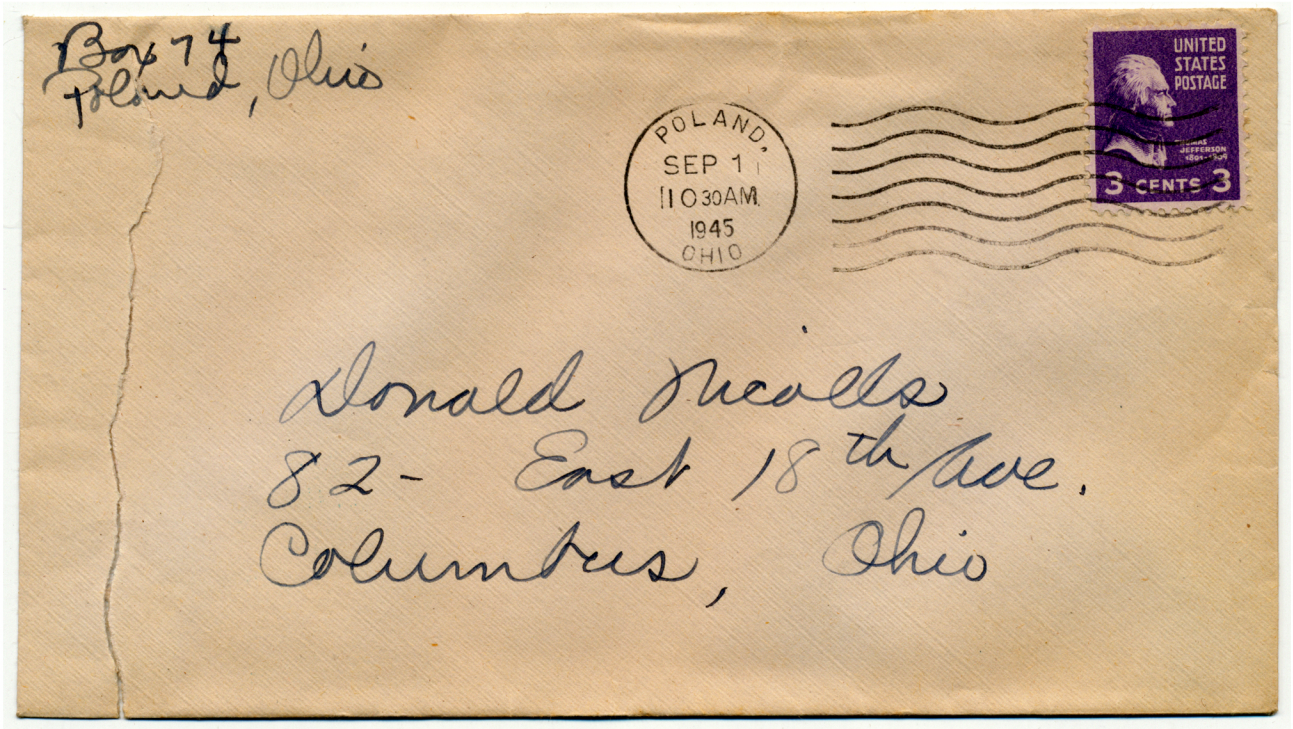
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Sat. a.m.
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Dear Buck,

I can't bear the thot of you probably snoring for all you're worth about now & me — been up for an hour already. But — I don't envy your 9:30 a.m. & 4 P.m. routine so — let's all be happy with things as is, shall we? I wouldn't mind reporting with you for meals tho' — glutton that I am. Let me know what they feed you then, huh?

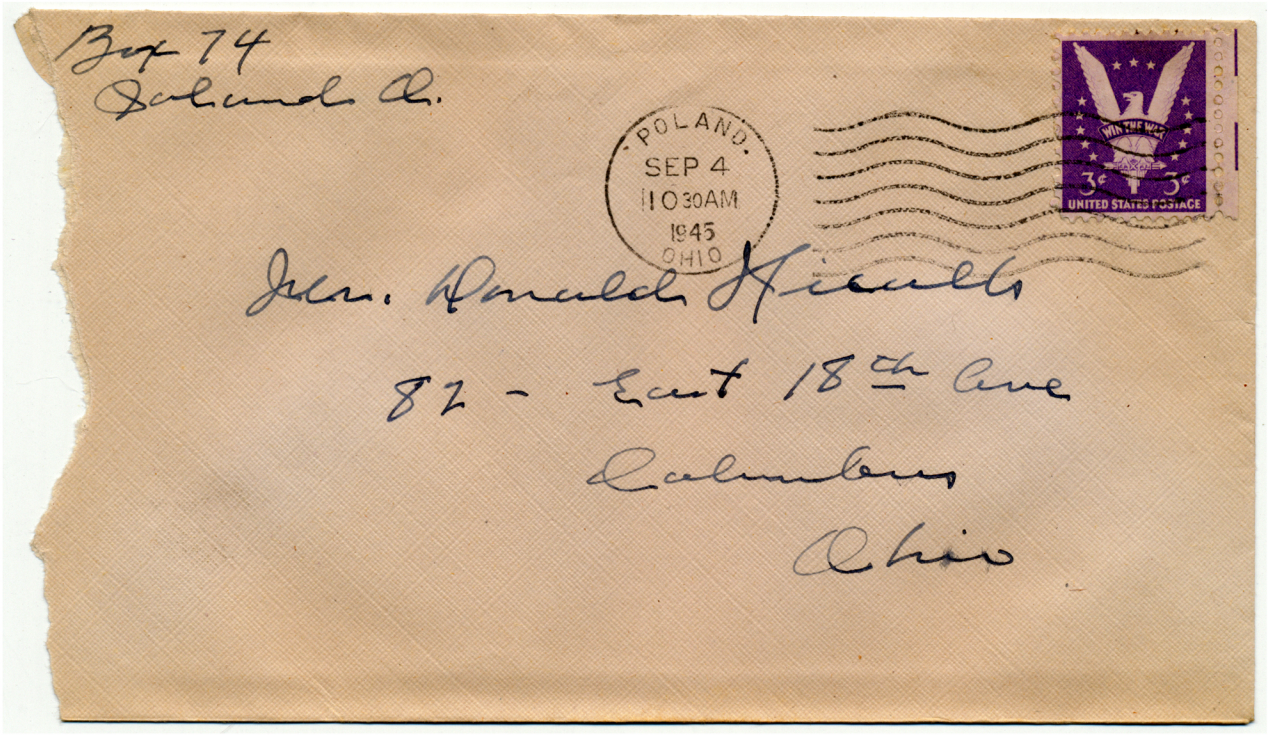
Did you tell that mean ole Sgt. that you're laundress was a nice lady (??) but she was slow in the head? Just so you got your money — when dealing with those guys remember the old adage "Sticks & Stones may break my bones but names can never hurt me!"

You must have been listening to that — — what's the name of it Ignorance Please? Program — considering those silly questions. Here's one for you — "which bird can fly backwards?" and it's a true fact — not a catch. I spose you already know, huh?

Another thing who in your house would be going home — aren't they all f.t. players? Or do you mean other guys come in. I don't wonder

Mrs. B. gets 'funny' the way you guys carry on. I'll send pillowcases in your laundry bag - which incidentally arrived yesterday P.M. Fri. already - so sorry about my "bobby sox" getting in with yours - just don't know how it could have happened. I think I'll wash Mon. per usual. Dad says if its nice hill paint all day & skip the Fair but I'll be willing to beh my last shiny penny hill be in the grand stand when they yell "Theyre Off." We plan to leave about 7 tomorrow morn. for Cville & come back early in the eve 'cause Art is going to wash tomorrow eve & I spose go on from there then, & anyhow Ruth will be home in the afternoon. Of We were hoping Dave would call last night saying he was coming home but - no word so far. ~~Well~~ I don't spose he could make it on a 48 but he that he might get an extra day. Did I tell you about Gene getting ours & gwen's letters in the wrong envelopes? I got one & the other morning & when I opened it saw "Darling" so I shut it real quick - (I did so - Ida saw me) & put it in an env. & sent it to her but she hasn't sent ours yet. Gotta be at work in an hour so By's now. Love Mom.

So sorry - didn't get addresses nor Sarbonis yet but I will - you'll see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Orland Ohio
Sept. 3 - '45

Hello Don.

Well at last will get you a letter out for I have really been busy with my painting have both sides and back of the house done and a little on the front I painted all day until after 5 P.M. when I ran out of paint but it looks real good and hope to finish it this week.

Today we really hit the jack pot for we received letters from Betty, Bob, Dave, & from Eugene and yours so here goes Betty says she likes L. A. and the weather is nice and warm only cool at night, Bob wrote a long letter saying about him and some of them going deer hunting and they have eleven to go and that day they got three and had deer steak for supper but says nothing about coming home. Dave says they are going on a cruise down around S. America and he has been made R. M. 1c and hopes to get home when they get back says they will not be gone long, and Eugene says they go swimming real often, and have talking

about the high waves and also how warm it is down there says they have quit training so does not know what is next, and Ruth got back from the lake yesterday and her face is rather red and she has a funny looking nose.

Saw by paper down Sea Hawks have canceled all games and am going to close up that base also Harbett will not get to play and the Coach took Cowlings from end to fill his place and his place would be filled by Freshmen so maybe you got a break at last.

We went out to Orville yesterday and had a good Chicken dinner and a nice visit with them and Arthur goes back tomorrow that about all the news so I am going to have a good smoke and go to bed.

Your Dad
Carl.

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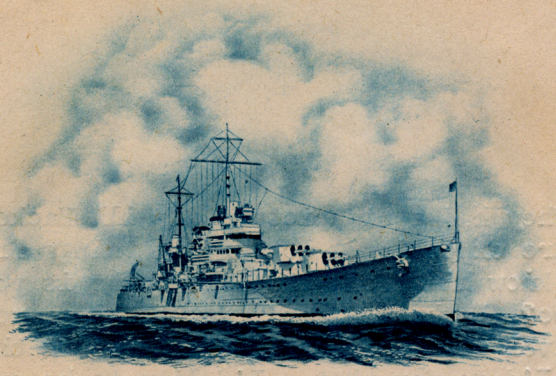


U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

Newport, Rhode Island
Monday, Labor Day

Dear Don,

I got your letter of the 25th the other day so I'll answer it this evening while I have some time. I've been falling behind on my mail so thought this would be a good time to get caught up before we leave here on our next trip.

Our skipper told us after the inspection Saturday that we were going out again on a cruise for about a month. He didn't say where we were going but we have ideas. He said that the USS Providence will relieve us here with this training duty and then we'd be going out for 3 to 4 weeks on a trip that, as he put it, would be more interesting and fun than a leave home (what a damned lie that was), also that this trip would cost any of us several thousand bucks if we were to take it as a civilian in peace time. We think we're going to South America to Rio or Racife, Brazil. We haven't the slightest idea why though and a fellow put up a sign on the Exec's bulletin board "Is this trip really necessary?" He also said that when we come back we'll probably go into a Navy Yard and decomission the ship. So..... a lot should happen in the next month or so.

I had Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday off so several of us went to Boston and had a good time. I couldn't get home like I wanted to because the Exec wouldn't grant anything but the regular liberty. We saw Stan Kenton Saturday night and then yesterday afternoon we went out to the ball park and saw the Braves and the Phillies play a double header.

I called home yesterday and only Ruthie was home. The folks had gone to Grandma Nic's and Ruthie had just come back from a vacation at the lakes. If all goes on schedule and we do get the leave that we should when we get back from the trip maybe I'll be able to make it home for the Ohio-Wisconsin game. I'd sure like to see it and take Marian down there to see us lick them. It should be a push-over for you guys. The games I'd like to see this year is State vs Minnesota or Michigan. I was reading a football annual and they were giving all the dope on the teams and you guys and Minnesota seem to be the favors in the Big Ten.

They had a big picture of Bill Hacket on the cover and I guess they are expecting a lot of big things from him this year. I suppose you know him "Pois-en-ally." Who is your roommate, one of the players too? Maybe you won't get to play much this year Buck but if you can travel with the team and just be on the team is really something. Heck, I'd go for that. I'd like to be on the team just to get the physical exercise you guys get. I think right now a couple of good rough work-outs would kill me.

I finally got my second class after waiting all this time. I was supposed to get it when I came back from school but I've been screwed three time because of changes in plans etc. but finally the first of this month it came through. It's the same as a S/Sgt. and I draw about 115 dollars a month.

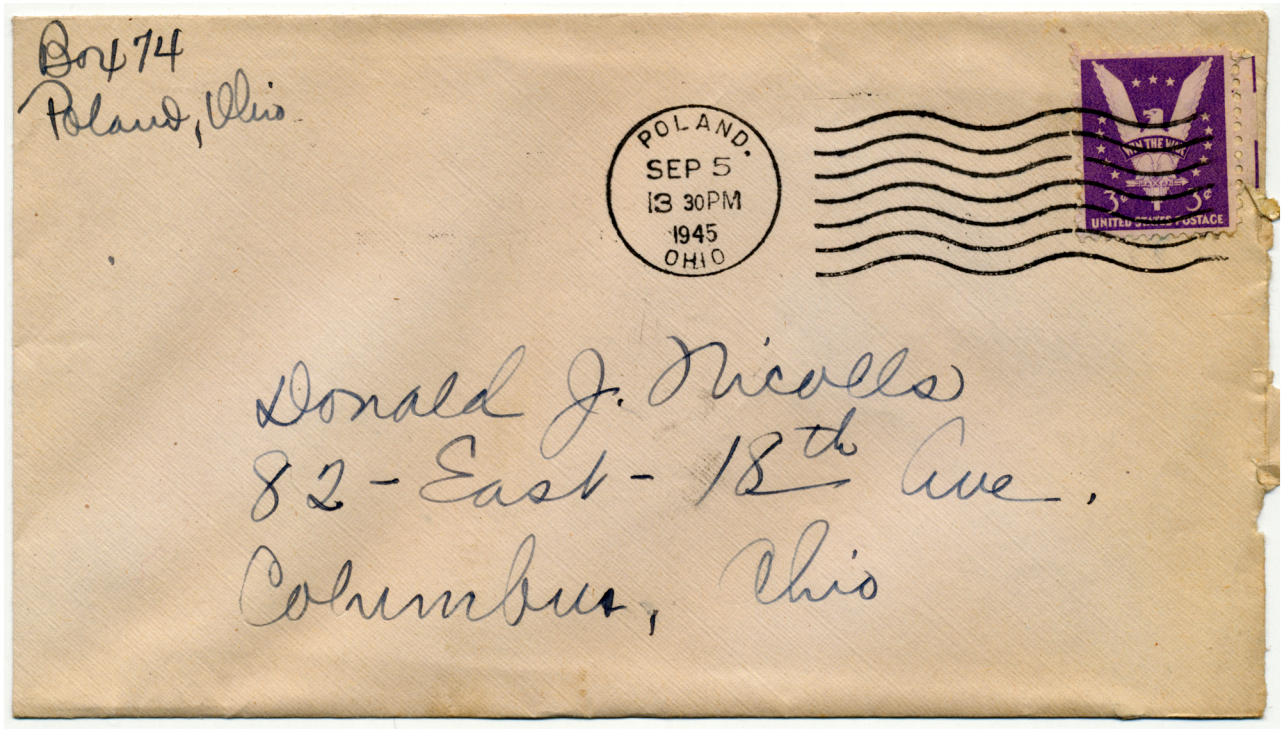
They've lifted the censoring of our mail now so we can write and say anything we want now. I always did hate to write a letter knowing someone was going to read it after. Marian knows I think too for it's hard as the devil to try to make love through letters especially when some jerk is going to read them before they even get to the one they're intended for. Another thing they allow now is that when Navy personnel is on liberty or leave they can wear civilian clothes.

You sounded like you were in trouble when you had to drill the boys. I got a good dose of that at Madison for I was a section leader and had to march the section everyplace we went. When we were in Malta last summer we had a lot of marching and drilling and I had to drill the Marines once and I really gave them hell.

I guess I'm out of news for now Buck so I'll close for now and write a few other letters I want to get written before we leave. Write when you can and send the news and I'll try to write you as often as possible. Best of luck to you and hope to see you soon.

Your brother,

Dave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Wed. a.m.

Dear Buck,

Forgive me if I just write a note — I'm ready to go to town & didn't get any letters written this morning but I don't want you to think you're forgotten by any means, but I've fallen down on my correspondence a little lately. I'll catch up again. I just called Fowler's again — had the wrong ones last week & then couldn't get them last night so when I called now — "the old boy" himself answered. Yep, just got home a half hour ago, says he'll probably be home for a few weeks so he'll see you Tues. when you're home for sure. Therefore I didn't get his address. But here's Dale's

~~Geo. K. Dale~~ (~~[illegible]~~ (wrong guy) I also got Bill Heim's address for Gene.

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N. T. S. (Radar Operators)
Point Loma
San Diego 54, Calif.

I talked to Mr. so didn't ask him anything only the address.

I also finally sent your Carbone's yesterday. Just slow that's all!

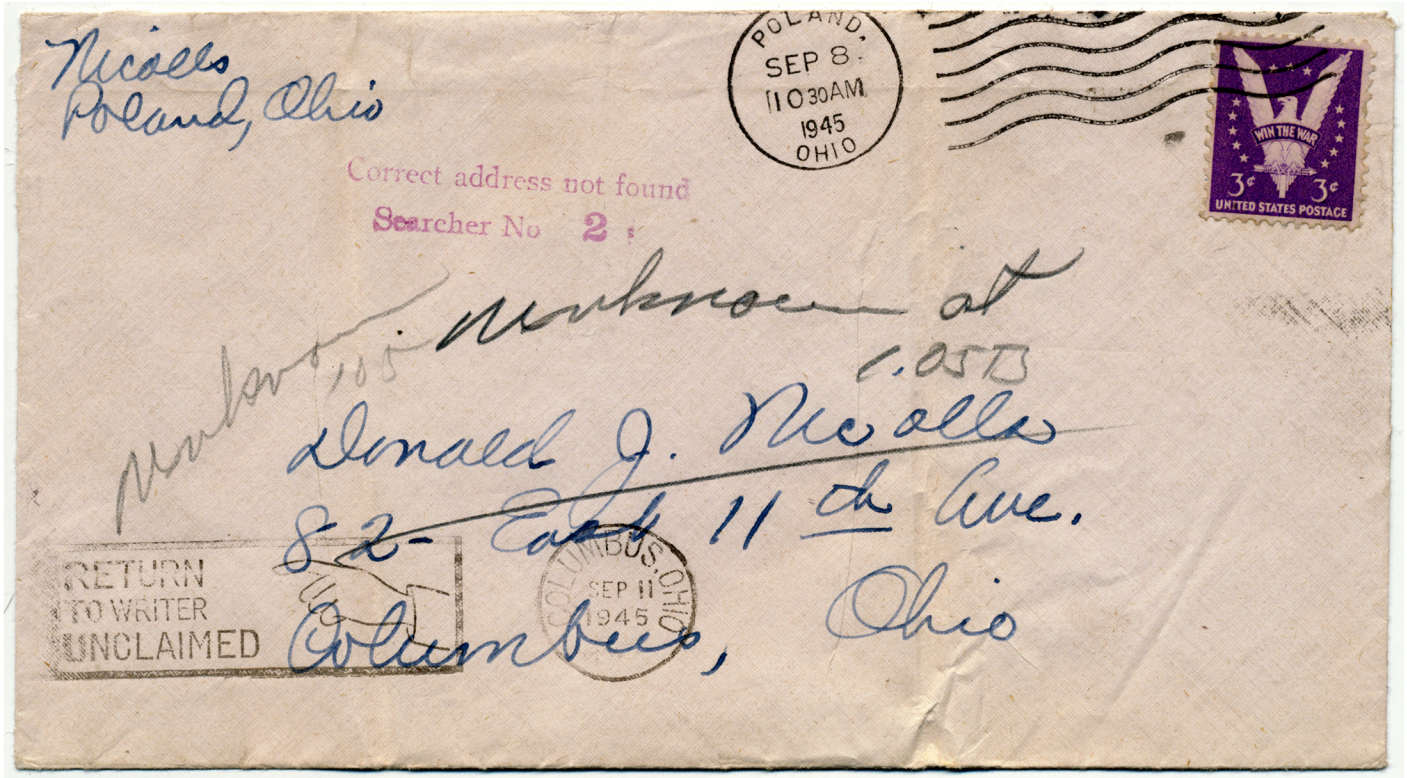
I spose Dad told you about Dave. We got a letter he wrote in Boston & he doesn't know where they're going but thinks its Brazil but says the Exec. said it would be more interesting & fun than a home leave. He said that brought plenty of booooos, but he told them it would be worth several thousands dollars of civilian life! And they'll get as long leaves as possible when they get back in a month or so. Dave says it sounds very much like they intend to de-commission the Philly.

I can't wait for that pic of my favorite football man! Betty wrote a very excited letter telling about hers.

gotta go now. more soon and better yet see you soon

Love Mom.

Bob's deer - hunting most every day. he says.



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COLUMBUS, OHIO
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Friday eve.
Sept. 7th.

Dear Buck

I'm swooooning! and it's not over Frankie — it's over "Dannie"! Technicolor likeness of same received and do I like it! All I want now is — guess — the original subject from which the likeness was taken. Get it? ("got it, Daddy" ever hear that?) ← Weinbergers Drug Store adv.

All foolishness aside I'm very proud of the picture. Right now you're all I have here on the desk. Annie "borrowed" my boys" last night to take to the office and show the girls. I sent one of your small ones along — they should see this one.

The record came thru o. k. too. Ruth had carried home the laundry case after school and had the record & picture out before I got home from Grandma's. I can start the wash early Mon. morning since I have yours already so will get yours ironed & ready for you to take back along if you want to. You'll come up Mon. night, won't you? I was wondering if you can get that 6 bus, tho'. I'spose I'll hear before long. Even

if it's 2 or 3 a. m. - I'll come get you at the station. Just say when and I'll be there or call when you get there if you change your plans. Mr. Barton asked today if you'd be home this week-end. You're going to have a busy birthday. Have your menu planned for your birthday meal ~~and~~ if before you get home & if it's available you shall have it - even if it's one of my spring roosters! I didn't get you any present - didn't know what you'd want - if there is anything at all you want just tell me & not saying you'll get it! ~~Would~~ I'll try to get a good meal for you any how. What'll it be steak or meat loaf or? And would you like pumpkin pie? You mentioned that a couple times.

So Margie has moved? That's sad. Didn't she explain why? To her Dad in Louisville?

Tell you what — I'll save these questions for Tues. in case I have a few moments with you then. I don't get the "9 days to go" on your letter — only 3 now.

Tell them best of luck & love Mom.

Lee, you can wear it in two.

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Mon. A.M.

Dear Buck,

I'd sure like to see you kicking that football around too. I want you to keep in practice so when I bring Jr. home you can teach him a few tricks. Dave says if he gets home around Oct. 13 he's coming down to see you slay. Sure hope he makes it. To tell you the truth I don't think these fellows out here know what a football or baseball look like. You never hear about their teams so as far as they get must be the backyard. I'll still take the Clev. Indians & Ohio State any day.

Dear Sir:

I'm so glad your problem is solved, at last. I lay awake nights wondering if the women have caught you get. They won't get a bad catch when they do so I'm warning you watch out. If a girl speaks to you, answer her — if she winks, wink back — if she trips you, trip her too but if she goes Woof & Woof then run like h. —

Sincerely Yours,

Mr & Mrs Anthony

We went to a "Industry on Parade" show last night & saw — guess who — the one & only Dagwood. He looks & acts exactly like he does in the movies & on the radio. His real name is Arthur Lake but he looks exactly like the Dagwood in the paper. He didn't bring "Blondie" & the rest with him

though. Also we saw an army dog act. Three messenger dogs went through some obstacle courses & they're really good. They seemed to enjoy climbing, etc. That is, all except one & his trainor had to practically get down on his knees & beg him to do what the others did. They even had an attack dog & one of the soldiers put on a big heavy suit & had the dog attack him. They're really vicious & I never thought the fellow would get out alive. They won't let go 'til the trainor tells them by a sharp command.

Did I tell you we were in Hollywood the other day & saw "Slapsy Maxie's", "Brown Derby" & oodles of other places where movie stars meet.

We saw Incendiary Blond too & I liked it a lot. You fellows need someone like her on your football team. You'd never lose a game, believe me. It would be a one-sided game though 'cause if she got the ball all you wolf's on both sides would chase her. We saw G. I. Joe too & don't miss it. It's sad but really good.

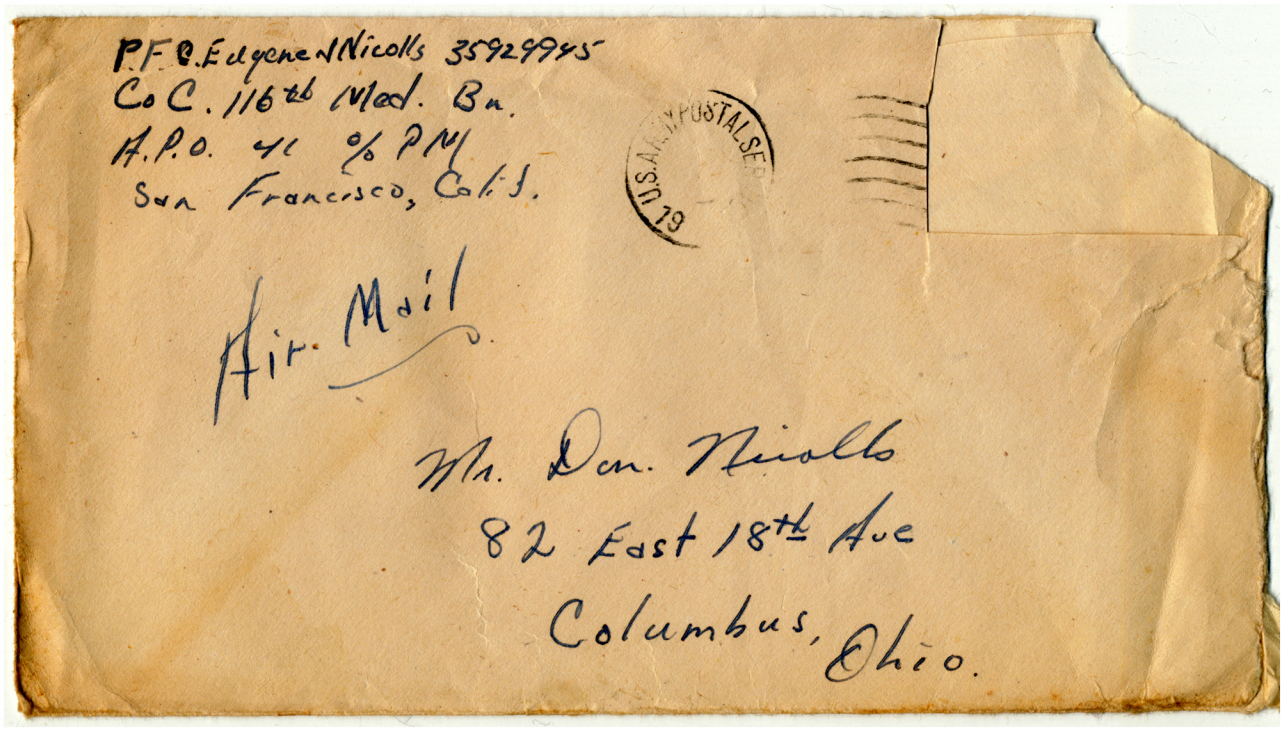
I hear Ruth was at the lake for a week. I wrote & told her to tell me all about it. I'll bet she had a wolfing good time.

Must leave you now.

'Til next time

Love,

Betty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Zamboanga, Mindanao.
Wed. Sept. 11, 1945

Hello Handsome.

First of all Buck, I want to wish you a happy birthday and many more to come, and also hope to tell you stay out of the army. Not that I don't like the army, but now that you're in college and on the football team I'd like to see you go places. May sent me a picture of you in your football suit, and you really look sharp. Keep me well informed how you're coming out down there because there are a couple of us "Buckeyes" that are well interested in Ohio State. One of them comes from Columbus.

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I'll bet its really great to go down and say "Fill ex up". I sure wish I could be doing that now. Maybe some day in the far future I will. One never knows

I'm glad you and your girl are getting along fine "back". I haven't had a letter from mine in 3 weeks and believe me its hell. I don't know what the trouble is. I'm getting now as tho I don't give it down. When I get back I'll start all over from scratch again.

From what I understand the folks really celebrated the ending of the war. All we could do here was get drunk (in which

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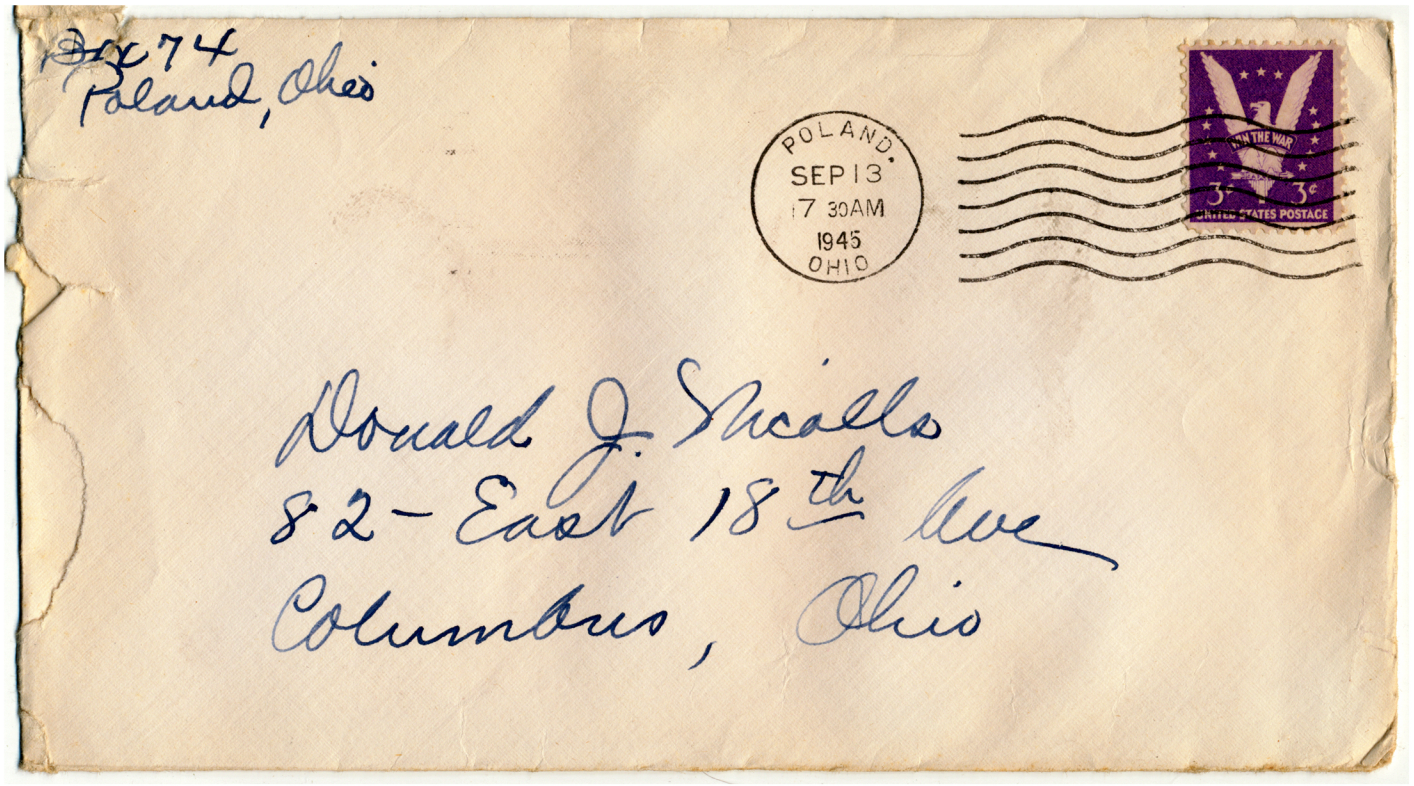
did not do) and make a lot of noise. We had a fearsome in the mess hall about midnight tho and then took the next day off.

Back the mosquitoes are chewing me to ~~pieces~~ ? bits (I can spell that) so I think I'll chase and go to a show. Not much more to say my ~~[illegible]~~ way but when ensemble is lifted I'll really give you the dope. Write when you get a chance and I'll do the same.

your brother
Gene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Wed. P.m.

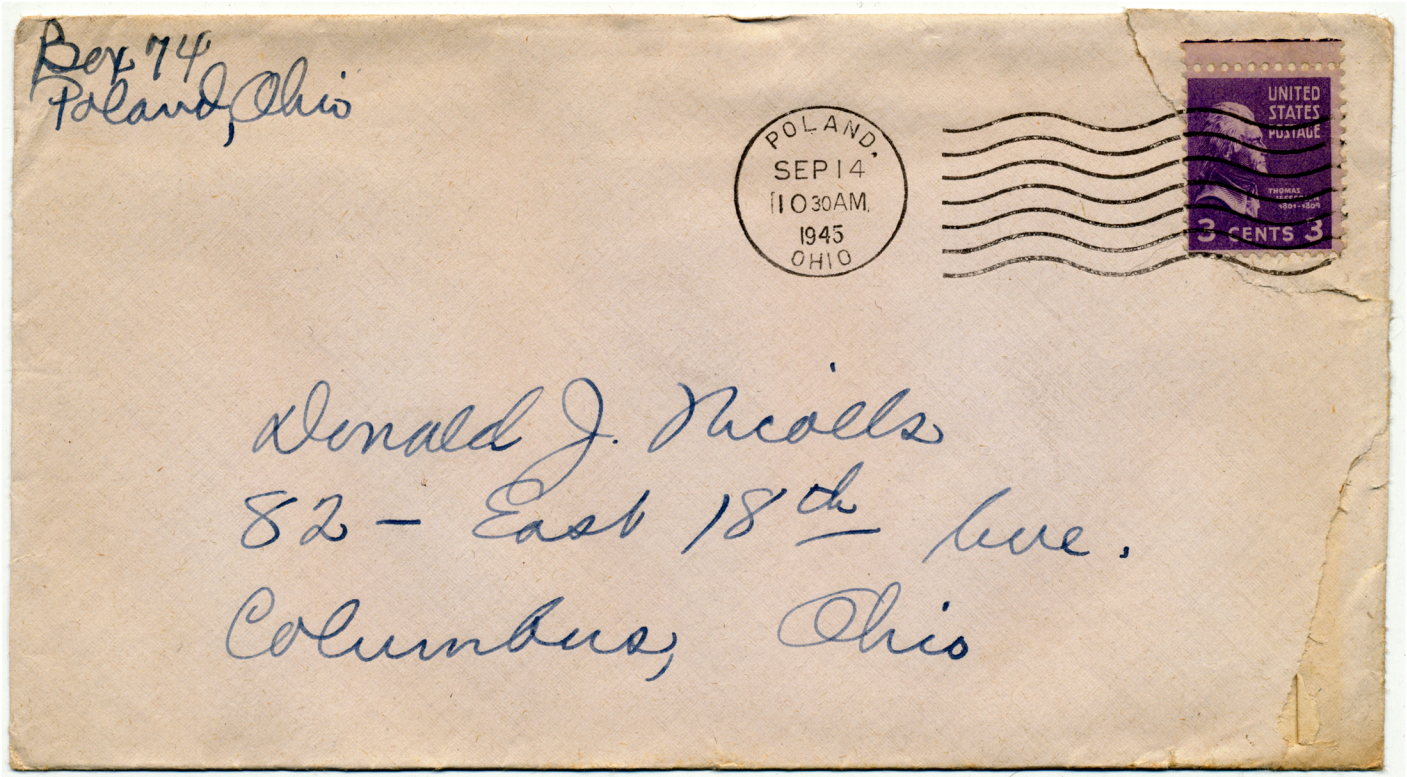
Dear Buck,

Its a good thing I put a return address on my letters. I kept wondering why you didn't know about 1. the record coming thru O.K. — 2. annie having the fits, etc. You didn't seem to remember that I had written all that. Well how could you When the letter was hunting all over Columbus for you. O, well, if I never make a worse mistake than that — it won't be too bad, will it? after all with all the numbers in these 5 addresses and my lame-brain I'm bound to get them mixed once in a while.

How did you sleep on the bus? Or did you? Or maybe you slept in this morning. no? Ill bet it was a lot more comfortable in your FB outfit today anyhow. I could stand a fire in the furnace. Instead I expect to make gene some cookies & maybe Ill keep warm at that. He asked for some in one of his letters.

We got a picture of Betty & Dunk and the Texans she talks about, in the mail today. It's real good, even Dunk. Also a letter from her & one Bob wrote the 16th of Aug. just now getting here & air-mail, too. He said Bob Hope had been there the night before but he didn't see him but the fellows all said he was good. He noticed two Jerry kids sitting near by and pointed to them & said "That Crosby sure has a lot of boys!"

I got a pamplet from Ohio State today that I sent for on "Opportunities for Veterans" - to show Dave in case I can get him interested if he gets out before long. Helen Shipp was telling me this morning that Jack Bryant came down to see her last night & wrote up a big long piece for the paper about his experiences etc. And she says he seems a little - shall we say touched on the subject - tho, as she says if he went through all that he could hardly be expected to be entirely sane after. Maybe going to school will help him. Keep his mind occupied. Bye for now, Love, Mom.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"Big Dow Day"
Sept. 14-'45

Friday a.m.

Dear Don,

Yep, that's right! All the football players went to school this morning dressed in their best suits, white shirts & blue neckties! In honor of Big Don! We'll hope it will help them win their game too. I want to see that game. It rained all last eve. but is a nice sunny morning — lived on! The sun just went under a cloud — I hope it comes out again.

Got your Wed. letter & glad to hear you got some sleep on the way down. Hope your cold leaves you as ~~soon~~ quick as it came. This sleeping in buses isn't so good. I'm sending your laundry back today. I washed yesterday 'cause my slacks weren't ready to iron as I expected & the way they look they won't be ready till next Mon. so I won't wash them.

I suppose you've heard Dick Fisher is saying he expects to come back to the team Don't we think he'd graduated but guess he couldn't have. Says he expects to be released around

Sept. 15th. The teams will be made if he gets back on, I'spose and they'll probably push my favorite player clear off the bench then. Hope not. I'd like to see you get a chance, but of course I'll have to admit Fisher will probably be an asset to the team. If he gets to playing Ivan Blackman will be going to all the games.

Had another letter and sad sack news from Bob written Sept. 3. Still deer hunting & no news as to what they'll do next.

Ruth is in a big dither today. Ken from Pasadena is coming down this p.m. — She says her mind's in a whirl — she can't even think. Oh me!

Haven't heard from Dave yet. Sure am getting anxious to know where he's gone.

Bye for now
Lotsa Love
Mom.

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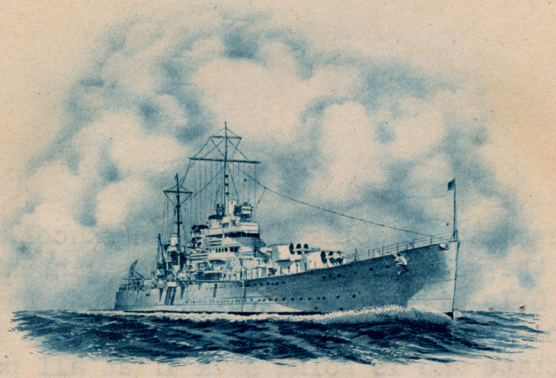


U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

Southampton, England
Saturday afternoon
September 15, 1945

Dear Don,

We had a mail call this afternoon so I'll answer the letter I got from you sent the 4th. Glad to hear from you and things seem to be going fine.

Yes, we dropped anchor in England again. This time it was in Southampton. The reason for this trip was to do some more escorting. The former German luxury liner "Europa" has been taken over by our Navy and they have put it into running order up in Bremerhaven, Germany and today she's supposed to come down here and we're going to escort her back to the states where they will repair her and put her on the seas again.

We had a very dull trip over. We left Newport, R.I. a week ago last Thursday and it was pretty rough most of the way over and the ship rolled more than I ever saw it do before since I've been on her. You seldom went topside for the water was coming over the maindeck all the time and there was a great possibility of being washed overboard. No I didn't get sick but I got darn tired of walking at an angle all the time.

We anchored off the town of Portsmouth last night about a thousand yards from the S.S. Queen Elizabeth. She sure is a wopper of a ship and looks like a big office building when she's lit up at night. This morning we got underway and came up the river to Southampton and tied up in the Navy Yard here. We're to be here less than four days so they say and then we'll head back.

Tomorrow I have liberty and I'm going to London for the day. It's only about 60 miles from here and you can make it in about an hour and a half by train. Half of the crew went today and the rest of us are going tomorrow. I'm really getting around Europe lately it seems.

We should be back in the states by the end of the month and I still don't know if we'll get leave or not but I sure hope so. It seems ages since I've been home. I'd sure like to get home to see a game at state.

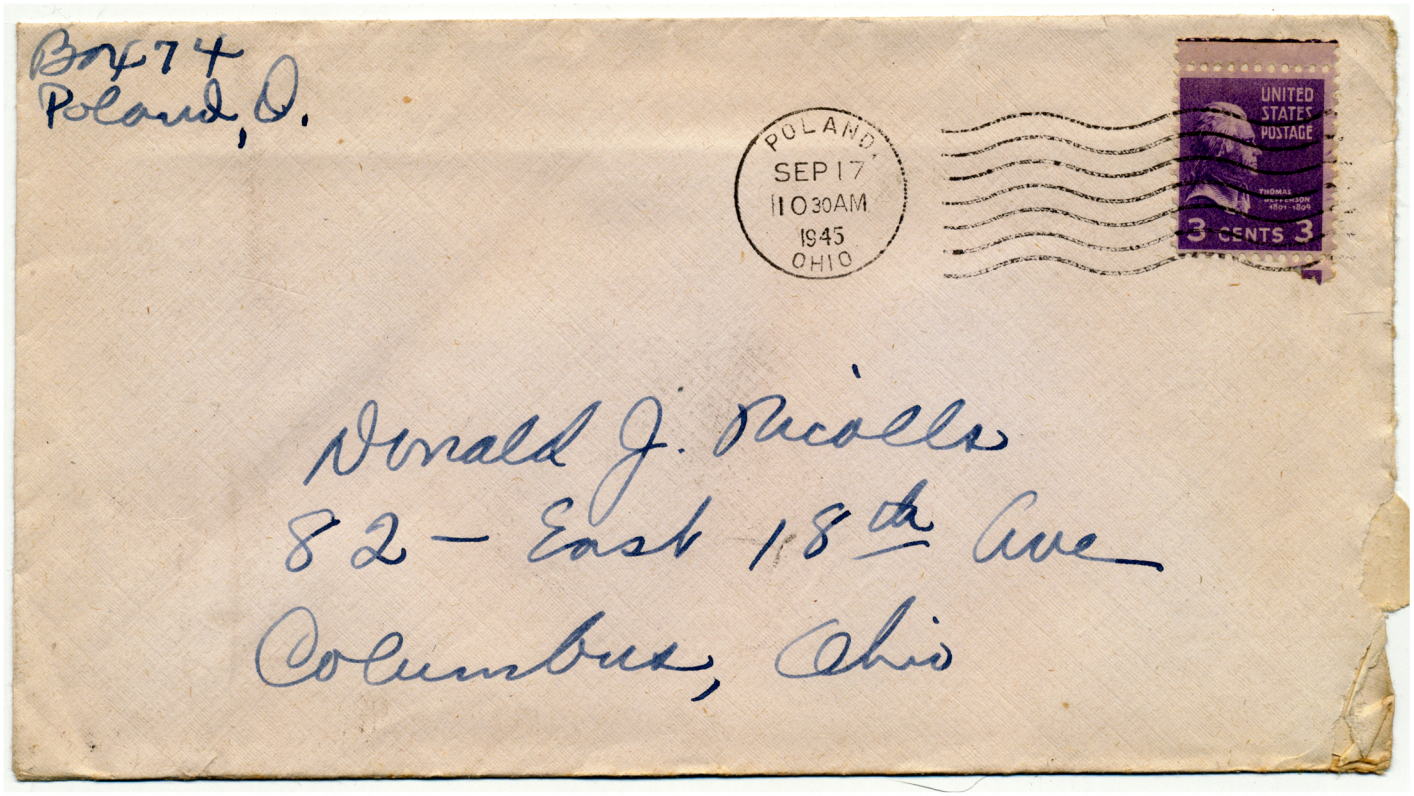
You seem to be doing alright in school and on the team Buck. Keep up the good work. I have every intention to go to college on the G.I. bill when I get out of the Navy and Goddballet has been buzzin' my ear on the idea for the past few months. He had a year at State and is going back if at all possible. He's married now but thinks he can get along O.K. even though the money you get from the government isn't a lot. I may do the same thing for it's a cinch I want to. I think a guy that takes advantage of the education is way ahead of the next guy. How about asking some of your ex-service friends to give you the dope on it and passing it along to me. I may want to get married one of these days too.

Say Buck, Mom and Betty have written telling me about the swell pictures they have received of you in your football togs and I've been boasting to the gang about my brother who is on the Ohio State football team and I'd like a picture to show them. How about it....do you have any around that you could send me? I'd sure like to have one.

Well Don, I guess this is all for now. We just had another mail call and I've hit the jack-pot with nine letters so far this afternoon. Write when you can and I hope that I can get to see you one of these days soon. Best of Luck, Buck.

Your brother,

Dave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Monday a.m.
Sept 17

Dear Buck,

A cold, dreary Monday morn. It will be more comfortable for your practice but I hope Mrs. B. puts a little fire in the furnace for you if it's as cold as it is here. Only one practice today?

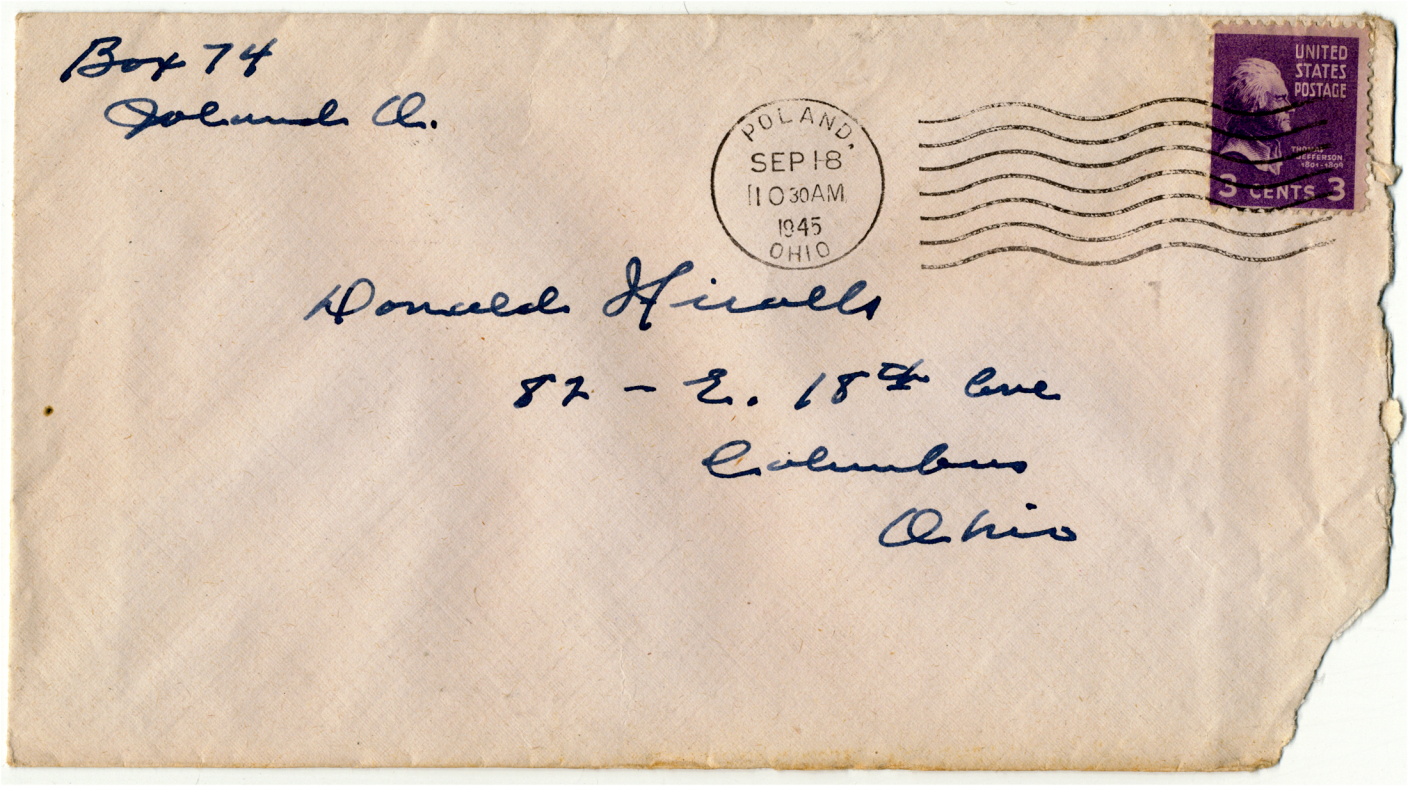
Say you should have Ruth's friend from Ashtabula on your team to block. He weighs about 210# now + says he's lost some weight — wow! what he must have looked like before. He's really a nice looking guy + acted like a nice fellow — Ruth said - a little on the Bill Stewart style + there was some resemblance but he was alright except we think he was going to stay all night — he came at 3:30 in a taxi from yo. + had supper here then they went to a show + stopped at Lois' party + picked up Barbara + brot her home along. I asked her if he didn't care. She said 'no, he's like Bill S. — the more the merrier!' Then he missed the 12 bus — didn't try to get it since it was 12:25 when they got back

so then he got a taxi to come get him & it was a long, long time before it came. So, Ruth's been catching up on sleep ever since. He brought her a lovely bracelet and gave her his grad. ring to keep — ahem! He's leaves to work for Uncle Sam today.

I guess you've read in the Vindi (let me know when it runs out again — I forget) about the ~~So~~ Fri. Roland game. Pretty good start, eh? It rained the whole game & they kept right on & sure messed up those pretty suits. Pudge played a little — they put the 3rd string in at the last — I had gone over to Grandma's but Mary said it was funny — they slid around & dropped the ball & every thing. Sure hope it's a nice day this Fri.

Dave called — no — we got a cable-gram from him Sat. nite "Arrived in Southampton, England Home the last of the month. See you then!" Do we dare hope we really will see him in Oct? Sure hope so. What dyou s'pose he's doing over there unless he took Jimmy Bynes over?

Gene's got a stripe now. P.F.C. More news as it comes in. See you Fri. eve love, Mom.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Hello Don.

This was a cold and wet day and my afternoon of and didnt get very much done only put some storm windown on and then was rain inside.

We had a letter from you today also from Bob. and Aunt Marian and she sent a clipping from their Chicago paper about Ohio State foot ball team and she said Joe could not believe you were 6:2 and weighed 182 also made the team in your first year so am sending it to you but be sure to send it back for we want to keep it.

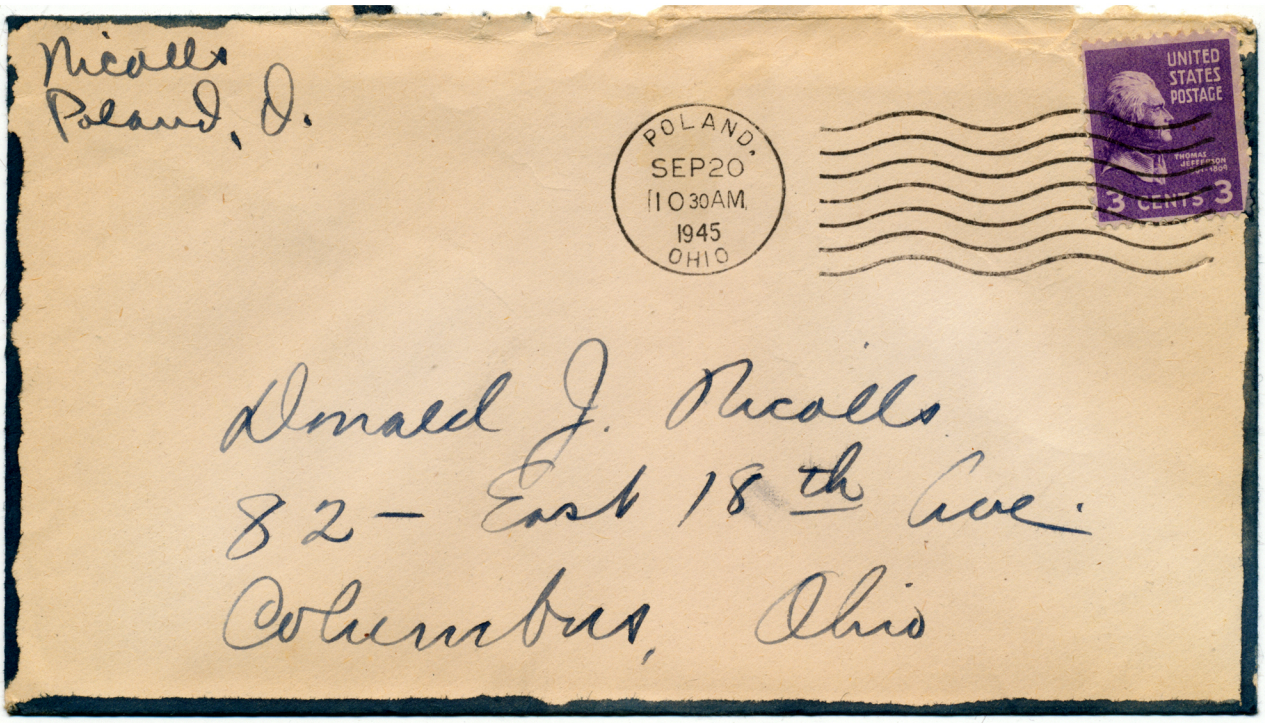
Bob says about the same thing but somehow I believe he will be coming home soon for he said they send home a bunch from his Co. last week and probably he would be next on the list, also had a cablegram from Dove Sat. night saying he was in Southampton near London and would be home the last of this month, and Eugene last letter he is a Jfc now and still we do not know what he is doing.

As you always know last Friday was Big Hon day over at school and Winnie Hadnett was telling me about how all the boys had to wear a suit - a white shirt and a blue necktie and have their combed however I guess that was what

made Oakland win their first game this year.

This will be a big week end for you and you dont have to work Sat for we have plenty of help now so you can do as you please maybe sleep etc. so will be looking for you and let us know what you like to eat steak or roast and we will have plenty for you.

Your Dad
Carl.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Thurs. a.m.

Dear Buck,

Just a note to let you know we're looking forward to your visit with us this week-End. Both your cards received & am now going to the P.I. hoping the laundry is there so I can wash today.

No more news from the family. — Slim mail call — nothing from Gene, Betty or Dave so far this week.

I spose you'll be in around 9:30 Lab. morn? Call the house first & if no answer call the store unless I'm already there when you get in. Love, Mom.

Art got his discharge.

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Mr. Don Nicolls
82 East 18th Avenue
Columbus
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Thurs P.M.

Dear "Buck" alias Glamour Bay!

I heard about your episode in the Columbus papers from mom the other day & I was waiting to hear your account of it. I told you those girls or "babes" are fast workers & you'll be dating them before you know it. Not that I blame them much. I think if I were in their shoes I'd just lasso you & then make you promise to take me out. You know – the Daisy Mae technic.

Well, how's it feel to be a man (?). Here's hoping the Draft Board loses your name or something for awhile. I might see that they do for say a little sum of about $100. How about it? By the way, how's the Don Nicolls loan agency? Any better since I left. It probably had to fold up for lack of customers when I left.

I had a letter from "Mable" this morning plus 100 red points. How I love that

woman!

Do you write to Margie since she left? Also does Ruth, THE WOLF, write very often? I can't get her to write to me. I wrote & told her to tell me all about her vacation at the Lake but she probably thought she might shock me so never wrote. I'll bet they had a "wolfing" good time.

I might (not sure) (uncertain) be home in a month or so. We can't find a good place to live here & everywhere we look its "no children". So ~~if~~ maybe we'll be home but I'm afraid to plan on it. Dunk would like to take an Electrician course at Yoco or Ohio State so I'm giving him the 1-2 sales talk.

Did I tell you we bought a car. A beautiful thing that falls apart with every move. It's a 1937 ~~Olds~~ olds & looks swell from the outside & in but it reminds me of Dad's truck. You know, no knee-action. We're getting 4 new tires, battery (already got it) motor over hauled etc then I'll ride in it. Also it doesn't have a window in the front on the driver's side. Don't tell Dunk I told you. He's still mad about it. Write. Love Betty

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Mr. Donald J. Nicolls
82 East 18th Avenue
Columbus,
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Sept 20, 1945

Dear Don,

Ill write you a letter this evening while I'm in a writing mood. Very seldom that I do much writing. But I do think of you, Don. I received your August 31st and September 10th letters.

Sounds as though you are doing real well at college. Good. Continue to do so. Hope to see you play sometime — probably next year.

Right now we aren't doing much except guard duty. Every other night. Of course, I don't stand guard — just assign it.

Glad to hear that Pudge is on the high school team. He should be dam good.

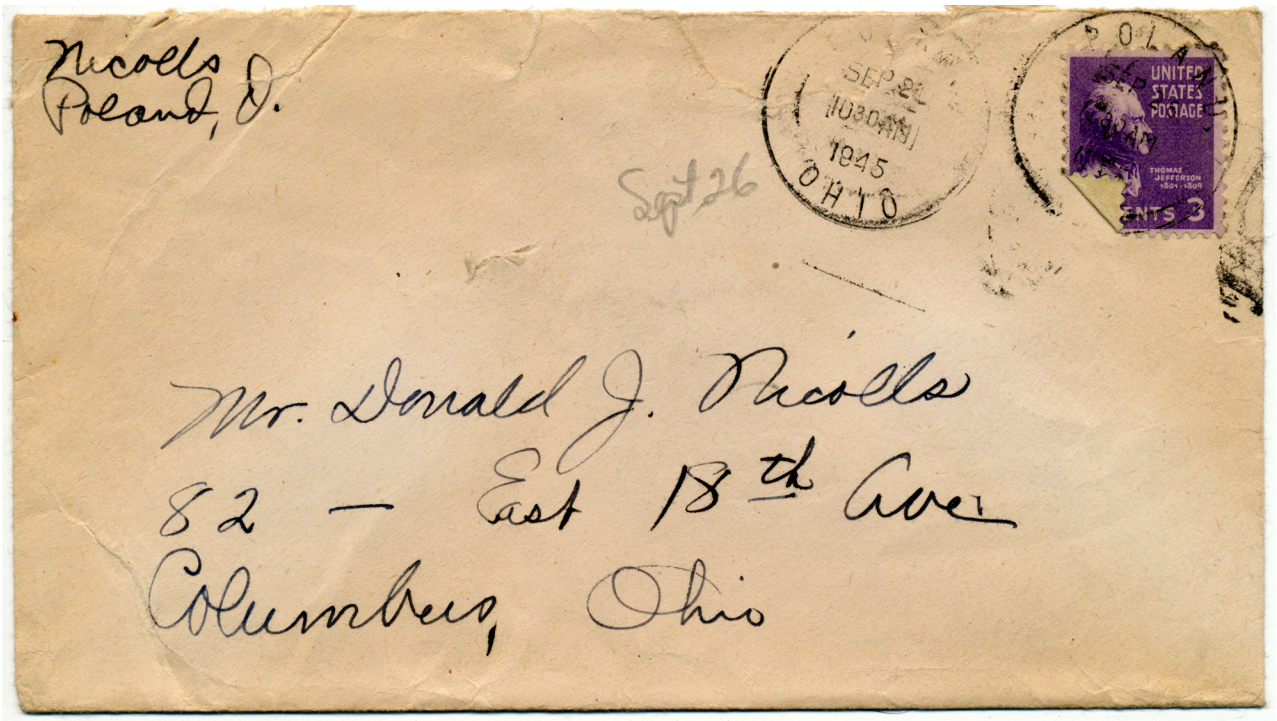
So you're a 'Glamour Guy' now. Hmmm!

I had signed up to go to a college in either Paris or England for music but turned it down. I'd sure love to go but Kelly when a guy has been away from home for two years it's not so easy to stay longer.

Noticed in the paper that Davis ship just left England for the States. Plenty of traveling he does.

Enough for tonight. More later. The best of luck to you, Don. Hit 'em hard and keep climbing.

Your brother
Bob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82 — East 13th Ave
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Wed. morn.
Sept. 26

Dear Buck,

How'd you find things in dear ole Col.? Did Ed find a place to rest his weary head Mon. night? I forgot to send your hankies in the laundry so I'll send 'em this way. In the meantime I hope you don't have to use your sleeve!

Quick check-up on the news! Nothing from Dave yet. I really looked for a call last night. Our paper didn't say if the Philly was with the Europa. So ??

2 letters Sept 4th + 9th from Gene Mon. He was to take a driving test the 10th to drive ambulances. He said "Boy, do they drive smooth". So, I guess that's to be his job.

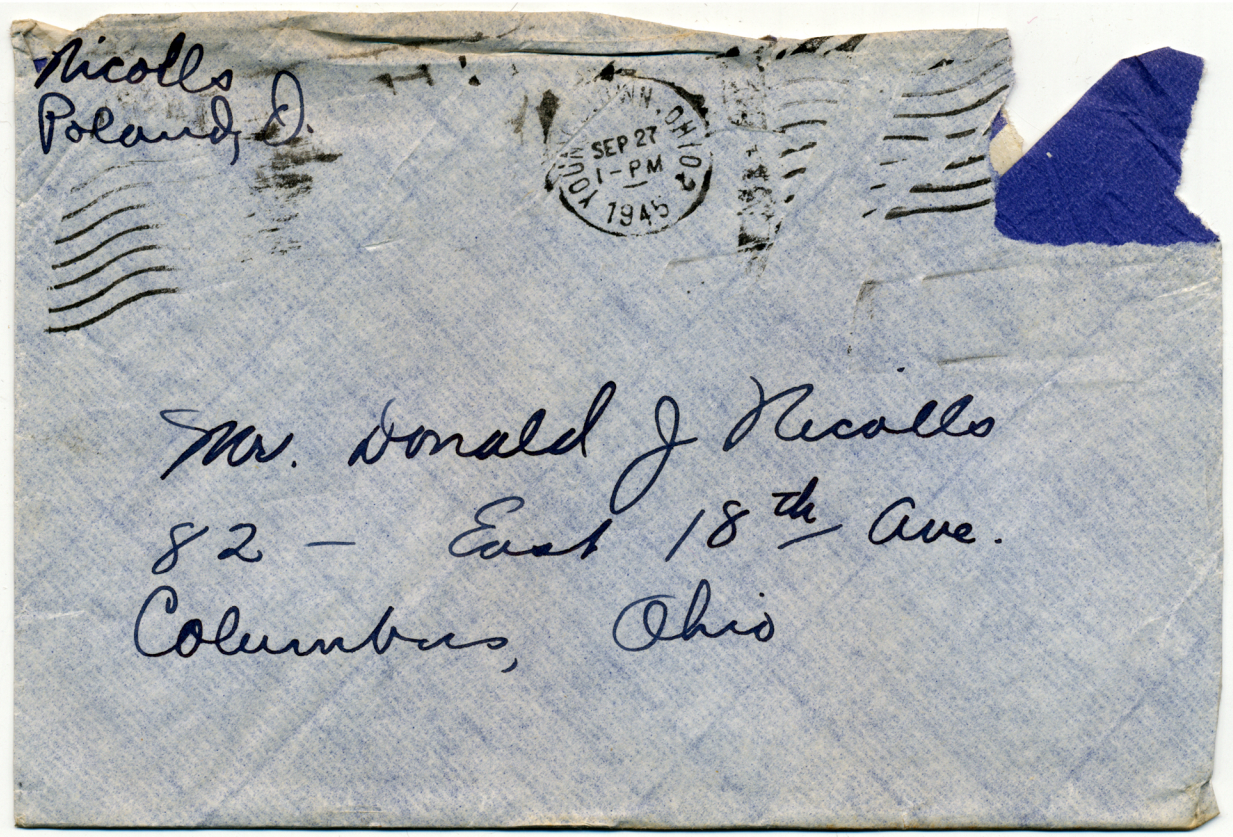
Said they expected to leave for Japan ~~but~~ to go to Hiroshima but ~~they'd~~ ~~been~~ ~~delayed~~ indef-~~initely~~? the trip was called off indefinitely, but they were having classes in Jap language. Also the ants, mosquitos & scorpions were too plentiful.

Nothing from Bob yet and we have been hearing the first of the week - so -? Letter from Betty telling about their car & hearing from Hamilton's. Mr. H. is custodian of a school, now. That's all the news up till now.

Did Mr. Heim get to see you Mon? Why didn't he say he was going down sooner - ! He drove I spose: Called me at 8:15 to ask if you'd gone.

Love
Bye now. Take care of yourself! Mom.

Gene sent a certificate of membership in the Romain of the Golden Fleece Star Crossing the Intr. Date 13 of June 44.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Wed. Eve.
Sept. 26

Dear Don,

Your mon. eve letter received today. Doesn't sound like Mr. Heim got to see you then. Glad Ed found a nice place. Is he far from you? Too bad about your schedule, too. I spose it does look funny to see sailors around — and girls in black dresses. I spose that's the fall 'Ensemble' — Black.

I'm awfully sorry but Dave + I won't be down Saturday. He called tonight + — heavens knows when he'll get home. Thinks he's going to Cuba now. They did bring the Europa back clear into N. Y. harbor then went back up to Ne. News, R. I. Had to wait outside the harbor all night last night till the fog lifted, and were sposed

2. to go back on the same duty but now they were told Admiral — (didn't catch the name — I don't know those admirals anyhow) was coming aboard tomorrow at 11 a.m. & they think they'll be taking him down to Cuba. Then they will be at Phila. for Navy Day Oct. 27 — then — then he thinks they de-commission — but he says "I'll try to get home soon — I just gotta". I guess we're no more anxious than he is. So anyhow we know it won't be for a few weeks.

Guess who asked about you today? Mrs. Kreiter! They are here on a visit. Said the back seat would be empty if I wanted to go back along, & I could come back in a few days, I'd go. More news when I get it. Sall for now. Much love Mom.

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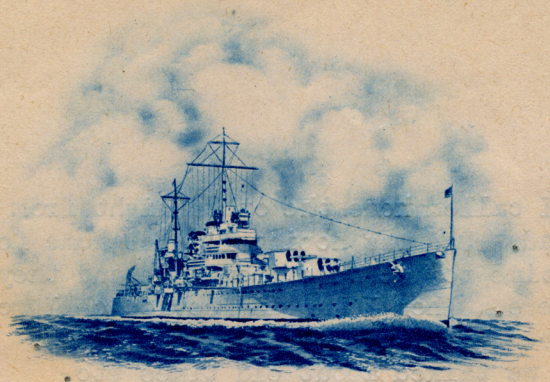

U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

Newport, R. I.
Saturday afternoon
September 29, 1945

Dear Don, (Glamour-Puss),

I got two letters from you when we got back from England so I'll answer them now while I have some time. We've been trying all afternoon to get the Ohio State game on the radio but we haven't been able to pick it up. We've been getting the scores though and right now you guys have them 27-0. I sure wish I was down there right now.

We're going down to New York Monday for a week and then to Cuba. We'll be in New York for a week and I think I'll be able to get home for a day or so for we're going there to get some good liberty. After that we're going to Norfolk for two days then to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. We have an Admiral aboard and he has a training command down there and we're going to take him down there for his annual inspection of the place.

We'll be down there for several days then head back for Philadelphia. We are supposed to get into Philly about the 24th and stay there over the 27th for Navy Day. Navy Day is a big day for the peacetime fleet and they are going to have a big ceremony and celebration for a day or so. After that there is talk of de-commissioning so if they do that I'll probably get a leave in November.

If I can get that leave in November there is a good possibility for me to see a couple of games for you have two home games and on at Pitt. I'm going to see at least one if I have to go over the hill to do it. I'd like to get a nice long leave and have Marian down and go to Columbus or Pittsburgh to see a game. I haven't seen a good game in ages.

The other day a Marine on the ship from Columbus came up to me and gave me the article from the Columbus paper showing all you guys on the "All-Glamour Team". It was a pretty good item wasn't it? Mom sent the article about you being on the second team but said you told them it wasn't so. The part where you stepped on some guys hand was right thengh huh? One of the guys said to tell you that's a hell of a way to treat your team-mates.

I called home the other night from Providence and talked to Mom and Dad. Dad was hoping I'd get home for the game today but there isn't time to get home from here and they only give us overnight liberty up here. When I was in Providence I met Jean Lynch and Joan Dankel who are going to an Art College there. It sure was good to see them and we talked about old times etc.

I guess I told you about the liberty I made in London when we were over there or did I? I know I wrote you from Southampton but maybe it was before I went to London. We got there on a Sunday afternoon about 2:30 and left about three that night. We had a lot of fun and saw a lot of the sights such as Big Ben, Westminister Abbey, London Tower and London Bridge, Scotland Yard, and I even went on a little boat trip up the Thames River. Have you ever heard of Piccadilly Circus in London? Well, we had a lot of fun there. I'll tell you about it sometime.

Well Handsome, I'll close for now and go to chow. I hope to see you one of these days and I'm going to try my darndest to see one of your games. I think chances of seeing one in November are very good. Be seein' you ..... Best of Luck .....

Your Brother,

Dave

P.S. Tell that roommate "Glamour Boy" Jim that I said "hello" and don't you two guys forget to put your hair up tonight!! Only kidding Buck, wish the women would bestow some honors like that on me but then .....with my puss?????????

PPS. Here's an old picture I dy (hell I'll start over) Here's an old picture taken in Malta last year of Goddballet and myself.

PPPPPPS.. I just heard you have 47 points now. Take it easy on those farmers. I hope you take Minnesota like that.

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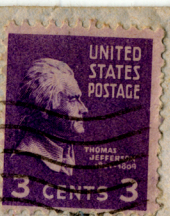

Donald J. Micolls
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Sun. P.m.
Sept. 30th.

Dear Don,

We're wondering how you're feeling today after your first game which was a humdinger, I'd say. Except that it began getting monotonous after the 5 or 6th touchdown. We're waiting to hear if you got in at all. The Vindi says you substituted but I don't know how I could have missed you, cause I listened to every word that man said, or that I did. Tell 'Jimmie' as the announcer called him, he sounded "jerd" in there. I was sure rooting I was in that 20 A section — 17th row. I will be one of these Saturdays. Poland lost 19 to 0. Titch just romped all over them I guess.

Not much news from anyone else, I guess, since I last wrote you. O, yes, we got a card from the draft board. They want you to come down at "your earliest convenience" and have your questionaire notarized, so Dad is going down after he closes tomorrow & see what to do about it. A notary or such has to O.K. it & you have to "swear to it" you know. I didn't remember that the

others did last Dad Day. Yes.
What subjects are you taking
then? Dad had $30 here to send
you so I'll send $20 with this
letter & $10 with the next one.

In the meantime take care
of yourself - will be seeing you
one of these Saturdays. Write me
your bench view of the game if
you have time - maybe you're
doing so today. Don't try to
write when you have so much
studying to do - much as we
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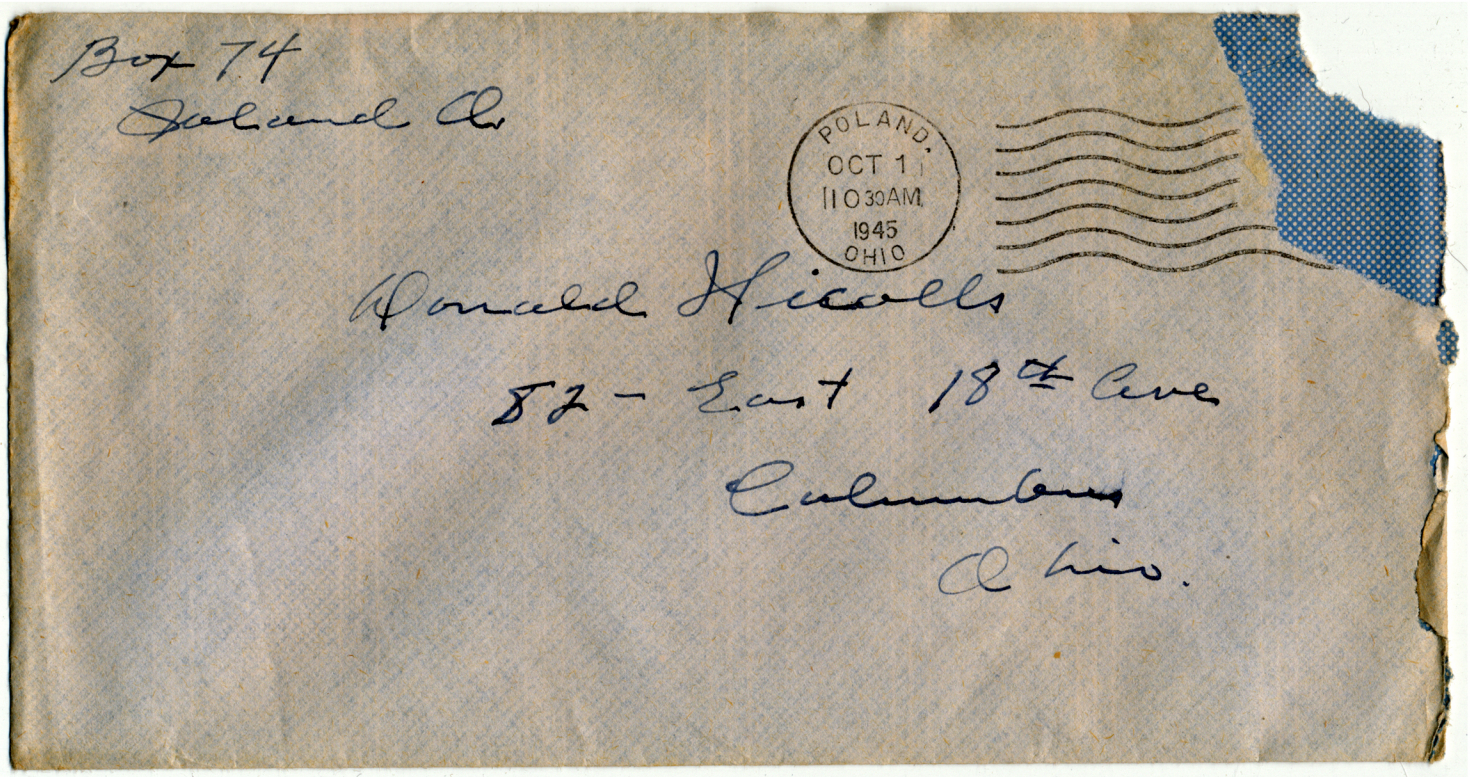
may be harder this quarter.

Bye for now with love

Mom.



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Hello Don.

Second edition and enclosed find ten dollars, Mon sent twenty today and so will mail this in the morning so let us know if you received it OK, was real busy last week and as you were home a week ago I didn't write,

Ohio sure went to town over Missouri Sat and do you think Iowa has much of a team this year, also was surprised N. Dame won over Illinois and Poland lost to Fitch 19-0 last Sat.

We have had lot of rain and cold weather the past week and have our furnace fixed now and a fire sure feels good, that about all the news I have and want to listen to Winkell so hope to see you some of these weekends

Your Had
Carl.