

Technology Chambers
Boston, Mass.

Dear Papa,

It seems to me that it has been some time since I have given you the latest news from this benighted region so will try to get my news up to date, although you are probably at Philadelphia at this time.

By the way here is a clipping that I cut out of the Army & Navy Journal of I think last week which seems to cover Joe[']s case pretty well, I haven't seen any mention of it any other place but I imagine that if anything is to be done at all that is about the shape that it would have to take.

I forgot again to put a date at the beginning of this letter as I hardly ever do it but this the sixth anyway.

In your last letter every one was apparently looking forward to the game and now that is history and apparently the worst team the Academy has ever had has finished the season just about the way every one expected except that we hardly had any right to count on scoring which seems to have been more luck than good management, the Army this year had one of the best teams in the Country probably the fourth coming after Harvard while it would be pretty hard to place our team any where on the list although by courtesy some of the papers have put us eleven.

Have you made any plans definitely yet as when you are going to Florida and how long you will be there, judging by the way it is here you couldn't get down any too soon but it is probably a good deal better at Annapolis. This morning I had the first skate of the season although the ice wasn't very good, it was a case of beggars not being able to choose; this is the greatest place for nasty cold winds, get on some of the streets and you are almost blown off your feet, and the wind always has snow or dirt or something else to carry along with it so walking is decidedly at a discount.

I dont know whether I told you or not but I have just started in on my first original design which is a cruising yawl, sixty feet on the water line and eighty seven over all after that is done which will be about the end of the term, i [sic] will have to design an armored cruiser of 4500 tons and that will keep me buisy]sic] for nearly all the rest of the course; each one of us was assigned something entirely different but nothing over about five thousand tons as it would take too long to work out all[sic] the plans for a larger one; the other three are a monitor, a coast defence [sic] battleship and a scout.

Last week there was sort of a shift in our schedule which added on a good deal of work as it took off some laboratory and other things that didn't require preparation and put on their place least squares, hydraulics and electricity. Its really rather funny when you come right down to think of it that Spanish is almost the only subject that we have now that isn't largely math. The other day we went in to the first electricity lecture and it would have been hard to tell it apart from a lecture on advanced calculus and the other things are about the same.

For the last few days Furer and I have been going over to the Gymnasium and doing a little boxing for exercise and am going to try to keep it up although don[']t know whether I will be able to or not.

It[']s almost time for little boys to be going to bed so guess that I will say Good night and seek my downy.

Aff.
Sid.

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