

Calcutta, India.

Dec. 3, 1945

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while waiting for shipment back to the States, Annette and I stayed at the Astoria Hotel in Calcutta. We used this as a base for daily excursion in the city. Stayed at hotel from Dec 3 to Dec. 7, 1945

Dec 4, 1945

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Visited the Burning Ghats in Calcutta and the Episcopal Cathedral. Photo 1-11-4-45 of the Cathedral. Photo 2-11-4-45 ibid with Annette in foreground. In photo 3-11-4-45 note the head protruding from the funeral pile of wood. The feet also extend beyond the mass of wood, both a repulsive sight in the process of incineration of the body. The Cathedral was being refurbished and scaffolding covered the outside of the building.

Dec 5, 1945

Today we travelled by rickshaw and visited several temples. Photo 1-11-5-45 of Annette at one of the temples. Photo 2-11-5-45 of Annette in our conveyance. One of the buildings of worship with 4 high minarets was visited. We left our shoes outside and when we were inside they locked the iron gates and refused to let us out until we paid a ransom. The more I think about this place the more I believe we could have had serious trouble. It was not too far from the "Black Hole" of Calcutta.

Dec 6, 1945

visited river ghats in Calcutta.

Dec 7, 1945

Photo 1-11-7-45 of Annette outside of the Astoria Hotel.