

as the old saying is, ^{boys} will be boys
where ever they be and I have to keep
my eye open. last night I had to
disarm one from a Navy ship I
have become accustomed to such life
and would not think it military if
some one did not get a cut head
or something of the kind

Will Ed
I have now occupied more time
and space than I thought and
will soon close for this time hoping
this find line may find you in
good health as it leaves me my
regards to you hoping to hear from
you soon again Yours Truly
Lusk
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to Mr. Dick
Boothtown
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Friend Ed

This fine and pleasant day
finds me at the same locality and
making a grand effort to relate to you
the proceedings of things in general
at this post. Will yours be quick to my
presence with the New Year and just
assured that I was well pleased to
hear from you again. the first thing
presented itself was that old and quite
common remark Happy New Year!
Lusk, something that does not occur
very often for the reason that no one
calls me that. it reminds me of those
good old times that has passed and gone
but a substitute is furnished instead
and that is Dick which no doubt

are well acquainted with it. Well
to return to your letter, I see that
you have been having quite a spell
of weather. Still you have enjoyed your
little self finely on the holidays, as
for myself I cant complain Christmas
here was a grand Hop here and all
had a good time that attended it
for me I had a good time and did not
attend. I did not stay at home either
I swore off going to dances that was
subject to break up in a row as many
of them does "and for that reason I
did not attend, but did not loose
all. Had an Oyster party, or supper
rather, five ^{in all} Ladies including my
self and and and and and other men
and I think that I enjoyed myself
well and felt better than any of them
that was at the "hop". I used to
take delight in such frolics in
days gone by and I need not tell you
that "for no doubt you will say tell

me something that I do not know
but I am getting old and do not care
for such. and my intentions are to
find a place and summer down
do you not think it a fine plan
and my intentions are yet to
settle all alone, how high is that.
Well to change the subject for a few
nights only, we are having a fine
Winter for this country have not
had any snow to amount to any-
thing and no cold weather, it
reminds me of the winters in old
Louisiana)

I hope that I shall be
able to hear the band play some
of them famous airs on the
next (fourth of June New years)
for I love good music

The Pay Master
was here yesterday and some of the
boys feel rather bores this afternoon
you know soldiers are on such occasions