

United States Flagship Ohio

Kobe, Japan

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My dear Father:-

We have left Yokohama and are just arriving in Kobe today. Here will stay for about one week and then start for Chefoo, stopping in Nagasaki on the way. We will probably remain in Chefoo for the summer. The Wisconsin has gone up the Yangtze River for one month and will rejoin us at Chefoo.

Everything seems to have gone wrong with my insurance. My second premium was due last October and I sent my note for three months and on Jan 1, I sent a check to pay the note and it seems that the check never got there. That was how Spencer happened to write to you about it. I have written now about that lost check and will send him another check

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to pay that last premium. That will straighten things out until this Oct. Now I have made a monthly allotment to you of ten dollars so that you can look out for that insurance altogether and there won't be any more trouble about it. The premium is \$100.16 and is due on October 24 of every year. I will write to Spencer at Annapolis and tell him to send all receipts, notices, etc. to you. One thing certain, I can't look out for it out here. You should receive the first ten dollar allotment and from then on they will come regular, because the paymaster looks out for that. I hope that it won't cause you any trouble. Out here, it takes too much time to get word back and forth. So, beginning with the payment due this coming Oct 24, '06 you look out for everything connected with

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it and I will keep the allotment going, and by the way, I will be able to treble the allotment in five months, when my exams for commission are over, and then I'll keep a steady allotment into the family funds.

I got Otto's and Dora's letters and I was glad to get them and am going to answer them from Kobe. Our target practice stunts will begin as soon as we get to Chefoo and everything depends upon our making good scores with our turret guns. If we make fair scores, we will win the gunnery trophy for that year's target practice and this is quite an honor. The Oregon has held the trophy for the last two years and she has gone home. Last year this fleet made a clean sweep and got the battleship, cruiser and gunboat trophies and we are trying to keep up the good work. One of our shipmates, Robinson, left us in Yokohama to go into the hospital for an operation and everybody was certainly sorry to see him go because he

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is sure a fine fellow. We have a large naval hospital there.

While we are at Chefoo I am going to ask for a few days leave to take a walking trip into the country, have a jinrickshaw carry clothes and provisions. There is nothing else to do there, besides go to the missionaries church, the English Club, or stay aboard. These British are funny

people and I can't stand to be around them. The officers from their ship are alright [sic] and we may run across their fleet at Chefoo, as their base, Wei-hui-Wei is only a short distance from Chefoo. There is no hope of getting to Port Arthur from Chefoo this year because everything is still closed up and likely to remain so for quite a while.

Carter from our class went to the Callao as I wrote you before. I saw from a paper a few days ago that his little gunboat had run aground. I guess that he is having troubles of his own just about now. Those little fellows are always going aground though and it is nothing new. It seems that they take that method of finding the shallow places.