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LIEUT. T. P. WALKER WITH FIRST DIVISION

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Lieut. Thomas P. Walker, former prominent Reno resident is with the army of occupation along the Rhine, a member of the First American division. Walker won a cross of war last spring. *return of clipping*

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Dearest Rufus,

Do you know that this army is only delivering mail from the states once a week? They're trying to find out why it is but that doesn't help us to get any mail between Tuesdays. Well tomorrow's the day - so here's hoping - only I'm anxious to know about that flight you took. I've been watching the papers for a report of some joy riders being smashed against the earth. Ho hum.

Today I sent a list of pictures for you to get

with the money enclosed - an 'em
you can have lots of fun - huh?

Saturday morning I went to
Coblenz and in one hour I had had
my eyes tested and a pair of glasses
delivered to me - all free of charge. They're
not awful good looking but they are
sure substantial, and will be fine
for rough work. My two pair from
Paris, after four months, were sent
on the 21st so I'll have them
tomorrow or next day. But a foul
hoss won't break 'em then.

I've been sending the Stars
and Stripes too, for I'm sure your
subscription has run out. If
you're getting too many burn 'em
up - but they are interesting now
and save lots of writing. Hope you
get your mail all right now. I'm
afraid some of it was lost. Hope
the money orders weren't.

Brownie and I did 24 Kilometers

yesterday (Sunday) morning through
wonderfully beautiful country - took
it's great sport. Then last night
Bishop Guery of S.C. held the ser-
vice and administered the holy
communion. I was leading the
music from the choir loft, and
without books or anything he
insisted on all the music too.
Communion hymn - Gloria in Excelsis
and all ~~without~~ no warning till
they come in the service.

The organist - a "y"
girl knew the service
and together we pulled
him thru' but the
fact still remains
~~that~~ preachers are
mighty unreasonable.

Today after monkey
Dill - was good too -
the General's Aide came
in and said he knew
where there was a
skating pond. So I
bought a pair of skates
and we went skating.
The air is crisp these
days - and a fellows
blood sure runs swift.
I like the winter
best of all,
and for all the play-

ing the history goes on better
than ever. Someday this week I'm
going to Coblenz to arrange for
its printing - yep it's to be a
regular book and illustrated
with pictures. I'm trying to put
in some good lines on it so
it won't interfere with my
coming home. Wish this Major
would let me alone. During the
evenings - my best time for work
he persists in coming up to
visit me - and he always spends
about two hours. Bah!!!!

Like to read poetry - all right
here's some local talent stuff
to amuse you. Every little poem
has a meaning all its own.

I'm reading Mark Twain's
"Roughing It" I tell all about his
stay in Nevada and so rightly
interesting. I've read "Dimentin Sur-
ward" by Sir Walter Scott and

Oscar Wilde's "Importance of
Being Earnest" during spare time
the last few weeks.

Bed time - good night my
sweet wife. Suppose if I dropped
a lot of kisses on the Rhine
some day they'd float over to
you? Watch for 'em - 'cause I'm
awful anxious to deliver a lot
of 'em I've saved up. Some days
are mighty hard to bear for the
wishing for you sweetheart -
X X X Love, Tom X X X