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December 25

At 7:00 in the morning we awakened to merry Christmas from Dean. We hustled to catch a train and rode to Niagara. From the train we saw the Canadian side of the falls and then we went to Niagara, New York where we saw the American falls and spent most of the day. On the train we talked with a young Canadian flier who was in training, and he gave us some interesting facts about the R. A. F.

The falls were a very impressive sight to most of us because it was the first time we had seen them. The rest of the day was spent in doing whatever we wanted to. Some of the fellows went to a show and the rest walked around town. That evening we took the train for West Point and it was really a slow train. I don't believe anyone got much sleep. All the way thru Canada we couldn't leave the train because we were under bond.

December 26

We arrived at West Point and were met by the officer in charge of basketball and an army doctor. We were taken on a nice ride all over the post and saw the main points of interest. Here Eleanor left the basketball team for a cadet uniform. We were very honored to eat lunch in the mess hall with the other cadets, who were spending their holidays there.

The field house where we practiced was a huge place and had a splendid floor. Soon after our work-out we took a train for New York. After taking our boys to the Picadilly we went to Madison Square Garden and worked out between halves of the game. I was impressed not by its large size but by its small size.