

XX CORPS  
-SUNDAY PUNCH-  
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XX CORPS COLORS HEAPED WITH HONORS  
BY DEPARTMENT OF  
MARNE VERDUN AND CHATEAU-THIERRY

AT 7 O-CLOCK THIS MORNING THE BRITISH BROADCASTING COMPANY TOLD THE WORLD THAT THE CITIES OF VERDUN CHATEAU-THIERRY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE MARNE HAD HEAPED HONORS ON THE COLORS OF MAJOR GENERAL WALTON H WALKERS XX TH CORPS IN AN EXPRESS-ION OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR LIBERATION WHICH CLIMAXED THE CORPS SENSATIONAL EAST-WARD DRIVE ACROSS FRANCE

IN A COLORFUL CEREMONY WELL ATTENDED BY FRENCH CIVILIANS AS WELL AS AMERICAN ARMY TROOPS CAPTAIN HENRY FAUCHER PRESIDENT OF THE MARNE SOCIETY MADE THE AWARD OF THE MARNE MEDAL WHILE M HENRI COUZINET AND M PIERRE JACQUEMIN MAYORS OF CHATEAU-THIERRY AND VERDUN FASTENED STREAMERS TO THE CORPS COLORS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CITIES

THREE NEWSREEL CAMERAMEN RECORDED THE EVENT FOR SHOWING IN THE THEATERS OF THE UNITED STATES AND GREAT BRITAIN AND A BATTERY OF STILL PHOTOGRAPHERS MADE DOZENS OF PHOTOS WHICH WILL BE RADIOED TO AMERICA FOR PUBLICATION IN U S NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES THE BBC MADE A SPOT RECORDING WHICH WAS FLOWN TO LONDON LAST NIGHT AND PUT ON THE AIR EARLY THIS MORNING

ACCOMPANYING THE GENERAL WERE THE XX CORPS CHIEF OF STAFF COLONEL WILLIAM A COLLIER FRENCH ARMY LIAISON OFFICER CAPTAIN GUY PETITEAS DE LA VASSELAIS AND CAPTAIN DAVID W ALLARD AIDE-DE-CAMP TO GENERAL WALKER

THE BEARER OF NATIONAL COLORS WAS 1ST SERGEANT ALEXANDER BERG AND CARRYING THE CORPS COLORS WAS MASTER SERGEANT WALTER E FLANNIGAN OF THE G-4 SECTION MASTER SERGEANT EUGENE SEITZ CARRIED THE GENERALS FLAG COLOR GUARDS WERE MASTER SERGEANT WILBUR MENISER OF THE G-3 SECTION AND MASTER SERGEANT JAMES T MC CLAIN OF THE ENGINEER SECTION

THE CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF TANKS AND COLUMNS OF TROOPS ASSEMBLED FOR THE OCCASION EACH CORPS SECTION WAS REPRESENTED BY AN OFFICER PARTICIPATING IN THE FORMATION

-TRUE COPY-

LIBERTY DEMOCRACY REGAINED

HIGH FIDELITY RECORD OF THE MAYORS SPEECH

FOR THOSE WHO COULDNT HEAR THE MAYOR OF CHATEAU-THIERRYS PRESENTATION SPEECH ON THE OCCASION OF HIS HONORING XX CORPS COLORS WITH THE MEDAL OF CHATEAU-THIERRY WE ARE PRINTING HIS WORDS IN THEIR ENTIRETY READING THEM WE BELIEVE YOU WILL HAVE A DEEPER APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AWARD HIS SPEECH FOLLOWS

-GENERAL WALKER OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE XX CORPS ON THE 27TH OF AUGUST BY THE VICTORY OF YOUR ARMS YOU DELIVERED THE TOWN OF CHATEAU-THIERRY YOU DELIVERED IT FROM THE GERMAN YOKE YOU LIBERATED IT FROM FOUR YEARS OF SLAVERY YOU SAVED IT IN ENTHUSIASM AND JOY I THEREFORE WITH ENTHUSIASM AND JOY COME TODAY TO CELEBRATE AMONG YOU THIS UNFORGETTABLE DAY-- FOR US HENCEFORTH A HISTORICAL DATE

-GENERAL WALKER OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE XX CORPS YOU MAGNIFICENTLY REPEATED HISTORY-- AFTER THE DEEDS OF 1918 THE DEEDS OF 1944-- AFTER THE FIGHTS OF BELLEAU WOOD THE FIGHTS OF CHATEAU-THIERRY TWICE YOU DROVE THE FOE OUT OF OUR LAND TWICE YOU WERE VICTORIOUS WE OWE YOU DEMOCRACY AND LIBERTY REGAINED

-I TEND YOU OUR THANKS

-IN THE NAME OF THE TOWN OF CHATEAU-THIERRY WHICH I HAVE THE HONOR TO REPRESENT I THEREFORE HAVE THE PLEASURE TO PIN TO THE STARRY STANDARD OF THE STATES THE MEDAL OF CHATEAU-THIERRY

-THIS MEDAL WE PRIZE HIGHLY BEING THE SYMBOL OF YESTERDAYS AS WELL AS THE SYMBOL OF TODAYS DELIVERY

-IT WILL REMAIN ATTACHED TO THE GLORY OF THE XX CORPS BEING THE TOKEN OF YOUR DEEDS AND THE SIGN OF OUR EVERLASTING GRATITUDE-

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