

December 21, 1901.

Dear Grandfather:-

Your letter of Dec. 16 came yesterday and I answer at once. We are having very cold weather here now and some of the cadets have even started skating on the ice. I thought it too risky and do not get into the cold any more than I have to. The other morning it began to snow but only lasted for a few hours. It has done this several times

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but we have not had any heavy snow yet. I am having seamanship drills this week and it is pretty cool in our white sailor suits. But we have plenty of warm clothing and I have not felt the cold as much as I do at home. You see, we are kept so busy that there is no time to get cold. I am just as well now as ever and am making up for lost time.

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I lost only eight numbers in mathematics, I stand 20 now and this is good, I think, considering the four weeks that I lost. So far all my marks have been satisfactory. Our holiday begins with the afternoon of Dec. 24, and ends at six o'clock Dec. 25. On New Year's day we will have a holiday. Although we will still have our studies and recitations during Christmas week, we will have no drills.

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Did you get one of the pictures? I am going to send some more of them home so there will be plenty to go around.

How is little Karlie?

I hope that Dr. Palmer can cure the trouble with your cheek.

I close giving my best love to all, and best wishes to you all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your loving grandson,

[signed]

Chester W. Nimitz