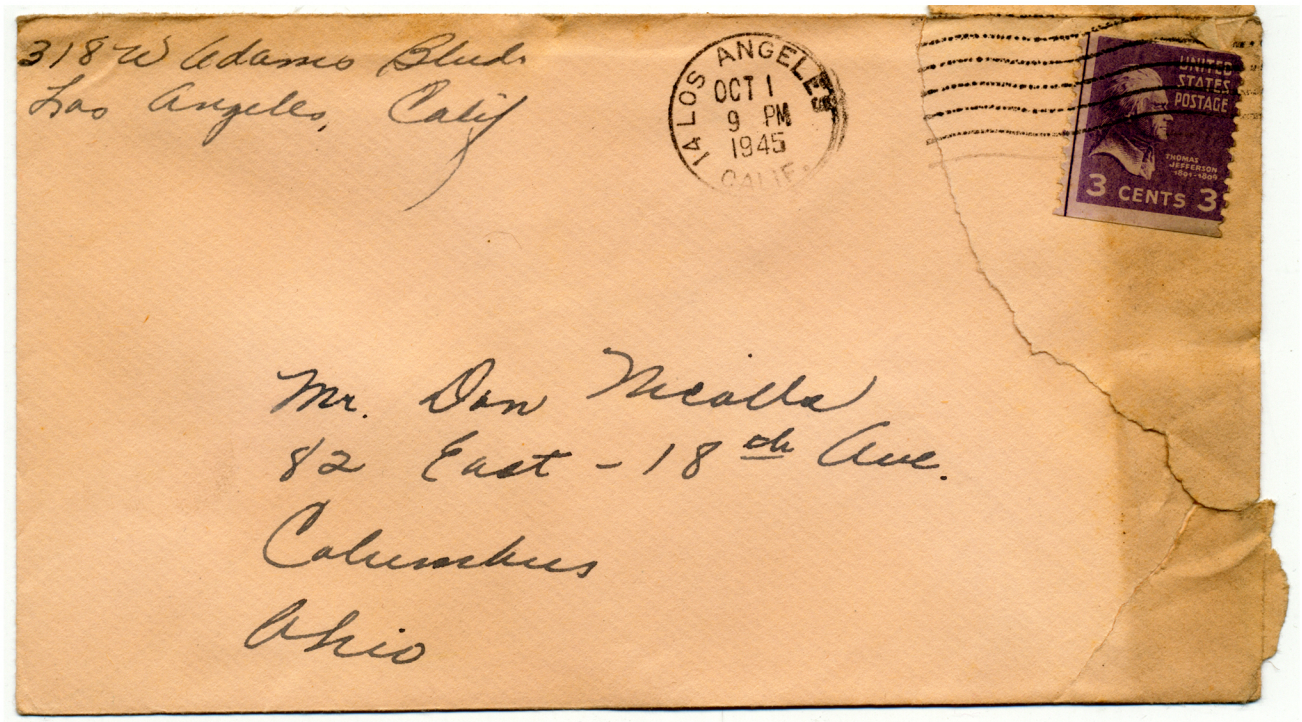

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Mr. Don Nicolls
82 East - 18th Ave.
Columbus
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Mon A.M.

Dear Buck alias "Glamour Boy"

No, I didn't get to hear of the Ohio State - Missouri game but I read about it in the papers. Not a bad game at all. Did you get your big toe in the game. My reader's on the blink but I took it down today to be fixed so I won't miss another game. I'd sure like to have seen the Detroit game yesterday when Greenberg hit that home run. I hope he's a athlete. I'd sure be in my glory going to every thing. Watch me have a girl.

Our car (Jalopy) is in the garage being fixed. Dunk had to take it apart to see what made it run & when he got through it wouldn't run at all. When we get it back he going to put a lock on the motor so he can't fool with it. It's not a bad looking car though & the three new tires look pretty good. Now if Dunk will only leave it alone we'll have a good car.

How's the weather in Columbus? It's still so hot here you can fry an egg on the sidewalk. I don't think it's been less than 85° since we've been here & today it's back to 97° again. I'm getting out in the too getting a tan so it seems twice as hot. I'm last week I've quit working & have an awful time finding them to keep me busy.

Don't you like Youngstown anymore or what did you dream? Dunk sure

doesn't but I miss everyone so much. This is really beautiful country out here but full of negroes, Mexicans, Jap & Chinese. I'd never go back East if I had Mom, Dad & all your kids here near me. I do miss snow though but all you have to do is drive about 100 miles from here & you have all the snow you want. It's funny here, one Sunday the people go swimming & the next sled-riding or skiing.

So you're still a woman-hater. The next time I see you I'll take you out & change your mind. Not til after Jan though. I look like Marge Kerr right now I'm so fat. Dunk said to tie a sign around my neck "Temporarily Out of Shape". Not a bad idea.

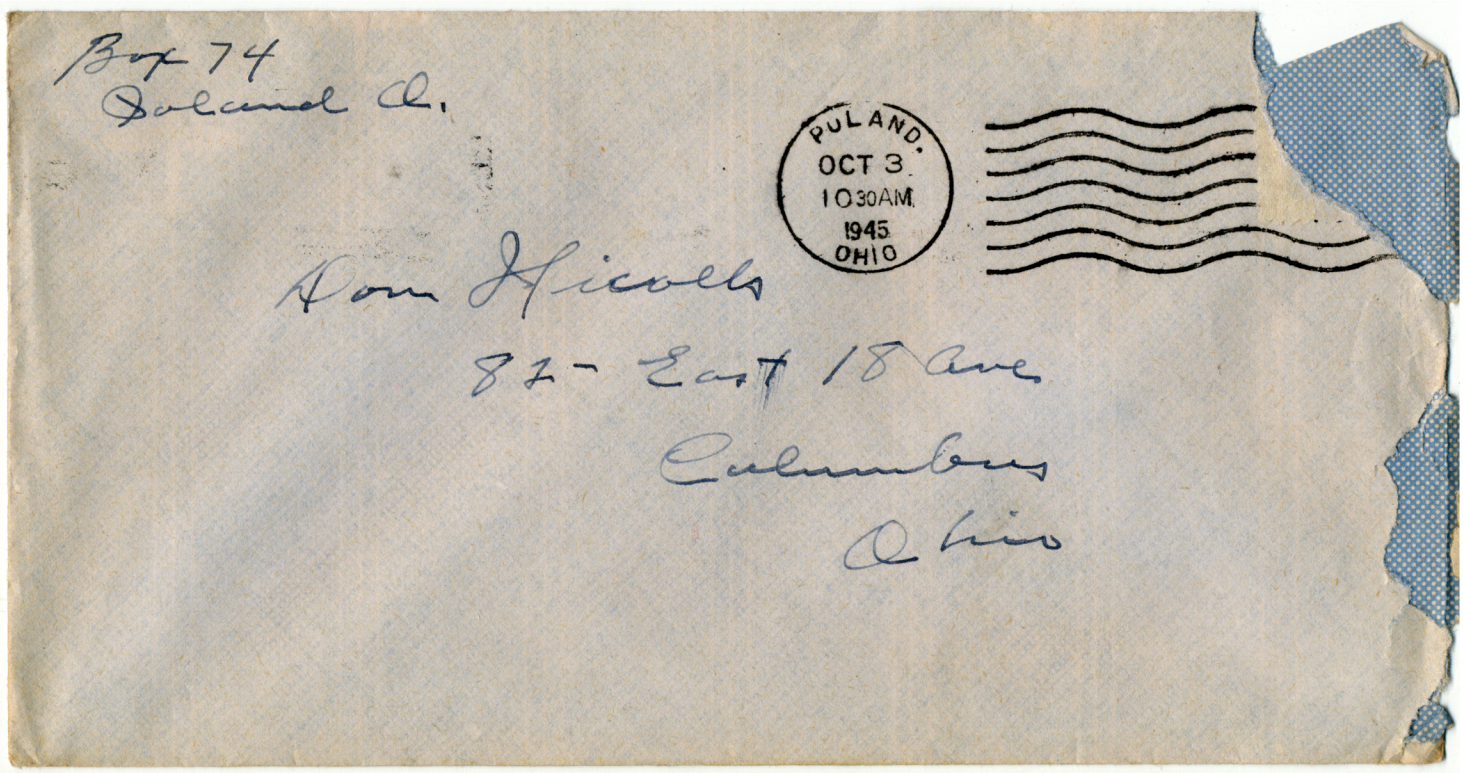
What do you think of all these strikes? I see where my old Alma Mater, Ohio Bell, might go out. You should hear Dunk cuse the unions. I'm afraid Jr's going to know a line of swear words before he's born.

Have you seen "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes" yet? Don't miss it 'cause it's cute as can be. That "Butch" Jenkins is a scream. Reminds me of you a few years back.

I had a letter from the "Wolf" last week & her 215 pounder had been down to see her. You didn't tell the draft board about your third wife who use to beat you, did you? Better not or they'll think you're not fit for the Army.

Must leave you now but not for long.

Your Pin-Up Fan,
Babe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Hello Don.

Your Sunday letter we received today sounds like you like that life out at the country club however I know you would like it and was real glad you were in the game and I guess this will be the team to beat this year.

Dave will be home tomorrow morning and will go back Sunday some time so if he wants to go down to Columbus but we are going to call you Wed. evening about the tickets, also I went down to the drug I had yesterday for you did not have your form notarized so they are going to send it to you and you will have to have some one down there notarize it for you maybe some of the school officials will help you on it if not you will have to find

home one and send it back
also he told me when you re-
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and request it be sent down
there, I guess he told you the
same thing and that way you
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they do away with it.

Hope you are well and
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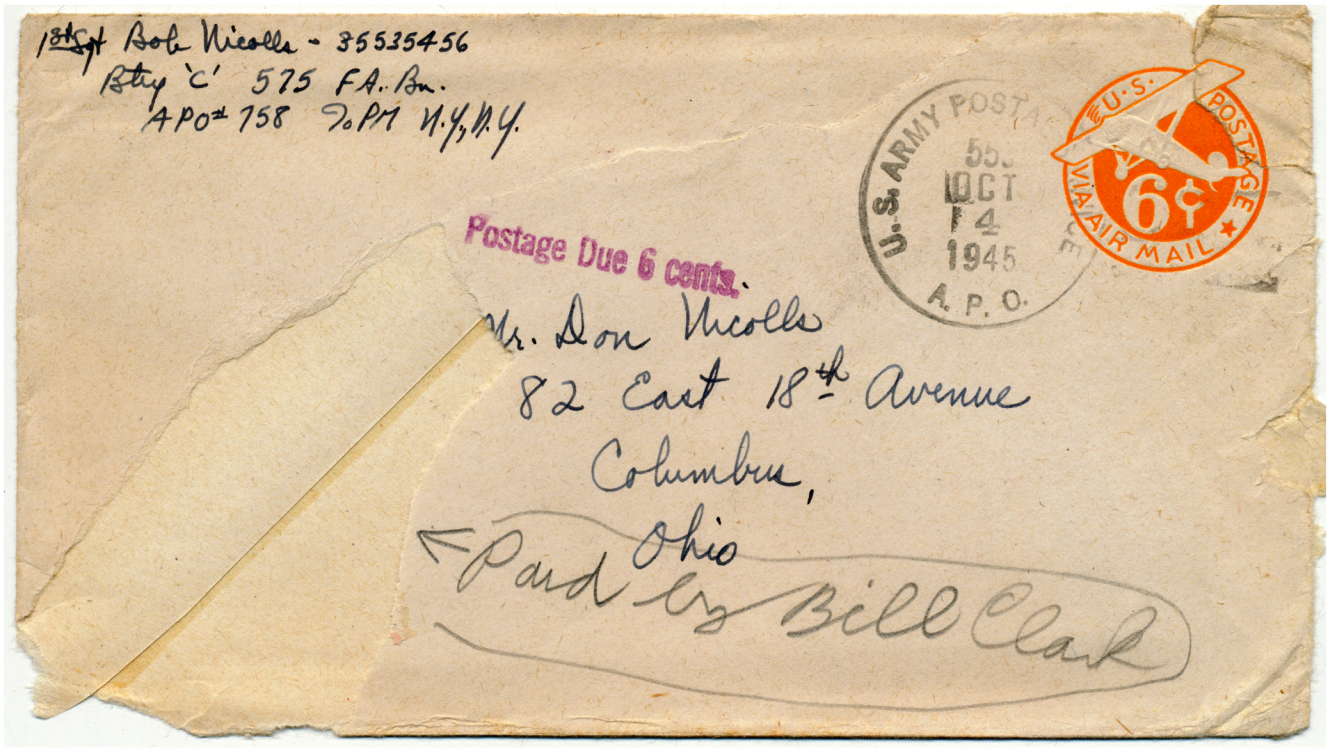
Your Dad
Carl.

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Dear Don,

I'll write you a letter this evening while I'm at writing. I just can't seem to get to it.

We're having some real fall football and Halloween weather. Cool all of the time and we keep fires in our stoves all day. Wood and coal are hard to get legally. I just send a few guys out with a truck and tell them to pick some up. They get it from the Jerries and then make them cut it up (the wood). I hate these Germans. They're no good. Reminds me of being on the line last winter when we would sit around a stove all day except to go to chow.

Payday yesterday and I sent another hundred and fifty dollars home. Makes me around thirteen hundred and fifty in cash now. Slowly growing. I saved practically all of that while overseas.

Received your Sept. 20th letter today.

Also I see where you guys knocked hell out of Missouri. Good and keep going. I'm backing you although I'm far off. Just hope I can make that Michigan game but doubt it.

Yeah, I noticed that Gene is now praying For Corporal. Wish I could give him my rating as soon as I leave the army.

I kinda liked the picture "The Corn Is Green". Even Bette Davis for a change.

Was in Heidelberg today with Al Deahler and we looked the town over good. Quite an interesting town. They look better to me when they are all flatened out by bombs or shells.

That's about all for now, Don, but I'll write again soon. The best of luck and good wishes to you and the team.

Your brother
Bob

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

Wed. eve
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dear Don,

I've been wondering if you'd be looking for us down Sat. I thot maybe Dave would ~~have~~ want to go & of course I'd have gone along but he thinks it would take too much traveling time for so short a time at home & this really counting on being home next ~~week~~ month & taking in some of the games then, so we didn't urge him. He wants to go down to E. Liverpool ~~tomorrow~~ Friday to meet good-ballet's folks. GB will be home on a 48 then. Dave came in at 5 this morning. Some sailor on the train had this folks leave his car up at the station so he'd get Dave home. He lived in Columbiana. Dave & I went in town awhile this morning then he & Dad played golf awhile this P.M. Marian was to call him this eve — but she didn't, so he went down asleep in the chair waiting — & I finally sent him to bed at 10 P.M. He didn't sleep any on the train he said so was real tired. Tomorrow night they're taking Ruth to see Woody Herman while we go to the Lee Dallies

Dave goes back Sun. sometime

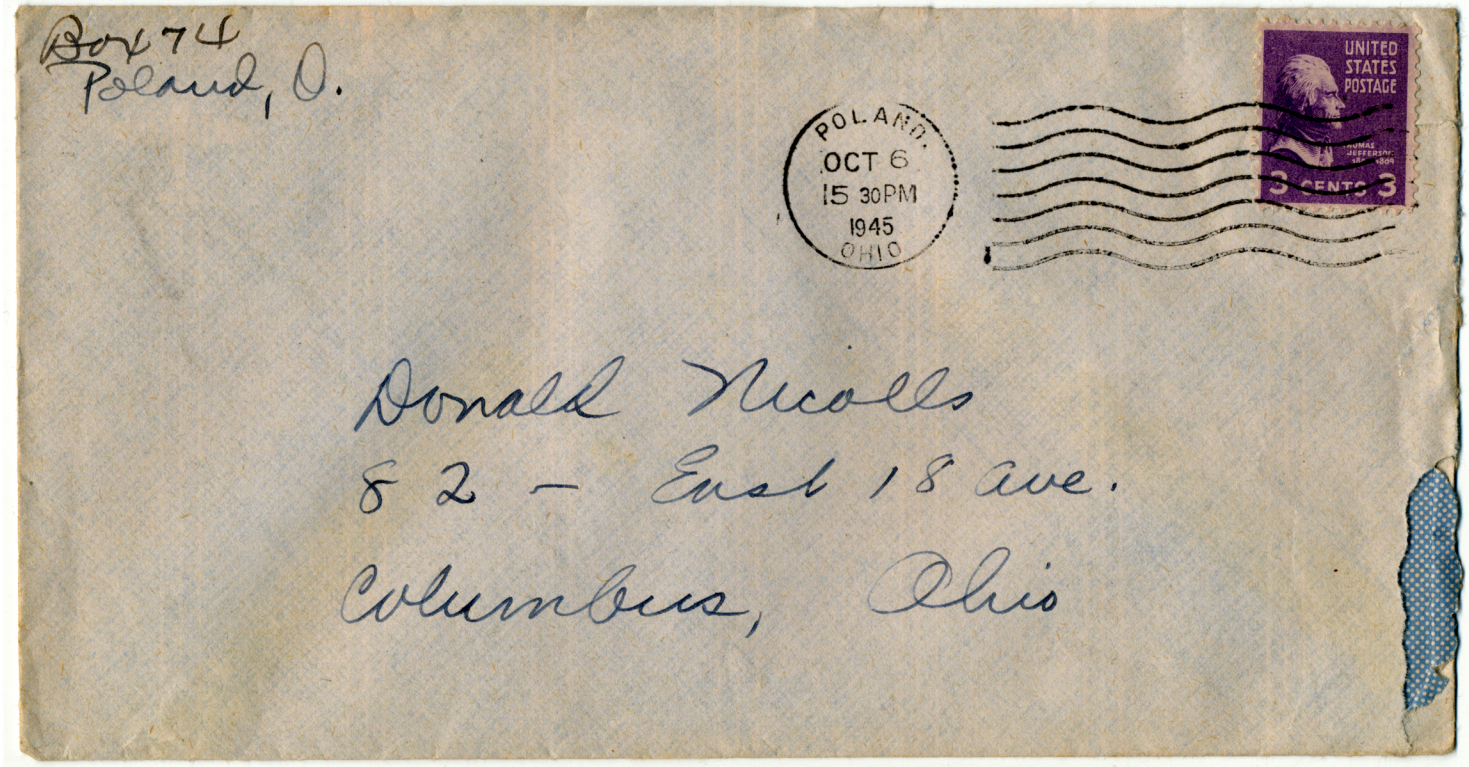
2. in Cleveland with the "Club."
Was I ever ~~put~~ peeved when you said you was in the game last Sat. + I didn't even know it. I don't think Manning said your name or I sure would have heard it. I'm sure glad you did get in anyhow. I was telling Dad + Maggie that I'll bet if "Wid" said "Nicolls!" you'd just fall over backwards off the bench in a faint — and so you didn't, did you? Good luck! + hope you get in this week too. That was surely sad about Jim's grand father. And he did some nice playing, too. (Jim, I mean.)

next morning: — Woe is me! A heavy frost this morning. You didn't happen to hear Joan Davis the other night, did you? Her singer Andy Russell left her (in the script only) and she kept saying "He's gone, gone I tell you gone, g-o-o-n!" So that's what I've been thinking about my flowers. "They're gone, gone I tell you!" I almost cried 'caused they've been so pretty, but still we were lucky to have them this long,

3 and they waited 'till Dave got home, too. Now, the trees will turn pretty colors. (Gee, I'd like to drive to Co. Sat.) Dave was over to see the H. S. a few minutes last night — the team, I mean & Mac asked him to come up to N. Falls Friday & be "tape-man" but Dave's planned to go see G.B.

I sit here smelling tobacco & wondered where it was & here it's the sailor's big pipe. I want to get a picture of ~~him~~ him with it in his mouth. It's really something. He sure looks "man-o the-world" with that. He's been raving about your picture — I hadn't sent him one cause I tho't he'd ~~be~~ be home soon so he hadn't seen only the one in the paper (oh yes, did he tell you one of the fellows on the ship brought that "Glamour Boy" Edition back with him?) He keeps saying how handsome you are & I said "yeah! looks like his sailor brother")

I want to drop Big Sis a line, even tho' it's been nearly a week since I've had a letter from her — darn her! I'll be a rootin' for you & good ole O. State Best of Luck & Loads of Love Mom.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Donald Nicolls
82 – East 18 ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Sat. morn
Oct 6

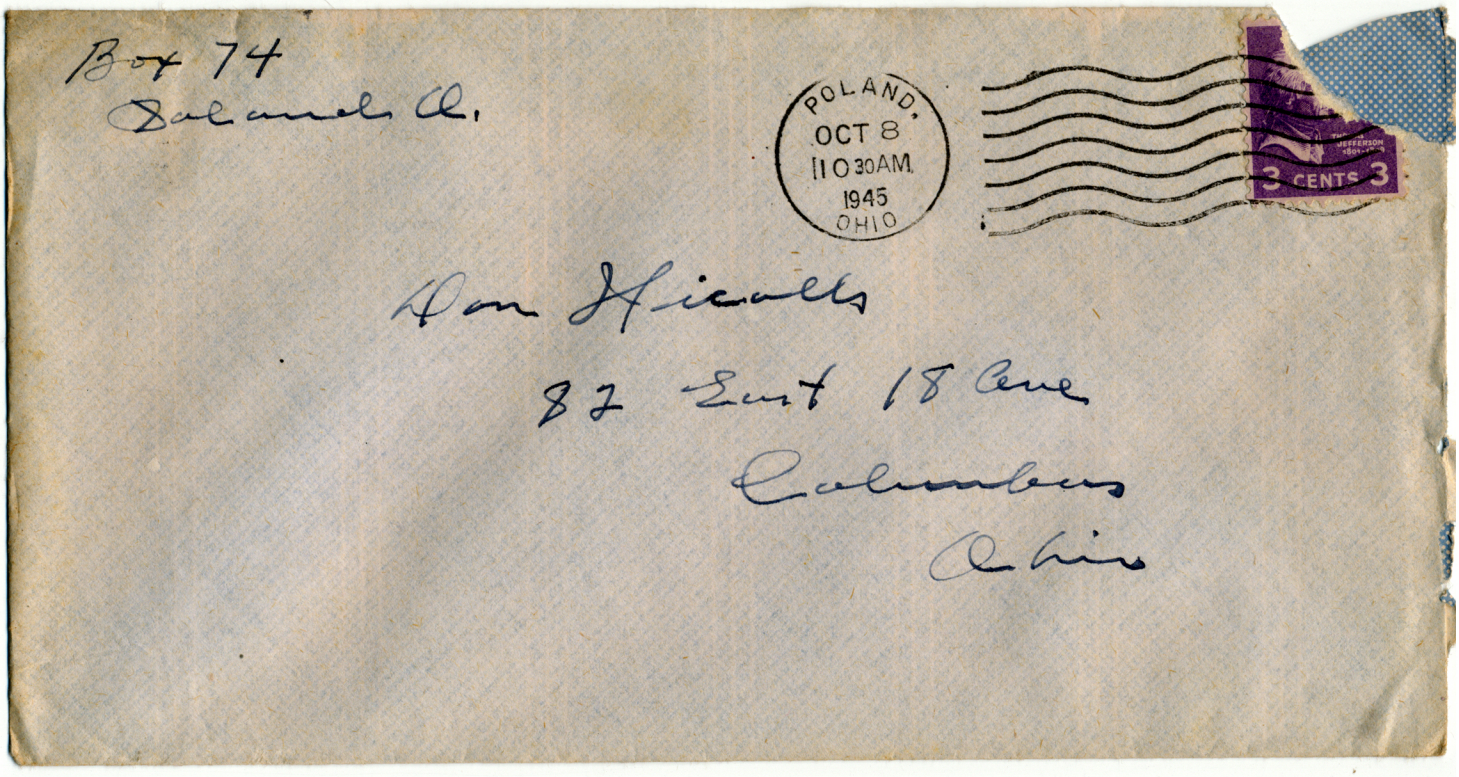
Dear Don,

We're wondering if you're having your orange juice in bed this morning. We got the biggest kick out of that letter telling how they treat you guys. Did they really find some steak, huh? Maybe that's where it all goes - to the Country Club. So Dick Fisher is back. Wonder how much he'll play today. ~~I think today~~ It's a dark morning - I hope it doesn't rain again. "Our" boys go to New. Falls today. Dave is going up, I guess. Geo. McNab came back Thurs. - he'd just got to Frisco (by plane) + got word his grandmother was dying so hopped another plane + came right back. I'm glad he's here for there's just no one for Dave to run around with. He says he really notices it here at home, too. Said he started out in the back-room to tell you something the other night - just couldn't realize you weren't there. He brot Geo. up last night to see your picture - he sure gets a kick out of that. When he's home on his 30 day leave (We're really counting on that - hope it comes)

he can come down for a game and stay over Sunday & visit with you. That would be much better than just for a day. He & Geo. would like to do something tonight but don't know what to do. Geo. says "Talk about man-shortage — where's the women?" Shall I send them down there? There aren't any B their gang around now. Dave went to see Jean Lynch & Jean Dankel in Providence a couple weeks ago. Later — Ruth just went to the P.O. & brot back your letter of Thurs. so we know a little more what you're doing today or not doing. We won't be mad at Bill if we don't hear you in the game today. Why didn't you give yourself a big build-up to that reporter & Bill would read it & not realizing you were so good he'd begin noticing you then maybe. (Let's not get silly, now.)

Got a letter from Clara & she says Ben is on his way home, but didn't even mention the folks, or Art & we've been wondering what he's doing. We haven't heard from them for a couple weeks.

Guess I'd better get to work — at home today — Dad said Ruth could go to store & I could stay home & "visit" with Dave. He's just had his breakfast. Bye now. Love, Mom.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Hello Don.

This was a very nice day and at noon we took Dave down to Sittsbury to get his train for N. Y. it left at 3 and gets in N. Y. at 11:15 tonight and tomorrow he leaves for Norfolk for a day or so and then to Cuba for a few days and then back to Shil. Oct 24 for Navy day, then he says he will get either a 21 or 28 day leave and expects to see at least a couple of your games, we wanted to go down yesterday but he said he would rather wait for than he would have more time.

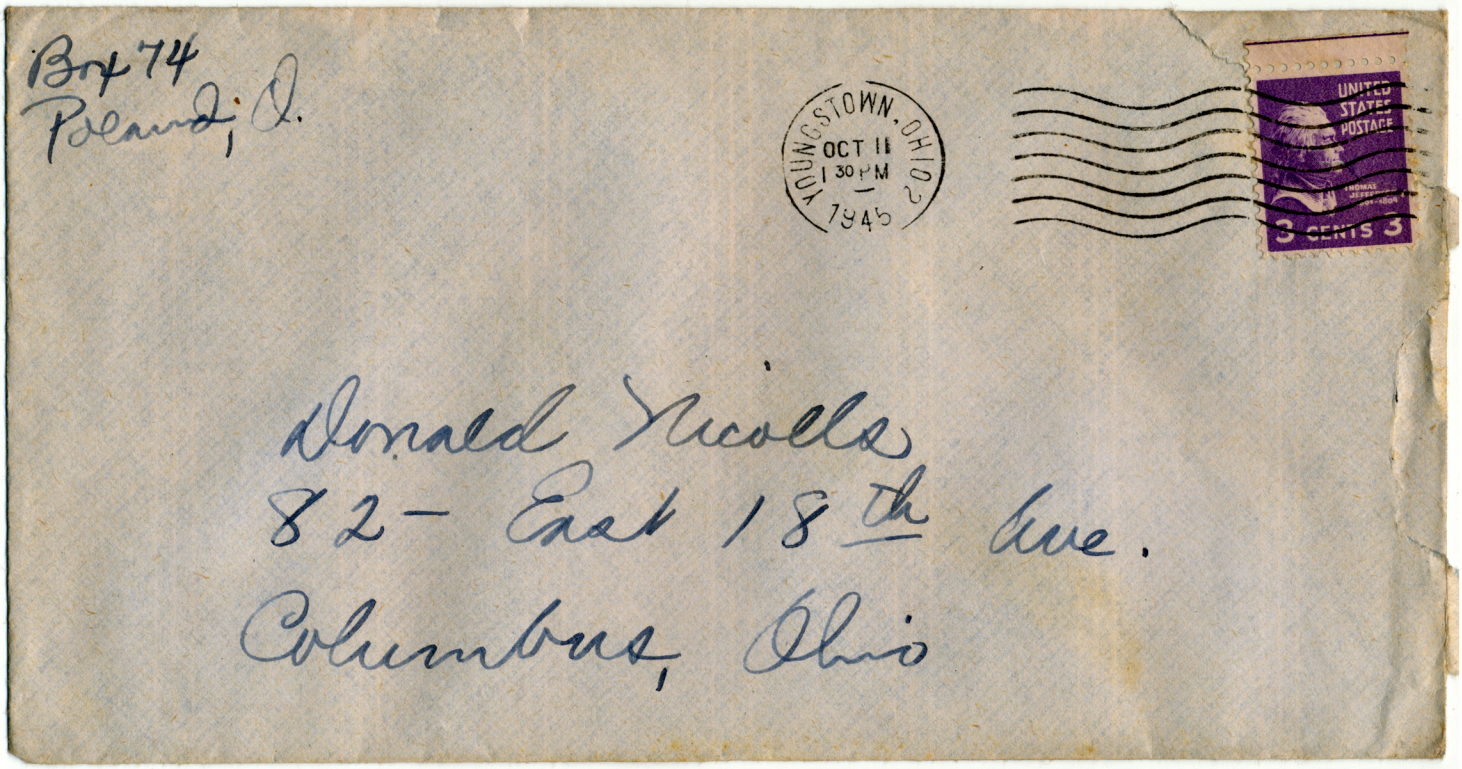
I almost dropped the meat saw yesterday when Tom Manning said Hiralls in at left end and then a pass for right ends and it went over their head and next play, Fisher threw one for you and you were not there but

blanked out but soon afterward learning that he was brought down by Shields on a stretcher and somehow the Reserves seem to go better than the regulars and Jennings done a lot of fumbling by the way Rawlings time is in on every play.

Heins want us to go down this sat to visit but you know in a day or so.

Hope your school is going good and if you need anything let us know.

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

Thurs. a.m.

Dear Don,

Maybe I'd better write a few lines even tho I expect to see you in a couple days. I'm getting awfully excited about it. I told Mrs. Heim I'd probably act like a hick at his first college game for I've never seen a big game except Youngs. Which I don't consider so big. She said there's all kinds of people at one of those games & they all do crazy things. I'm glad we're going with them the first time 'cause they know their way around and all. Of course, we'll expect to take them next time then but that will probably be the Nov. 3rd game & we'd like to stay over Sunday that time so I don't know how we'll arrange that. But, that's later. We don't expect to get to see you before the game because we probably won't get in there 'till noon or after & you'll be over there by then I imagine, but we'll see you after, I'm sure. Mr. Heim

will see to that. If you need his ticket — (I hope you got it) you can leave the money with the tickets. I was sorry he'd already bought them except I guess they have to take Cynthia whenever they go. Ruth says she'd like to go only it's such a long ride. I was tired when I got back from Pitts. Sunday & Dad says "how are you ever going to go to Columbus!" I'm glad he doesn't have to drive this first time too — in fact I'm glad, period! See you then!

No word from Dave since we left him Sun. no letters from Gene or Bob this week yet. Only Betty & she's so homesick I'm afraid she'll be coming home before long.

Maurice wants me to go to town with her today & help her get a dress so maybe I will cause I've worked hard for a few days getting ready for "club" here last night so guess I'll take a vacation today.

Bye now, be seeing you, I hope, Love Mom.

If you haven't sent your laundry back - Rup it & we can bring it back. I was a day late this week. (Rained)

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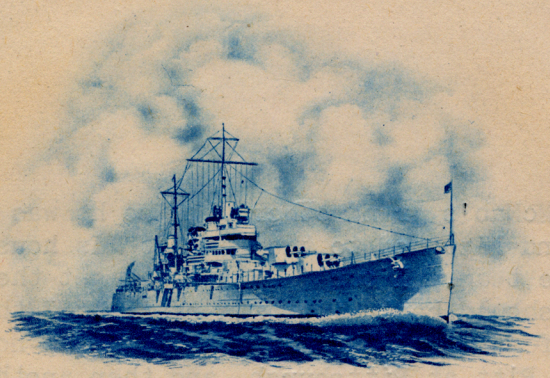

U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

Norfolk, Virginia
Wednesday evening
October 11, 1945

Dear Don,

I'll take some time out this evening and send you the latest news from here. I'll try to write and send you the news from time to time but if you're too busy to write very often I won't expect you to for I know what a rough schedule you have right now and Mom usually sends the news but if you do get a few minutes now and then I'll want to hear from you but what I'm trying to get at is that you don't have to take time out from your work to write me.

Well, I suppose by now you know I had a nice visit with the folks even though it was for only five days counting time on the train. Everything at home was swell and it was really swell to get home. I sure missed all the gang and you kids around the house. It seems so funny with only the Folks and Ruthie at home now. Ruthie and I went to see Woody Herman one night at the Palace and that was about all the night-life I saw. Marian couldn't make it down because it didn't give her enough time and the long train ride was hardly worth it. I hope to get home next month for a 20 or more day leave so I'll see her then.

Right now we're in Norfolk again and on Monday we leave for two days firing in the bay then we come in again, get the Admiral and take him to Annapolis for three days then come back here and let him off then go to Philadelphia for Navy Day arriving there about the 24th. After Navy day we expect to be put in the Atlantic Reserve Fleet which means the Philly will be finished... I hope. After that I don't know what I'll do but I'll either get another ship, get shore duty, or stay as one of the skeleton crew of the Philly. I don't think I'll get out until next spring sometime.

I heard the game the other day rather last Saturday and it was pretty good only a little bit one sided after the half. Tom Manning finally said,,,,Nicolls in at left end for Ohio State .....it was Nicolls who made the tackle.....Nicolls was the intentional reciever of that pass....which reminds me Buck. Fisher was to make a pass to you but couldn't find you on that play...where were you???

Geo. McNab's grandmother died so he was home again and we got together and listened to the game at his house and were we ever pulling for the team. I sure hope we can get the game here this weekend. You should beat Wisconsin easily. I think I'll be able to see a couple of games next ~~xxxx~~ month if I get home for you have one at State, then Pitt at Pittsburgh, and then another one at State so I'm going to try to see as many as possible.

George and I tried to get a date last Saturday night and darned if we could...no kidding. All the girls we used to go with are away at school or married. We went to the Elm stag but left there in about 15 minutes for it made us realize what failures we were.

Say Don, there are a few guys at State that you might say hello to if you ever happen to meet them. I know the chances are one in 10,000 but just in case. Larry Morris from Y-town is one and Goodballet's brother is down there now. Guess you've seen Eddie Davis. Maybe I'll be down there with you one of these days.

Well Buck, I guess this is all for now. I'll write more news when I get some. Write when you can. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you next month. Best o' luck.

Your brother,

Dave

USNR

(sometimes I wonder)

P.S. That picture the folks have of you is really good Don. I Have one of the smaller ones here on the ship.

P.P.S. We were hungry when we got to Russia — Soviet!!

P.P.P.S. I agree with you — Mom's cooking still can't be beat. Not by a long shot!!

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Mr. Don Riddle
82 East 18th Avenue
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Fri. P.M.

Dear Buck, alias "Pin-Up Boy",

Got your letter today, rather manuscript & enjoyed it very much. I let Jr. read it so he could get a few pointers on football. I didn't get to hear either game cause my radio's in the "fix-it" shop but I'll have it tomorrow for sure. You're right up there when they let you play in the first game. I got a letter from Grandma & she even listens to your games but says she listens just in case you should get hurt. I don't know what she could do if you did. Make a touchdown while I'm listening. If you do I'll yell "that's me brudder". I'll get Jr. to yell for you too. I wish Dave could have gotten down to see you play last week end but he wasn't home long enough.

Well, we finally get our jalopy back. New motor, tires & battery. Now all we need is a window & windshield wipers then maybe we'll have a car. It wouldn't start this morning for awhile but after Dunk put some gas in it everything was fine. I told him that afterall it wasn't such a wonderful car it would run without gas.

Dunk sure agrees with you about

Youngstown but me Jim still "homesick". I was reading the article about extending Ygtn. to include Poland too & I said a few words to myself. I don't think Councilman Nicolls will let them anyhow do you? If he does he'll never get my vote again.

You should come to Calif. It's still nice & warm every day & as for the "babes", just ask Dunk. I forgot, you have a few hundred where you are too. I'll have to tell on Dunk - there's a little old blond in the room next to us & the other night Dunk locked us out so had to go through her room, crawl out the window & climb over a ledge to finally get in our room. I told him "what a man won't do to meet a blond". She was in bed too. He wanted to try it the next night but I wouldn't let him. He'll have Jr. a blonde-chaser too.

I'll bet Bob gets home for Xmas. I haven't heard from him for ages but Mom & Dad think he will be. Maybe Dave too. I hope.

That Country Club episode sounded "au reet". The meal must have been good if you won later.

What did you think of the world series? Did you hear

Many of the games? I spent all last week sitting in the drug-store listening to the games since my radio's on the blink. It was a hard fight but my team won. I'm not so proud of them though. It took them too long.

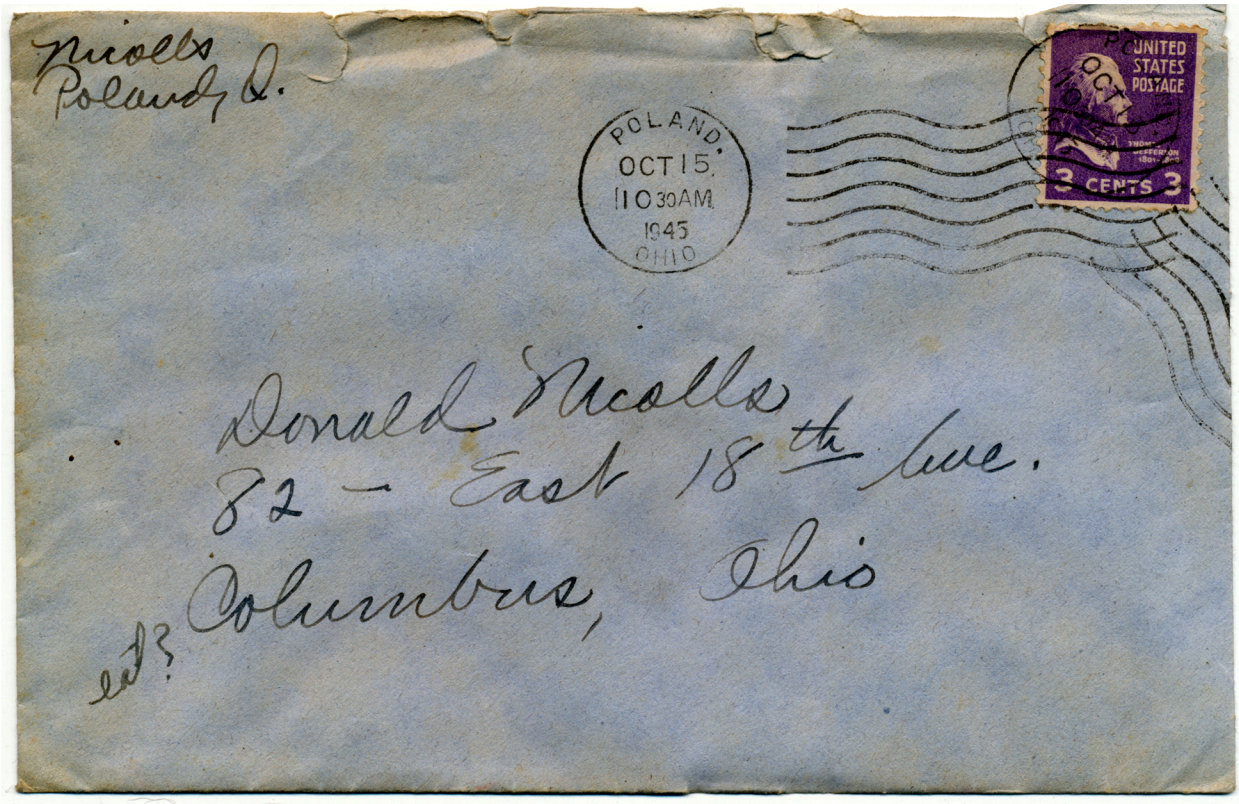
I guess we're not coming home now until June 'cause the Dr. said it's too far to travel. He thinks I'm a sissy I guess. Gally says I must listen he told me. Dunk still wants to go to college & can get $110 mo. from the gov't & if he gets a part time job we should be able to make out O.K. I'd do anything to get back to Ohio believe me. It's nice out here though; especially the weather.

Well, must get supper. I'm learning to open a can of soup tonight. Someday I'll be a first rate cook. As long as they keep putting things in cans I'll be all right.

Bye now. Told that time.

Love,

Betty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Mon. a. m.
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Dear Don,

We arrived home safely at 12:45 a.m. after a lovely trip, thrilling day and wonderful time, etc, etc, etc. That was the most exciting and interesting day Dad + Sis had had in a long time. It was good to be able to go with Heims, too, 'cause they knew the way around so well + could explain a lot of things that we'd have missed otherwise. The only trouble with it was now we want to be there every game! We plan to bring Heims along Nov. 3 + then Dad thinks he can't come the 17th Nov. + Mr. Heim says for Ruth + I to go with them then. They're going 2 w. + stay every Sunday but I don't know if Ruth will go with them or not - we would only need to ride down + back + could be on our own down there. Will see later but will have to get hotel reserv. if we do decide before long, 'cause all the alumnae will be back then. See how far ahead I'm planning now? That shows how determined I am to get down again as often as I can. I guess Blackmans are taking us to Pitts. Well, I sure did enjoy it all, that is for sure. We discussed + recussed every thing from

and car on the way home and every so often Dad would say "That sure was a big crowd of people." or "I just can't get over how many people were there!" till we got to laughing at him, but after all it was a lot of people. I looked over once & that I saw a lake way over from the practise field & then discovered it was parked cars and the people were coming thru the practise field and when they played the Star Spang. Banner everyone of those people stopped where they were & stood still till it was over. It sure was impressive. Another thing I enjoyed watching which you never get to see is them bringing down the flag & folding it up. I couldn't see how they'd ever get it folded up without touching the ground but they did. It took about 12 soldiers to do it. Those seats were perfect - you didn't miss a thing from there if you kept your eyes open & I sure did. The band is really something - that is why I want Ruth to see all of it. Some realizes till they have - what it's like. Well I could go on for pages but I want to write & tell the others about it. So bye for now & good luck & love. It was so good to see you & be with you for a little while.

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

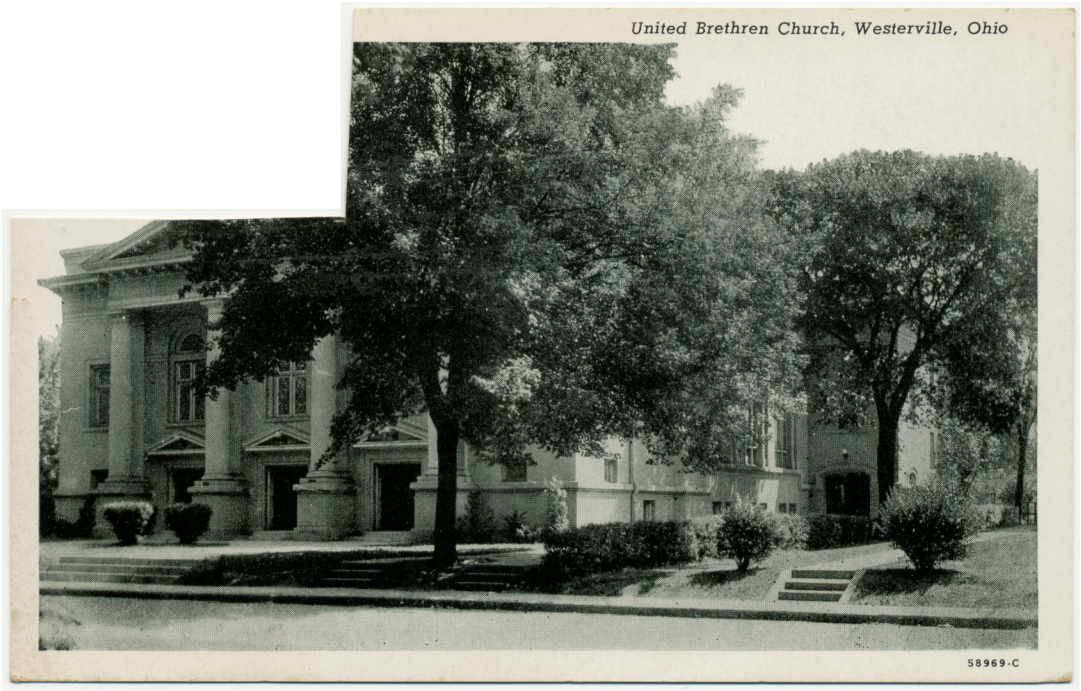
Wed. morn.
Oct. 17th

Dear Buck,

Just a shortie as I already have writer's cramp from writing Betty a 8 & 6 page letter all about the game. Oh! how I wish I had a type-writer at times like this. If you ever hear of one for sale put a down payment on it. Oh, how I'd like to be down there next Sat. I hinted for dad to let me drive down but — no soap. He says he can't go 'cause the boys (Jim & Red) have to leave at 5 next Sat. Buckman's even said they'd drive us down — darn! Jim spoiled now. I want to see every game. Hang on to the tickets a few days "just in case" but I have no hopes so don't miss the chance of selling them. — I wanted to tell you what Jim said. He & Red were here with Barb & Ruth when we got home Sat. night & I was asking him about Willem's game & he said he got "splinters" ah that game. I said "Why?" & he said from sliding back & forth on the bench as the coach said "Move over!" Poor Jim.

next Will you send a couple programs of Sat. game? I want to send Betty one & never thot to get an extra one last Sat. I sent Gene & Bob the 2 of the first game but want to keep one of each for your scrap book. Say, did you read Frank Ward's Sunday article? If you don't have it I'll send it to you & try to explain it to me, will you? It's about the telephoning system. I can't see what he's objecting to — but, I can't understand how those guys way up in their "vantage point" as he calls it can see all that any better or tell what to do next any more than the coach on the bench. Can they really see better? Dad says they have field glasses. I still don't see why — oh, well! I did get an idea of T. & Single W formation from Oct. 15 Life — & don't laugh 'cause I never did know what it meant before I'll learn. I studied the diagrams & have a little more idea now. Also the A formation. Have you used that yet?

Why didn't you "step me up" on that alarm clock sooner? You know me? I took it down yesterday & he said he'd take it apart & see if it could be fixed & come for it in 2 wks. Hope you aren't late to class in the mean time. I'll get the gloves & scarf out this morn. The only overcoat you could wear is Genie's & it wouldn't fit too well. If the draft doesn't ~~take us in~~ send you an "invite" in the next couple wks. will get you a new one. I'll send Genie's down until we see. Still for now Love Mom

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Donald Nicolls
82 - East 18th Ave.
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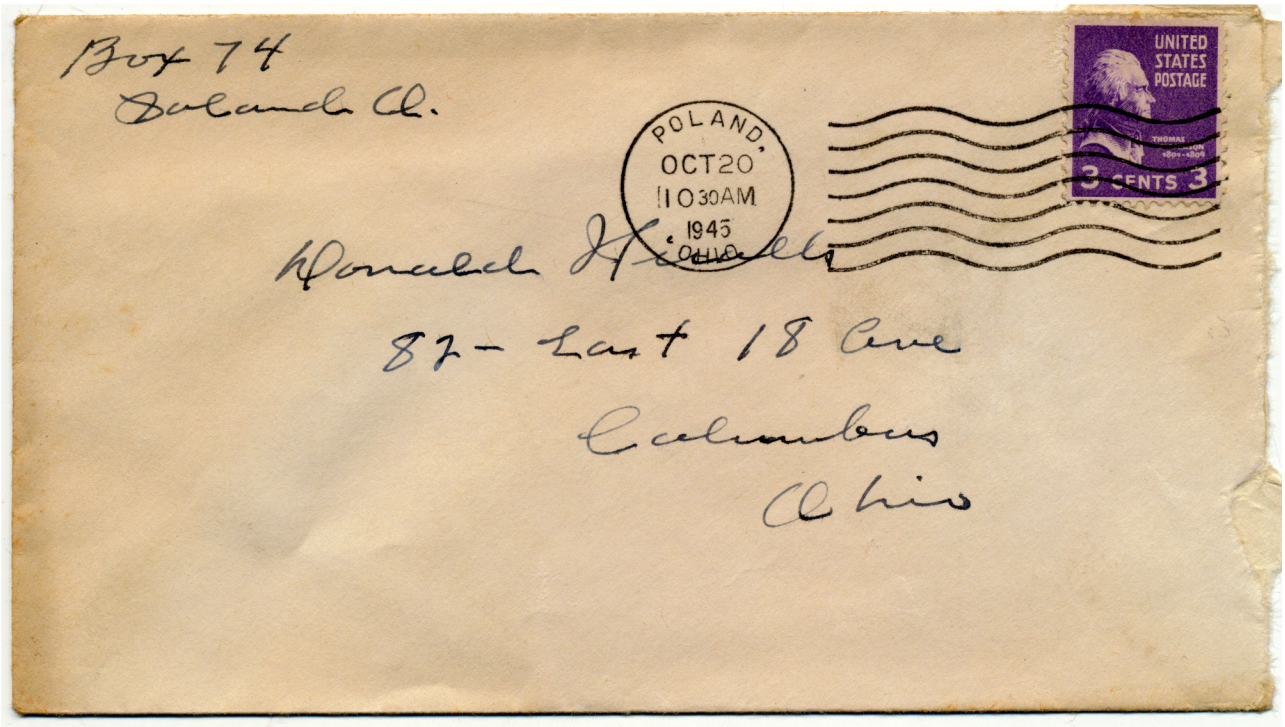
GENUINE CURTEICH-CHICAGO "C. T. PHOTO-FINISH" POSTCARD—(REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.)

POLAND, OCT 13 1955 OHIO

Dear Rick:- Wed. eve.
Guess where I got this card? I was cleaning out your dresser drawers! You had 2 alike of some of these - I didn't throw any of that stuff away. Just some scrap paper! Honest! I sent you an overcoat, too, also scarf + gloves. Hope the o. coat fits.
Dad went in with Mr. Heim to see the pictures of the game last Sat. at the Y. The picture is at the Y. I mean! I see Amling won special recognition - (see Vindi of Oct. 17th). Lovely day today. Ruth's been home with a cold since Mon. no mail from Bob or Game yet. Love, Mom.

GLENN KENNEDY, 52 LATTA AVENUE, COLUMBUS, OHIO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Hello Mom.

I am all rested up and would like to be down there tomorrow but sure will listen to the game on the radio, We sure had a good time and I cannot get over the crowd that was there and by the paper 74,000 will be there tomorrow so will be looking for Chris and Tom blowing saying Hickels caught that pass etc.

We had a real nice week only tonight it started to rain and am somewhat cooler so hope it will be nice tomorrow, By the way Mom. Send what the dope on the game and what time I should I be down there so when you find out let us know for I want to be there that day.

We had a letter from Bob today also got their paper and it had two cartoons of Bob in it that was real good also said the 575 would be going home soon so maybe he will be home before to long, also tonight paper said the Philadelphia and four other cruisers would be used to bring back soldiers from Europe, have had no word from Eugene so far, Gordon Duffy is home to stay and looks real good also Fr Spitler.

Must close all the news so will listen to the fight and hope

you see Ch. K. and if you need
any thing let us know, also last
week night I went up to the Y. M. C. A.
and saw the Chic-Wisconsin game
with Mr Heim and they showed
it real slow and you could see
every play and really was good
there were about sixty that saw
it.

Your Dad
Carl.

P. S.

Also Mr Heim said you must
have a good pull down there to
get such good seats for he said
they were extra good.

Nicolls
Poland, O.

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

Sun. Eve.
Oct. 21st.

Dear Don,

So sorry please — about that game yesterday — very sorry, in fact. I don't see how anyone could stop or get around that Demoss — Canfield combination. I spose all Columbus and nearly all those 74,000 people were pretty low over it but after all it isn't good to always win. Just so the team doesn't fold up for the rest of the year now. It sure sounded like it was folded up or not even there yesterday. I spose Saringhaus' & Fisher's injuries slowed them up. This was a bad week to feature Sar. in the Life mag.

Now, I'm going to tell you something that I thot I wouldn't tell you till next winter or next ~~summer~~ or sometime cause. I didn't want you to feel badly — but — you needn't now — this is it: — Last Thurs. Dad decided he wasn't going to have much meat for the rest of the week-end and he kept thinking of the game Sat. so called Ivan & asked him if

that offer held good about driving us down any time. Sure it was, so we were all set — then I came home (I'd been at the store) and here was your Wed. letter. and the second paragraph said "I just sold the tickets, etc, etc" — — well, imagine the feeling — our good seats gone gone I tell you — gone! I called Dad & said maybe if we called you you could pick up some but he didn't think so. So — I just chalked it up as one of those things that happen for the best. But we decided we wouldn't tell you or you'd feel badly about it — and I didn't mind until I heard them play the Star Sp. Banner & I could see it all so clearly — I wanted to be there. Then after the first quarter I wasn't so sure then by half-time I said to myself "That's why that happened — I wouldn't want to be there and see that happening" — and from then on I kept thinking I'm glad glad glad I tell you! that Don got $6 apiece for those seats. That's the best thing that happened.

2. For I really wouldn't have wanted to see that. You'll pardon me for saying that, won't you? So — the old adage which says "Everything happens for the best!" still holds good. From my very inexperienced viewpoint I'd say Doc Doug was the only smart boy on that field yesterday — how did it look from where you sat? Of course Jim did alright what little chance he had.

Poland got licked bad yesterday again, too. Looks like they're time for the season. Some of the Kids have guts — Bill Hart for one. I'll be too bad if he never makes a football player — much as his Dad would like him to be.

Now, what dya' say we get off f.b. for awhile? Glad to? I thot so. We got a letter from Gene yesterday and he's arrived in Japan. Got there Oct. 6 after circling around for 3 days near Okinawa to avoid that typhoon. Said the sea was so rough they couldn't stand on deck. Says the Japs are friendly just want food + cigarettes. The old soldiers (I spose he meant

Told me he told Mac [illegible]

former Jap soldiers) salute the Am. vehicles as they go by. They (gene's Co.) are stationed where the Jap officers had been so its a nice set up. 4 of them in each room.

Did you see in the Vindi that the Philly was going to be a troop + carrier after Navy day? If Dave stays on here — his traveling days aren't over yet.

We were up at Gordon's "open house" tonight. I still can hardly believe he's really home.

Thanks for all the explanation of the telephone system — wasn't it working yesterday? — forgive me! I just had to put that in! I still can't see why F. Ward thinks it spoils the game + all that. One man's opinion Eh? How'd I get back on this subject? I was re-reading your Thurs. letter. That was pretty good about the cuckoo clock.

Will you send this Sad Sash News on to Dave when you've read it and ask him to send it back to us? Thank you. Bye now + loads of love Mom.

P.S. We won't want any more tickets Nov. 3. Just the Four.

I read in a book of names that "Maple" means "Jolly" so I don't mind being called that at all.

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Mr. Don Nicolls
82 East 18th Avenue
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Furth, Germany
October 21, 1945

Dear Don,

Your letter of September 30th said "We dood it against Missouri." Well, right now as I listen to a re-broadcast of the Purdue game you aren't doing so well. Third quarter and Purdue leads 22 to 0. Brother, I'm really playing for you to win. Cody scores again. Now 28 to 0. Fourth quarter under way now.

Well, we've been having real fall and football weather. Sunny but cool during the day but cold and foggy at night.

Friday afternoon we played a battery and lost 18 to 12. We play them again this week. I got my knee banged up but it's okay again now.

Well, the game is over and Ohio lost 35 to 13. Really a great game. But then you can't win every game although it would be swell to. The very best of luck to you and the team in the remaining games. I'm pulling for you very very much.

I see in today's "Stars and Stripes" that the Shilly is one of the ships coming over to help return vets to the States. Swell. Wish I could ride it back.

'Tis now the following afternoon and if nothing interrupts I'll finish this letter to you, Don. It's shortly after three and already a heavy fog is rolling down from the mountains.

Had a little excitement last night. I took another fellow and walked around to check curfew in the town. We took over curfew patrol last night. The others that had it before were rather lax and the people got a bit bold.

Anyways I saw two guys and girls coming down from the cemetary - probably had there necking - and yelled 'halt' but they jumped the fence and started to run so we opened fire. Well we soon caught three but one girl got away. I believe

she was hit because we did see some blood. Jive checked at the doctor's but these damned people lie too much. Anyways I threw the other three in jail for the night. One of them - an officer in the Kraut army - laughed at the "American soldatan" so we worked him over.

Today we put one to work cleaning our kitchen stoves and the officer we are having sweep the main street - but good. He has a sign on his back - I am sweeping the street because I was out after ten - thirty - in German. The people laugh but really hate us for it. But I hate them moreso.

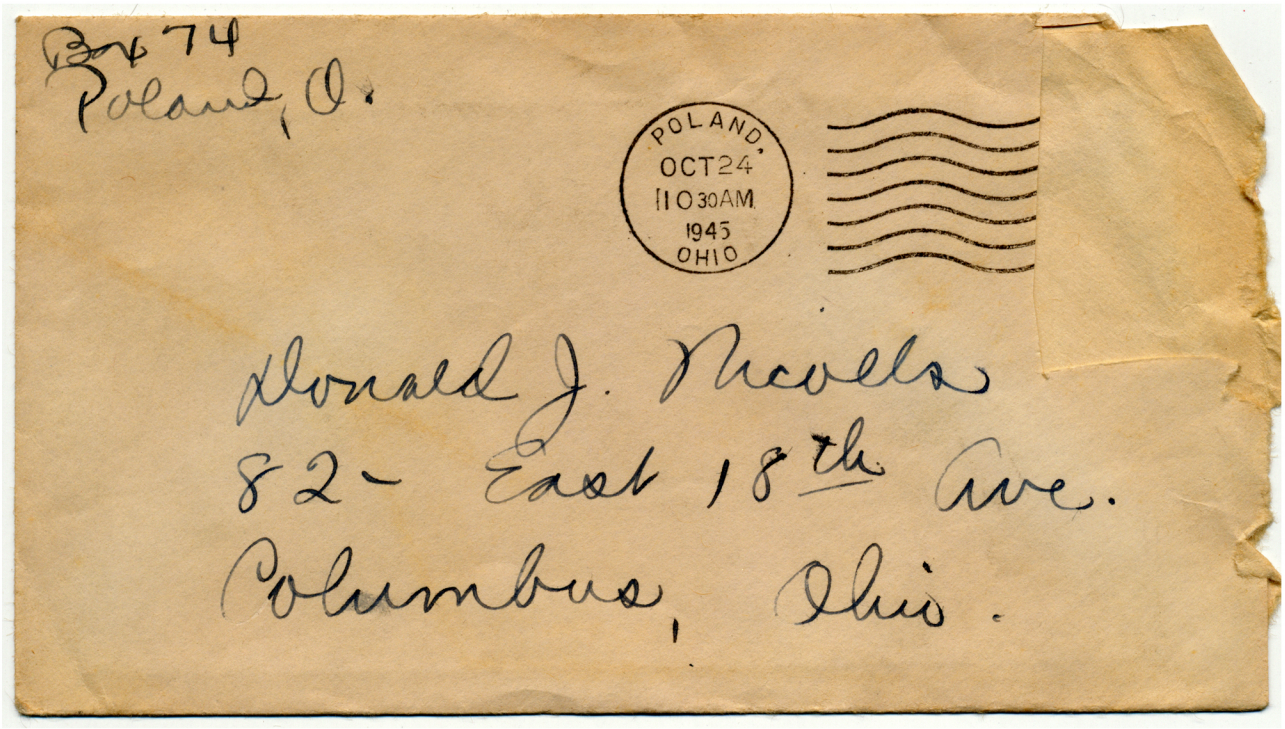
But it was good to take a shot at a German again. I had my 45 out for a little practice the other day and it's still a dead shot.

I have two pistols that I'll try to get home. One is the Mauser I got in Marseille that I'll give to you for a

souvenier; and the other is an Italian Beretta. Small but a good pistol. When I get dressed up I carry it as it is easily concealed in the hip or inside pocket. Never do I walk at night without a gun as the Jerries really hate me. The other fellows - most of them - pal around with them but I associate only for business.

Well, Don, I'll write again soon and I hope that you make out all right at school. The best of luck to you.

Your brother
Bob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Wed. a.m.

Dear Buck,

When will you know if you're going with the team Sat.? Is there a chance you'll get home if you don't go? Hope so. I spose they'll really need "Ole Strait to the Bench Nicolls" there to make the team look good, eh? I sure hope Fisher and Sarrang. feel better by Sat. I think you're sposed to lose aren't you according to the sports writers - not F. Ward, either. Well, one never knows. Good luck anyhow and I'll expect to see a good game Nov. 3. We're wondering if Dave will make it for that game. (Gosh! I spose he can't get tickets if he does get home, huh? How do they do with service men? He'd probably have Marian with him — oh! well, will wait & see for that) Bob — his orders now are — he stays with the Philly after Navy Day and still be converted to a troop carrier & be ready to leave Nov. 14 and there goes his 30 day leave. Boy, was he mad! But, I think that duty should be alright — better than being sent to the Pacific I'd say. And maybe he can bring Bob back. He says he'll try to get a

week, but doesn't count on anything now, but if he gets to Phila. he can get home on a 48 at least.

I've already sent Betty a program so it's O.K. I don't need another. I found I had an extra Iowa game one. I hope you got one of last Sat. or are you mad at me for saying I was glad I wasn't there & won't send me one now. and where's the article on Doc & Dixon which you "Enclosed" in your letter. It must be invisible. which reminds me: I forgot to put ~~the~~ your socks in your laundry bag, so I'll send them along with the Carbonis when I get it. I have to work at store today again as I did from 12 to 4 yesterday. Maggie is going to Faith's sister's funeral today. We went down to see her (Faith's sister) last night & then went on in to see Our Vines have tender grapes. It's good. See it if you get a chance or did you? How's Joy like O State by now? And where's Ed? You haven't mentioned him lately.

Gotta quit. Ruth's ready to go.

Bye & Love, Mom.

3,8 W Adams Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.







Mr. Dan Nicolls 1 A U.S. Army
82 East 18th Avenue
Columbus
Ohio

Wed. P.M.

Dear G. I. Buck,

How's that sound? If you come out here I'll see what I can do to put you in 4F. Just a couple of my meals & you'll be right there. I'll do it for only a small charge too.

We won't mention the Purdue game. I heard it though & every time they sent in a substitute I waited for them to say "Nicolls." I see they've named the team after you (Bucks). That was nice of them.

I've gone to see all the Pathe-News & can't find you. I got my money back after I'd seen six of them. I did see an animal with some of the players & was wondering if that could have been you.

Mom sent me a Ohio State - Iowa program & I've read it 50 times already. I still think you're the best looking player & I'm not saying it 'cause you're my "brudder". Which one is your roomate? That Ray Baker looks like a nice fellow. I didn't like the picture of Dick Fisher though. He looked like Eddie Brackett in the movies.

We went to Hollywood the other day & walked & walked. Dunk was taking in all the sights(?). Every time we'd pass a beautiful girl I'd have to stick him with a pin or

he'd just stand & stare. It's really a nice place & more places to go & things to do. There's the "Palladium", Brown Derby, Earl Carroll, etc. I want to get some tickets to some of the C.B.S. programs. You have to get them about a week ahead.

Our car runs wonderful now but the only thing I'm worried about now is when it starts to rain out here poor Dunk doesn't have a window on his side. As hard as they say it rains out here he'll probably be drowned a good many times before the rain's stop. We haven't any windshield wipers either. More fun.

This Saturday evening we're going to a "Tribute to Victory" at the Southern Calif. Coluseum. It should be a good program. They've been practicing for it ages. We can see them from here.

I'd have to go get a paper & see if you play tomorrow & who you play. I probably can't get it on the radio. So far they've broadcast two of your games out here.

Well, soldier, I'd better get some work done. You know I'm a house-wife now & they're busy all the time (a-hem) Write soon & watch those colds. Huba Huba

Love,
Betty

David S. Nicolls RM2/C

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82 East 18th Avenue
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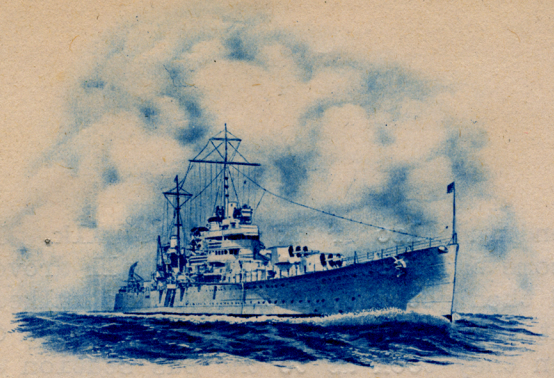

U.S.S. PHILADELPHIA

Enroute Philadelphia
Wednesday evening
October 24, 1945

Dear Don,

I received your swell letter the other day so I'll answer it now while I have some time. Things seem to be going O.K. with you at Columbus and right now things are going O.K. here for we just left Norfolk for Philadelphia. We'll get there Friday and remain until around the middle of November.

Saturday is Navy Day and it'll be a big day for all sailors for they have a big program planned all along the coast for all the ships that will be in port. We'll be in Philadelphia and of course will be treated like kings since the ship is named after that city. The ship will be open for the public from nine to five from the 27th through the 29th. After Navy Day we go into the Navy Yard there and they're going to put a lot of extra bunks in and get us set for our new duty of bring back troops from Europe. We thought we were going into the Fleet Reserve but they need ships to bring back troops so they're converting about 8 carriers and 6 cruisers for the duty. I guess the reason is because the English took back one of the Queens and several other big troopships that we were using.

We're to be in the Yard until the 14th so maybe I can get home to see a game. If I can't get to Columbus I'm going to try and make the Pitt game at Pittsburgh for that won't be so far. I hope I can get home though for a few days and have Marian down. I still don't have enough points to get out so I'll still be around for some time to come. I think, by my calculations, that I'll get out about April or May.

I had a nice time over the weekend. Bob Goodballet and I had a 48 so we went to Washington and visited with Aunt Ruth and Aunt Gert. We got there about 2 Saturday afternoon and listened to the State-Purdue game(I'll come to that later!!) and then about five the women came home from work so we went to the store and got some chow and had a swell steak dinner. In the evening we went to a night-club down town and saw a show.

We slept Sunday until noon and when we got up they had a big waffle breakfast ready for us and it sure was good. I really ate

over the weekend and also drank a lot of milk. In the afternoon Bob and I played some badminton and then we all drove over to the park by the zoo and then got out of the car and walked several miles thru the park and it was really beautiful. After we came back to the house we ate and then they took us to the bus station where we got a bus about 9:30. It was a swell weekend and it was good to get away from the Navy and just take it easy.

Now.....about the Ohio State- Purdue game. Bob and I were all pepped up for a good game and victory number 13 and before it was all over your team had us pounding our heads together. What was the ~~matter anyhow. You line wouldn't hold at all and they just went~~ through you every time it seemed. What do you say....? Were they too much for you or was that just a bad game for Ohio State. I sure hope you trim Minnesota this weekend but you'll really have to go some to do it I think.

Glad you cleared me up on that deal that Tom Manning was fouled up on Buck. Guess he was all messed up on the play. He ~~xxxxx~~ should have told about that 19 yard run you made though.

Glad Mom and Dad got down to see the Wisconsin game and I know you were glad to see them. They both wrote and told me about it and they sure did enjoy themselves down there. Glad they're coming down for the game on the 3rd and hope I can go down there with them if I can get off...which is the big problem.

Well Buck, I guess this all for now. I'll write more later and send the news and you do the same in the meantime. Hope to see you one of these days. Don't let last Saturdays game get you down. I'll try to see you before we leave for Europe again.

Your brother,

Dave

Box 74
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OCT 26
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Donald Hiralts
87 - East 18 Ave
Columbus
Ohio

Doland, Ohio
Oct. 25-'45

Hello Don.

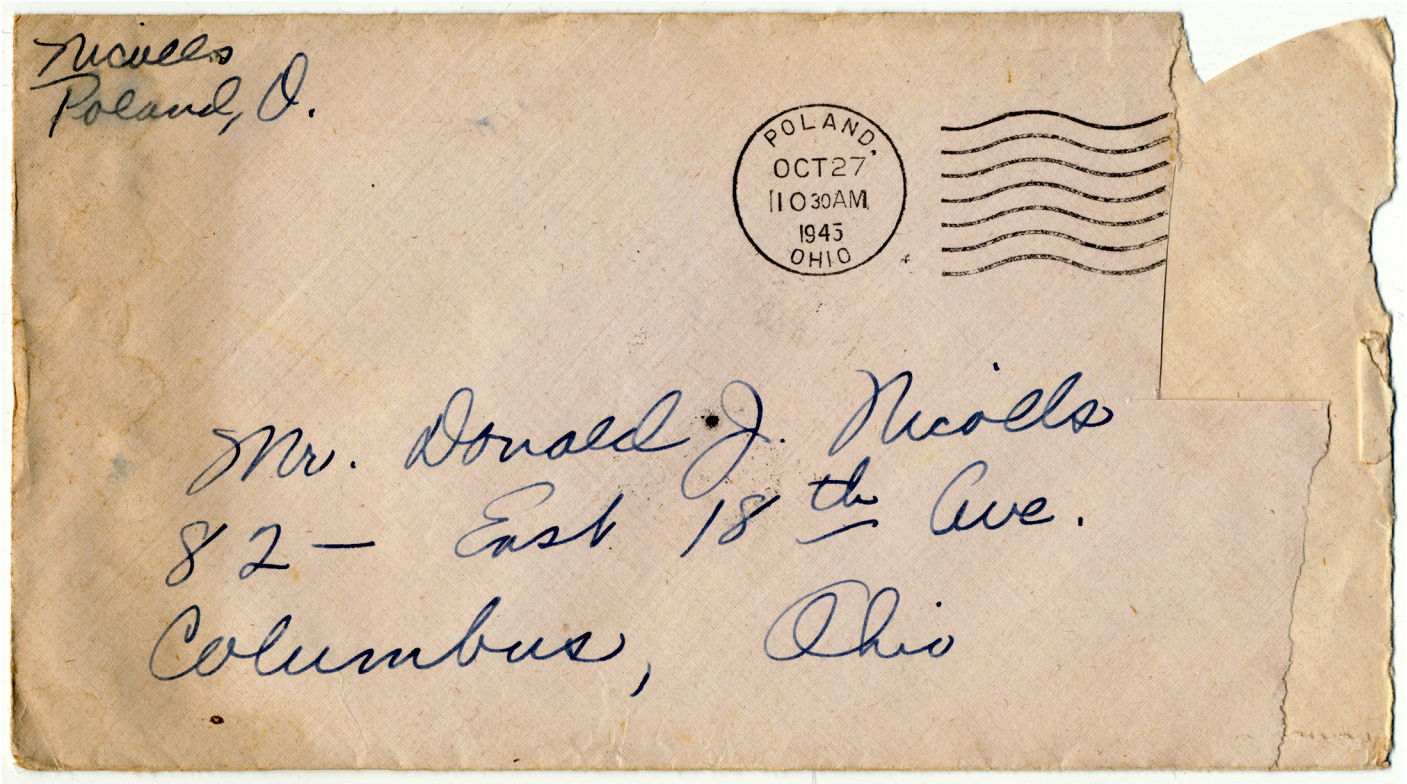
We received letters from you and Bob today, Bob. didnt have much to say only hope he would be home this xmas and was rather cold over there now.

I hope Ohio State plays better this week for last week they sure were awful and the announcer said several times that didnt seem possible the Ohio could be so bad especially the whole team to better luck this week.

I received my invitation and to be at the Union Bldg at 11:30 to eat also they will send me a special parking permit soon so you let me know where that Building is for I want to be there on time also expect to see Ohio at their best on that day.

We are well and need busy at the store and that about all the news I know of only Hanfield won from Doland today 24-6 so if you need any money or any thing else let me know so will make this rather short for I want to read the paper and then am going to bed.

Your Dad
Earl.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Mr. Donald J. Nicols
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Columbus, Ohio

Sat. morn

Dear Buck,

Wonder where you are & what you're doing today. Studying I spose if you didn't go to Minnesota. The sport casters are predicting a loss for the dear old Bucks today again. I hope they don't fold up now like Poland has. Lost to Canfield again as you probably know by now.

How did the mid-terms turn out or don't you get grades on them? Are the studies any harder than last term? Do you see Eddie thru the week? How's he like it? Is he going to join a fraternity? The kids here got a holiday yesterday. Teacher's meeting so the Seniors got their pictures taken at Gaschenes. The Junior Play is Nov. 2nd. and the Fall Frolic Nov. 9th

Yes, I saw the plane down there that day but didn't realize what kind it was, of course. And last Sat. you could hear those that went over so loudly you'd think they were coming out thru the radio. Wonder why game time is so late today? 4:30 our paper said.

I don't think Ruth got any Seminarian home. I didn't see any anyhow. Ted check.

Ruth said Mr. Barton announced Ted writes a letter from Big Dora & said you were rotten in Tuttam

going to ask for leave — well, we'll have to find a way. Oh Dr. Jas. Lemmon would fail, they would go. Well, they

You asked once. Where we ate that day down there? We were going to Pomerene Hall but there was a long line almost out to the front side walk so we went on up to the corner Sealy's. That narrow little store and got a couple good ham sandwiches apiece + co Dee. They sure were rushed. There was a young girl + boy working + an older woman & the girl said to the boy "One more day like this gang day then thank goodness we get a rest!" So today they can rest maybe.

Maybe you did see Betty Mellinger. She's down there + seems to me I heard she's kinda "snotty" so maybe it was her. She's Ward Mellinger's girl & then Ray's sisters are Phoebe + June but I know they're both out of college altho' they did go down there. Or do you still think you just mistook someone for them.

Your tarbenis is on it's way. It's not a very big jar. Shall I get another soon + send it or do you like to change? I see they still have mazon. Remember that? Do you EC. any worse? Tell the truth now!

Geo. Dale + Al leaving + your Gen- eral are in town this week. Ruth + I have to go to store as Faith can't work today. But now — Lots of Love Mom.

Wish wondering how were managing with Dave gone next week + maybe Marian's down. No.

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Nicolls
Poland, Ohio

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Hotel room

Mr. (P.F.C.) Donald J. Nicolls
82 — East 18th Ave.
Columbus, Ohio

Sunday eve.
Oct. 28th.

Dear P.F.C. Nicolls: —

Congratulations on your promotion! I'll bet they gave you that because you were able to wipe that "personality smile" off your face at the right time. Right? Well maybe you'll be a Sgt. some day too! Have you written your brother Gene that you've caught up to him already? And — seriously now — just what will it mean as far as any authority is concerned? Do you really drill some of the others now? I don't know what to believe any more — will you please put "serious part" at the head of the truthful-real things you tell me? I wouldn't doubt your word y'understand! It's just that after a story like you getting into Pathe News as Coach Biddle — sometimes I wonder! And did Wid really tell them how much a clip they could play for? I don't doubt they play but he wouldn't tell them for how much, would he? Do I hear

you laughing? — Well, go ahead & it's good for you!

I guess the paragraph about the mid terms were serious alright, wasn't they? Well I'll settle for B's but if you're an honor student you'll get in the Vindicator — notice the ones in today's paper from this State? never mind! I don't want you straining your brain any more than you do. Mrs. Barnes tells me you study so much — and I'll have to have her make you go to bed at 9 when she does if you keep at it too much. Did I tell you she said Jim was a very nice boy but not the student that you was! Better not tell Jim that!

A goody! you have to get your uniform Dry-Cleaned, huh? What did I tell you? — I guess I'll have to tell you something which is for your own good — to save you embarrassment. Some evil minded people use the word "fairy" to describe men who do things they should'nt to other men — sex practices, so don't use the word or someone will think you mean whereas you speak which you didn't. I mean but maybe you've heard it used as you probably meet all types down there. I just think you should know.

2. we hardly knew whether to stay over or not next Week-End. We don't know if Heino would want to, you see, altho she did say we should stay over. But since they are staying Fri. + Sat. nites of the Home Coming Week-End I think they might not want to, this time. Then we're just wondering about Dave but of course can't plan any thing till we hear from him. I guess I'll have to write him our plans so he'll know - but now that Navy days over he may drop in any day - I hope. Anyhow, - will just have to wait + see, I guess. I sure hope we have a week end as day like this one was. It was Perfect. Grandma + I went for a ride to Salem, Columbiana + back this afternoon, while Dad was resting.

Have you heard from Dick Haduett since he's in service? And do you still hear from Margie? If so, what's she doing now? Pat Wood just went to Aberdeen yesterday + also Sara Bickler to Ann Arbor, Mich. - it says in today's Vindi.

I hear Ed Davis came home this week-End. I know now, too, why you couldn't. I just forgot that you play a game with B squad. I see you beat Purdue by a nice score. Maybe B squad should have played them last week ago Sat. Well, you know what I mean don't you? Wasn't that a grand come back the boys made yesterday? I was so provoked we didn't get more of it on the radio. What we heard was great. I'd have liked to have heard that part where O.S. held them on the 4 yd. line. And my hero "Doc" really showed 'em yesterday again. Bill Stern said "He did everything but sell tickets."

No comment on your remarks as to "O.V.H.T. grapes." can't think of a suitable come back just now!

You mean that Ray Mellinger is still down there? I'd forgotten about him! What's he taking and why — well, you know, army & all that?

I tied Maggie "Hello" for you — she said — "Hello".

Yes, now aren't you sorry you scowled at Mable so as you waited for me to finish those letters? Ruth just doesn't wait that's all. I have to have them ready. "Yonse is a good kid, anyhow" Bye for now hoods up love Mom.




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GENUINE CURTICH-CHICAGO "C. T. PHOTO-FINISH" POSTCARD (REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.)

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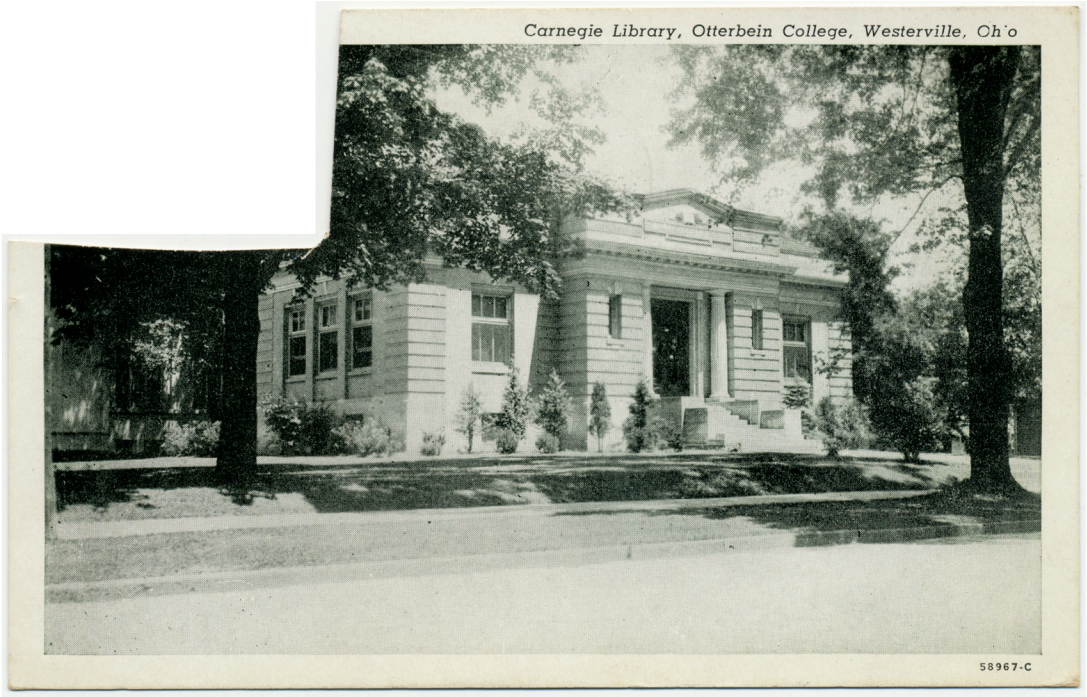
Dear Buck:— Tues. a.m.

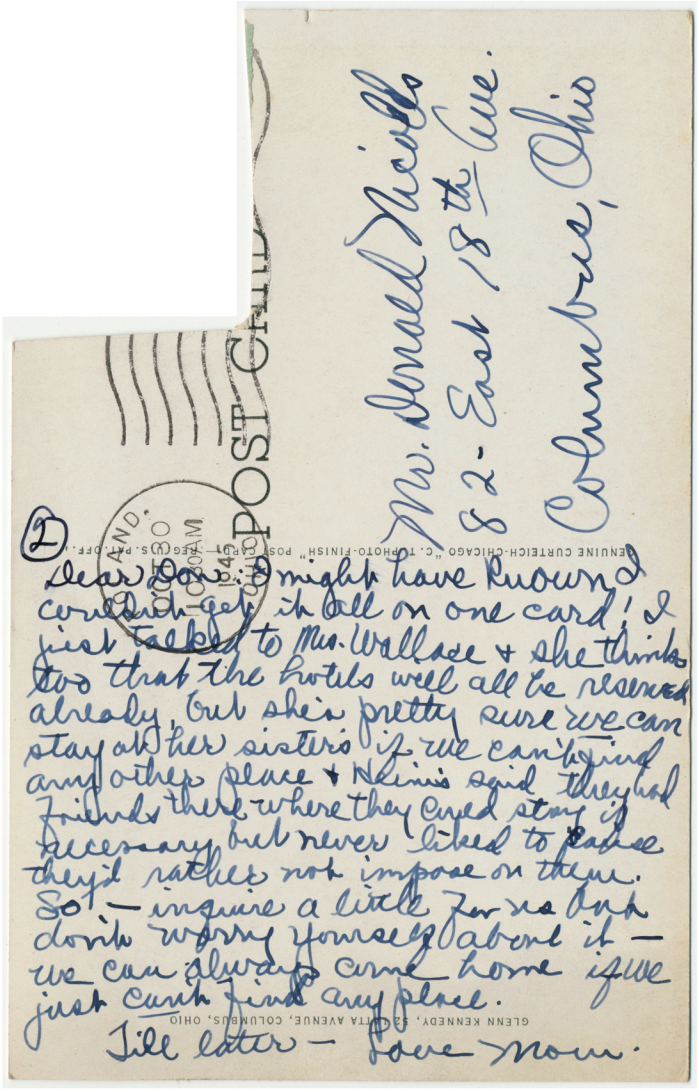
This card even had a stamp on it. Thanks! Did you ever get the overcoat, etc.? I spose you did, but you haven't mentioned it yet.

Mrs. Heim called last night and they want to stay there Sat. night. She thinks the hotels will all be reserved already and says rooms in a home would be better maybe. I don't want you to worry trying to get them but maybe Mrs. Barnes can tell you if there are any tourist homes or such around. Or you might try the hotel first. We'd need 3 rooms - not necessarily together or one room with an extra cot would do for

more tomorrow - have mom.

Don't loose them - will try at day.

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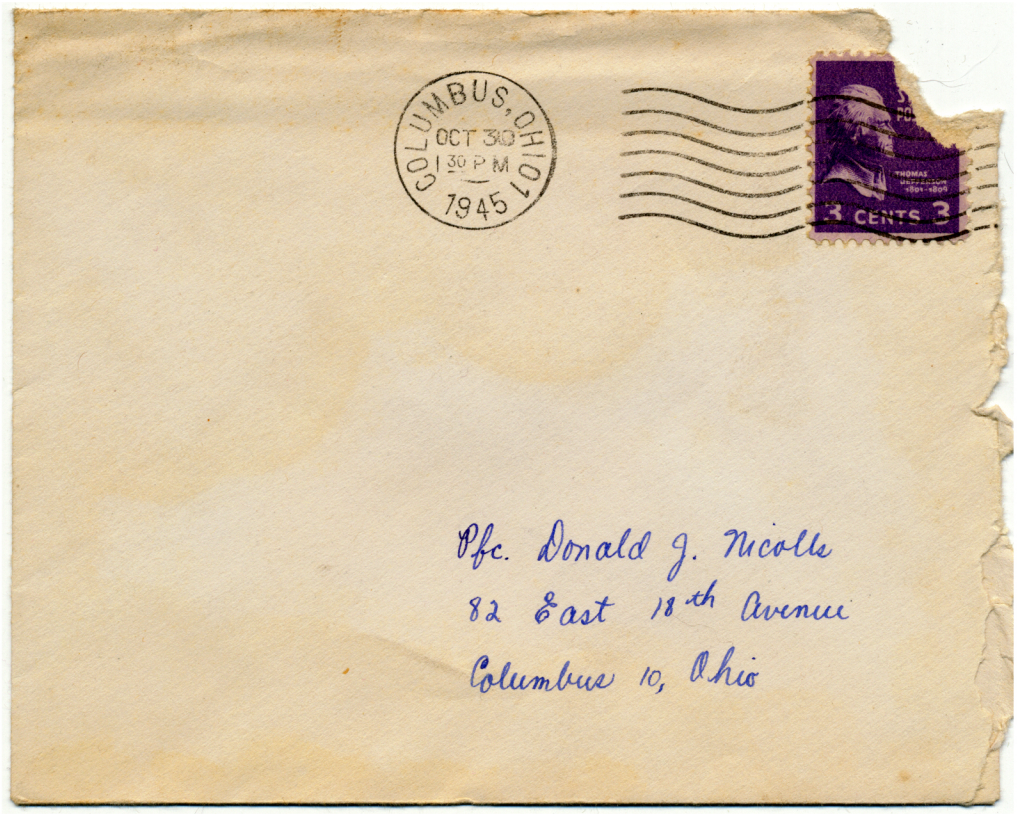
Dear Dot: I might have known I couldn't get it all on one card; I just talked to Mrs. Wallace & she thinks too that the hotels will all be reserved already, but she is pretty sure we can stay at her sister's if we can't find any other place & Mimi said they had friends there where they'd stay if necessary but never liked to because they'd rather not impose on them. So — inquire a little for us but don't worry yourself about it — we can always come home if we just can't find any place.

Till later — Love Mom.

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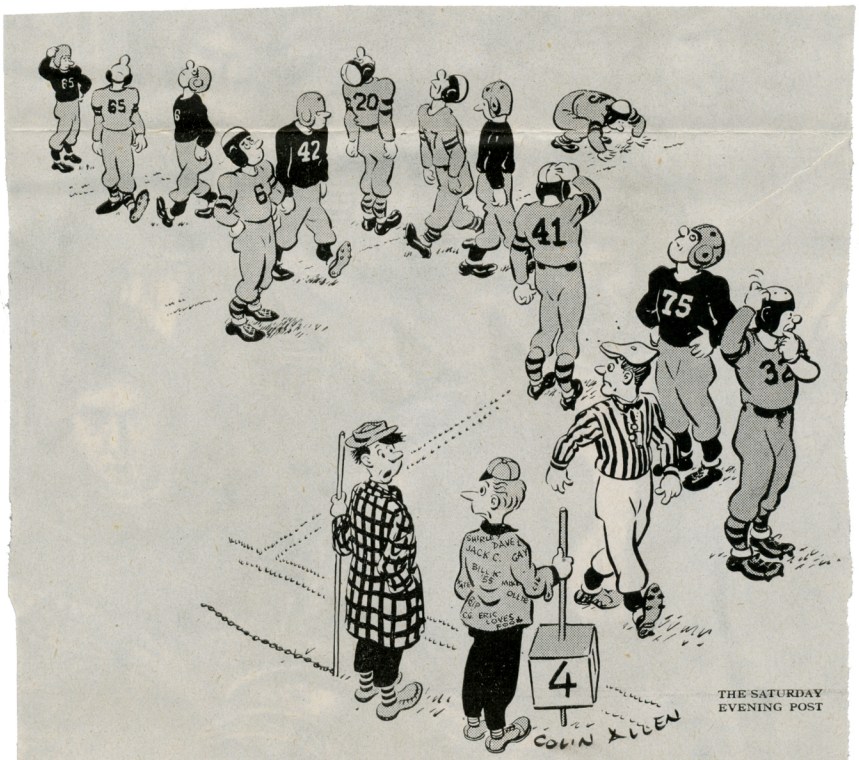


"Most successful hidden-ball play I've seen!"




"That'll be *another* five-yard penalty for too much time in the huddle!" Guess Hoho??