

LETTER TELLS TALE HOW LT. WALKER WON MEDAL

A letter received from Lieut. Tom Walker, the Reno man who recently won the distinguished service medal for bravery, by his brother Bert Walker, who is training in the camp at the university, tells how Lieut. Walker won his medal.

According to the letter, the American forces were making a counter-attack against the Germans during the recent drive of the Germans on the Western front and Walker, with a platoon of signal corps engineers, was attached to a regiment in the thick of the fight. The regiment made gains, driving the Germans back and as they went forward it was Lieut. Walker's business to see that telephone communications were established to the rear from the conquered territory. The line was strung under intense fire and the greatest difficulties. The first line stayed in service just twenty minutes when the artillery of the Germans blew it to bits. Lieut. Walker immediately went to work to fill the gap with a second line and it was gone in fifteen minutes under the heavy artillery fire which concentrated upon his working party.

Then the regiment "went over the top" and took the last German trench and silenced the guns, while Lieut. Walker's platoon finished their work and established the telephone line for the last time and that time it stayed. The signal corps engineers under Lieut. Walker then joined in the battle and aided in capturing the routed Germans who were frantically fleeing. The platoon of engineers brought in seventeen of the enemy and a souvenir for every man.

This is the story of the action in which it was announced several weeks ago in the Gazette, that Lieut. Walker had won his medal. The brief dispatches of the war department gave as the reason "for distinguished bravery in battle by keeping intact the telephone communications."

Camp Woodhaven,
Wolfboro, N. H.

Dear Lou,

Hello, Lou, and how are
you these days? I wanted to write
right away and congratulate
you upon receiving the honor of
the "Croix de Guerre." It is just
great and I got so excited about
it that I called the Robertses right
up, and they had just read the
citation in the Boston Transcript.

Isn't it been just fine that
Ruth and I could have a nice

little visit together in Haverhill. One reason that I have not written before, is that I wanted Ruth's letter to be sure to reach you first, and I have had experience enough with writing "over there" to know that two weeks or so makes very little difference sometimes, in the sending and receiving of letters.

Now, I always knew I should admire and like Ruth, but I simply love her, and think she is one of the very sweetest girls I ever met. We did have such a good time together and I do hope I shall know her

better. I was so glad that Clarence had not left before Ruth came because he enjoyed meeting her so much. We were saying how much you would like to have been with us, and Clarence says we will have some good reunions after the war is over.

Clarence is at Ft. Mifflin in Delaware in Coast Artillery. He has been having his turn of "Kitchen Police" and he and three other fellows had to do dishes three times a day and peel potatoes for 200.

He writes us about every day
and very nice cheerful letters. I
do hope I can go out to see him
sometime this fall.

I am a full fledged "office girl"
now - laugh if you will. I really
think that this business course
has done me a lot of good
and I have enjoyed it. Ruth
and I were quite pleased to find
we both had taken Gregg shorthand.
This summer I am doing
volunteer work in the Hooper
Service Office at Red Cross and I
am enjoying the work ever so
much and it is also good
practice for me, as there is quite

a bit of dictation and typewriting.

Miss Winslip has gone to Syracuse, N. Y. where she has a very fine position in Girls' Club work there - a much larger field than Haverhill could ever give. She wanted me to go as her secretary, but I had not completed my course and do not think I should want to go to live in Syracuse anyway.

My friends in New York are very anxious to have me live with them as their son is in France, and I could have his

room. I may possibly do that for a few months this winter anyway, but do not know how father will feel about it. He miss Clarence a lot of course.

I came up to Wolfboro for a week last Saturday and am having a fine time and getting a great rest. Yesterday I went to a party at the golf club and won a prize at clock golf - it must have been beginner's luck!

The war news is certainly good and it looks as if the Huns were getting the worst of it just now. Hope it will continue so.

It is great of you to go "over the top" but please take just as good care of yourself as possible. You have one of the handsomest girls waiting for you in New York and you just must come back safely. I do hope you can come over here before long.

Charles is still in the hospital, but is getting along very nicely and wears his regular shoe, and walks with a cane quite well. It surely has been a long, long siege and he hopes to be sent to Canada very

now. I do hope he can be.

This winter I took a surgical
dressings course and Mrs. Roberts
was in the same class. I have
enjoyed meeting her very much
and was so sorry that she was
away when Ruth was here.

With all the best wishes in
the world,

Alice.

July 25.