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Dear Miss McGlynn,

As a history Ph. D. I know you'd never forgive me if I neglected to drop you a note on this date and under these circumstances. I'm going to make it brief because this occasion incurs the obligations similar to our Christmas card fad. The Colorado has been authorized by the Post Office Department to use a caplet of our own design for the day. That being the case I must get out as many of them as I can, first, to show it off, and second to avail the philatelists among my friends of a first day cover that may be a collector's item a few years from now.

The situation hereabouts is well in hand. The Colorado and "Dugout Doug" finally got the Nips to say "Uncle"; ably assisted and abetted, of course, by the showboats (the new battlewagons) the Marines, and the Air Arms. I won't go into the details here as the Japs affixed their signatures to the formal surrender document. There is the usual pomp and circumstance, ceremony and impressiveness that Hollywood generally associates with these affairs. The Missouri is down the Bay about four miles. For the last couple of hours a thousand or so of our planes have been droning overhead. These and a few other ostentatious backdrops that MacArthur dreamed up complete the picture. He'll out Hollywood Hollywood eight days of the week. (If you've gathered by now that the Navy has little use for the Great "I Am", 1945 version, you've observed shrewdly.) Don't misunderstand me. We're glad to be here in Tokyo Bay for the occasion. We saw the show for the last couple of years so it'd be a shame to miss the denouement. Yet there's no one that's not more concerned over the number of points that he has and when the system is going to be changed to include him. In our morning press today the matter was very aptly summed up in these words, "we came, we saw, we conquered". Now /?; ('87& it when do we go home". I'll leave you with that, Edna. If I'm not home and in "civvies" in six months, I'm counting on you and the Student Council to Memorialize our Congressmen representing the electorate from Curley's district down to Bates'. In the meantime drop me a line. Till again good luck to all (say hello to Coach, the Prexy, Miss Burnham, et al for me) and success with your "sophos & pos" during the coming year.

Sincerely,

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