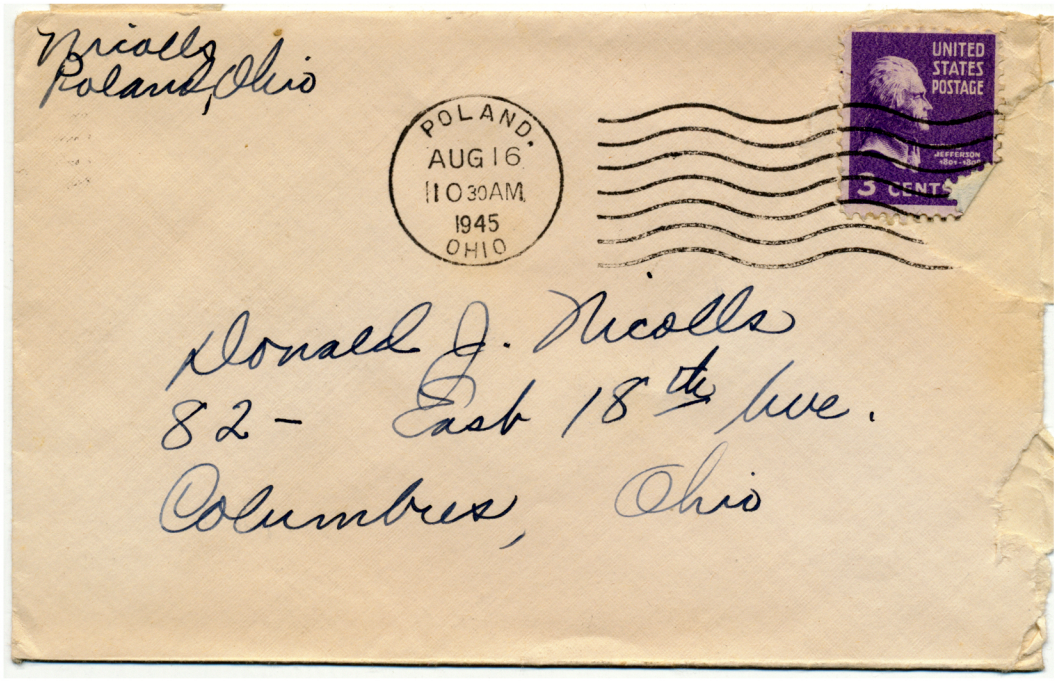
What do you think of the war situation Buck? I sure wish they would quit dickering around and get to some final conclusion. It sure would be good if it was all over soon. I won't consider it over though until I have that discharge in my hand and I'm headed home with a one way ticket. Maybe they could make the Japs decide in a hurry if they gave them a few more of those atomic bombs. Those sure are powerful aren't they. I hope they can put it to good use after the war though and won't have to use it to kill people.

Well Buck, I've tried to think of some more news but I guess I've run out so I'll close for now. If at all possible I'll try to get home to see you but I can't promise anything of course. Until next time then Bye for now and keep up the good work at school.

Your brother,

Dave,

David Nicolls RM3/C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Donald J. Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

V - - - . Wed. Morn.
Aug. 15-45

Dear Dow,

Sue just hung our flag out and was it ever a glorious feeling to think why I could hang it today. Little did I think on July 4th that I could hang it again so soon but how glad I am that I can.

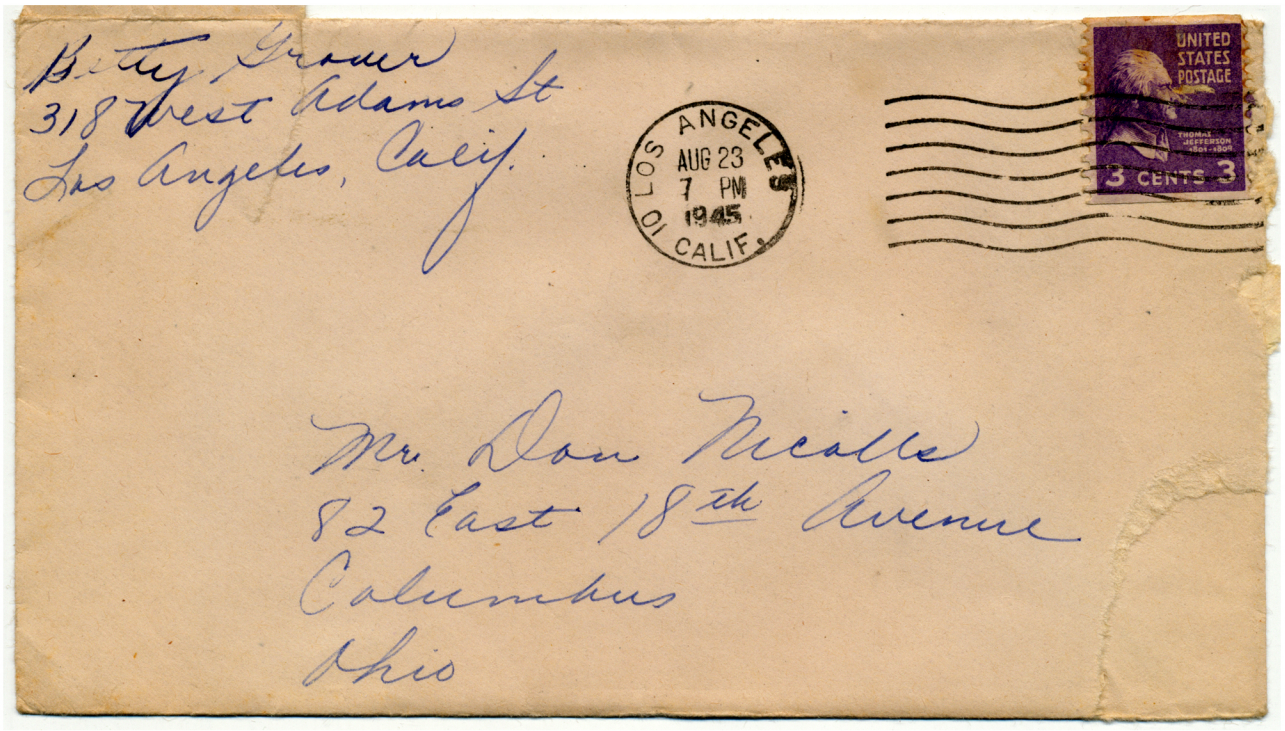
— — I stopped here to call you — just that I'd like to talk to you & was hoping you'd have the rest of the week off — but no soap, huh? Did your dear Mrs. Barnes inform you of my call? She said you'd

~~[illegible]~~ just gone for breakfast. Darn! We haven't heard from Dave since Sunday but Dad still thinks he might get home this week. If so, I'll call you again.

I guess I'll wait till you get home to talk over all this ending of the war and all and tell you what we did, etc. I want to write to the others now. Dad's playing golf — with Pete this morning & "the boys" all P.M. We'll go to church tonight. He'll be open tomorrow again. I finished my ironing & wrote letters & want to write more. So 'till we see you I'm, nite loads of love — mom.

Junior Maurice is to go for his another physical mon.

P.S. I have a clean white shirt here at home for you.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318 West Adams St
Los Angeles, Calif.
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Mr. Don Nicalle
82 East 18th Avenue
Columbus
Ohio

Mon A M.
Aug 20, '45

Dear Lucky,

Well, here I am in sunny California a believe me, for once this summer I'm really warm. It was so cold in Frisco when I left you'd swear it was the middle of winter. I was still wearing my fur coat but have put it away for awhile.

We came before here last week-end so haven't seen much of the town yet. Don't worry though - I'll look up your girlfriends (Brenda & Cabrina). I'll see that they get your address too so be looking for them in the near future.

You should see the Babes, Dames, Chicks or what have you, out here. I have to keep

a ball & chain around Dunk all the time. You probably wouldn't like them as well as yours in Poland though. I hear by the papers you're quite stuck on her. (& hem)

We came down here with another couple in their car so we saw all the sights. It was about 450 miles & took 12 hours. Half of the way we rode right along the ocean & was it a pretty sight. Oddles of beautiful beach homes on the hills. Most of them belong to Movie Stars.

Where were you when the war was over? I was about 1" from the radio & had been in that position for a couple days. It sure is wonderful

& I still can't believe it's really true. I wonder if the boys will be coming home soon & also if Dave will get out. That's when I'll really get homesick - when you kids all get home & me miles away. I'm coming home with Jr. though as soon as he can learn to hitch-hike a ride. I've got it down pat now so as soon as I can teach him I'll be home. If he's a boy we're going to name him Haven Robert or Robert Haven after Dunk's brother that was killed & whittle. If it's a girl we'll just call her "Babe" (misspelled - guess)

Will gets I'm about run out of news for this time. Notice new address. I'll be "tinkin of you"

Love
Betty

Nicolls
Poland, Ohio

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

Tues. morn.
Aug. 21st.

Dear Buck,

Are you back in the groove? How's gay? Was she glad to see you? And dear Mrs. Barnes? Did you have to make up your Fri. classes, or didn't they have any? Did your bus ticket work on that bus O.K.? I was disappointed Ruth didn't wait to see you off as I would have but I guess she wanted to get back before the folks left. They left at exactly 5 and then we tore around & got cleaned up & left at 5:30 for Mill Creek & ate a fish supper soon as we got there. I sure felt stuffed all evening even tho I "played" with the Pollock Indians all eve. Gay put a hunk of ice down my back & then held it against my back till it melted, that is, when he'd get a chance. I was carrying a thermos jug of water from the pump & every time he'd kick it & spill it up behind me. He's a devil!

We had a letter from Bob yesterday & he sounded mad at the whole world. He didn't like Churchill, nor Atlee nor the Russians entering the war, nor the atomic bomb because of what it will mean

in the next war - & well better stay in Germany 10 yrs. or more for they aren't really defeated. Well, maybe a lot of it was the truth but it sure was a sober letter. Ted had a nice 3 day visit with Uncle Howard tho. - But the train-ride was crowded & Wooden seats. He sounded like his old self. I guess we can't blame him tho! It must be a very discouraging place to be living. The letter was written Aug. 9th.

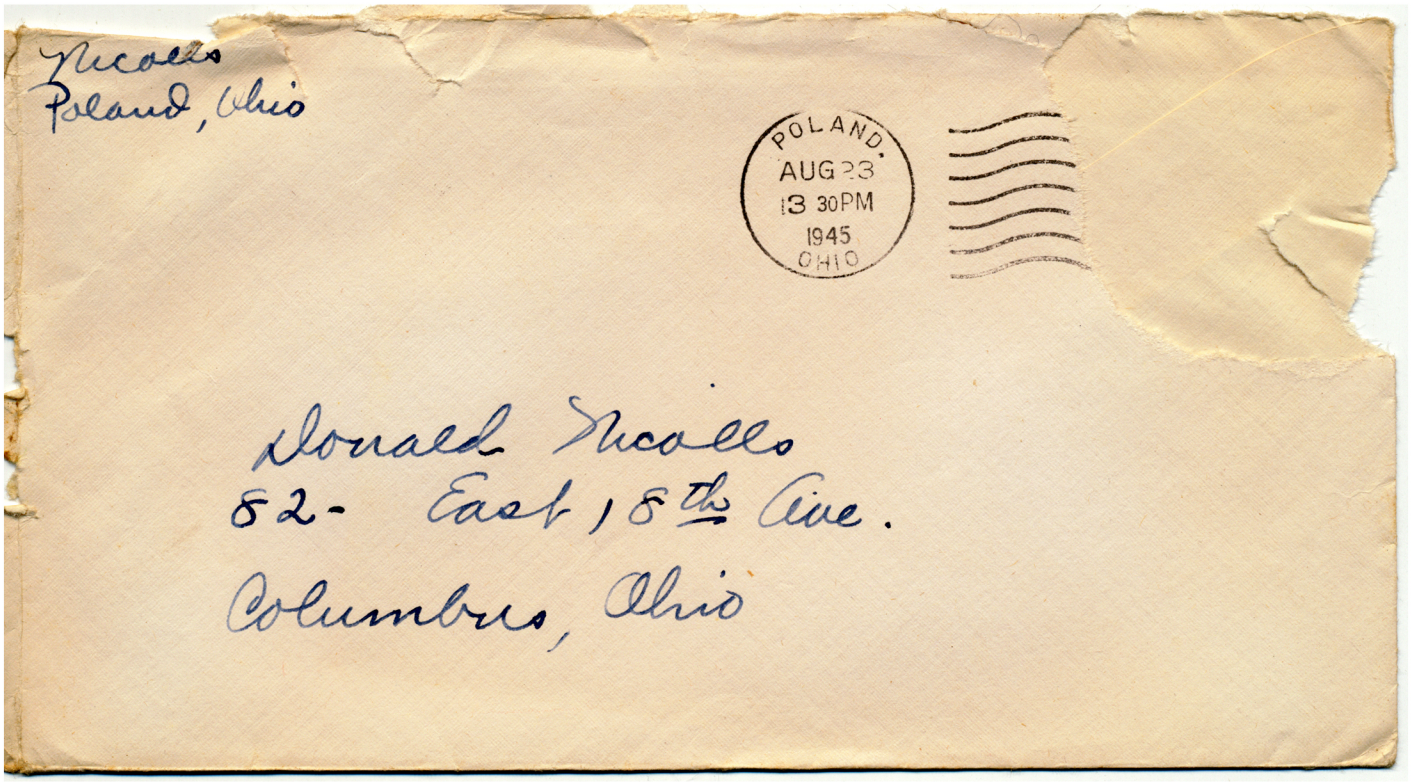
We had a jumbo Post card from Dave. He was on his way back from N. York he said, after a very good time there. Got me some S. & P. from the top of the Empire State Bldg.

Dick H. passed yesterday but they sent him home again so I don't know when he goes now. Junior didn't pass again on account of his nose. And Musso almost passed!! That was all from Roland.

Well I think I'll write Bob Murray & tell him Gene's in this line of work now - medics - even tho' he may only drive a truck - or whatever.

Don't study too hard now, will you? Give Mrs. B. my love.

But keep some for yourself - Bye now - Mom.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Donald Nicolls
52- East 15th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Wed. Eve.
Aug. 22.

Dear Don,

Glad to hear you arrived back safely & that decent Mrs. Barnes was still "right in there pitching" or "pounding". I might say. Say, I just come to think isn't the place locked up at night? Can you come & go any time? Good thing she doesn't lock up when she goes to bed, isn't it? Maybe you should have practised up your right & left flanks a little more last Sat. I told Art after you left I was sorry I didn't think to have him order you in the manual of arms.

Sorry you can't make it home between Steps & T. B. practise but if you can't you can't just like that — if things don't work out that way there's nothing else to do I guess & anyhow we really enjoyed your visit last week and so glad you got to see Art. Maybe we'll go out there over Labor day if you can't get home. Dad & I will be all alone next week. I just don't know how we'll stand it. I heard Don Gardner saying tonight he'd been up watching W. Wilson practise & Steve Adler who there watching

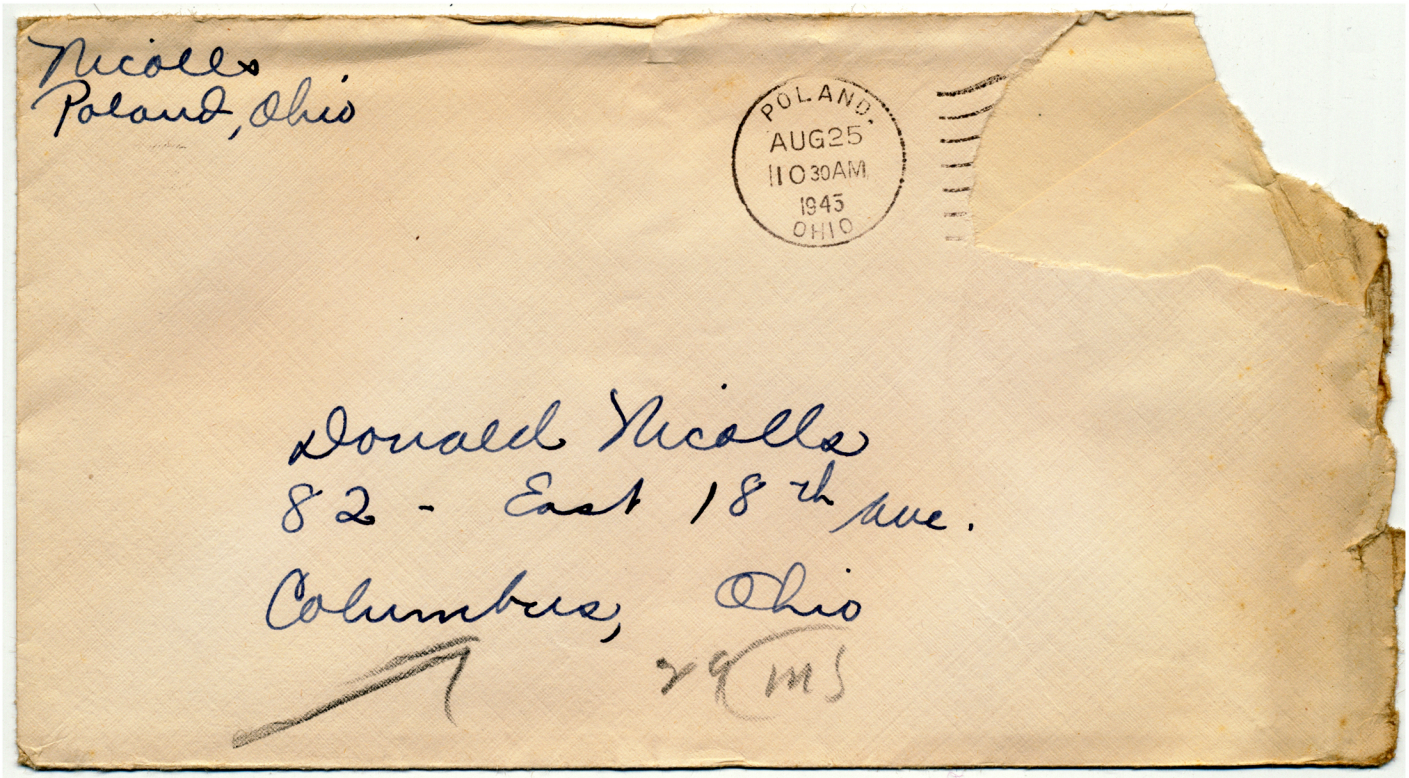
and he named another fellow who is just back from service — & who may be on the O. State squad this Fall! Couldn't get the name — one of those Poland Ave. names.

Guess — just guess — who called last night — no — no — yes mrs. Don Graves and guess where from? no — no — yes, Los Angeles. Yep, soon as the war was over they & the Texans packed their few belongings in the Texans car & started for Los Angeles. And she says she's getting warm again as it's real nice there. The men are looking for work there. They're just 15 miles from Hollywood, which seemed to be quite exciting to her. She says she has an envelope she's putting money into marked "Going-Home Fund" for when all the "boys" get home then she's coming home for sure, she says.

Ruth & Jim been out to Miller's for a soda — using up your gas. She says she'll fill it up for you (or did she say that?) next time you're home. no more news. Dad painted the windows on the down-the-street side of the house — finished this P.M.

Much love to you, mom.

Did you want me to send you the Poland suit?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Donald Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Fri. eve.
aug. 24th

Dear Buck,

I'm so cold I'm nearly shivering - such weather! Mon. + Tues. it was hot as - 90 some degrees + now - Brrrr! Good football weather.

I sent in your subscrip. to the Hindi this P.M. so you should get it in a couple days. maybe even Sunday's Funnies. How late are they - just one day or two? So you won't need your R.O.T.C. suit then? Won't you need it when the next quarter starts? It's so hard for me to understand these things. I'd be in a bad way with your Sgt. wouldn't I. I'd be as glad as the number six stackman - that was funny.

I think Dick's still working. I haven't talked to him so don't know just when he goes.

Did you know Farmer Wicks and Hilda Quinn are getting married Sept. 20th. A church wedding at our church with Mazie Cochran - Joan Price + Lois Ashley bridesmaids. Imagine!

We had another letter from Bob yesterday. Said they had to shoot Sport while he was in Paris but he has another dog now - a German police. Says he eats a lot more than Sport did. He calls him "Rin". The Spuses will be in the Army of Occup. now. He thinks he'd like a desk job after the war. Has got used to it now I guess.

No letter from Dave this week, so I spose he's still just sittin' around. Had a long letter from Betty yesterday telling what a nice trip they had down to L.A. along the ocean and the orange groves, etc. Is going to look up Richard this fall. Ahem!

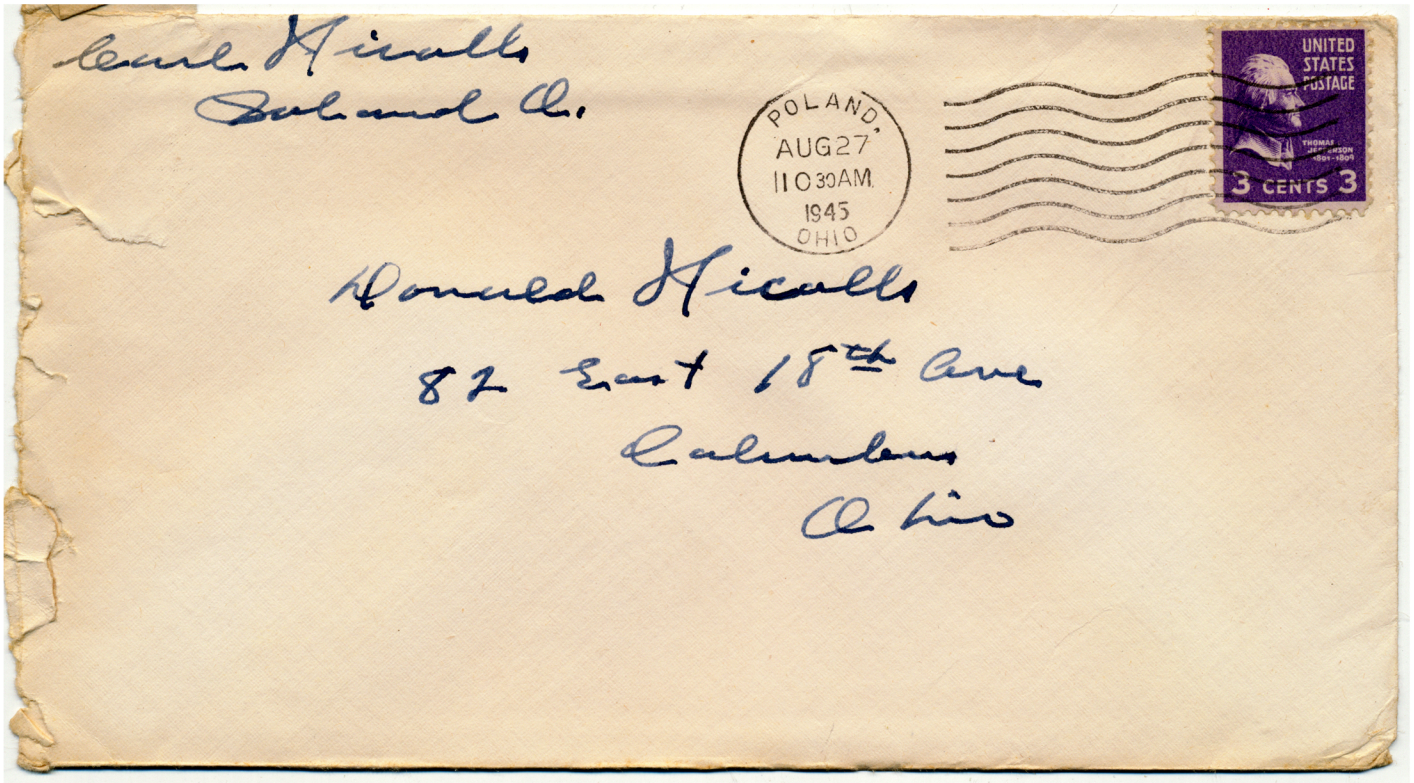
No letter from Jane either. Maybe tomorrow.

His address is
Pvt. E J N 35929945
Co. C - 116th Medical Bn.
A.P.O. # 41 c/o P.M.
San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. D. Groves is —
318 West Adams St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Gosh, but it's getting hard to keep track of these "Kids" of mine.

Be thinking of you
With love, Mom.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Soland Ohio
Aug. 25-'45

Hello Don.

Sat. night and we had a good rain this afternoon and every thing is sure wet out side also rather cool again, as I was rather busy this week I didnt get to wrt sooner for Monday afternoon I started to paint the windows and frames on the house and have worked every night late so far this week and have them about half done so maybe I can finish them next week if we have nice weather.

We had two letters from Bob this week and says they are not doing very much and dont know what will be next on their program probably in the Army of Occupation also says he had a real good trip to Paris and was with Uncle Howard three afternoons and evenings and saw most of the city, no word from Eugene or Dave since he called last Sat. when you were home.

Hope you are rested up from your trip home last week and also have plenty to eat since you got back, how are your exams for this week and hope you get along good and to think your first semester will soon be over, your foot ball should be better now since we will have cooler weather and only wish I could be down there some afternoon to watch the teams practice!

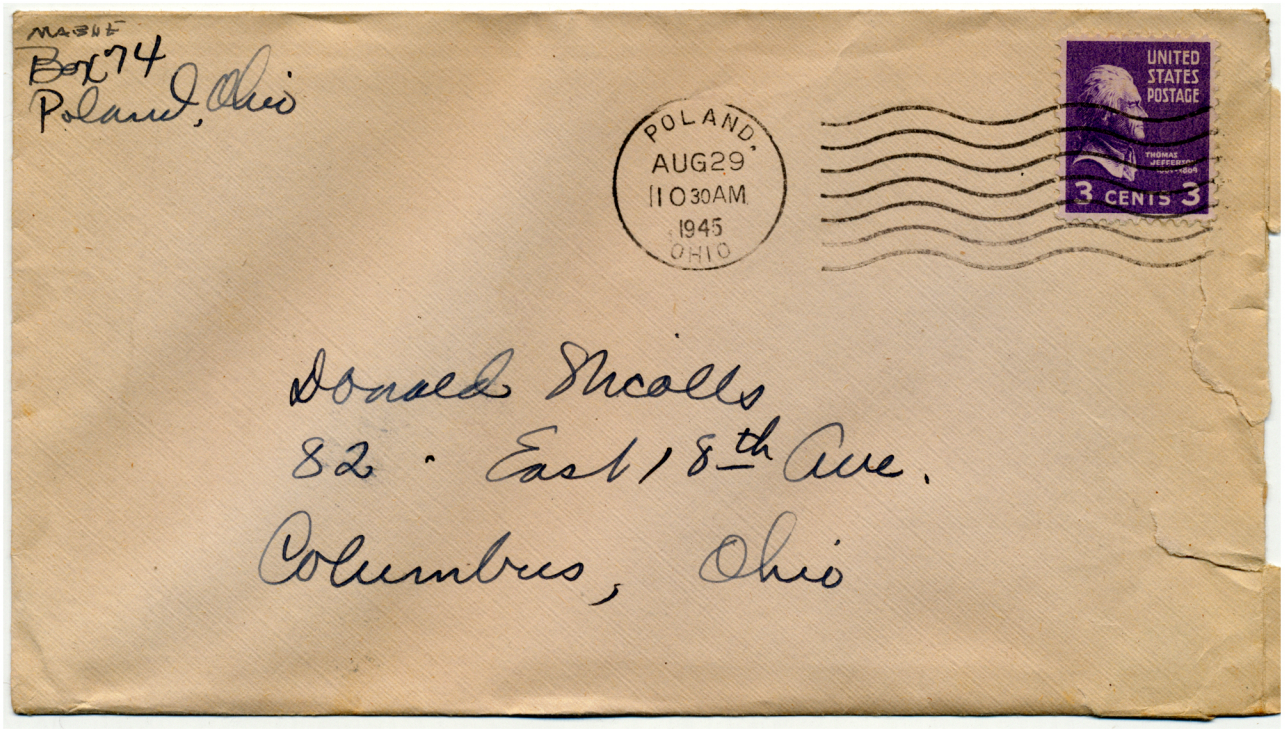
I thought Arthur looked real good only was real brown and his hair had a funny color however he has a light touch of Malaria

and Lee Lund was telling me some things he had told him for in one battle their company of 160 only twelve got out alive also how he was sent out one night to get a live Jap and how he got him and took him to their line for they wanted a live Jap to find out some thing?

I would like to be on one of our battle ships next Tuesday when they go up this bay and see our men when they go ashore maybe Eugene will get in one it for I saw by the paper where a division was going where he is located.

Now that about all the news I know of so hope you are well and come home whenever you can.

Your Friend
Earl.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Dear Don,

I've got my fingers crossed for you today. You're probably in the midst of your English right now. Good luck! I hope they send us a nice report card. They'd better or else, huh? What are you going to do in all your spare time — wash dishes, or throw a football around or help Mrs. B. with the house-work? Maybe you'll get to play some tennis. Tell me again how many hrs. a day is your FB practice? I know you must get tired repeating things to me but try to be patient. I remembered you told me you had to turn your ROTC suit in & that it didn't need to be cleaned. That all came back as a lost memory when you told me again and was I ever mad that I worked & slaved & sweated over washing & ironing it. Oh, me!

Elliot Forsythe is at great Lakes now.

Hope it gets there by tomorrow. I sent it Mon. P.M.

Say I'd like to see you in a navy monkey suit. I'd bet you'd make it — no — you're more the Marine type — Bob don't go getting ideas, now. Dad read reading last night that Allie Shine has to report to D. Board & I thot he said Hackett was out — I s'pose your line-up will be changing all season.

Mr. Heine was asking about you and when you'd be home & for you to come over when you do get home. Wanted to know how you liked Widdoes & Biffles. & I put the U.S. sticker on your "cape" — looks right sharp!

Listen — bub — there's a shortage on gum at the Neals store again — you were lucky to get one stick. I intend to be at the store tomorrow when it comes in the

2. so I'll try to stock up again. Available Mable hasn't taken over yet. Jim asked off next Sat. of all days (double holiday) to go to the Fair and work like he did last year. Dad talked him out of it I guess but told him he could have Thurs. off. So Dad has to take the orders out — he says so I won't offer to I don't believe. Last Sat. Jim took all the orders out in the afternoon — and no one hollered much, I guess.

The pics I took that Sunday didn't come out very good. They aren't clear. Say, what about the football pictures? Aren't they ready yet?

Poland started F B Prac. last week & Pudge is trying it tho' his mothers so worried 'cause he's so little etc, etc, etc, etc.

— Pause: — She just called so

it was etc. etc. some more. Shes having Ray picnic today & has invited me so I think I'll go purely for the meal — don't tell anyone that, tho'.

Ruth should be having a nice week now it's warmer. Haven't heard from her yet. Had 3 letters from Dave Mon. & one from Bob. Bob said he wondered what they'd do now as they had left Training for the Pacific but he s'posed it would be Army of Occup.

Dave has this week-end off he thinks so was hoping for Mon. Off too & so were keeping our fingers crossed again. Don't you have Mon. off? If so you can come home, but I s'pose on Labor Day you labor tho.

I'll have to get you the addresses later. I called both places yesterday P.M. & just now & no answer so — later.

Bye now,

Love mom.

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Dear Buck,

I've been swooning ever since I got your picture & don't know if I have strength enough yet to answer your letter or not. What have you got that "Frankie" hasn't? Gilly bow I'd love to see one of your games, even if you play on the bench which I don't believe you will. Dunk says if I did go to one of the games I'd probably be telling everyone "There's Buck down there" etc. instead of watching the game. Is Ohio State to good for Calif. teams or why don't you come out. We live about 10 blocks from Southern Calif. I practice football there every day. That's a lie - so sorry.

You should see the Japs out here. They're starting to come back from the camps & I'm scared to death of them. They dress & talk like us but when I see one I just swallow hard & walk a little faster. There were millions out here before the war & now they're coming back.

Now let us tune in to Mrs Anthony - Concerning your question Mrs Blank. - I think you're smart to leave women alone. Dunk says

to tell you to just watch the Fords go by for a few years by 1948 or 49 one of them will suit your fancy. Just because Gene is madly in love you don't need to be. It's silly anyway, isn't it? What am I saying. Also Dunk says he won't be able to spare me for a few months yet but when he can he's afraid Jr. will have to come along, that is if you don't mind.

You can have my fur coat. It's hot as "h (shoes)" here & getting hotter every day. Dunk says now he knows how hot it is in hell so he's decided to start to church. Do you go down there? I haven't gone since I left home & I'm ashamed of myself. Don't tell anyone. Mom might send Dr Kelly out here.

I wish the kids would get home now that the war's over. I'll be so glad to see everyone again. I'm planning on coming home for a month next year but if I ever get home I'm afraid I'll never leave. Jr. likes Ohio too. I've got him trained already.

Well, my favorite football player, must say au-revoir for now. Be you later. Did you hear the All-Star Game? I did. My side lost. Bye now.

Lot of Love, Betty