

Annapolis, MD Sept. 7, 1901.

Dear Father,

Out of the ninety-three that reported for examination here, only about fifteen passed everything on the first trial. My roommate, Church from Idaho, were [sic] among the lucky ones. The exams were so long and so hard that I didn't have time to take down any of the mathematics. No one was allowed to take out a piece of paper or anything like that. This is to keep the exams in the Academy. In my physical examination, they came very near not letting me in on my hearing but they finally agreed to do it.

I will enter the Academy on Monday as most of the

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boys will not enter until then. I packed up my valise and will send it home. I will enclose a list of those that passed on first examination in everything.

Well, as there will be no news until I enter, I will close now and write a long letter in my first spare time.

With much love to Mama and the children, I am your affectionate son,

[signed]

Chester W Nimitz