

U.S.S. Indiana,
Navy Yard,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Father:-

We transferred to the Indiana July 1st, off New London. The Indiana crowd went to the Hartford and the Hartford crowd went to the Chesapeake. On July 2, at noon, we weighed anchor and started for New York City to have some work done on our six inch guns. We arrived in New York Harbor about 8 o'clock on the morning of July 3d and dropped anchor off Tompkinsville. About noon, we weighed anchor again and started up East River to the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The harbor and river were so crowded with ferryboats and all other kinds of boats that it is a wonder to me that we did not cut some of them in two. We passed under Brooklyn Bridge and our military mast just cleared the bridge. We tied up to a dock and work was immediately started on the guns. There are a number of dry docks here and there are two or three large vessels in them. For one, the Iowa is in dry dock, also several cruisers.

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The Baltimore, Columbia, Hancock, Iowa, Florida, Dixie and a number of others are fitting out for cruises. We had liberty on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday afternoons. First, I hunted up Aunt Josie's house on West End Avenue. It is certainly a pretty place, all very finely furnished, etc. While I was there Charlie Weinholtz came in. It was too late in the day for him to show me around the city so we made plans for the next day. Well, the next day we went out to Coney Island and saw everything worth seeing. We took a trip to the moon in the airship Luna. And also a trip to the north Pole in a submarine boat. In both cases, the deception was so perfect that it was well worth the money. It was all done by electricity. There are no end of catch-penny schemes out there. It was on July 4th and you can imagine the crowd out there. There were so many amusing things out there that I have not time to

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write about it. While we were out there we had our tin types taken and enclose you one. You wouldn't recognize Charlie. He has changed a great deal. He has quieted down. We got back to Aunt Josie's house in time for supper and in time to meet her husband, Mr. Schnoering. He is a nice old gentleman and he treated us fine. Well, all three of them tried to make our stay a pleasant one. After supper we went to see "The Prince of Pilsen" at the theater. It was simply great. A person appreciates a good play and music like that when he hasn't seen one in so long. Last night on Manhattan Beach there were paints fireworks. We could see them from the ship. Stewart spent three days on Governor's Island with his brother, who is a captain in the Army. We will spend the week in looking over the yard, and going through the docks.

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We will leave here about July 10th or 11th and go directly to Nahant, which is about twelve or fifteen miles from Boston. The squadron will be there and we will have maneuvers. You sent me the address of Mrs. Weston's people in Boston but you did not mention their names. Be sure to send me their names. My address will be c/o USS Indiana at Nahant, Mass. I don't know just how long we will stay there. We are having practical work with the sextant in navigation. We

take time sights, and work them out. We have practical work in ordnance, seamanship and general instruction.

Monday

Today we went all through the machine shop, boiler shop, and blacksmith shop here and it was well worth seeing.

Well, I will write another letter later in the week. My best love to Mamma and the children and all the rest.

Your son

[signed]

Chester W Nimitz

Grandfather wrote me of Grandfather Henke's death.