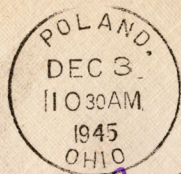


Carl Hicalls  
Soland Co.



Mr. Donald Hicalls  
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Columbus  
Ohio



Dec. 2- '45

Hello Don.

What a dark day this turned out to be and rather cold but I guess we will take what we get from now on.

You got your notice from the draft board yesterday saying you passed but hope that is the last for a while at least, today paper has about twelve names from boards 10 that was sent last week so maybe there will be no call this month.

We had several letters from Don this past week also he called one night from N.Y. and said they would sail again on Dec 6 but a few days delayed on account of a storm which damaged their ship a little, also heard from Bob. and he is in another outfit and doesn't say much about coming home very soon.

Mom is a lot better for last night she came down to eat and today came down at noon and am still down only she says one place still bother her some so will only take time and will have to take it easy for awhile, Grandma comes up through the day and we are getting along real good.



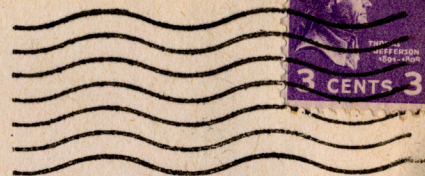
Jim said you could not  
get rubber at the hardware  
so you better try and get some  
down there also if you need  
anything else let us know if  
you cannot get down there also  
when you need money.

That about all the news  
so hope you are all also  
have got rid of your cold  
for there is a lot of flu around  
here.

Your Head  
Carl.

D. L. Howe says he will be home  
a few days around the holidays.





Donald J. Dralls  
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Mon. eve.  
Dec. 3

Dear Don,

Your letter of SSE D + 3 received Sat. P.M.  
Yes, I'll let you <sup>know</sup> immediately when that  
day-gone old notice comes. Your "certificate  
of fitness" has come, declaring Donald  
James Nicolls - order no. 12213 - "~~I~~ physically  
fit, acceptable for general military service."  
As if I didn't know! Let's hope you get to  
wear your sweater a day or so any how  
before you leave. You can parade up &  
down Main St. Poland, eh? I think they'd  
have them already on Bangquet night.  
Such delays about everything!

Grandma's got your washing done but  
she says she doesn't know about that big  
heavy army shirt - getting it ironed.  
Maybe I can help here, we'll take turns at  
it. I told her I also had pants to do these  
the summer which are worse than shirts.  
Have you been getting a package about every  
day? Will try to get most everything in this  
time but it may be a day later. I'm  
still letting other people do the work  
around here. I've been dressed & down-  
stairs a couple days now but seem to  
be slow at getting back to the routine.  
So many folks have the flu now. Rudge  
is down with it now. He played all  
the Reserve game last Fri. nite and  
wasn't feeling good so is really sick today.  
The Reserves won - varsity lost - same  
old story. The Mich. O.S. Program was  
Cassidy, wasn't it?

In numerous sheets of papers - that's why the time all around here - even.



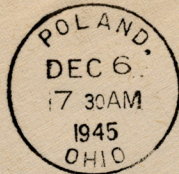
but Jim getting reprints which will be ready wed. Sam & Ray  
I can't imagine who the Marine girl would  
be. I don't know any Connors boy, either.  
The only one I can think of now is the  
Connors who's girl & boy are young 10 + 12  
or so. It couldn't be Jane Martin's family,  
no girls older than Jane & Charlotte's name  
isn't Connors & Rose Ann isn't married so  
— not a very good detective, am I?  
Did you hear from Dave yet? We had  
a nice long letter today. We'd been to  
the program "Detect & Collect" — didn't  
you listen to that with us when you  
were home? Dave said they gave one  
woman 25 prs. of shoes — a map &  
tent & accessories and someone 1000  
of Bananas. We'll be pulling out again  
Thurs. if all's well. Also we had a  
letter from Gene. Said he was going  
to send home a Jap rifle, pistol, Sabre,  
Kimono, & some more "junk". They  
want him to be a mechanic in  
the garage but he said he didn't think  
he knew enough about it but the Sarge  
said he could learn like everyone else  
did. Said his thanks. Turkey had been  
jacked in Aug. 1943, but was good anyway.  
Dad went shopping this P.M. and  
nearly wore himself out getting a few  
socks & hankies. Asked the clerk for shirts  
& she showed him some at \$4.50 and he  
said he told her he only wanted to buy a  
couple shirts not the store. Ruth met him  
after school and he bought her a black  
Chesterfield!  
Excuse me now — I've promised Ruth  
I'll read her Lib. story to her as she says  
it bores her to tears to read it & get nothing out

you would ask for that picture — I sent both the one with me & the one with Ruth to Betty Ann.

#Bye now — much love to all — into it!



Nicolls  
Poland, Ohio



answered  
Sunday  
ago  
over

Donald J. Nicolls  
82 - 18<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Columbus, Ohio



Wed. P.M.

Dear Dear ← the needle stuck - Now,

Your lengthy epistle of Sun.  
morn. rec'd yes-tiddy. I see you got  
tired counting S S E P + ? and any-  
how! Here's what I've figured out.  
I saw the list from Board 10  
including Joe - Humming in the  
paper & they left Nov. 27. Well,  
they would've sent another  
bunch before Dec 27 would they,  
and I don't think they're sending  
them every month cause I don't  
think any have gone since  
Rich had. which was Sept 21.  
So — isn't that a nice way  
to look at it? You will get  
your notice from the Board if  
won't you? You see it used  
to be, you'd go about 3 wks. after  
your shipical but I don't think  
it's that way now. On that  
happy that I will go blissfully  
along until — Wham! one day  
it comes. — but may it be a  
long time.

I have nothing else to do. Even  
my maid is sitting around  
today — work all done.

Why don't you ask people  
their names? Just say Nicalls  
is my name, then he's sposed to



Say "Whifflepoof is mine." See?  
All I know is Ed from Boardman  
goes to I State & got Examined  
when you did. Maybe we  
maniacs" might want to com-  
pare notes if you should go  
away together. O, why don't  
I just mind my own business,  
too! Don't say it!

Oh me! now what are P 5's.  
I've been racking my lame-brain  
trying to think what that is. <sup>Same like my back</sup>  
got 2 letters from Betty today  
and Monty Neville came to see  
her last Sun. & is coming  
back here cause his mother's  
sick. Also she told of a fat  
house decoration for their  
Homecoming out there. Maybe  
she's told you anyhow - there  
was an outside toilet & a man  
standing outside taking tickets  
& the sign on the front <sup>selling</sup> said  
"Bo & Hope sat here!" They  
really get smart out that  
way, don't they?

Dave called last night.  
He'll go out tomorrow again  
but said he wanted to talk  
to Mom first cause I didn't  
get to talk to him last week  
when he called.



2. I sure would have liked to have been with you + Joy to hear the Messiah. I always think I'll go to Stambrough and here each year when they give it but never can make it. I do bet that O.S. chorus is grand.

I forgot to mention back there when I was speaking of learning people's names. I'll bet you can't even tell me that "cute lil de-icer's" name - now can you? She was cute!

I also think you'd save shoe leather if you'd get a room at Baker Hall - every other paragraph you seemed to be there. Ahem! (only kidding, believe me)

I'm so glad you can go there  
Thanks for your happy, blissful little thought - I've tried to keep smiling so help me, I have but once in a while I say I'm to think I'm sitting & laying around when there's so much I want to be doing at this busy season of the year. Of all things to be laid up. Oh, well, I'm not the only one. Do you have much flu down there or have I asked you that & told you that



Pudge is down with it - the  
Wallace boys & Ted Maurice  
& Bob had <sup>her</sup> ~~her~~ <sup>homework</sup> Ruth says only  
10 out of ~~a class~~ <sup>her homework</sup> of 21 were there  
today. Mr. Barton says he absolutely  
will not close, tho' & of course  
the kids still 'ok. are mad cause  
he won't and the parents of the  
ones who are out whose kids  
will have to make up the  
work are complaining too -  
certain ones are. You know  
how it always is. I sure hope  
it lets up soon, tho'. Even Joan  
Blackman had been down  
about a week and that's about  
as unusual as for me to be.  
Did you know he & Mr. Fisher  
went to the Mich game & Joan  
got sick before they got there  
and had to miss the game?  
Poor Jay!

This is all the dirt I  
can dig up today. I think  
it's going to start snowing.  
Been dark all day.

My mailman is leaving  
Grandma this time - <sup>nope</sup> <sup>changed my</sup>  
- <sup>mind</sup> <sup>cause</sup>  
I want Ruth  
to get the  
pictures to  
send alone.

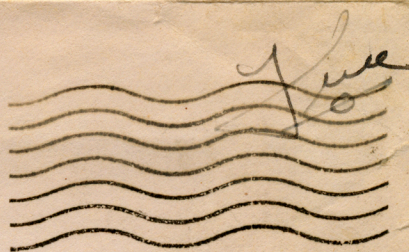
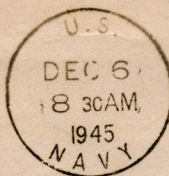
Bye now Love Mom







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WEDNESDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER 5, 1945

DEAR DON,

I'LL TAKE TIME OUT THIS EVENING AND ANSWER THE THREE LETTERS I'VE RECEIVED FROM YOU SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN. I HEARD THAT UNCLE SAM HAS SENT YOU THE GREETINGS AND YOU PASSED. HOPE BEFORE THEY HAVE TO CALL YOU THAT THEY GET ENOUGH SUCKERS TO SIGN OVER AND THEY WON'T NEED YOU FOR I THINK NOW THAT THE WAR IS OVER IT WILL JUST BE A WASTE OF TIME FOR YOU DON.

MAYBE YOU WANT TO GO IN AND MAYBE NOT BUT I THINK NOW THAT YOU HAVE A GOOD START AT COLLEGE IT'S HELL IF YOU HAVE TO HAVE IT BROKEN UP JUST FOR SOME TIME LEARNING TO MARCH AND HOLD A GUN BECAUSE YOU ALREADY HAVE LEARNED THAT IN THE ROTC AND YOUR COLLEGE WILL BE MORE BENEFICIAL THAN A LOT OF FOOTWORK.

WE'RE LEAVING TOMORROW AT FIVE FOR FRANCE AGAIN AND WILL PULL IN THERE ON THE 13TH AND THEN LOAD AND HEAD BACK FOR NEW YORK. I'M JUST HOPING THAT WE'LL GET 5 OR 7 DAYS LEAVE AT CHRISTMAS AND I CAN GET HOME TO SEE YOU AND THE FOLKS. GOSH, HERE IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU AND A LOT HAS HAPPENED IN THAT TIME. I CALLED HOME LAST NIGHT AND TALKED TO MOM AND DAD AND THEY SENT ME WHAT NEWS THERE WAS. I WAS GLAD I CALLED FOR I GOT TO TALK TO MOM. SHE WAS DOWNSTAIRS FOR A LITTLE WHILE. I CALLED THE NIGHT WE GOT IN AND SHE WAS SICK IN BED AND IT HAD ME WORRIED BUT I GOT SEVERAL OF HER LETTERS THE NEXT DAY AND THEY MADE ME FEEL A LOT BETTER FOR THEY WERE REALLY CHEERY AND SHE TOLD ME THAT IT WASN'T ANYTHING TOO BAD....SHE SAID "I JUST GOT TO GOING TOO FAST AND HAD TO SLOW DOWN".

I'VE HAD A PRETTY GOOD TIME HERE IN NEW YORK BUT I STILL GET LOST IF I GET OFF BROADWAY. I'VE SEEN THREE GOOD BANDS THE PAST WEEK. I SAW VAUGHN MONROE AND JIMMY DORSEY SUNDAY AND SAW TONY PASTOR LAST NIGHT. THEY WERE ALL GOOD SHOWS AND MARIAN HUTTON WAS WITH TONY PASTOR. THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO IN THE BIG CITY THAT YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START. I WENT TO A BROADCAST ONE EVENING AND SAW THE SHOW "DETECT AND COLLECT" OVER NBC. WE HAD A SHIPS PARTY AT THE HOTEL ROOSEVELT MONDAY NIGHT AND WE HAD A LOT OF FUN.

HOW'D YOU LIKE THE ARMY-NAVY GAME? THE ARMY KINDA' PUT IT OVER ON THE NAVY BUT THEN I THINK THEY HAD A LITTLE BETTER TEAM AND I SEE THEY HAD 4 MEN ON THE ALL AMERICAN. I SEE WHERE AMLING MADE THE SAME ALL AMERICAN TOO. GLAD YOU GOT YOUR LETTER BUCK AND IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN BE PROUD OF. DOES THAT MAKE YOU A MEMBER OF THE VARSITY-O CLUB OR WILL THAT COME LATER? I HOPE TO GO TO COLLEGE WHEN I GET OUT BUT AS YET I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'LL GO OR EXACTLY WHAT TO TAKE. MIGHT GO TO WISCONSIN.....WONDER WHY?



WEDNESDAY EVENING  
DECEMBER 2, 1942

MOM SENT SEVERAL PICTURES OF THE FRAT AND SORORITY HOUSES DECORATED UP FOR THE HOMECOMING. SHE ALSO SENT ME ONE OF YOU AND RUTHIE INFRONT OF BARNES BARRACKS. (AS SHE PUT IT). THEY WERE REAL GOOD AND I CAN SEE THEY GO ALL OUT DOWN THERE FOR THE HOMECOMINGS.

GUESS THIS IS ALL FOR NOW BUCK. I HAVE THE DUTY NOW AND I'VE REALLY BEEN BUSY BUT I WANTED TO GET THIS WRITTEN BEFORE WE SAIL TOMORROW AND GET IT OFF TO TOMORROWS MAIL. HOPE TO SEE YOU AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME BUCK. BEST OF LUCK.

YOUR BROTHER,

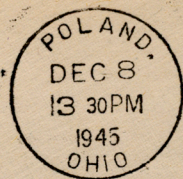
*Wade*

AT THE HOTEL ROOSEVELT MONDAY NIGHT AND WE HAD A LOT OF FUN. SAW THE SHOW "DETECT AND COLLECT" OVER NBC. WE HAD A SHIPS PARTY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START. I WENT TO A BROADCAST ONE EVENING AND TONY PASTOR. THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO IN THE BIG CITY THAT YOU JUST LAST NIGHT. THEY WERE ALL GOOD SHOWS AND MARIAN HUTTON WAS WITH WEEK. I SAW VAUGHN MONROE AND JIMMY DORSEY SUNDAY AND SAW TONY PASTOR GET LOST IF I GET OFF BROADWAY. I'VE SEEN THREE GOOD BANDS THE PAST I'VE HAD A PRETTY GOOD TIME HERE IN NEW YORK BUT I STILL

TO TAKE. MIGHT GO TO WISCONSIN.....WONDER WHY? WHEN I GET OUT BUT AS YET I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'LL GO OR EXACTLY WHAT THE VARSITY-O CLUB OR WILL THAT COME LATER? I HOPE TO GO TO COLLEGE IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN BE PROUD OF. DOES THAT MAKE YOU A MEMBER OF MADE THE SAME ALL AMERICAN TOO. GLAD YOU GOT YOUR LETTER BUCK AND AND I SEE THEY HAD A MEN ON THE ALL AMERICAN. I SEE WHERE AMING IT OVER ON THE NAVY BUT THEN I THINK THEY HAD A LITTLE BETTER TEAM HOW'D YOU LIKE THE ARMY-NAVY GAMES? THE ARMY KINDA' PUT



Nicolls  
Poland, O.



Mr. Donald J. Nicolls  
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Thurs. eve.  
Dec. 6th

Dear 'Frustrated Christmas-Shopper,

I shall try to help you with your problem if it's going to be a snust that you spend that hard earned cash on Christmas gifts. Let's say we not worry ourselves about it, shall we? If we can just be together that's enough for me. But, in case you feel you ~~shd~~ want to get something and have the time & cash to spend then go ahead but we don't expect you too, see? (at no?)

After that prelude -

Here's about the best I can do: - Dad - your suggestion sounds very good. He sure would use it, he smokes like a furnace every evening & does need fuel to keep going.

Ruth - Records are always good. Any jivey ones - well, not necessarily jivey - she likes choruses, I think, like



Those Fred Waring Christmas  
Carols of last year. I saw  
in Sturges' adv. tonight some  
Frankie Carle ~~albums~~ with  
and his girl friends album  
or Christmas Carols by the Lyn  
Murray Singers, or Hymns  
by Phil Spitalino & his all-girl  
orchestra which all sound  
good to me. Then there's a  
Benny Goodman Sextet - whether  
they are newer ones, I don't know.  
Now, maybe you want something  
else - She just came by  
and I asked her what she  
wanted for Christmas besides  
records and typical of her  
she said "oh! I don't want  
any records!" - then  
reconsidered when I started  
to scratch this one, and  
she said oh they'd be o. k.  
only I'm not going to buy  
any more. - so I don't think  
she'd object to any. She  
wants ~~Red Kille~~ skating  
socks <sup>Size 10</sup> (is cleaning her  
skates tonight - must be  
expecting cold weather)



2. Right now I can't think of anything else for her - maybe you'll see something - say that little shop down the street there from the Dutch looked like you could get fixed up in there if their prices weren't too high - that I couldn't see from the window. They had Indian jewelry in there (Turk likes it) but it is usually beyond our price limit. Another thing she mentioned was a single strand of pearls (imitation, of course). Also Eliz. Arden Blue Grass Cream Cologne. (I can just see you asking for that!)

Next - Aunt + Betty - I'm sorta stumped there, some little gadget or trinket for their apt. but it would have to be small. A pair of small pictures (flowers or such) would be nice or they have pretty table mats in gift shops. Colored flowered mats to put at your place at the table you know. Or — salt & pep. shakers ??  
next — grandma — first — chocolates of course. Books —



but it would be hard for you  
to find something she'd like  
probably. As writing paper -  
or hankies, or a pretty pin.  
Now who? - yes, I think it  
would be nice to get you  
some little thing. One thing  
I noticed in a magazine today  
was a Birthday Book -  
some are just cheap ones (25¢)  
but if you asked they might  
have a nicer one \$1.00 or so?  
It has verses & a place to  
put your friends & relatives  
birthdays. Even a picture for her  
room or a paper weight for  
her desk. I was trying to think  
of something along the musical  
line since she's so inclined.  
Or stationery is always good and  
very appropriate at this time.

Angie's case? - I'll write a  
note to Flo & Elsie & tell them  
they'd better buy themselves  
something with that \$1.00, as  
you don't intend to reciprocate  
this year.

O yes Mabel - well, she likes  
salt pepper & salt?  
You said not to pay salt & peppers.



3. They had some cute little Kid  
figures in that shop - I don't  
just remember what but I  
know there were cute things.  
I like stationery too - always  
needing it - oh! please I just  
want you for Christmas and  
now I'm pretty sure I'm  
going to have you so - ?  
It's now Fri. eve and dad  
talked to Mc Gillare today  
& he said you'd probably go  
with the next bunch who  
and they're going Dec 27!  
So there! Now, maybe you can  
sort of figure your time &  
not be wondering every day  
if you'd get a summons.  
I think they surely wouldn't  
send any before that but I  
also hoped they wouldn't  
send any this month but I  
won't complain if you can be  
here for Christmas. Now if  
Dave can just make it then  
- I can't think Bob will  
make it now but we haven't  
had a letter this week -



Joe Stevens got home last night + Eddie Jeffries Mon. night, so that's not bad.

Now, I hope I've been of help to you and what would you like now? Have you thought of anything you'd like + need in your new position with the U. S. Government? Please let me know if so.

If I can be of any further service let me know.

I am only too happy to serve you.

Your able Mable.

<sup>^</sup>  
I doubt that!



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Fri. P.M.

Dear "You're too busy now" Bud,  
Believe it or not, I just ate  
two 1st ice cream cones & a pint  
of ice cream besides. Was it make  
you hungry? I went for a  
walk while Aunt was shining  
the car & got two cones & where  
he was through he went down  
& bought a qt. I didn't tell  
him I'd had any before.

I'm so glad to hear you & the  
Cads are getting along fine. In  
case you should ever get out this  
way I'll tell you the Blackie  
magne. It's Mary Lee. She's 16 yrs  
old & really kida: kida: You take  
it from there.

Have you ever heard of Graumie  
Cherie theater in Hollywood? We  
were there last night & is it pretty  
no Cherie though. We saw what  
Hest. Rpl. Hargrave? It's funny as  
can be.

I counted my pennies in the  
piggy bank & have come to the  
conclusion that I can afford  
want 14¢ for a Xmas present for  
you. Now I want to know if  
you intend to spend less for



my present. We should get together  
again know. Would you like an all  
day sucker or toffee roll? I think  
I can afford either one. That is  
if you intend to spend 1/4 & on  
for too. Remember the time Dave  
bought the family a box of candy &  
put it in front of the register? What  
a guy!

When have you decided to go  
meet our President? Before or after  
Christmas? If he wants you to come  
before I'd just tell him you can't  
afford to leave till later. Also tell  
him to try & make the visit short.

I wonder if Mable up & around  
by now. I wrote & told her she  
saw too many football games  
& probably picked her back out  
of place by cheering too hard.

I fixed his bed yesterday & you  
should fix it. All while with his  
big ribbons. In fact he has a  
better bed than I do now.

Dump promised to take me to get  
spaghetti ago ago & he's still sleeping  
so it's about time he gets a hot hot.  
Guy. That really works. He's afraid  
of me. Anyways cause I've been  
reading too many detective stories.

Must go now. Keep smiling & give  
my love to the President when you  
see him.

Love,  
Gus



Nicolls  
Bland, O.



Mr. Donald J. Nicolls  
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Mon. Eve.  
Dec. 10.

Dear Don,

Your Fri. letter rec'd with the weekly schedule - but what I want to know is what do you do on Sat. & Sun.? Ha! you didn't dare put that down - as you admitted - that would defeat your purpose. Right! But, I don't care! See? Go to Baker Hall all you want to - seeing as how you'll only have another week to do so.

Your laundry didn't come today. Doesn't matter but I'm wondering how much you'll need back this time & how are you going to get your stuff all home? Shall I send the old laundry bag down, too? And could you mail or ship that duffle bag do you suppose? Put as much in it as possible - unbreakable stuff. Seems tho. I sent an awful lot of stuff down with Mr. Barton.

We've had a real snowy day, today. Not piling up but the ground's white. They sent



them home from school  
again too - not enough out to  
hold school. Is it so bad down  
there? Take care of yourself. Get  
some aspirin & take them if  
you feel a cold coming on. We  
have Mrs. B. fix you up some  
lemon juice & soda at bed-time.  
Of course you'd have to pay her  
a small fee probably besides  
buying the lemons & soda  
but you can afford it, can't  
you? Have you told her  
you're leaving yet? Maybe  
you'll happen to go where  
Joe V. is, anyway. I  
don't know where this truck  
went. It'll probably be in the  
paper. But most of them have  
been going to Texas - good  
old Texas! Do you hear  
from Dick H. yet? His mother  
told me a few weeks ago she  
expected him to be sent to  
Charute Field. Guess I told  
you, but I don't know if he  
was. How is he like it? I still



2. Can't feature little Rich a  
soldier-man! did I tell you  
Joe Slaven's got home last Fri.  
That's what you need - a wife and  
3 kids - then you'd be snug.

Wonder what happened to your  
vindi' Friday. did you get  
Sunday's & did you see the  
low. Ph. score! Beat the pants  
off them, they did! did you notice  
in the Brown Section that cute  
dog "Butch". We saw him perform  
all Fall & I love it. He did about  
a half-hour shows - and 3  
shows that night. He surely is  
good & his owner just taught  
him as a hobby in the evening.  
He said sometimes at work he  
thinks of something new to try and  
then that eve they do it.

See Whiz! I'd like to work  
for Lazarus on that percentage.  
\$126.34 for not working. I should  
think he would feel obligated to  
pay & help them till Christmas  
drop. Will he be there the 18th  
too.



They'd better change that swimming pool to a skating rink now.

A letter from Gene today besides yours. Says he's a mechanic now, so they must have talked him into it. He'd gotten 3 of his Christmas boxes by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. He says he hated to see the day come when you got your greeting! Said "The army is no place for a guy like him!" Now how'd he mean that, huh? Said he'd get paid Friday - 1000 per (\$66) and it won't fit in their pocketbook - they just roll it in a wad.

Oyes, in case you haven't gotten Betty & drunk anything for Chr. yet - you need it as Dad had me send them a 20 today & told me to say that was from all of us & they can get what they want 'cause it looks like I won't do any of that Chr. shopping this year. Unless it's by mail-order catalogue - you know - Sears Roebuck. Tuff for now - study hard now & get a good report card. See you next week. Love, Mom.



Bep 74  
Poland, Ohio



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Columbus, Ohio.



Wed. P.m.

Dear draft-bait Don,  
Your laundry just received  
this afternoon so even by  
Grandma's fast work I  
don't think we could get  
any of it washed, dried,  
ironed & back to you in  
time for you to use it. Do  
you think so? So - we sent  
back by return mail that  
brown shirt that was here  
& one of Dad's white ones  
and 3 of Dave's navy shorts  
(you'll have to get used to that  
kind soon anyhow) & the  
towels so hope those will  
do. ~~So~~ Have you any chance  
of getting a ride home? I thought  
maybe Thomas would go for  
you & maybe you'd happen  
to be at Baker Hall just  
then and, - well, you know.  
I'm wondering how you'll get  
the radio home. Maybe if  
you wrapped & tied it up  
in your blanket and put



it in that duffle bag it  
wouldn't hurt it) to come  
thru. Imagine (you'll have  
to express that thing and  
if you do have it sent to  
McCrone's Mkt. 482 Mid. Blvd.  
Struthers. See? (Middlethian)

For Pete's sake, I mean,  
Mable's sake - if you can get  
film do - 120 - 116  
or 820 - In not particular  
120 is my camera - Gene  
asked for some 116 - & that  
little camera of Bob's is 820.  
Mrs. Hahn was agreed to get  
me a couple 120's. I've  
even paid her for them but still  
haven't got them and I'm oh.  
I don't get down to see Charlie  
these days to ask him for any.

Of course Mable stuck the  
jeannie cigs in & don't be giving  
Mrs. B. any. You'll give her  
a bad impression of you.

I sure are mad at Pete.  
He's a honed and a low -



2. down Bum! I think he  
was down there with you and  
never even came over to  
tell me. I knew nothing about  
it till you wrote it. I think  
his mother is mad at me  
cause I won't take her  
much valued advice on  
what I should do about my  
back. She took me off a week  
ago last Friday and hasn't  
been over since <sup>(Governess)</sup>. She called  
yesterday & asked Ruth to  
ask me if I'd try on a  
corset (I excuse me for making  
you blush) she had over there  
if she took it over. I told  
Ruth to tell her "no (nicely)  
not just now anyway" so I  
suppose she's washed her hands  
of me now for sure. But  
I can't imagine her not  
telling me know John wasn't  
down there. Maybe she told  
Ruth & Ruth didn't bother to  
tell me. How did he find  
you or did he look up  
Ed first, etc.?



Ruth's staying in bed today  
on account of because a cold  
finally caught up with her  
much as she tried to  
insist "oh! no! she didn't  
have any cold" - when I knew  
damned well she was getting  
one. You kids think mother  
doesn't know but she does.

Dad wants to know if  
you need any money to get  
home on? He says since  
you'll be home next week  
he doesn't believe he'll need  
to write to you this week.

If you need some moola  
just say so, he's got it.

money  
in  
case  
you're  
not  
sure

His new clerk, Mrs. Swanson,  
seems to be very efficient.  
She works all day every day  
but Mon. (and Sun.) so it relieves  
both he & Maggie & they need  
relieving, believe you me! He  
even came home for lunch  
today. Like old times.  
That's all I can think of at present  
to tell you, so might as well quit, huh? Love  
mom.



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~ ~ ~ You hound!

Dear Don,

I'm sitting in bed again writing to you. I've got a terrible cold and it sure feels like a hang-over. They finally went back to school today. We had Fri, Mon, + Tues off.

Yes, we'll still have that program. You'll be home then, won't you? We're putting on the whole program the night before (20th) at P.T.A. meeting. It's going to be good. The chorus is real good but orchestra isn't so good. Of course I'm not in the orch.

I just heard over the radio that Poland Grade School will be closed the rest of the week but the high school will stay open. How sad!

There is a big dance the 22nd. I'm not sure but I think it's formal. You'll have to get joy and go. There's a game the night before.

I didn't know anything about Pete being down there. Was he with



Tom Draper? I thought Tom Draper was in the army or something. I see his younger brother a lot. He works at the Yostown. Garage with Pete (Hagberg.). I'd like you to know that the last time I went out with Pete was on Oct. 26. and the very last time I spoke to him was on Nov. 3 when all those kids came the night mom + Dad were in Columbus. The last "date" I had was Nov. 24th when you took me to a show. Dad, I'm one sad case all right. Don't you feel sorry for me?

Did I tell you that Dave sent me a Navy P-jacket? I finally got it fixed over and it sure is swell. Dad took me to town last week and bought me a new black Chesterfield.

Barbara just brought my report card up and believe it or not — you probably won't — but I got 2 A's and 2 C's. Now how's that? I got A's in French and Typing and the rest in English and Civics. I think that's



2; marvelous for me, don't you?  
I haven't had an A since I was a  
Freshman and then to get two of them.

I've shined my ice-skates all  
up - ready and waiting to be used.  
If the weather keeps going at this rate,  
I'll get to use them after all.

That's all for tonite. I must  
close and get to sleep, but  
listen to Ray Keyser first.

Love,

Ruth

P.S. The game the 2bet is with Wampum.  
(here)