

Dear Father:-

We have started on our exams now and you can imagine how glad we are that the term's work is over. Our class standings for the month of May have been published and mine is as follows: mathematics stood 12 with 3.50, physics and chemistry, stood 22 with 3.58, mechanical drawing stood 27 with 3.35, Naval history, stood 49 with 3.47, Spanish has not been posted yet.

We had our exam in

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naval history this morning. On Monday we will have physics and chemistry and Spanish; Tuesday in Mathematics and on Wednesday in Drawing. On May 9th our 1st crew rowed against Yale but we were defeated. In weight our crew averaged 156 lbs. While theirs averaged 174 lbs. They beat us about 13 boat lengths. Shortly after this race the stroke of the first crew was put off on account of sickness and the stroke of the 2d crew had to take

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his place. Then the coach made me stroke of the second crew. In the practice races between the two crews, the 2d crew did fine work and more than one time it beat them in a two mile race. Yesterday Georgetown's 1st and 2d crews came down to race our first and second. As our first and second crews were so near alike, we had a four cornered race – and lost. It was a two mile race and Georgetown's varsity came in ahead, then their 2d crew about $\frac{3}{4}$ boat length behind them, then our 2d crew about three feet behind them and our first crew last of all.

Georgetown 1st crew's time was 11 min. 02 sec.

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| “ | 2d crew's time was | 11.05 |
| Navy | 2d crew “ “ | 11.06 |
| “ | 1st crew “ “ | 11.17 |

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It was hard luck, to be beaten by only one second. Had the race been twenty yards longer we would have won. But never mind, we will have a better and a heavier crew next year.

I will be on the Chesapeake for the first part of the cruise, then on the Indiana and then on the Hartford. The list of ports we will

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visit has not been published yet.

We will probably go to the same ports, though, that we went to last year.

We are having very hot weather here now and dress parades every evening. And next week the board of visitors will come and we'll have to drill for them.

Oh – I came near forgetting to tell you

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how the crew squad broke training yesterday. After the race, we all had a fine dinner out in the town, and there were so many toasts drunk that before we were half through, I had a semi-circle of glasses standing around me. Some officers sent two dozen bottles of champagne and another, a large bowl of punch. The punch was good but I didn't like the champagne. Some of the people had more than they could carry, but I didn't drink more than one small glass of champagne and punch all together.

Well father, I will close with best love to Mother, the children and all the rest.

Your son

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