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Tues., Dec. 4

Dear Mother,

Saturday afternoon we went to the Southern California - U.C.L.A. football game as we had planned. U.S.C. beat U.C.L.A. 26-15, which puts them in the lead for the Rose Bowl. The game was good but what impressed me most was the crowd — 103,000 people. The Coliseum, where the game was played, is a tremendous stadium, and Saturday it was packed and jammed. Both cheering sections used colored cards to make various words and pictures — so that it was a very showy affair.

Saturday night we went in to Los Angeles for the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. The performance was very good, but the program wasn't as entertaining as one I saw in Raleigh about 3 years ago.

I saw my first movie stars at the Ballet — so my visit was worthwhile in that respect. Claudette Colbert was there — and Diana Lynn, a young, rising actress who's been in several good movies



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lately. I was quite surprised at Claudette Colbert, who I thought must be aging quite a bit now. On the contrary, she is very attractive even more so than on the screen. Diana Lynn looks as I expected.

Sunday morning we went to the Temple Baptist Church — right in the heart of Los Angeles. The auditorium there is enormous, with 3 balconies. (Everything out here is built on a big scale, or at least it seems that way.) The preacher was only fair, but the choir was good. The thing that surprised me most was the general friendliness of the whole congregation. The boy I went with and I were almost constantly being introduced to somebody and shaking hands.

I know you are happy now that Thomas is home, and I was glad to hear that he is looking so well.

One of the boys from the Raymond — Billy Barrow from Maydan — is on leave now, and he said he was coming down to Leakeville to see you. He is a signalman and is thus in my division aboard ship. He's a very nice fellow.

If you have any ideas as to what I could buy people for Christmas presents, I wish you would write and tell me.

Love,
Edwin