

NEVADA MEN DECORATED RECEIVE WAR CROSSES

Lieutenant Tom P. Walter, well known former Reno resident and University graduate, now in the American army in France, has been decorated with the Croix de Guerre. Lieutenant Walker graduated from the University of Nevada with the class of 1915, and was one of the most prominent students during the four years he attended the institution, being a member of the Σ .A.E. fraternity. He received his commission in the Second Officers' Training Camp and has been in France for several months. According to the report, the American forces were making a counter attack against the Germans and Walker with a platoon of Signal Corps Engineers was engaged in the thick of the fight. As the regiment made gains, it was Lieut. Walker's business to see that telephone communication was established from the rear to the conquered territory. After two failures the line was finally established under intense artillery fire, which was concentrated upon his working party. The platoon under Walter then engaged in battle and aided in capturing the routed Germans and brought in seventeen of the enemy as well as a souvenir for every man. The brief dispatches of the war department gave an announcement "for distinguished bravery in battle by keeping intact the telephone communications."

Charlie Williams, the other Nevada man, is the second University student to be decorated for bravery on the battle field of France, according to a letter received from his grandmother by Miss Sissa.

Williams, who is a second lieutenant, was engaged with his men in stringing wire entanglements in "No Man's Land" under cover of darkness when the Germans discovered them and opened fire. They were ordered back by the superior officer but when they had reached safety it was found that one of the number was wounded and lying helpless out in the fire-swept wire entanglements of "No Man's Land." Lieutenant Williams volunteered to return and get the man. While the bullets were still flying thick in the darkness, he climbed through the wires and succeeded in carrying back the wounded man and saving his life. For this action he received the war cross.

Williams attended the University two years ago and was a member of the class of 1920, having transferred from an Ohio college. He was a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

LIEUTENANT WALKER, U. S. Signal Corps, whose wife is an Associate of the Girls' Friendly Society, and is at the G. F. S. central office as secretary for the War Emergency Committee, has been decorated with the croix de guerre for personal bravery when he went "over the top" with the first wave of the first American offensive in France. Recognition was also made of the fact that the lines of communication laid by Lieutenant Walker were maintained under German fire for fifteen hours. Lieutenant Walker is sending some trophies taken from his prisoners which he hopes

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may be "used by the G. F. S. in their booth at the next Liberty Loan drive."