

December 26

At 8:00 A.M. we were awakened by good old Dean. at 9:20 we were in West Point where Major Neiss and Captain Messenger (a former Army football star of 1928-30) and Roland Logan, the Army trainer now and a former Kansas trainer, met us. We then went to the Thayer West Point Hotel for breakfast, after which we were shown around the academy.

At noon we ate at the Army Mess Hall which seats 1,800. Only the plebes were there, however (the others having gone home on furlough), and so the Mess Hall was relatively empty. When we entered, the whole corps present cheered and clapped for us until we knew not whether to run or to take a bow.

After dinner we walked out to the Army Field House and worked out on the Army basketball court. Then at 4:30 P.M. we left for New York City and arrived at 6:30. After eating at Child's Restaurant we all went out to Madison Square Garden where we saw Illinois beat Manhattan and Santa Clara beat C.C.N.Y. Between halves of this latter game most of the team worked out on the Garden floor, but Vance Hall and Bob Allen were suffering from flu and did not work out.