

U.S.S. Indiana

Newport, R.I.

June 29, 1902

Dear Father;

I received your letter of June 24th today, and was glad to hear from you. We made the trip from New York to Newport, all right, and we did not have any rough weather along the way. This time quite a number of ~~the~~ my class became seasick, and to tell the truth, I was not feeling so spry. Today I sent you a little book of photographs around Newport, and they will give you an idea of some of the places around here. The city itself is not much, but on the outside, along the ocean beach there are many fine

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residences. They are all summer homes of New Yorkers etc. The New York Yacht Club has its anchorage here now and there is certainly a fine collection of yachts. ~~here~~ There were not many strangers in the city then because it was early in the season. I also sent a list of the class standing of the classes this year.

Tomorrow morning we leave for a short cruise in Block Island Sound and vicinity. From there we will go to New London, Conn. where we will stay from July 11th until July 15th.

While we are in port, our drills and recitations go on just as regularly as if we were out at sea, and the only days that we get liberty are Saturday and Sunday.

There is a torpedo station, and a naval training school for apprentices here. ~~Those that graduate from Annapolis~~ The War College is for ~~those who~~ the further instruction of those who graduate highest in their classes. The U.S.S. Essex, a training ship for apprentices, left on a cruise, just as we were

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coming in.

Next week we will have target practice with the great guns. This will be hard on my ears until I get used to it. There is not much of interest in this place so I do not know what to write about. I thank you ever so much for the money that you sent me. I have plenty now to last me through the cruise. Is everyone well at home? Grandfather wrote me that Aunt Meta was not well.

My best love to Mother and the children and all the rest.

You son,

[signed]

Chester W Nimitz