

Jan. 31, 1902.

My Dear Grandfather:-

Your letter came two days ago but as we were in the midst of our examinations, I could not answer at once.

Well, our semi-annual exams are over now and I am still here. The examinations, in mathematics especially, were hard and about twenty five failed in my class.

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I am glad to hear that the sore on your face has gotten better and that it is healing up.

Is it very cold in Fredericksburg now? Here, the snow is about eight inches deep and it is still snowing.

It is reported here at the Academy that the German Naval Cadets will visit us here sometime in February. There are a number of Germans in the Academy and all of them stand up well in their studies.

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Those cadets that fail on the semi-annual exams will be given a chance to resign before they are dropped. One cadet, Jacobs, was detected while trying to cheat. He was arrested and is now awaiting the decision of the court-martial. He will receive one hundred demerits at least, and may be he will be dismissed because they are very strict about that here.

In addition to our other studies, we will take up trigonometry, Spanish

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and several other studies this second term.

I hear from Jennie often. She wrote me about Koehler's house being robbed.

Give my best love to all.

Your affectionate grandson,

[signed]

Chester W Nimitz