

My dear Father:-

One month of study is over and only three months more. Our standing for the month of October has been posted and mine is as follows: Naval Architecture stood 52 with 2.98; Dynamo Electric Machinery 16 with 3.34; Navigation, 13 with 3.35; Ordnance 15 with 3.43; Marine Engineering 10 with 3.48; Seamanship 15 with 3.60; Spanish 21 with 3.75.

I went to pieces on the exam in naval construction and

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it was all through a number of foolish busts. Just watch and see if I don't bat naval construction next month. All the other marks are as well as I can expect. We have only one recitation a month in languages and that consists in reading a number of pages (between 25 and 100) of some Spanish novel and then reciting the story to the instructor, who gives his marks upon the no. of pages read and upon the fluency. In my Spanish recitations I never find time to read the whole no of pages requested for a 4.0 but I always [sic] get a four on

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fluency. Anyhow, Spanish counts so little in the multiple that it can be neglected to some extent without affecting the final standing. I received Otto's letter and in it he said that he had received a mark of 98 – which I think is very good. Did the children receive the chestnuts which I sent. I hope that they got there all right. It is very hard to get chestnuts here, which are not wormy or something else being wrong with them.

It won't be very long now until the West Point Game. Elsie Wahrmond and a chum of hers are coming down sure to see it. According to her letters, she is not at all homesick, and is getting along fine. She thinks ever so much of the school.

Miss Mary Bond is coming up here from Petersburg VA to some of our hops. She will probably come up the latter part of November.

We were defeated last Saturday by Swarthmore College in the football game

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but that hasn't dampened our ardour [sic] in respect to the West Point game, which, by the way, will be the greatest football game in the East, because West Point has defeated Yale and we defeated Princeton, the two strongest football colleges in the East.

Stewart came out well in all of his studies and is in no danger of being unsatisfactory any month before we graduate.

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The order, long expected, was published the other day, telling us that we were to graduate on Jan 30, 1905.

Also I went out and let a doctor test my hearing and he pronounced it nearly normal and assured me that I would have no trouble in passing the physical exam. On the strength of that I told the tailor to go ahead on my outfit. We are allowed liberty now every afternoon after drill to go out in Annapolis on business connected with our outfits so that it is real convenient

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in fitting our various new uniforms. I will certainly be glad when we get out into the service – anything to get away from this place.

Is everyone well – has the cold weather set in real hard yet? Are there many deer being killed around Kerrville now?

My best love to Mama, the children, all of Aunt Augusta's family and to yourself.

Your son, [signed] Chester W Nimitz