

My dear Father:-

I received your letter of the other day and I thank you very much for the money you sent me. The box came yesterday Dec. 28 – and I was certainly glad to get it. I want to thank you all for it and I appreciate it very much. Everything in it was just fine, as everyone around here will say. I put the big fruitcake aside

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until Saturday, when Elsie will be here. She is coming down for the New Year's Ball. Everything in the box was just fine and we are going to make it last until nearly graduation, which is only four weeks off.

We've been fortunate this year in the way of holidays because both Christmas and New Year's both came on Sundays and according to Navy Regulations, we have the following

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Mondays as holidays. This is one year that we've fooled 'em in that line. That wine was certainly good and by the time Church, Stewart, and several others of us had one round of it, we had to bury the dead soldiers which we did with all military honors – and we finally hove them into the Severn, which flows just beneath my window.

When I come in Feb. I'm certainly going to get some of that wine from grandmother and have it on hand all the time because that is the only wine that has ever tasted good to me – and in fact, the only thing I like to drink.

We had bad foggy weather during the first part of the week but now it has turned out fine and I hope it keeps up so.

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There are just lots of visitors here this week and many of our classmates have their relatives here to remain until graduation. Stewart's family are coming, his mother, father, two brothers and two sisters. It is next to impossible to engage rooms etc. Everything has been taken and has been so for several months ahead.

I have enclosed my marks for last month (December)

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and I hope I can do as well the last month. Our final exams will begin before many weeks, and then we can knock off study – for a long while at least.

I haven't the slightest idea where I will be assigned after graduation, or how much leave we will get. Everything like that is kept mighty quiet.

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Well Father, I will close now because there is nothing new here.

I thank you all for the box and I wish you all a very happy New Year. My best love to Mother, the children, all of Aunt Augusta's family and to yourself.

Your son

[signed]

Chester W Nimitz

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Here are my standings in the different subjects for the academic month of December which ended on December 24th.

Physics and Chemistry (Electricity) stood 18 with 3.62

Navigation "5 with 3.30

Naval construction stood 19 with 3.19

Seamanship stood 5 with 3.78

Ordinance " 7 with 3.70

Naval Boiler " 45 with 3.12

Spanish " 15 " 3.75

Efficiency been posted but I will have about a mark of 3.00 in that so that my general average for December will be 3.48 at least -- we are receiving

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most of our stuff now and we are taking two lessons at a time - but one thing. It can only last for five more weeks and they will be short and sweet. I hope -- Just as Stewart said -- it is with me the same -- When we came back here from leave we were gauged to rank for just four months longer. We sent in our requisition for assignments to duty upon graduation. I hope that they will be granted.