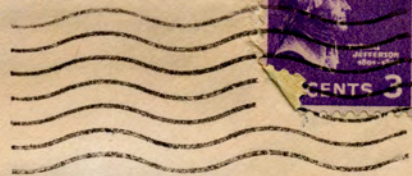


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Did you get the dispatch? Yesterday -
I got the Citizen + wish I'd gotten both of
them but didn't see the other one in the store.
New York,

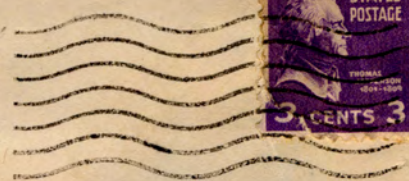
Mon. a. m.
Back Home.

Is that the one that had Selma
+ the other in the
dressing room?

Were back in the groove after
one of the most wonderful + enjoyable
week-ends we've ever spent. Everything
was perfect! The trip home was lovely.
The country was different than we've
been thru before - for miles we
drove on a road that wound in
around corn fields + hills + farms
till I think sure we'd end up in some-
one's pasture but it was all Route 62
and pretty country - the big houses
east - south? of Columbus. on our
way to Newark there something to see
too. We ate in Rochester then they
stopped in Warsaw about an hour. We
didn't go in but they had a nice
visit, + then we came on home + got
here at 8 finding every o. k. Dave +
Marian had been over to Peip's
for their dinner - (didn't get up
till noon). They went to a dance
Sat. nite. We were sitting around
talking (Dad did most of the g. ruse)
and Mr. Campbell came to the door
+ said he'd seen a fox down around his

place & now our chickens were making
a fuss & he wondered if it was
out there bothering them, and went
out & looked & sure enough it had
killed 2 ^{chickens} already! well, ^{the rest of the} we were in
the house not paying any attention -
I really didn't think much about it
& was wondering why Dad didn't come
in when he came leaving in the back
door yelling "Dave come & help me
there's a fox in the chicken yard!"
Well, Mable goes out along (Mr. C. had
gone on home) and she held the
light & Dave & Dad each had a
shoe & they chased that darned fox
around & around the yard before
Dad finally connected with one
of his blows & killed him dead!
Now wasn't that a way to end the
week - End! Dad said it was
pretty near more excitement than
he could take in 2 days. He's
taken the fox to the store to display
today & I'm going to get some
pictures of he & Dave & it! I may
have a fox scarf to wear around
my neck for the Illinois game!
Much love to you & more news
later if any & there's bound to be around this
place - never a dull moment! Bye - Mom.

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Wed. a.m.

Dear Don,

I hurried so to get your laundry in yesterday's morning's mail so you'd get it before you left that I forgot a couple things that I'll send separately. I did forget or you did - to send your trousers home with me so probably you will in this week's laundry. When do you leave, tomorrow night? Well, we still haven't got settled down. It's been like old times around here this past week - never a dull moment! After the job episode anything can happen! We took him out to St. Lina Mon. P.M. to get him stuffed! Dave says he'll look nice on the book case - I know I'm not going to care to sit there & have him staring at me! The man said he's about a year old & part grey & part red fox. It'll take about a month for him to do it. We had taken Pandora along out there & Dave was driving & coming back he went in her drive & drove right down in that deep ditch that she dug to keep the neighbors from getting over into her flowers. We had to get the Plymouth and pull

it out. — Did we tell you Dave
parked in front of Grandma's the
first day he was home and
a truck backed down & put a dent
in the fender? — Dave's beginning
to think he's got a job on him
or something! That's not all —
Mon. we decided we'd all go out for
dinner and a show and as I'd
told Dave about how beautiful
the VFW restaurant was he wanted
to see it. So as we were ^{getting} ready and
Dad was ready (course) and reading
the paper he read where they'd had
a fire & burned the VFW rest. all out!
We were half afraid to go anywhere
there — but we went to the Y to Eyal &
went to see Her Highness & the
Bell Boy! Be sure to see 't! It's
cute as can be! Dave & Marian went
to the Purdus last night. He has
to leave at 9:15 tonight, and I guess
Marian's going soon after. They've
had a nice time together & swell
weather. I've taken some pictures
of them and the fox! Aunt Ruth called
last night & she & Aunt Jet are
driving up home Fri. & had planned
to stop in Pitto. and see Sat. game.
'Cause Dave had told them you'd be
there — so they were disappointed, but
it was a good thing they called.
Well, I'm behind on my letter-writing so must
go on to another one. Good luck at Purdue!

He says he never
to having water all around him.

more Dave
good luck

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Friday a.m.

Dear Dou,

I s'pose you're on your way to Purdue today. ^{on your way?} I'm glad you're getting a trip out of it. Columbus will be dead this week - end I imagine. Getting rested up for next week. End. I s'pose they really tear the town apart then, especially if they win. Maman says their home-coming is this week and she says they used to have to see tear gas and spray the crowds with the street-cleaning water wagon to get them to break up and go home. Say did we see the State Capitol last Sat. eve? I told Mrs. Wallace I missed that & she said if we walked thru the town I had to go by it! There was too much to see all at once. Did I tell you we saw the Governor's mansion going out of Columbus Sunday - I mean as we were going out. That E. Broad St. is a lovely place for big homes & buildings. Take a ride out on the trolley some time if you haven't already. ~~How~~

Well, it's awfully quiet around here again. Dave left at 9:15 and Maman at 11:10 Wed. eve. I think they had a nice week together but as Maman said "that week went awfully fast." We took a couple rolls of pictures so were hoping they're good.

Marian is just the same. Quiet as ever. I don't think she ever would be 'noisy' or very talkative. I think if Betty was here she could bring her out more but you know how Ruth is and Jim so used to her own I've got so I don't talk so much around her - that's right I do keep my mouth shut part of the time. How are all Mrs. Barnes's Boys? Who did we meet now? Who was that first one who stuck his head in the curtain? (We had quite a laugh over that ever since - especially the second guy) The second one was Ernie - wasn't he? Then who's the big-tall-wide-one. I didn't get an invite to him but he followed me in the house Sunday morning. He's the one you say comes in drunk? Then Red -? is the one I met last whom I accused of coming in at 6 a.m. Right? If I sleep in that room again I'll put a note on the door like Mrs. Barnes does. Those notes every where tickled me! "not necessary to turn on water so hard, etc." "no loud talking after 9 P.M. Mrs. Barnes sleeps ^(?) above, etc." We really got a big kick out of the whole week-end. Jim is glad Dad was there. He deserves a few good times like that. Well, he's getting his fox stuffed but - Mrs. Wallace told me yesterday

2. that it was probably $\frac{1}{15}$ (people in
Hahn's house!) Feb 7th, so Dad's
kinda had the glory taken out of
it - don't kid him about it tho;
till we find out for sure. All I know
is she said they had one and Mr.
Campbell said he was judging this
fox he saw, it came right up to him
& everyone says a wild one wouldn't.
Anyhow - it was killing onto
chickens wholesale & would have
probably had the whole flock if
someone hadn't heard them, cause
it just killed them & left them
lay. If it does belong to anyone
they're afraid to claim it. There's
a bounty on them too so we were
right in killing it. Ralph says there's
lots of them around now. Also he
says the lady who stays with Mrs.
Fairley saw a deer go across the
road from Ralph's drive into
ours! One night!

We had a letter from Bob
this week & he talks as tho' he's
staying there awhile but will have
a new address soon. I told you
Uncle Howard expects to stay a year
yet, didn't I?

We've had 3 letters from Gene
this week. He saw a Columbus
paper out in Japan that had your

Glamour Team in it - imagine
getting publicity even in Japan.
I'll bet you'll be getting letters from
geisha girls now (of entertainment
girls for the uninitiated) Say, did you
write to Ginny ^{in '79?} do you still hear
from Maggie? Question No. "steer-leven"
"What ~~is~~ is the bone you have to
pick with me now? I've already lost
Bright's sleepovers it - and as I'm
getting pretty sleepy how 'bout en-
lightening one? Speaking of
"bones" - Jeth Black still comes over
and lays watching the cellar door.
Maybe you can surprise him
Thanksgiving Day & open that
door & hand him a drumstick!
The folks next door have a dog
that looks like Foodles only bigger.

Back to Gene! He's driving ^{to} ^{the} ⁶
trucks handling cargo from the ship
as they come in. Ship food is very
scarce. he's starved. About all
they have is C rations. Says he's
losing weight. Doesn't see Hamilton any
more he says. He expects to get home
next May or June.

Gene maybe I ought to wash
the dishes & re-arrange the dust
upstairs so till another time -
Keep your nose clean - I love you
mom. Give my love to Mrs. Barnes!
Did you see Hess Highness & the Bellhop?

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Hello Don.

We got home about 8 o'clock last Sunday night and came back by Newark and Carhaston and had a real nice trip and I sure had a good time Sat. and will look forward to a few more buds day at Columbus and I still think what a game it turned out to be, I would like to take a day and walk around the campus and see the stadium also the river bank of it.

I guess you told you about the fox we got about 9 o'clock last Sunday night and I sure was surprised after it was all over and you should see Dave and Tom helping to get it with Tom holding the light on it and Dave and I with hats trying to hit it as it went past, am hoping it mounted so you can see it later.

Dave and Marianne both left last Wed night and they said they had a real good time and I guess they did for they were on the go most of the time, we received a letter from Dave last night saying they have the ship about ready and will carry between 1000-1100 soldiers and will sail for Europe on Nov. 14th at midnight, also had letters from Bob and Eugene last week.

Today we went out to Coville for Aunt Ruth and but were up there we had a real good dinner and went but rained most of the day.

Also yesterday got a certificate for
four new tires for the coupe so will
get them on the first time I have a
chance,

Alan and Ruth are planning on
coming down this Friday P.M. will leave
here around 1 o'clock and hope you can
get a room for them and I will be
listening to the game by radio this
time,

That about all the news so hope
you are O.K. and came through the
Dustell game O.K.

Yours truly
Carl

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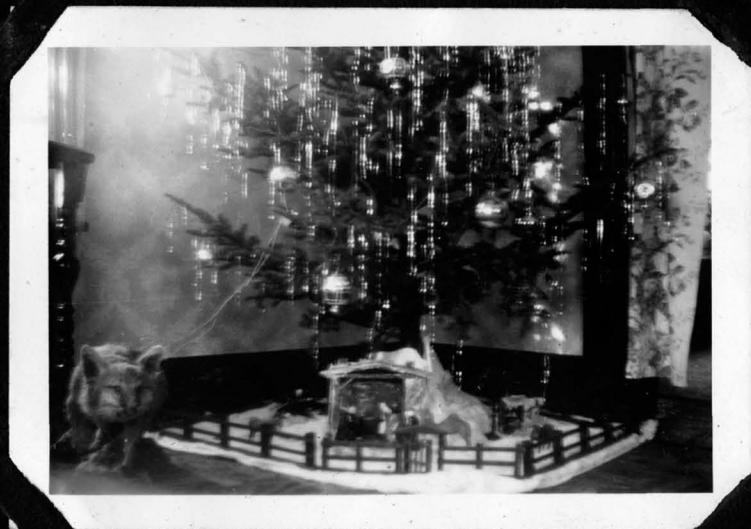
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Fox hunters



Christmas
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Fox → Manger scene
By Don

