

France
13 November
Monday.

Dear Brother & Sister,

During the last five or six days I received your Air Mail letters written by you kids while living at 343 during the time the folks were gone on vacation.

I was rather surprised to receive three letters from Joe and one from you, Sis, in such a short time, but believe me I certainly welcomed them. You had not written regularly or often in quite some time and you surprised me a good deal.

You mentioned that you saw "Casanova Q. Brown" at the theatre in October. I saw that picture in France about the 10th or 15th of August. I really enjoyed it, too. I saw it on a screen set up in an apple orchard. That was during the time we were on the move every few days and seeing France.

The last week we have had several flurries of snow, but this morning we awoke to find everything covered with a white sheet. The snow all melted before noon, though. It has been rather stormy and cold lately, and I certainly feel sorry for the boys in the front lines. (next sheet)

There is not much real news here, but I am enclosing some news clippings that may interest you.

Write again soon and I'll try to write more next time.

Goodnight and may God bless you both.

Your brother,
Cliff

THE -GHOST CORPS- IS LAID
FROM JOSEPH DRISCOLL -HERALD WAR
REPORTER WITH GENERAL PATTONS ARMY

THE SECRECY WHICH FOR WEEKS HAS SURROUNDED
THE MYSTERIOUS GHOST CORPS WAS LIFTED
TO-DAY

MAJOR GENERAL WALTON H WALKERS XX CORPS
HAS BEEN THE SPEARHEAD OF THE GREAT EAST-
WARD DRIVE BY GENERAL PATTONS THIRD ARMY
ACROSS FRANCE--DISTINGUISHED BY ITS BOLD
TACTICS OF ENCIRCLEMENT WHICH WON MR
CHURCHILLS PRAISE IN PARLIAMENT THE OTHER
DAY WITHIN 15 DAYS GENERAL WALKER LED HIS
CORPS ACROSS SIX RIVERS--THE LOIRE SEINE
VESLE MARNE AIANE AND MEUSE--TO LIBERATE
SCORES OF TOWNS AND CITIES INCLUDING
CHARTRES MELUN MONTEREAU FONTAINEBLEAU
CHATEAU THIERRY EPERNAY REIMS AND VERDUN

LEFT HOT FOOD

THE CORPS SPEED WAS SUCH THAT IT THRUST
THROUGH THE ARGONNE FOREST IN A MATTER OF
HOURS COMPARED WITH SEVERAL MONTHS REQUIR-
ED TO TAKE THESE WOODS IN THE LAST WAR

AT ONE PLACE THE XX CORPS ARMoured
COLUMNS KNIFED THROUGH THE ENEMYS DEFENCES
WITH SUCH FORCE AND SPEED THAT STAFF
OFFICERS OF A HIGH GERMAN HEADQUARTERS
SCRAMBLED OUT OF THEIR MESS HALL AND
JOINED THEIR FLEEING TROOPS TO AVOID
CAPTURE THEIR UNTOUCHED FOOD WAS STILL
HOT WHEN THE HUNGRY AMERICANS MOVED IN

INCESSANTLY PUSHING GERMANS BACK AND OFF
THEIR BALANCE THE XX CORPS CAPTURED
OR DESTROYED 200 ENEMY TANKS 350 PERSONNEL
CARRIERS 89 PLANES 500 GUNS OF LARGE
CALIBRE AND 90 VEHICLES ENEMY KILLED
OR CAPTURED EXCEEDED 20000 GENERAL WALKER
DEVELOPED A TECHNIQUE FOR MOVING WHOLE
DIVISIONS AT HIGH SPEED IN THE DESERT IN
CALIFORNIA WHERE HE OFTEN DIRECTED HIS
MANEUVERING FORCES FROM A COMBAT PLANE

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WALKER HEADED THIRD ARMY'S
DASH TO REICH

WITH THIRD ARMY, Oct. 15--

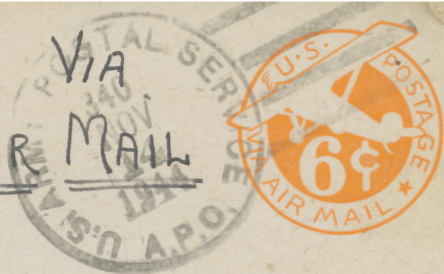
The 20th Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. WALTON H. WALKER, spearheaded the U.S. Third Army's eastward drive across France in August and September, it has been revealed.

This corps, which was removed from the Army secret list today, directed the armored and infantry divisions. In less than 15 days the units crossed six rivers--the Loir, Seine, Vesle, Marne, Aisne and Meuse--to liberate scores of French towns including Chartres, Melun, Montereau, Fontainebleau, Epernay, Reims and Verdun. During the thrust across France, 20th Corps units destroyed or captured 200 German tanks, 350 personnel carriers, 80 aircraft, 500 guns of large calibre and 900 vehicles, and killed or captured over 20,000 of the enemy.

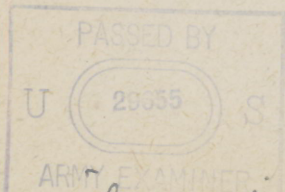
WALKER, a West Pointer, was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for directing the establishment of a bridgehead across the Seine near Melun, and received a second cluster to his Silver Star for gallantry at the Vire River in the vicinity of Airel.

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