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class - now"



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Dearest Folks,

Hello - would you like to hear
how N.Y. is coming? Here goes.

This last ~~to~~ week has been a
wonderful one for me. Letters from Gene,
Audrey, Bob, and also those from Mom
and Dad. One can't be too thankful for
letters, they certainly do mean a lot
to me.

I certainly do envy Bob in his being
home. I bet you are really having a
wonderful time together. He has been
looking forward to it as you have for a ~~small~~
long time. ^{the time} I certainly am looking
forward to it, when I can home.

I would give a lot if I could be
home for the holidays. The churches
here don't seem to go in for the
decorations. I imagine that they really



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can not do it tho.

Jud and I planned to hear Dr. Scherer (a Lutheran), who he has told me about, Sunday so we got on the bus. It turned out to be the wrong bus and we ended up in front of Riverside so we went there Sunday. I was really somewhat disappointed in Dr. Helstrom. He read the entire sermon and the reading of it seemed to make it last all the longer. I really didn't get much of anything out of it. That certainly is an beautiful church.

After church we walked across the street from Riverside to General Grant's tomb. It is an impressive building simple but beautiful. He is layed next to his wife. Around the tomb are groups of flags (about 30) of the different volunteer groups of the north in the Civil war.



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after church we headed right back for the hotel where I slept in the afternoon and then studied in the evening.

School is coming along really swell, today, I got my ^{radio} set that I have been building, to play. Soon we start trouble shooting (Rich that means to see what is the matter with it if some thing goes wrong). They are speaking of making our class the last one to go thru the school. It doesn't seem as if I have been here 5 weeks. Time goes fast, for which I am thankful.

I bet the church was really beautiful Sunday. Did the plays go off alright? The churches where we have been have always been lovely at Christmas hasn't they. I bet Bob enjoyed helping.

I must stop now and get some of the studying done. I shall write soon
Love
Jim