

U.S. Military Academy
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Dear Pratt

I have just finished my
exam examination, I did first-rate in Engineering
and Ethics, but only tolerably well in Mineralogy
and Geology, I came out 19th in Engineering
and 22nd in Ethics, I have not heard the
standing in the other studies,

I would have written to you sooner
but I was call up in such quick ^{succession} in my different
studies that I did not have a moment to spare

I have now a clear way before me for
graduating, and there is little room left for doubting
my ability or my determination to do so, I think
my graduating standing will be somewhere
between twenty and ~~at~~ twenty four I have only
five months more to stay at West Point
and I assure you that I shall be heartily
when I get away from this place, for I
begin to dislike it very much.

Give my love to all the folks
Very truly yours
Chas. Mander