

Kirjeitä 1969

Barb Ripka 4.1.1969



Jan. 4, 1969

Dear Oskari,

I was so happy and surprised to receive your letter. Your letter had been there a couple of days before I got home for Christmas. I had a real nice Christmas but the weather was terrible. I had to leave Minneapolis a day later than I planned so it made my Christmas vacation shorter. Tuesday the day before Christmas Doug & I went shopping and had a real nice time. Doug got Joyce a watch for Christmas, and Joyce got Doug a Valet, that a chair he can put in his room & hang slacks, suit jacket & etc. on. It was really nice.

Barb

For Christmas from my parents
I got a new bath robe, shoes,
slacks, leather gloves, tall boots,
long scarf you wear around
your neck during cold weather.
From my brother Chuck I got
a pair of pajamas, from Frank
a sweat shirt. And from my
sister a pair of wool slacks
and sweater, from Joyce &
Doug a pair of ear rings, and
last but not least a Mason Williams
record from Fandi. I really rated
pretty good. I still have a
couple of gifts from out in Washing-
ton from my god-parents. Did
you have a nice Christmas?

I am still leaving in Minn.
until probably the end of Feb.
or end of March. I love my
work at Methodist Hosp. I
plan on going to Nursing

school in Sept. Then maybe
I'll come visit you in
Greenland ok! I have off the
whole week-end which is
really nice for me.

Did you know I am no
longer a blonde? I went back
to my pretty much natural
color, its alright I guess.

You asked if I've been doing
a lot of drinking and smoking, well
kinda of, I've went to a few parties
but really didn't do a lot of drinking
how about you? Joyce was kinda
of our mother when she was up
here, she didn't let us get out
of line very often. Its getting late
so better end my short letter for
tonight and get to bed. Write soon
I'll look forward to hearing from
you. Be good!

Barb.

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P.S. I enjoyed your letter
very much. Also go to
College I would hate to
see you go in the service
ok! So take my advice and
how can you go wrong!

Hal
Eva

Luella Schuler 5.1.1969



Sunday night
January 5, 1969

Dear Pekka,

It seems like quite a while
since I've written to you, but you
are often in my thoughts.

Your grades sound very good!
How does it feel to be so nearly finished?
I'm glad you got your yearbook. (It
certainly takes a long time to get there,
doesn't it?) Did it bring back some old
memories? Doug got a Christmas card
from Connie. He also heard from his
family in Germany. We felt we had
rather an international Christmas thing
from Spain, Germany + Finland.

Thank you so very much for the beautiful
candle holders. I love pretty things like
that but never get them for myself. I'll
always treasure these - especially because
they are from you. Do you remember the
little Christmas figures that you left
here? I put these out for our Christmas

and it seemed to be a little piece of
you was with us. The sweater you
sent Doug fits beautifully! And it
looks so nice on him! And Dad's
knife! You couldn't have given him
anything he would have liked better.
You shouldn't have done so much for
us - Thank you so much!

Did you get Doug's package? I still
have your packages here. I took them
down to mail them after Christmas!
(late as usual!) And they would not
accept them. There is a long shoremen's
strike going on on both sides of the
Atlantic & they will accept no surface
mail. Airmail goes through, but
no surface mail. I priced the air mail
price for these packages & it was more
than the gifts themselves cost, so I'll
wait. Sorry I'm so slow. I'll call this
week to see if they'll accept them now.

We had Sharon & Bill call us from
Spain on the Monday before Christmas.
It was so good to hear their voices!

I'm glad you had a chance to visit your grandparents for Christmas. To me, family is quite important at Christmas time. It was quite different last Christmas for you. And I imagine your family was happy, too, to have ^{you} home.

Joyce has come home to stay. I guess Minneapolis was too far from Doug. I don't know what she's going to do just yet. The 2 of them have had a nice Christmas vacation. Tomorrow college starts again, so he'll have to get back to work! Joyce's folks went to Texas for Christmas week & Joyce & Judy stayed home. Joyce spent Christmas with us. She is a sweet girl! We like her very much.

We got such a nice letter from Sharon last Friday. She describes the baby so well, I almost feel I really know the little tyke! They will be home in September. This is the latest news. Did you ever get her

address? We only have the
air base APO address - no other.

We have had lots of snow! Waver
took his scouts winter camping to
a cave in Wisconsin. They left right
after Christmas day. And would you
believe - They got snowed in! But it
was quite a modern place. They
had a phone and electricity, so they
weren't so bad off. The temperature
in the cave ~~was~~ ^{is} 50° all year around.

They had fun going tobogganing, too.

Well - This is the second letter I've
written tonight which is pretty good for
me!

We send our love & wishes for a Happy
New Year to you and your family!

If only it wasn't so far & so expensive
we'd sure like to see you again!

Love,

Al and Mom Schuler

Arlinda Isley 14.1.1969



Tues. Jan. 14, 1969

Dear Pekka,

I suppose you've lost all faith in my reputation as a prompt letter-answerer. But studies and circumstances did not allow a letter any sooner.

I'm going ~~to~~ to the University of Iowa in Iowa City. There are 19,500 kids here, so it's about twice the size of UNI. I like it here real well. I'm living in a dorm; my roommate is a real sweet kid. I couldn't be happier. I don't know what I'm going to major in - possibly social work. I've got my first semester finals coming up. They start on Jan. 24 and last through Jan. 30. I hope I can sit down and concentrate on studying so I can get some decent grades.

Poor Pekka! I'm sorry to hear you got your draft card. Just don't burn it! And be glad you won't have to land in Viet Nam. Does the Service always come before college for guys in Finland? That could tend to disrupt the educational process.

I must tell you something that probably will surprise you. First, I want to thank you for the picture you took of Hale + I at Reimer's party. Has Connie told you anything about that? Probably not. Anyway, remember when Hale + I were joking around? After while we went out for a Coke + ended up in a very serious discussion. About what? Marriage, what else? (Don't broadcast it internationally yet, our parents aren't ready for the shock) Yeah, we're gonna get "hitched" someday, as of now, in 3 years. He's at Trinity College, in Hartford, Connecticut. It's sort of hard since I don't see him for months at a time. Our phone bills are outrageous! (Hartford is 1300 miles from Cedar Falls) But we're very happy, and, in fact, when I opened your card + letter I was sitting on his lap! Do you realize that you sent me a picture taken the

very night I was proposed to? I shall be forever grateful. I hope my big news doesn't upset you.

Over Christmas vacation Hale + I threw a big party. It was nice to see all the people I haven't seen for so long. Doug + Joyce were there. I hadn't talked to Joyce since September. I knew she was working in Minneapolis, but I didn't know she had quit before Christmas. She's going to try to get a job in Cedar Falls. I suppose I could go on about all the gossip I learned, but it has no profitable point, so I won't.

Here in Iowa City we don't have a lot of snow. Christmas here was white, but now it's a dirty, sandy brown - ugh! In Cedar Falls, though, they have had an awful lot of snow. My dad said that the snow plows have given up plowing through some roads in the country. I guess the snow is 12 feet high at the sides of some of the roads. Several days last week our mailman gave up, and the school busses only ran one day last week. That makes my brother happy, since he can never get to school before about 10 or 10:30.

From what I hear, that old school is still holding together even though we are no longer there. The faculty decided to close the dances (not let in any kids from CF). That has really made kids mad - and I don't blame them a bit! I guess the swim team has only lost one meet + the basketball team only lost one game. That's pretty damn good, I'd say.

I got a letter from Connie yesterday. It was so long that it took a half hour to get it read. Now I'll have to set aside an afternoon to devote to a letter to her. It sounds like she'd like to study over here if that would ever become possible. Have you thought at all about returning to the U.S. If we could

2/ get 2 out of 3 of you back here, I'd be happy. (I didn't get along too well with Axel.) I want to travel to Europe, but there is a slight money problem. I've got all sorts of relatives in Denmark + friends in Germany + Finland (that's you!) Maybe someday when I'm married, middle-aged + rich...

Well, Pekka, I trust you are getting very anxious to be done with school. But those tests! For two months?! Not constantly, I assume. How do they work? I trust you'll pass them all right. After all, you've been working hard enough, haven't you? Don't you miss classes like Mr. Leovel's where he didn't show up half the time and didn't care if you did the rest of the time? I don't have any like that, unfortunately. Ach—studying is depressing! Oh, I shouldn't be so cheery.

I had a wonderful Christmas. I got home Dec. 20. and came back Jan. 5. My father went and bought a really great stereo for the family. So then he felt obligated to get a stereo tape recorder to go with it. Wow—what sound! Then there's the food that always goes with Christmas. I had eaten so much by New Year's I couldn't even jump around to celebrate. But it was certainly fun. I trust your holidays were comparably enjoyable. And enjoy your tests, if that is at all possible.

I think I should get busy + read some junk for religion. I'm glad you wrote—try it again sometime. It's not such a pain, is it? Good luck on all your tests, + I hope you can make it through them in one piece! Take care + be good—sometimes! Arlinda →

Arline Isley
837 Stanley Hall
Iowa City, Iowa 52240
U.S. A.

↑
my school address

Joyce Hazlewood 16.1.1969



Thursday, Jan. 16th

Dear Pekka,

I just got done shoveling the drive way. Everything has been covered with ice. Today it is thawing, thank goodness. The drive and side walk has been so packed with ice I was afraid someone would break their leg. ^(like me) That's all I would need!

Both Judy and my Dad have been layed up with this Hong Kong Flu that is going around. Is it going around in Finland or have you heard about it over here? I do hope you and your family are feeling fine and have no sickness.

Mom and Dad went to Joan and Ben's for Christmas. The kids were so happy Grandma

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and Grandpa came for their X'mas. They aren't for sure but Ben may have a chance to go over-seas to Germany this summer. It would be an experience their family would never have again.

I started looking for a job after New Years. I figure during the Holidays they wouldn't be hiring. So far I haven't had much luck. I just hope my luck will change "SOON"!

How is school for you? Just think "1" semester left of high school and then what? Have you put your application in to any college or university yet? I'm sure whatever you decide you'll use good

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judgement. I am interested though, so write and let me know. OK? OK!



Aloug has been having finals this week and will be done with them Monday. Then he won't have school until the next week. They have a week off for semester break. It's just that when he's busy and I'm not I get lonesome and bored because I have nothing to do. That is, the things I could do do not interest me. In otherwards, I'm lazy and have no ambition.

Barb was so happy to hear from you. She said she was going to write you soon. Has she? If so,

How is she ⁴²? I haven't heard from her and I don't know where to write her. When I left they were looking for another apartment. The two of them couldn't afford the one we were in. Boy, if she isn't going to get it not knowing what she's been up to! Ha! Ha! I was called their "mother" up there. You see Barb is young and foolish, I'm just young. Right? Ha! Ha!

I never here ~~if~~ about your "romantic" life. Now Hong would call me nosy but I figure you know I'm not - just overly interested. Besides, Pekka I've got to keep an eye on you. So, if you have a girl

your interested in let me know.

The other night I was in to the Schules. The McCrackens had gotten a ~~new~~ movie film and tape from Sharon, Bill and Lee Ann. Lee Ann sure is a doll. Sharon looks real well, too. Shes letting her hair grow and it looks real nice.

Since I've come home two of my close girlfriends have gotten married. Linda McBrand was married Dec. 22nd. You probably don't remember her. You met her while you were going home from school. She was driving and we stopped you. Anyway, both of them asked me to be their maid-of-honor. It made me

very happy.

Have you gone skiing yet?
I went tobogganing^{SP?} (sledding)
one Saturday and we all
about killed ourselves. It
sure was fun, though. I've
been wanting to go ice
skating but it has been
way to cold.

How has the weather
been in Nastola?

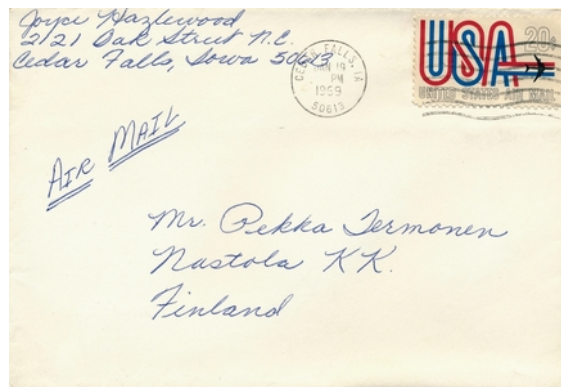
I think I better help
Mom make supper. Do
write when you're not busy
and give my regards to
your family.

Take care of yourself, Pekka.
Many times my family and
I will say, "I wonder how
Pekka is." We do think of
you often.

P.S. Be good!

Always,
Joyce

Doug Schuler 21.1.1969



January 21, 1969

Dear Pekka,

Well, we have started another year. So far this year I have really been busy. All last week and yesterday I took my final examinations for the Fall semester. I took five tests and each one lasted two hours. Believe it or not but I have really been studying. I read two books in one night. I hope I did OK on my tests. I might get a B in my science class and if I did OK on my math test I might get an A. This is why I didn't write sooner. I have been busy studying.

Thank you very much for the sweater. I really do like it. I like the color very much and it fits perfectly. Speaking of Christmas, it sure wasn't the same around ~~here~~ without you here. We didn't go any place. We just stayed home. I did have a good Christmas however. Joyce's mom and dad went to Texas to see her sister and Joyce stayed home. She had her Christmas with us. Did you get your package I sent you yet? Mom ~~sent~~ was going to send you a package, but there was a mail strike and they wouldn't let the mail into Europe so she hasn't sent it yet. Sorry!

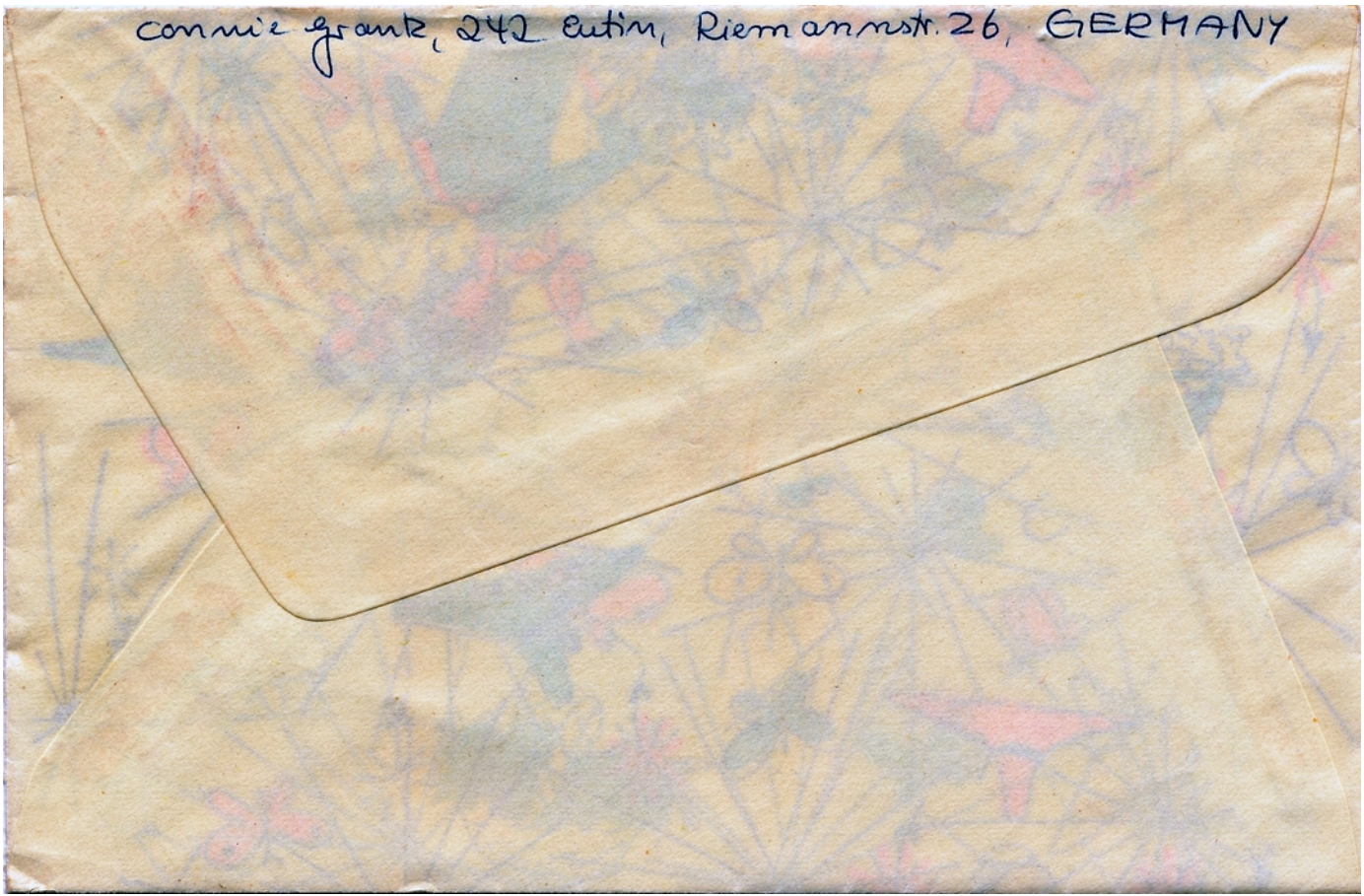
I Got a letter from Connie last week. It sure was nice hearing from her. I had sent her a Christmas card with a letter in it earlier.

I have to start reading for next semester so I will close for now.

Love, Doug

P.S. Joyce says Hi!

Connie Grantz 21.1.1969



Eutin, Jan. 21, 1969

Dear Pekka,

Too bad it isn't Christmas any more, otherwise I'd say "Hyvää Joulua ja Onnellista Uutta Vuotta!" It ^{looks} sounds good except I don't know how to pronounce it. Maybe you could teach me some Finnish by mail. Just write the Finnish and the meaning and how it is to be pronounced (maybe in terms of English pronunciation?). Anyway, that was just a thought coming up when I see your Christmas card. Thank you also for the tapes which I received exactly the day of Christmas Eve when Christmas is celebrated in Germany. I haven't had the chance to listen to it yet (my old problem: lack of tape recorder) but some day I'll hear Dr. Fox⁽³⁾ speak and John Heath and the Alma Mater,

and I'll remember...

During Christmas vacation I got a letter from Doug (Schuler, who else). I thought it real nice of him to think of me, and I've written him back again. You were so lucky to have him as a brother, weren't you?

How are things going for you these days? I guess this time of year is the time of exams, finals, tests, hard study any where. I should be studying instead of doing what I like to do (consequence: I don't like to study; I like to write letters) especially for my Math final next Tuesday, but I actually don't know what there's left to study. If I haven't gotten it by now, I'm not going to get it a week from now.

Last night my girl friend and I went to a so-called dancing lesson for soldiers. (?!)
They needed girls for this purpose, so they

asked our school, and we had volunteered. I wish we hadn't, though, because those people were so dumb, you wouldn't believe it. How about your draft? Do you get drafted immediately when you get out of school?

Did you get the annual yet? I got it for Christmas in the box the Lawtons sent me. I also got my classring, and I like them both very much.

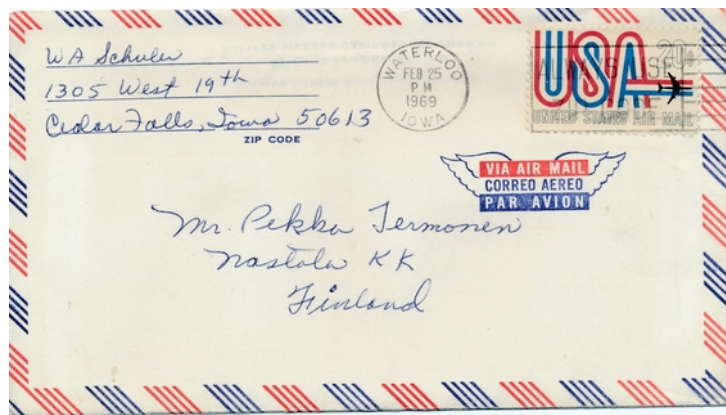
Did you have a nice Christmas? You should have seen us here unwrapping all these presents out of all those boxes from America. Mrs. Lawton had sent quite a few things that I had forgotten there, each one of them bearing memories.

What will you do when you're done with school? I'm asking this everybody cause I don't know what I'm going to do yet, and I'd better make up my mind fast cause then, all of a sudden I'll be free and won't know what to do!

Well, soon I've got
to do some Latin,
so I'd better quit (will
have a Latin test tomorrow!)
Bye for now.

Sincerely,
your friend Connie

Luella Schuler 24.2.1969



Monday night -
February 24

Dear Pekka,

I am sorry it has been so long since I have written to you. I always enjoy your letters so much. I guess the way to get them is to answer them!

Your packages are still here - all unwrapped & ready to come. I checked about a week ago and they still would not accept them because of the strike. Maybe you'll have Christmas in July. I guess we should have sent them a long time before Christmas. Did you get Doug's package? That one has been sent, but I understand there was no way to unload the ships after they got into port. The postmaster said he had read that maybe the service men would unload the ships.

I imagine you are hard at work studying for exams now. I am sure you will do very well. We were certainly proud of you here! When

do you get the results of the tests?

And have you decided where you will go to college? (Don't forget - you are always welcome to come here - home!)

Yes! That is a surprise - your trip to Spain! But I am so glad you are going. Have you told Sharon + Bill yet? I haven't said anything to them about it in my letters. I felt this should be your surprise! And when you see our beautiful little granddaughter, Lianne, please give a kiss on her fuzzy little head for me! I can ~~so~~ hardly wait to do it myself! They have sent 3 rolls of movies home of her + she is a darling baby. I'm so glad for the movies.

And it will be fun seeing Connie + Axel again. Doug had a nice letter from Connie at Christmas time. It sounds like a nice trip and will be ^{even} more fun if your friends can go with you.

When will you go for your time in service in October? Sharon + Bill should be coming home in October.

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Big, big news! Eric and Lari are engaged!! They do seem right for each other. But they say they are not going to be married until they are finished with college. Do you think they'll wait? I wonder. Eric's brother married a Japanese girl last December, seems nice. You said you no longer cared about the girl whose picture you showed us. I'm really not surprised. A whole year, and half a world apart makes both of you different. But there will be other girls - probably many before you find THE ONE! And she'll be a very lucky girl!

Judy & Bob are also planning to be married - probably in June or July! Bob graduates from College in June. Then he has service ahead of him, too.

Grandpa left for Florida last Wednesday. He and Sm. Wier drove down - It would probably take about 3 days to drive that distance. We have not heard from him yet. They will stay with friends who are wintering there, and will probably come home the middle of March.

Grandma Schuler has been quite sick & finally had to have surgery for gall stones. She has gotten along very well the doctor says. She came home from the hospital last Friday. Ardeth took her to a different doctor and he says she does not have heart trouble. All her pain was caused by the gall stones. We are glad it isn't her heart!

I guess I'd better stop for this time. Good luck on your exams & tests. I'll send up a prayer for you during these times.

Miss your family for us. How nice it would be if some day we could meet them.

Love,

Mom, Dad & Doug
(and Frosty!)

P.S. Marly & Paul Lindaman have an exchange student from Uruguay. He was here with them one evening and it made me so homesick for you!

By the way - I have ordered the book from the Waterloo Courier. I am very happy you told us you wanted it. It should come in Feb.

I'll send it on to you when it comes

Doug Schuler 11.4.1969



Dear Pekka,

Thank you for the letter and for the book you sent Dad and I. It's very nice.

It's hard to believe that I have been in College for almost a year now. I've been very busy this year with school - football and studying. I just started spring football training on Monday of this week. I wasn't very fired up at the start, but I am getting more fired up the more I play. You should see my arm. It's all bruised and sore. It will heal though.

I'm writing this letter in my Humanities class. It is equal to a history class.

I worked in the new student union building during spring break and I will get about 50 dollars this next week sometime.

Joyce bought me a sport coat for my birthday so I had to go out and buy some pants and other clothes to go along with it. Mom & Dad gave me some money for my birthday so it didn't seem too bad paying all that money for clothes I needed some clothes anyway.

Joyce's sister is going to get married this June 28. She is really excited about it. So is Bob.

I see in your letter where you just got done taking tests. I will have to take lots of tests pretty soon for final exams. I don't think that I will do quite as well this semester as last semester, but I will do OK I hope.

Class is about over so I better close. Give best wishes to you and your family.

Love, Doug



HERRA KAPTEENI - ALOKAS HÖMPPÄSEN KAAP....
... KAAPILLINEN !



Herra Pekka Termonen

Nastola kk.

Terve Pekka! Täällä tykkimies 12.4.69 Kari Term.
Jsosta-saaresta, 180 olis aamulla, niin, että
hyvin menee, vähän on.
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Mä oon ollu jo kolme kertaa lomillaki, viimeksi
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Meido!

N:o KHKE

Joyce Hazlewood 22.4.1969



April 22, 1969

Dear Pekka,

Well here it is April already and about time for me to answer your letter. As you know, I'm a "little" slow.

Spring is finally here to stay. The grass is green and the trees are beginning to bud. In fact, I've seen some Tulips blooming. It sure seems good even though my asthma and allergy is beginning to bother me.

Say, have you heard the good news? No doubt you have but I'll tell you anyway. Judy's getting married. She's marrying Bob Bierstedt from Matador. He's the one who worked out at Arlans part time and went to college. Anyway, they're getting married June 28th. It's going to be so exciting to have all the family home. I miss Joan's kids so much.

I think in the last letter I read that you wrote the Schulers you were still in the process of taking those tests. I believe you had some of your grades back from a few of your tests.

You are done now, aren't you? I hope so, I wouldn't make it if I were you, I don't think. The tension would get me down.

Looking over your last letter I came across a part saying you are going to live a bachelor life. Your smart that is for "a while", not for your whole life though. I look at it this way.

While a person is young they have to find out what they want to do with themselves and they can satisfy their wants easier, financially^{SPR}. In the long run it helps a person to be better prepared for marriage. So your smart for getting the service out of the way and then going to school. This way you'll have more time to think about the future you. Say before - I forget, how long do you have to serve in the service? Is it just a year? Anyway, back to the subject of being a bachelor. Pekka, you're too handsome to keep the girls away. All you have to do is give them one of your smiles and they'll start lining up.

Say are you still seeing that girl

(I should practice what I preach!)

you went for that long walk with? If so I'm all ears. (3)

Say, you'll soon be going on your trip, won't you? Nope - I just read in your letter it won't take place till July or August. I was thinking it was the first of May. I'm a little mixed up. I do think it will be nice and a great experience. I think you should make it a round trip visiting your foreign friends and stop in Iowa on the way back. You do remember the place don't you? Ha! Ha! How could you forget the corn!

I'll tell you, I myself, don't have ~~very~~ anything exciting to write. It seems as though everyone else does but not me. That isn't explained to good but you know what I mean.

A while back I had lunch with the interior decorating instructor from Hawkeye Institute. She said that she would see me next fall

when school started and that the school will be contacting me. Well I haven't heard from the school, so I don't know what's up.

I do have some good news of my own. I got my Income Tax Returns. I got \$131.09 back! Boy did that check ever look good. So I finished paying for my pots and pans I bought 3 years ago and the rest I'm spending on clothes. Sounds like me, doesn't it?

Well, it is time for me to hit the sack. I have work tomorrow. Sorry my letters are always so messy. Be good, take care and give my regards to your family.

P.S.

Write - don't be like me!

I hear your folks have a cabin now. It must be nice. When are you

Always,
Joyce.

inviting me to come & see it. No! I think I'll take some week-end &

Arlinda Isley 30.4.1969



April 30

Dear Pekka,

This letter is so long overdue that I'm almost ashamed to write it. I've had work coming out of my ears, but then that's no excuse. I suppose you're just about out of school now. It's a good feeling. I have 19 more days of class + then 9 days of finals. I get to go home June 4th. And I can't wait! I'm not planning to work at a formal job — only for my dad around home. So I'll be relatively free to do what I please. My sister's supposed to have a baby in August sometime, so I want to go to Wisconsin to see her for a couple weeks.

I suppose I should say that Hale + I decided together that maybe we're not the love-get-married type of friends. So for now at least we aren't dating. It was a big and hard decision, but I think it's best.

I have spring fever. The weather has been beautiful (with the exception of a few rainy days). Today was gorgeous. I went for a walk + just enjoyed being able to enjoy the weather. If it was only summer — then I wouldn't have to worry about the books.

You'll be getting your driver's license soon, won't you? Now, I want you to be very careful with the car and yourself. (But have a little fun, too.)

I'm terribly envious of your getting to go to Germany + Spain. That will be so much fun.

Someday I'm going to make it to that neck of the woods, but right now I have no money. That's always a problem. But someday... you'll have a great summer!!

Have you heard (I suppose you have) that NU High won the state indoor track meet? I was really proud of the team, even though I'm not there anymore. They sure did a good job.

I had 10 days vacation—from April 4-13. So I really kicked up my heels & forgot school. The weather was beautiful the whole week & we went on picnics, etc. It was a lot of fun. And I didn't want to come back here. So the following weekend my roommate & I drove to Cedar Falls for one night. She had never been to my house and it was about ~~her~~ ^{her} only chance. We had a lot of fun—I showed her the school and all the sights in Cedar Falls as well as the farm. I was disappointed to have to come back. (I like school, it's just that I like vacation better!)

I made an appointment with an advisor in the school of social work. I'm going to find out all about the profession and Iowa's program. If I like what I hear I'll probably declare my major as social work. I think it would be fun.

I can't think of a whole lot more to tell you, so I may as well quit while I'm ahead. Take care & I hope all your tests went well.

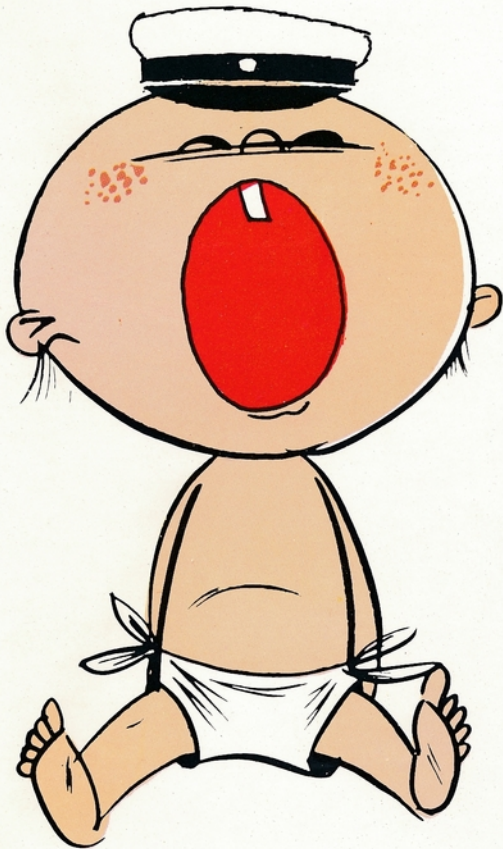
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Arlanda

Äiti, isä, Matti ja Anne 30.5.1969



Sydämellinen Onnittelu
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Äiti, Isä, Matti ja Anne

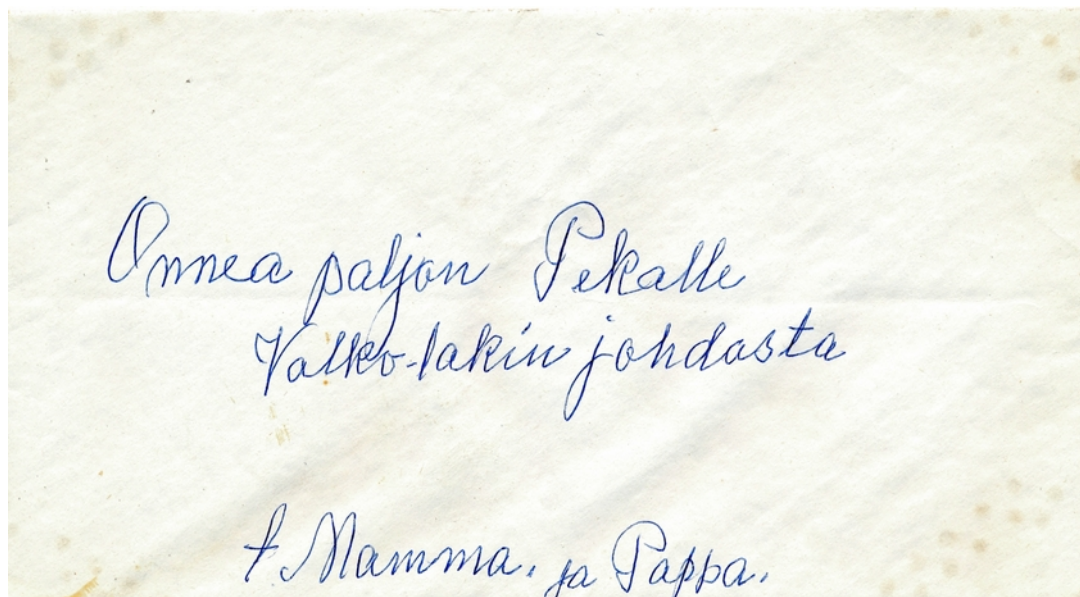
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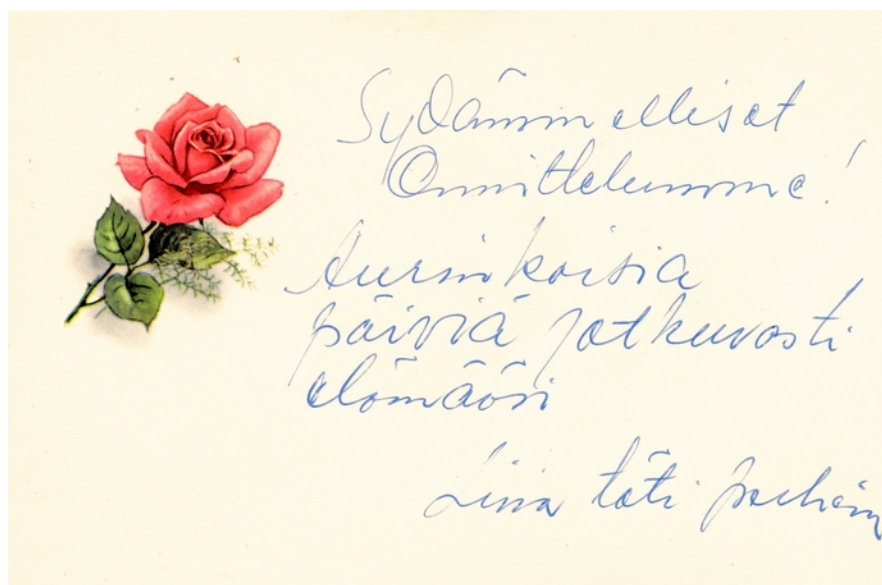
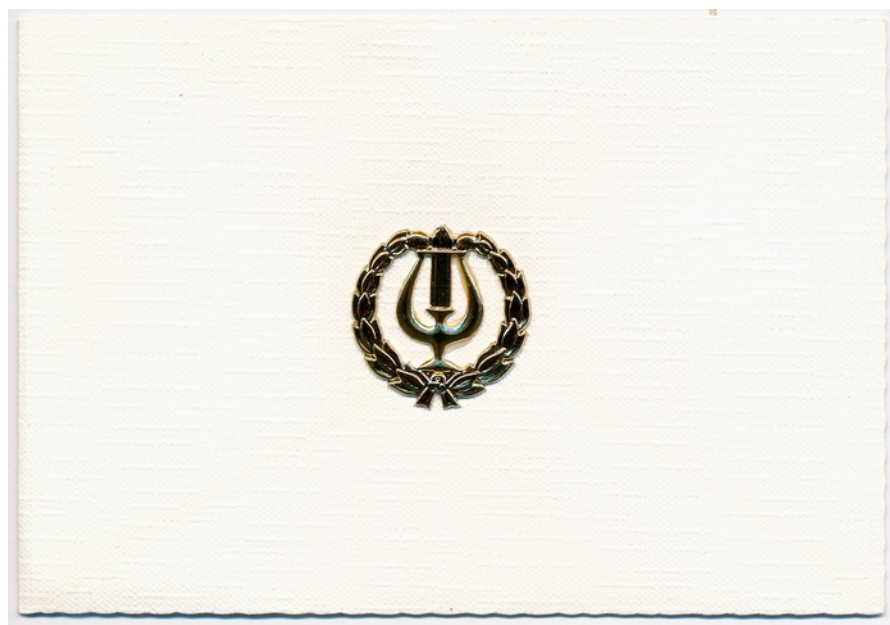
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ONNITTELUT!

Pekka-veikalle
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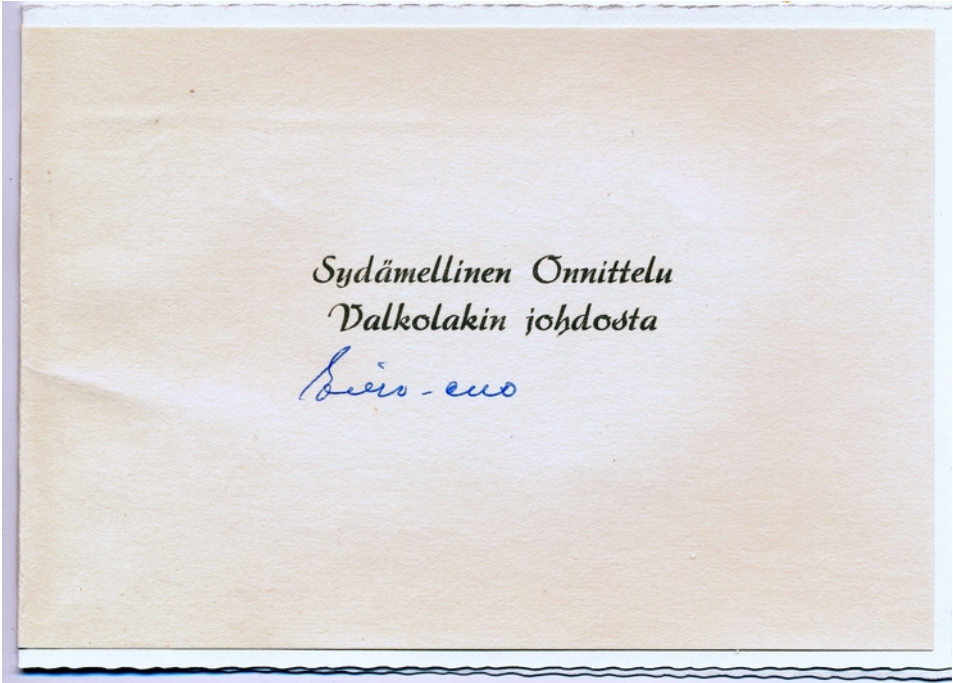
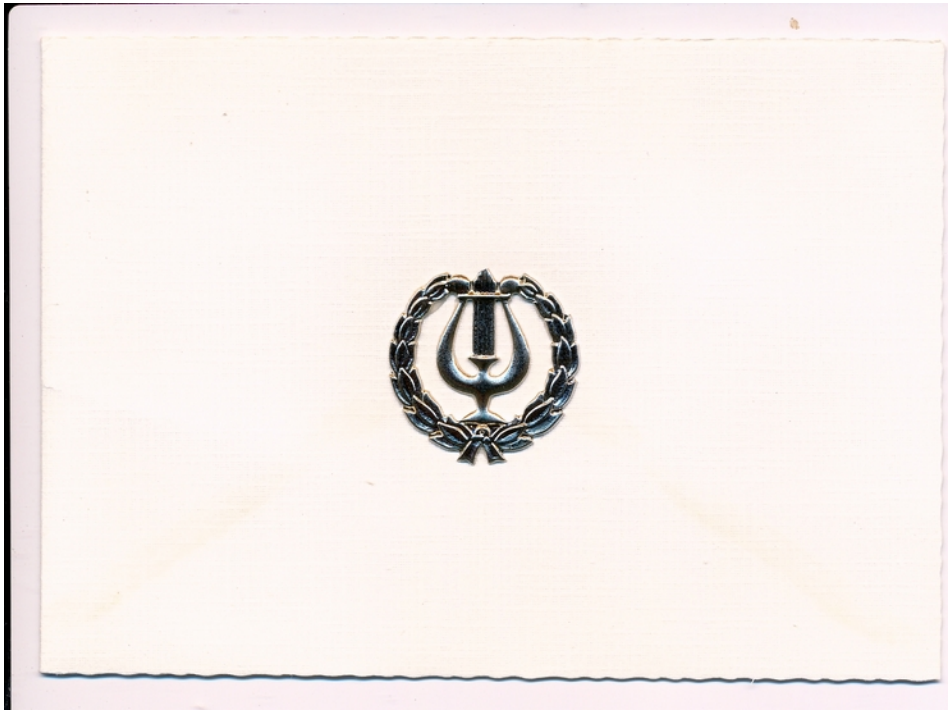
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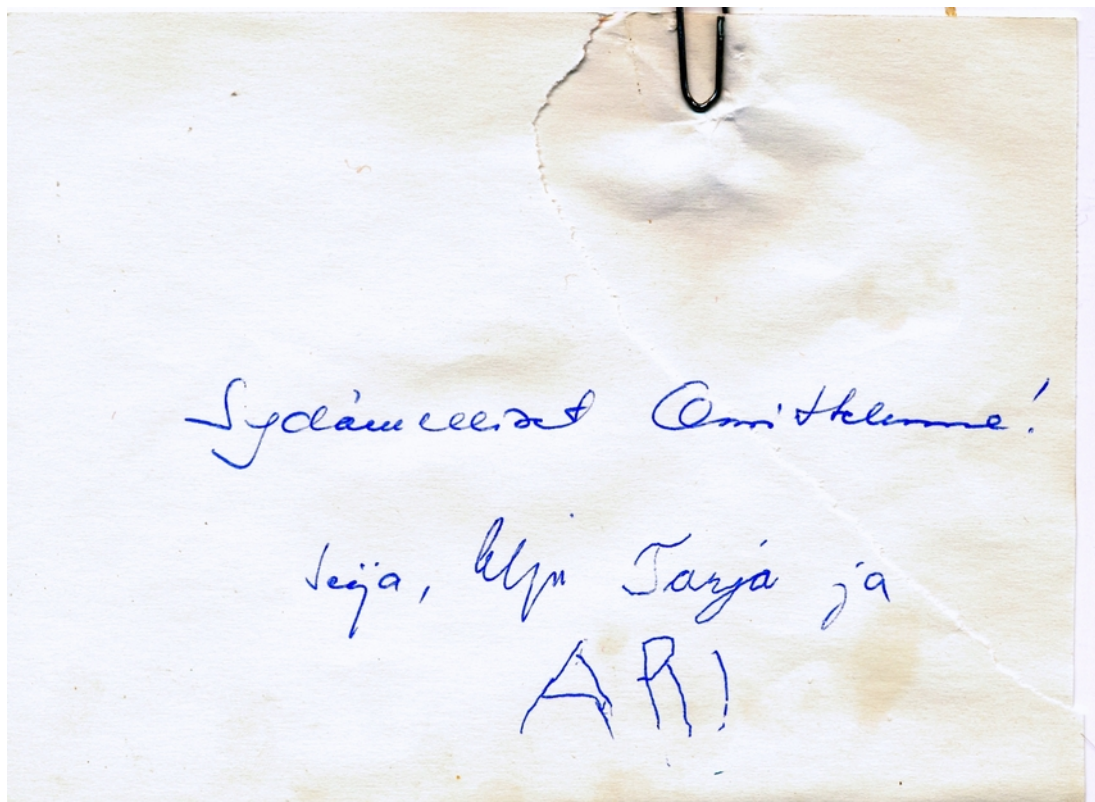
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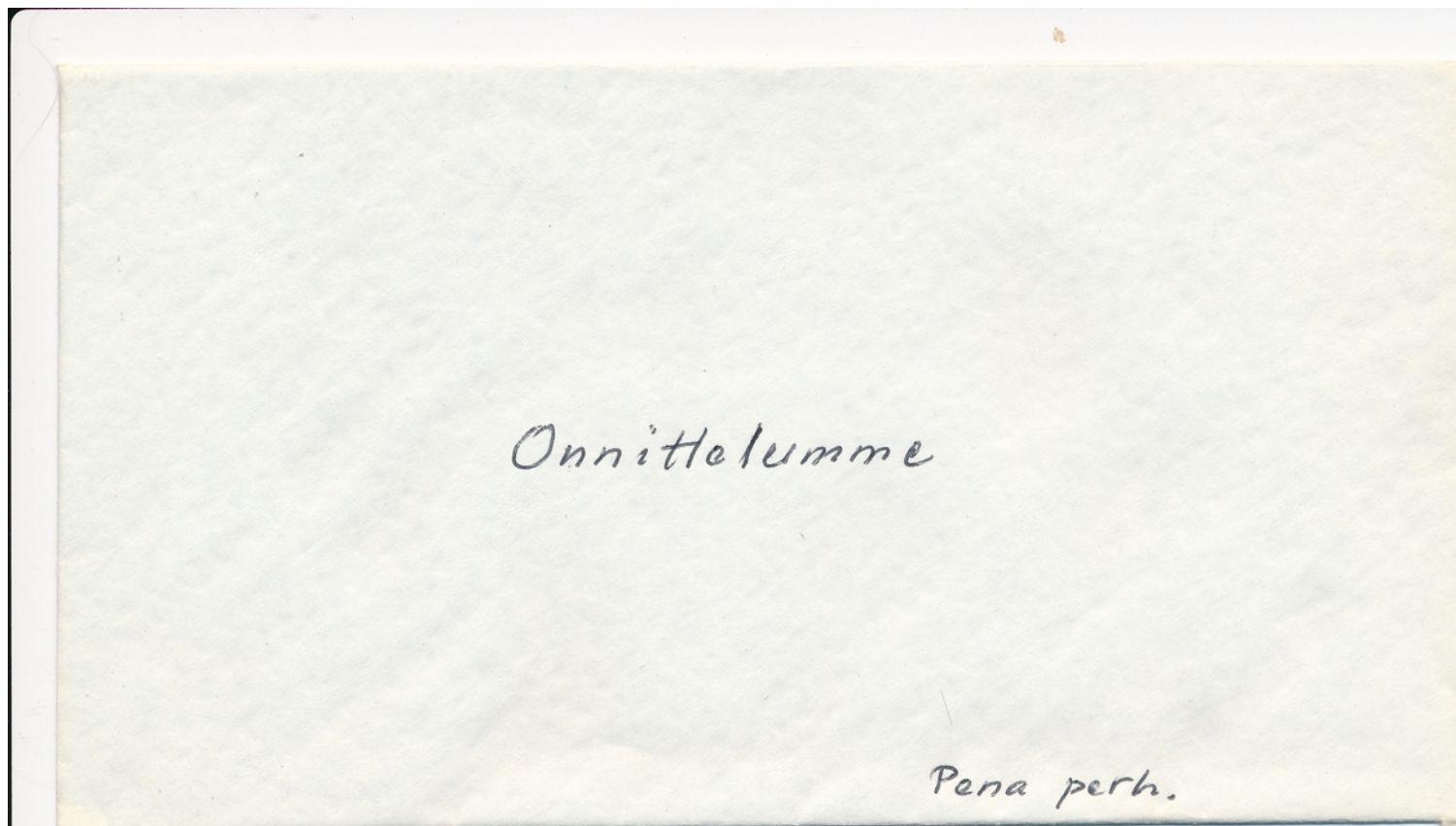
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Sydämeestä Onnittelemme!

Seija, Elja Tarja ja
ARI

Pentti Termonen perh. 30.5.1969



Onnittelemme

Pena perh.

Savutiet 30.5.1969



Viipurin Kukka

LAHTI
L ☐ sank. 10
PUH. 23765



Yliopp. Pekka Ermonen

Lahti

Onnea ja menestystä,
sukkena
juhlapäivänäsi.
30.5.69

Savutiet.

Aili ja Keijo Alhanen perh. & Airi ja Sakari Tuomaala



Oheisen pankkivekselin lunastavat kaikki Kansallis-Osake-Pankin konttorit.

Ellette Te käytä määrää välittömästi, voitte tallettaa sen "opintotilille" korkoa kasvamaan. Se on mukava alkupääoma opintojen rahoittamiseksi.

KANSALLIS-OSAKE-PANKKI

Aili ja Keijo + perhe Airi ja Sakari

Nurmet 30.5.1969

Nastolan Kukkakauppa

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Ylioppilas Pekka Tervan



Nastola

Parhaat onnitelomme
uudelle ylioppilaalle!
Nurmet

Nykäset 30.5.1969

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Sydämmöllinen onnittele
valkolaksin saajalle!

Nykäset

Kaikkoset 30.5.1969

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Nastola dk.

Onnea ja menestystä
Kaikkoset

Heikkilät, Suloset, Mäkelät, Leimuset, Knuutilat, Sepät, Raimoahot ja Mattsonit
30.5.1969

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Ylioppilas Pekka Termonen



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Parhain
onnentoivotuksemme!

Heikkilät, Suloset,
Mäkelät, Leimuset,
Knuutilat, Sepät,
Raimoahot ja
Mattssonit

Leppäset 30.5.1969

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Nastola

Sydämeellinen
onnittelemme
Leppäset

Seppälät 30.5.1969

Ylioppilas
PIKKA TARMONEN



PARHAAT ONNITELIMME
Kevään Ylioppilashalle
30. 5. 1969

Seppälät

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Paljon Onnea Pekalle!

Arja ja Iiro

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Parhaimmat onnittelet
ylioppilaaksi talon johtaja

Juudit

Lakkiaisillalliset 30.5.1969



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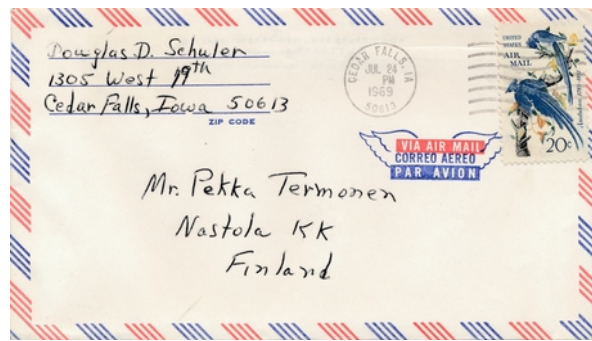
TERMONEN

Arvoisa 8-luokkalainen!
Pyydämme sinua
ystävällisesti saapumaan
Ruusukonvaamme klo 19.00

13.2.1969

VII A+B

Doug Schuler 23.7.1969



Wednesday, July 23, 1969

Dear Pekka,

Boy, it has really been a long time since I have written to you. I'm sorry!

Well I finished my first year at college with a 2.91 average which is almost a B average. That's pretty good for me. We had spring training in football to see who would come back and play this fall. I made it so I will start practice on the 25th of August. That's only a couple weeks off.

How did you do on your tests? Did you pass them all?

You probably know that Joyce's sister got married a few weeks ago. I got to be in the wedding. It was fun.

I am up at scout camps right now. We came up on Sunday and will leave Saturday. It was raining when we got up this morning, but it has stopped now.

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I have been working on the chicken farm since school got out and I enjoy it very much. A few weeks ago we were moving chickens.

One day I worked from 8:00 am to 5:00 am. The next morning. In other words I worked 21 hours straight through. Boy was I tired. For three weeks I worked passed 12:00 every night. In that 3 weeks we moved about 70,000 chickens, cleaned 3 chickens houses, which included moving chickens out of the 1st house and washing all of the houses down. and we also go 20,000 babies. We really worked. I can see why you come home from work so tired.

Mom and Joyce are coming up to camp tonight. This is Wednesday and tonight is family night.

I think that Joyce and I are going to Texas again this Christmas if we can find a way down there.

Dad won't let me drive the car down because he is afraid something will happen. A plane would be too expensive and besides we would have to go standby because you can't reserve tickets. This ~~would~~ would mean we might not get seats. We were thinking of taking a bus, but that would take too long. I sure hope we get down there some how. By the way, that is where Joyce's sister lives.

Well I can't think of too much more to say except that I'll try to write more often.

Love - Nancy

P.S. Did you go to Europe with your friends this summer?

Eija 5.8.1969



Warren Schuler 4.9.1969



Sept. 4, 1969

Dear Rikka,

I hope this isn't too much of a shock for you, receiving a letter. I'm sorry we haven't written sooner. We received a letter from Sharon saying you were able to see her & spend a few days with them. She was real happy to see you. She said your visit was the best birthday present she could ever have. We are anxiously waiting for November to roll around so we can see them also. We figure we have a lot of spoiling the grandchild to catch up with. Sharon will be over a year old before we can see her. The last we heard Bill will be stationed in New Mexico when they return to the states. School started last week for Lu. with workshops & so forth. Classes started Sept. 2. Doug reported for football the 25th of Aug. They had to stay on campus the last two weeks. Tuesday Doug started having tooth trouble. He had 3 fillings a couple of weeks ago & one of them started acting up. It is abscessed. This morning we took him to an oral surgeon & he drilled down through the center of the tooth to drain the poison out of it. Tomorrow he has to go back & have it checked. Then

he will set a date for surgery on it. They cut between the gums & tooth some way & remove the nerves. & clean out all the infected area & treat it, that way they say they can save the tooth. Next Saturday they have their first college football game. It will be played at Northern Michigan. Doug sure hoping he will be ready to go again by then.

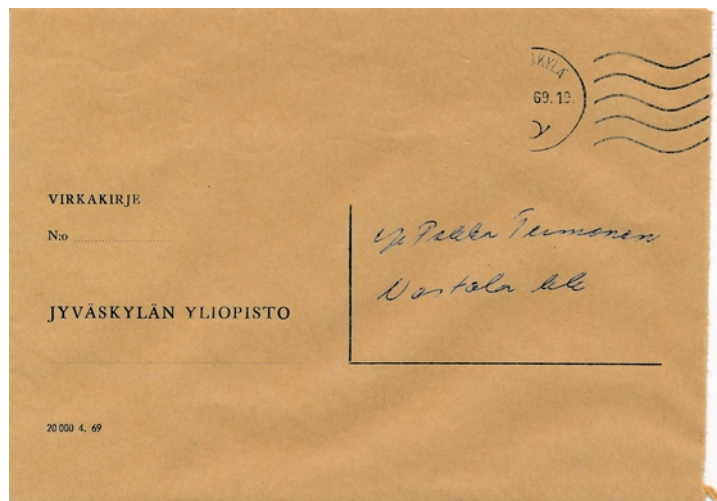
The grind has started at the University this week. between 12 & 14 hundred freshmen reported yesterday & to day. The upper classes start reporting tomorrow. Classes start Sept. 8.

The Benns are visiting their son & his wife in Florida for a couple weeks vacation. Eric & his girl friend went along. From what we gather they will be married next Spring some time.

Well I guess I had better close for this time. Hope this finds you & yours well & the best of every thing for you.

Love
Dad.

P.S. We enjoyed your pictures very much. We will send the class picture in a day or two. Thanks a lot.



JYVÄSKYLÄN YLIOPISTO

Jyväskylässä 8. 9. 69

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Yr. Pekka Termonen

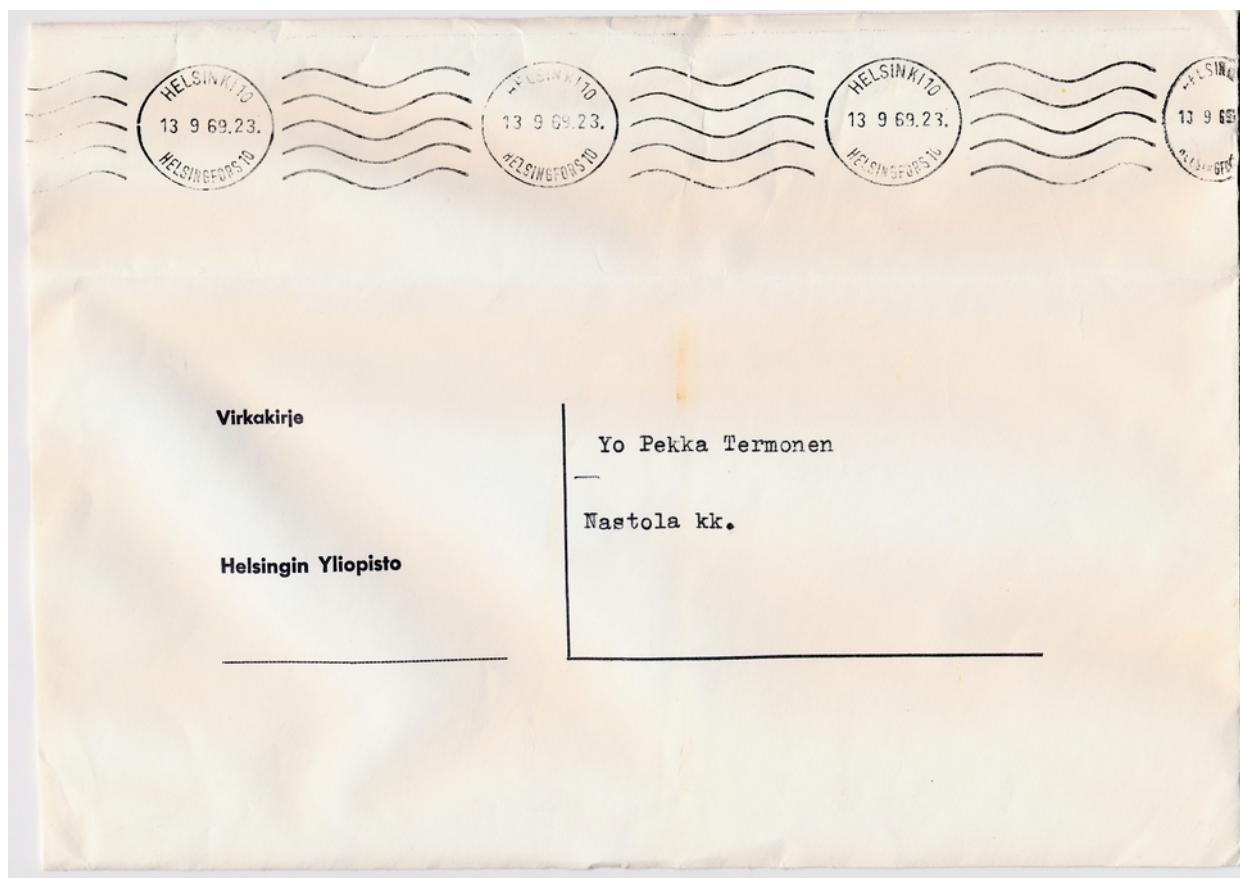
Nastola kk

Pyydän Teitä toimittamaan humanistiselle tiedekunnalle jäljennöksen palvelukseenastumismääräyksestänne lykkäyksen saamista varten osoitteella: Humanistisen tiedekunnan kanslia, Jyväskylän yliopisto, Seminaarinkatu 15.

Tehtäväkseen saaneena

Pirkko Reivari
Pirkko Reivari

Kanslisti



Täten ilmoitan, että Teidät on hyväksytty oikeudestaan luopu-
neen tilalle aloittamaan arkeologian opinnot
Helsingin yliopistossa syyslukukaudella 1968. Teidän tulee viipy-
mättä ilmoittaa allekirjoittaneelle, os. Fabianink. 33, Helsinki 17,
voitteko käyttää tätä oikeutta.

Toimekseen saaneena

Historiallis-kielitieteellisen osaston
notaari



Oct. 9, 1969

Dear Pekka,

We got your letter and were so glad you made it back to Finland with no more trouble than you had. I just wish you could have spent more days with us.

Here is the picture we promised to send you. I think it turned out quite well.

I imagine you're getting ready to go into the service. Good luck to you.

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We got some good news... We got orders for discharge Nov. 13, 1969. So when we get to New Jersey, we'll be out of the service altogether. We're awfully glad. We'll be home for Thanksgiving Christmas & New Years. We plan to stay in New York for about 3 days & visit with Terry & Don (the couple we went to Madrid with). Then we'll leave & go home. It's sure exciting thinking about seeing everyone

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back home again.

How is your brother, sister & your parents? Give them our best. & Pianne is growing & growing. She can still wear the two dresses you brought her, & is getting much use out of them. That was very thoughtful of you, & thank you again Pekka.

I got a letter from Mom this week, & she said Doug and Joyce are engaged. He bought

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her a ring last
week. How's that
grab ya? So, there
will probably be a
wedding this Spring
or Summer. If so,
Bill & I will take
some pictures for you
& send them.

Well, Pianne is
insisting on my
attention, so will
close for now.

Take care & God
Bless you!

Your good friends,
Bill, Sharon & Pianne

Helena Pekka Termonen

3./Kar On

Kuusela

Kotona 10.11.1969

Hei hei paikkoseni.

Kävipä se aulosti, kun sinä tulit iltalomalle
eikä kotona ollut ketään kotona. Olimme isän
kanssa Seurahuoneella syyskokouksessa ja Anne
oli Nurmella. Minulla oli kyllä sellainen kaldeh-
sas vaisto josta tuntuu, että tulit lomalle.
Odotimme sinua aikaisemmin ja lähdimme.
Sitten kynnymme yli 7 autossa, josta olimme puuri
lähtäneet ja sitten tulimme vasta yllä kotiin.
Kyllä minua harmitti, kun olisin niin mie-
helläni tavannut sinua. Tuletko ensi lauan-
tään lomalle? Olin tietysti hauskaa, jos
vriist jälillä soittoa, että tietäisimme vähes-
teen tulosi. Oletko päässyt käymään siellä
Silmä lääkarissa? Mitäs se siellä ehti muutet-
tuhumme. Nythän on taas niin märeää
ja kuraista, että ei varmakaan ole hauskaa
siellä ulkosalla hämpä. Tiro oli käynyt
kotona vielä suunnitella iltamakin. Puhui varmasti
vrtäi paikkaa normaalia useammin. Meillä
on kiällä tätä tavanomasta kauppa-
tuhua. On ollut eiköin mukavia kauppa-
päiviä. Eivätkä kun kauppa taas pyörä fälläkkin
tavalla

Liisa-täti siitti. Hän oli käynyt Rautakimillä.
Mamma on kovasti toipunut, ja on lähdössä
sinne Kanarian baarille talolle.
Kun annamme Mammalle matkan syntymä-
päivä lahjaksi. Liisa-täti lähtee mukaan
Mama käy edelleen Luhtasella. Onhan se
mukava, kun hän tykkää työstään ja
lähtee pämällä mieheensä. Onhan sekin
jo edistystä hänen kohdallaan. Onhan sitä
vähän ilallakin ajateltava nukkumaan
meno, että jalassa pämällä töihin lähtä.
Eilen vietimme isän päivää. Anne teki
sellaisen kivon kortin josta isä tykkäsi
kovasti.

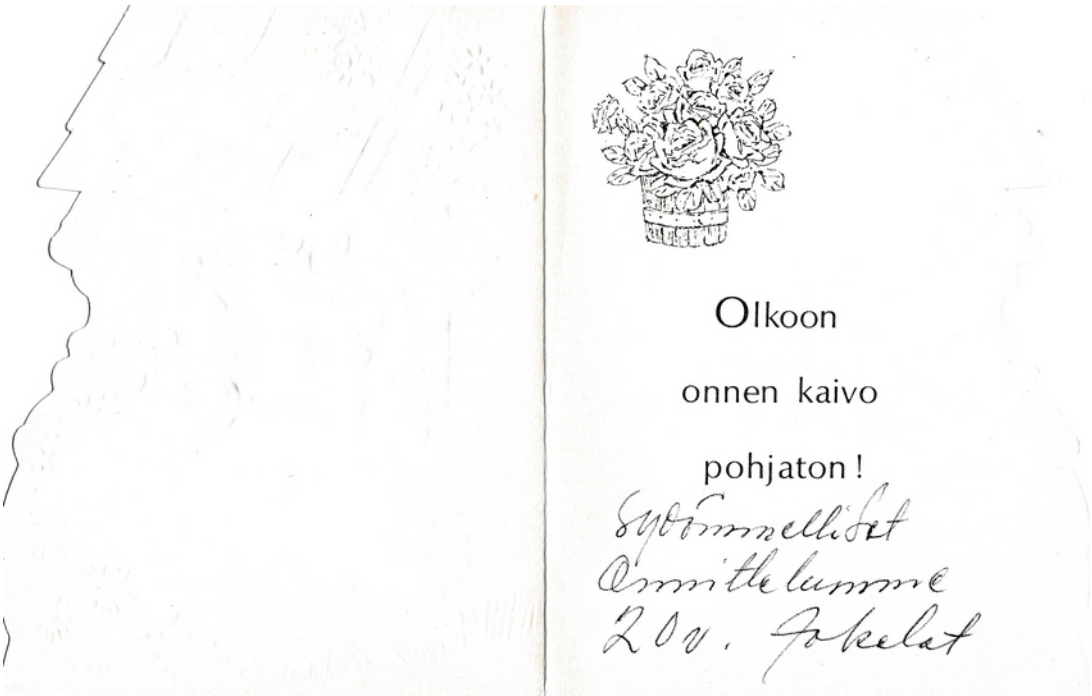
Eipä tässä tämän cuompää. Toivottavasti
piäset pyhän syntymä kätin.

Paljon tervaisia meiltä kaikilta

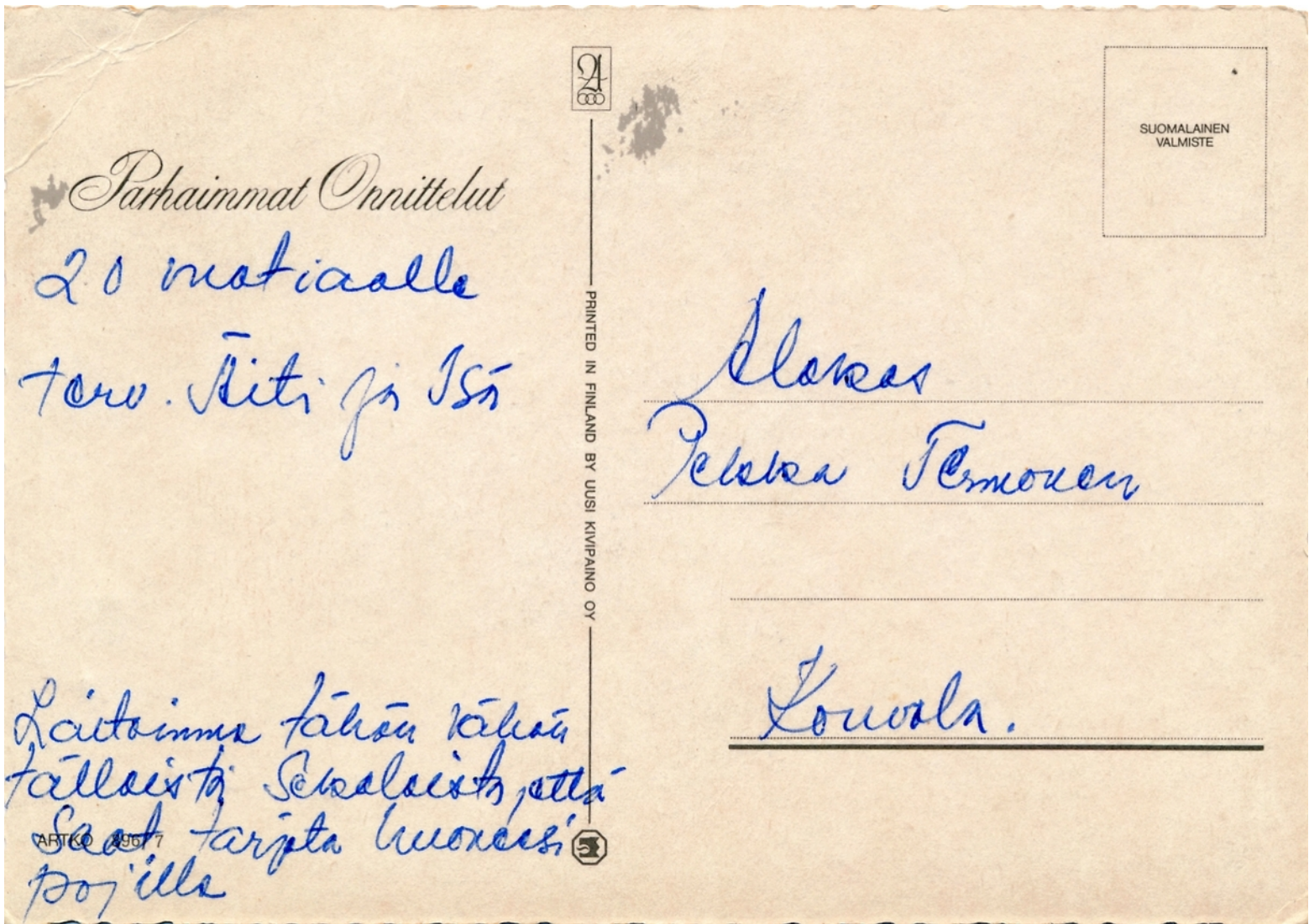
Hei. Siti, Isi, Anne ja Matti.

Paljon tervaisia myös minulta.

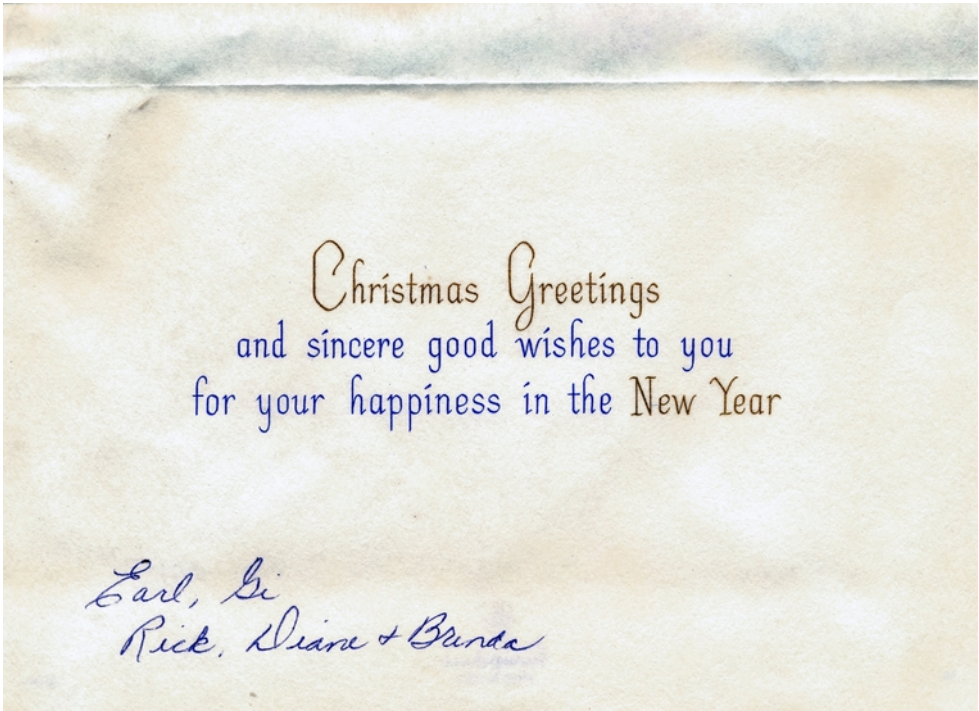
Liisa ja Sauli Jokela 20.11.1969



Ellen Termonen 21.11.1969



Earl Schuler 8.12.1969



December 8, 1969

Holiday greetings to all,

Here it is almost the end of the year already. Time sure flies. I wanted to get our Christmas letter out early this year as we have a new address (107 5th st. S.W. Altoona, Ia. 50009). For those of you we haven't talked to for some time I'd better explain. Last June work was slow for Earl in Cedar Rapids. He had a chance to take over a hardwood floor business in Des Moines. We came down and camped out for about 2½ months (going home on week ends) at a wonderful camp ground called Cutty's just off interstate 80. We have always enjoyed camping, but after living in a tent that long some of the fun went out of it. This was the time we had so many rain and wind storms. With just tent walls to protect us we sure put alot of faith and trust in God. We did enjoy the two swimming pools there. Gi really appreciated the running water (from a facet) and her electric stove on the week ends. Earl was really kept busy. So we decided we should put our house up for sale and start looking for a place to build a new one. We were really fortunate and found 3 acres (Earl says 1 acre of flat land and 2 of ravines) out by the small town of Bondurant just a few miles from interstate 80 about 10 miles east of Des Moines. It has lots of oak trees and a small stream. Next we had to find a place to rent which wasn't so easy. Finally found this small 2 bedroom house in Altoona, which is just 3 miles from Bondurant. We came here the end of August so the kids could start school. They are going to school at Bondurant so they wouldn't have to change schools in the middle of the year. This means 3 trips a day and sometimes 4 when Rick has sports. It is a little school so the kids had a great adjustment to make, but they like it and are doing fine. Brenda started kindergarten this year, Diane is in 4th and Rick in 7th grade.

The middle of November we finally got started on our new house. Earl was caught up on work so had a full week to work on it. We hope to move into the basement in January.

So you see this has really been a busy year and the Lord has greatly blessed us of which we are very thankful.

We hated moving from all our dear friends in Cedar Rapids, but hope that they and all the rest of our friends and relation will come see us. We always enjoy having company. (If you come soon we have extra hammers that can be used)

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Earl, Gi, Rick, Diane & Brenda

*So glad to hear you got to see Sharon and Bill.
We haven't seen them since they got home.
Hope you're doing fine. Write*

Sharon, Bill and Lianne McCracken 9.12.1969



*May the blessings
of Christmas
be with you today
and always*

Bill, Sharon & Lianne

Stephen Plendl 11.12.1969





*"For unto you is born this day in the city of
David, a saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
~ Luke 2:11*

*As the bells of Christmas summon us to worship and to pray,
With thankful hearts we share the joys of this most holy day
May you find new hope and happiness, new faith in God above
As the season's brightest blessings come to you and those you love.*

THE STEPHEN PLENDL FAMILY

Mona Schuler 12.1969



Dear Pekka:

I hope this isn't too much of a surprise hearing from me. But just came home from being with Warrens a couple of weeks and a half. They fetched me home Thanksgiving day we ate dinner with Ardeth and family. Then around 2 or 2:30 Warren fetched me home. As I was anxious to see how things were at home. All was well.

I don't know whether you have heard from Warren's father or not. But if not. Sharon, Bell & baby arrived home the 17 of November. We were sure glad to welcome them home. They are staying at Warrens for the present. It will be sometime yet before their things arrive in Ill. Then it will take some time before they get to Cedar Falls.

Warren, my Doug, are all well, and kept real busy. The rest of the children and their families are all well.

A Sunshine Card
Made in U.S.A.

Love Grandma
Schuler.

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David, a saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
- Luke 2:11

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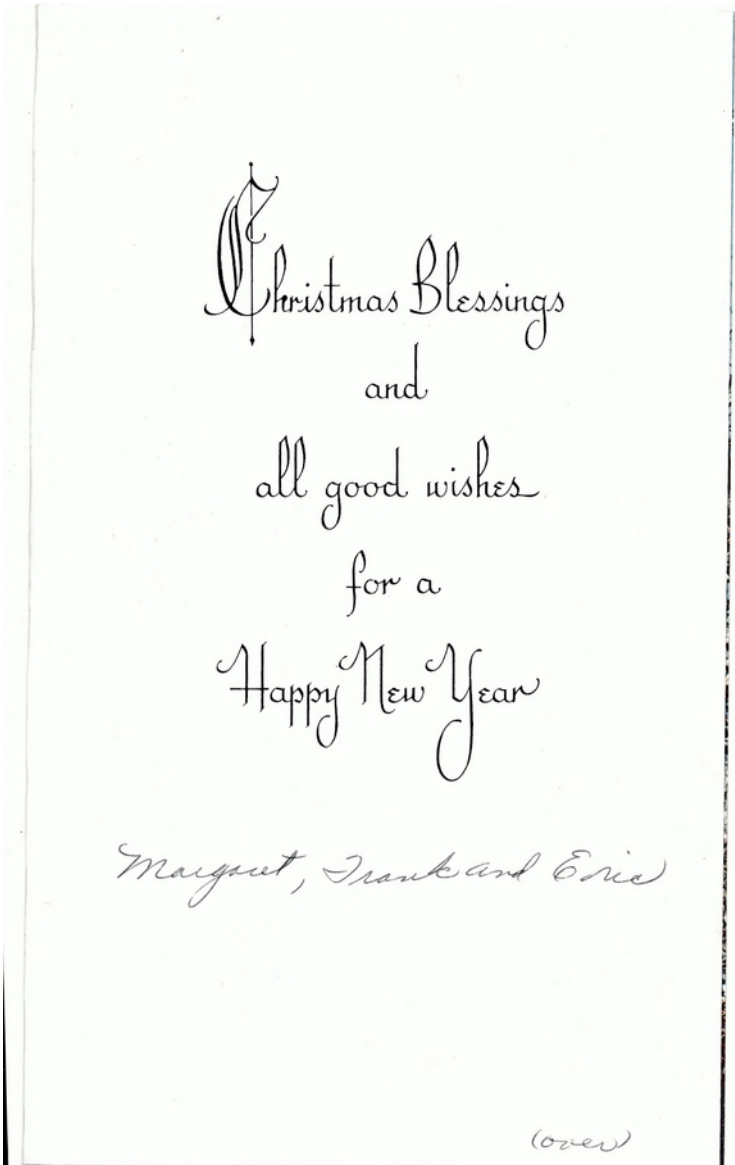
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May you find new hope and happiness, new faith in God above
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Love

Grandma

MONA SCHULER

Frank Penn 12.1969



Hi Pekka,

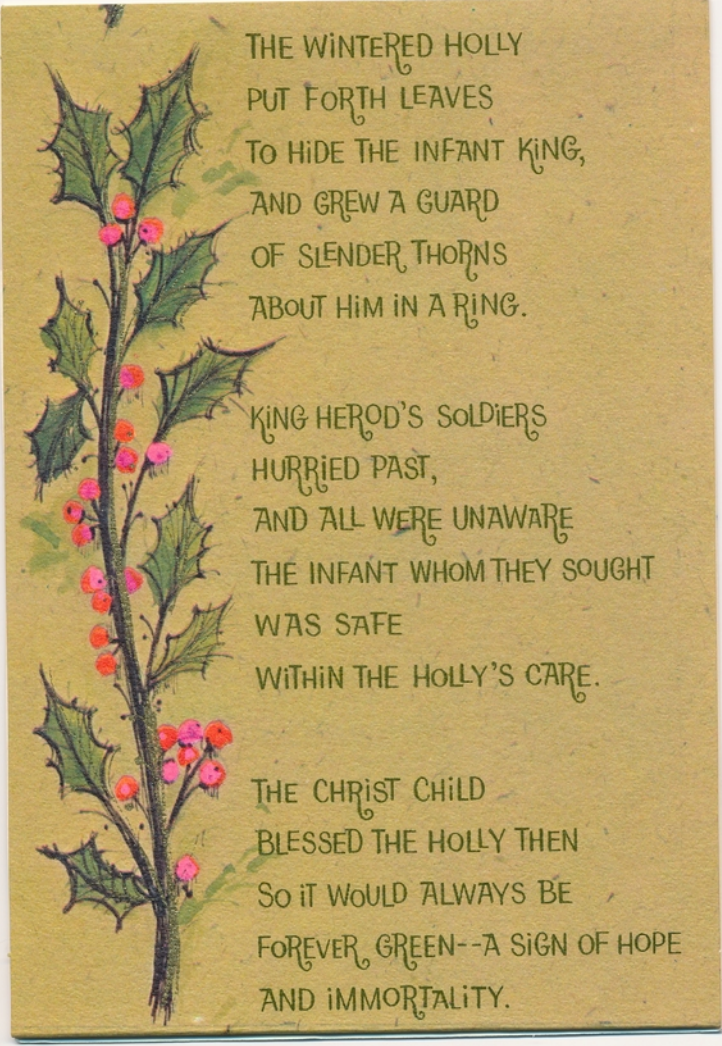
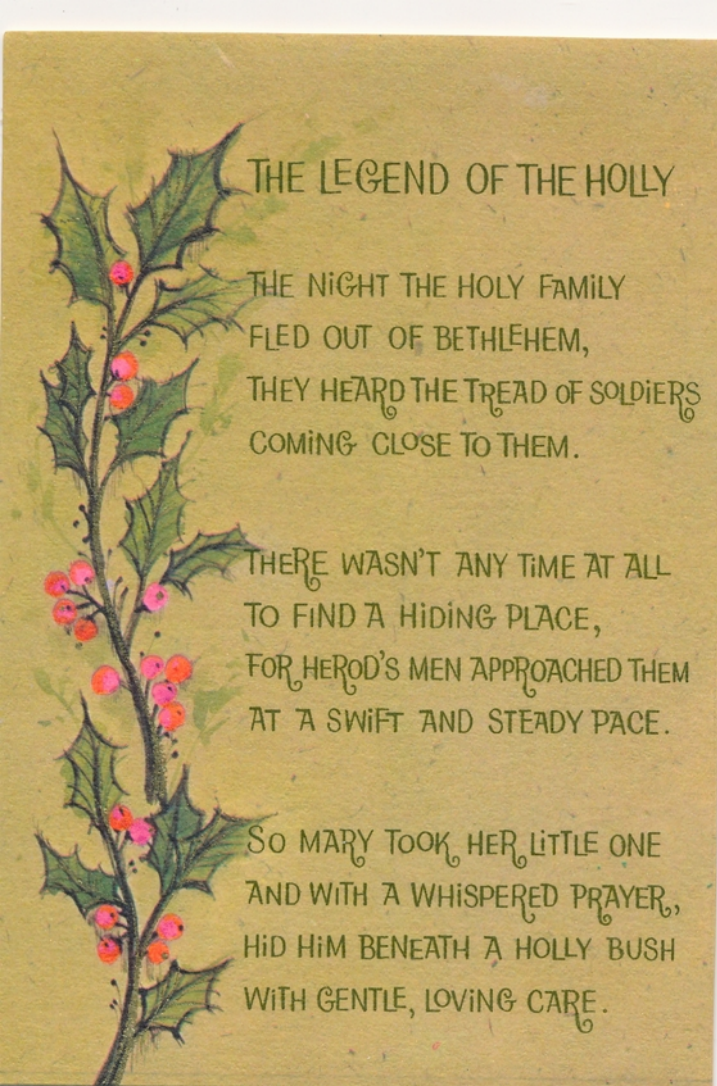
Have you started College yet or are you going to get your service time in first?

Eric and Laurel (the girl you met) are engaged and will get married the day after Eric graduates in June.

We drove to Florida in Sept to see LeRoy and Jamie.

Eric and Laurel really enjoyed the beaches but none of us liked the big City of Tampa. It took an hour just to drive from one side of town to the other. We saw a lot of beautiful scenery on the way but it sure was a long time riding.

Middleton 17.12.1969





4010 Clear View Dr.
Cedar Falls, Iowa
December 16, 1969

Hi! A Merry Christmas to you, one and all! Considering our advancing years and the inroads made on our writing-time late in December, we again take the easy way out, as you can easily read.

We both again took the full summer off -- or so we thought. Early June found us in Littleton, Colorado, for a week with son Howard, Lorraine, their Clayton and Kevin, and an Aredale named Rowdy. Howard still works for IBM.

Returning by way of Altoona, Kansas, seat of the Kansas branch of Caryl's family, we gained information which sparked a stimulating and fruitful correspondence with a remarkable young 90-year-old Middleton great-uncle not before known to us. Making it an auld lang syne trip, stopped in Kansas City for two overdue days with an old Navy buddy and wife (old buddy, not old buddy but old Navy), the first meeting since WW-II (can it be?)

Home a week, we were called to St. Paul to baby-sit and keep house a month in student housing at the U. of Minnesota. The occasion -- Carolyn's gallstones (now lab specimens) which shouted for identification only two months after her Carter's birth. Everything went well. Trent is a proud and helpful big brother. Batting out his "clinic year" in dentistry, Brad loves his work and is doing splendidly.

August allowed us to paint our house and do some short Iowa trips we had talked about but not made. All in all, a worthwhile summer. Connie is still a kindergarten teacher at Orchard Hill Elementary School in Cedar Falls. Caryl continues to spend each day in the Waterloo Schools, helping university student teachers learn how to become teachers. Both of us still like our respective jobs very much.

For you who know them: -- Connie's mother (88) is still living in a home in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, and is physically quite well. Caryl's dad (92) still keeps house for himself in Grundy Center. Not too active physically, he is mentally and socially very much alert.

We would love having you drop in at our house for the evening, for the night, or for the week. We're well fixed for overnight guests.

Caryl + Connie

Peter: How is the military life? I'm sure you have taken to it with enthusiasm and devotion. Greet your parents and sister (?) for us.
Caryl

Warren Schuler 22.12.1969



Dear Pekka,
I'm sending your gift to your home. I hope you get it. I know it will be late for Christmas but our wishes & our love is just as warm!

Your package came & is under the tree. Thank you so much! You are always so "on time!"

Sharon & Bill & Lianne are home - Came about the middle of November. Don't that baby darling! We love her so much! They are staying with us until Bill can get a job & they can get settled. It is a real full house!

Do you remember the Hoskins from Ames who adopted the children from Bangkok & Saigon? David was placed in a boy's home near Des Moines. Of course bringing you every good wish we are very much interested in his welfare. His counselor wants him to come to us for Christmas vacation! We are so glad! He will be here today. It is sad for him to be in a home like that, but in the long run, I think it will be best. Perhaps Harriet & Don will

P.S. Mary & Joyce went to Alaska for Christmas at Joyce's sister's home. FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

get so they can love him,
too, with some counseling!
Anyway, we are awfully glad
he's coming.

Will you get to be home
over Christmas? I hope so.
And how do you like the
service? Does it get a little
better after that first few
months? I've thought of you
many times & I'm sorry I
have not written. We
enjoyed your picture so
much. I am returning your
class picture in the Christmas
box. The clothing is from
Doug & the others are from
dad & me. Did you get the
extension on the National Geographic
magazine? Love, Mom Schuler

