

Saturday, January 2, 1943

2nd Day—363 Days to Follow

The fire went out during the night and we all but froze - even with three blankets and great coat on. We caught the 10:30 bus to Mt Norquay this morning and went ski-ing all the morning - it was great fun. I caught the 2 o'clock bus back to town and went for a walk to Bow Falls and around by Tunnel Mountain. There is a grand view of the town from halfway up Tunnel Mtn.

We went down to the Mount Royal Hotel & had tea - bought several dollars worth of cards, souvenirs etc - then Geoff & Ivan went skating & the rest of us went to bed.

Went to Mass this morning at St Mary's Church. - very small. almost falling down.

Sunday, January 3, 1943

3rd Day—362 Days to Follow

Had dinner at the Dominion Cafe and then hiked to the top of Tunnel Mtn. It was quite a good walk - not a breath of air in the valley & blowing a gale up top. We had a great view in all directions - of Banff township - of the Banff Springs Hotel and of the Bow River & Spray River Valleys. Returned to Salvation Army Hostel - paid our board - 50 c per person per night - caught the 5 o'clock train. It was fairly crowded, but quite a lot got off at Calgary.

Monday, January 4, 1943

4th Day—361 Days to Follow

Awoke about 9:30 am.

There was no dining car on our train so we ate the A.C.F. parcel that Ivan brought along with him.

We arrived at Portage at 4:45.

Had dinner at the Mayfair Cafe and then went out to camp - found 12 letters waiting for me.

The animals at Banff were quite tame deer and elk roam around the streets. We took a photo of a squirrel at 3½ ft.

600 suites in Banff Springs Hotel.

173 } rooms in two bldgs for servants.
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New wing at Lake Louise Hotel cost \$5 million