

My dear Father:-

The West Point Game is finally here and it's the same old luck, same old story. We lost by a score of 11 to 0 in Army's favor. The score should have been 6 to 0, as they earned only one touchdown, but what's the use of talking about it. Our class must be a hoodoo and I'll wager that beginning with next year, we'll walk

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away with them each time – just watch and see.

Elsie came all right and with her, Mrs. Kohler. Their train was late and I didn't find them until after the first half of the game. Elsie is looking fine and she seems to enjoy going to school up here very much. We had about an hour in Phila. after the game before our train was due to leave. We all went down to the station together and there I left them. We arrived in Annapolis

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and got turned in about midnight, the same sorrowful looking crowd that's come back now for the fourth time since I've been here.

Most of our works for November have been posted and my standing and marks are decidedly better than last months:

Physics and Chemistry (Electricity)	19	with	3.38
Marine Engines and Boilers	10	“	3.44
Ordnance and Gunnery	11	“	3.60
Seamanship	5	“	3.80
Spanish	16	“	3.75

Navigation and naval construction have not been posted yet but I hope to have over 3.00 in naval construction and over a star mark (over 3.40) in Navigation – thus having a general average for the month over a 3.40, and enough to pull my last month's mark up above 3.40. Now if I do as well in the remaining two months I'll surely graduate with distinction, and as I've said before, I'll try to hold on for two months more.

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I wish I were sure of what station they are going to send the three of us. We all want to go to the Asiatic as our first choice and the Pacific as our second choice. And the trouble is, we won't be able to find out until we get our final orders sometime in February. If we go on the Asiatic Station we may get more than

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two weeks leave and if we go on Pacific Station, we may get less leave than this and in either case I can't count on more than two weeks. I wish it were like the Army, people who receive three months leave upon their graduation.

By the way, I saw Hal Hamilton last Saturday and if he hadn't found me and hailed me I

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would never have recognized him. He has changed entirely. He is a third classman now.

Well Father, I will close now with my best love to Mama, the children, all of Aunt Augusta's family and to yourself.

Your son

[signed]

Chester W Nimitz