

First Black Females to Enter and Graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point

Joy (Dallas) Eicheiman and Priscilla (Walker) Locke



During the break for the mess hall, Cadet Joy Dallas pauses for a brief conversation. She expects the presence of women at the Academy to "cheer things up."



West Point Cadet Priscilla Walker of Detroit bones up on her self-defense exercises. Although men and women cadets usually participate in the same athletics, the self-defense class for women is substituted for the male class in boxing at West Point.



While visiting the public affairs office at West Point, Cadet Walker spends a few moments talking with Maj. Bill Smullen, news media and public relations officer.

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As can be imagined, their schedules limit any social interaction at the academies for those fourth classmen. There is a fraternization rule which declares that fourth classmen aren't allowed to write or talk to, much less be seen holding hands with, an upperclassman. The purpose of this, according to academy spokesmen, is to uphold some sort of objectivity in the military so that upperclassmen don't show favoritism

