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VISITS BATTLE FIELDS

Brocourt, France, Nov. 25th.
Well, Dad, it has been cold here
for the past week but I think it
will get warmer as we are going
to move somewhere in a day or
two and it will all be done by
"foot express"—about 200 miles.

We were in a little town when
the word came that we were go-
ing up—everybody was glad; we
got this far and stopped. We
could hear the guns and see the
flash about 12 miles away. Then
came the word to move up and
start firing within 36 hours. We
were packed and ready to start
within 30 minutes when we got
orders to stop—the thing was
finished. You should have heard
the cussing; I sure got in my
share. But I guess we will get
a look at Germany after all as we
all think that is where we are
going.

We are only about ten miles
from Verdun. It was some place
before the war but is all shot to
pieces now but the underground
part of the city, that is something
to see. It includes a church,
show, lunch room, bakery, sleep-
ing rooms and nearly everything;
it is electric lighted and a little
railroad runs through it, but the
outside is all torn up by shells.

We went on a sight seeing trip
through the Argonne Forest, and
talk about wood cutting. All the
wood here is hard, mostly oak,
and one can see trees from 1-2
to 2-2 feet through cut off close
to the ground just like you would
break a little brush and twist it
off. You can't walk ten feet
without stepping in a shell hole,
some small ones and some you
could put a horse in.

I have seen lots of German
prisoners going past the last few
days, 300 to 400 in a bunch.

Sgt. Story M. Chase,
348 F. A., Bty. A. P. O. 728.

Sparta Couple Wed.

Mr. Louis Pleasant Wright and
Miss Minnie Andrea Hansen were
married at the home of the bride's
parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Han-
sen, two miles southwest of
Sparta, on Monday, December
23, 1918, in the presence of a few
relatives and friends.

Rev. J. M. Johnson performed
the ceremony that made the twain
one, after which the company
enjoyed a wedding dinner with
the happy couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright will be at
home to their friends at their
homestead west of Sparta.

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TELLS OF TRIP ACROSS

Freville, France, Nov. 24, 1918.
Dear Father: Today is Fath-
ers' Day and we are allowed to
write and tell about our trip
across and what we have been
doing.

On July 13th two regiments of
us, the 346th and 62nd, about
3500 men, loaded on the ship
Baltic which was 457 feet long,
and started to sail on the morn-
ing of the 14th. There were 13
ships in the convoy, which was
surrounded by sub chasers for
three days, then they went back,
but two days before we landed we
were met by others and they
looked pretty good to me although
we never saw a sub on the trip.
I don't believe one could have hit
us anyway for the way we zig
zag wasn't slow.

On the morning of the 26th we
could see land and that night we
landed at Liverpool; next morn-
ing we unloaded and took the
train across England for South-
hampton where we stayed over
night; next evening we took a
boat across the English channel,
landed at Chubony and went upon
a hill to a rest camp and stayed
all night; this was on July 29th.
Next morning we took the train
again for two days and nights, 30
of us to a car (a box car at that),
landed in a town that I never did
know the name of; here we strap-
ped on our packs and started for
Leognau, 8 miles away, (I think
it was 28) but we made it O. K.
on Aug. 1st. Here we rested till
Sept. 11th, then went to Camp
DeSoye where we got our final
training, and we sure did train
too—from daylight until dark in
the sand and flies till hell would
not have 'em—till Nov. 4th when
we took the train and was on it
for three days and three nights,
finally landing in Freville which
is a little town of about 200 peo-
ple, about 50 or 55 miles from
Metz.

Our next move would have been
to the front, but one morning
while at physical exercise, our
Captain told us what had happen-
ed and believe me, we did go wild
for awhile. So here we are,
cleaning up the streets in Fre-
ville, and longing for the day we
will get back to the good old
U. S. A.

My right ankle went on the
bum and the Doctor has it band-
aged up and I can't drill for a
few days, but otherwise I am
O. K. and hope you are all the
same.

Pvt. Alfred L. Barber,
Btry. A, 346 F. A., Am. E. F.

The headquarters of the 91st
Division, of which the 346 F. A.
was a part, was at Oostrosebeke
and Dunkerque, Belgium, on
Nov. 7th. This regiment has
been ordered "for convoy" home.

This is the season of the year
that we all like to do our bit;—if
you have not joined the Red
Cross yet, do it now.

ad E. & W. Chandler.

MISSING IN ACTION

The name of Ray F. Taylor of
Richland, Oregon, appeared in
the casualty list of last Wednes-
day's daily papers, but no further
word has been received by his
relatives. There is a possibility
of error in the report as his sis-
ter, Mrs. Stella Simonis, received
a letter from him which was
dated Nov. 11th, the day fight-
ing stopped.

The matter is being investi-
gated and it is hoped by all that
some news will soon be received
to the effect that Ray is spared
to return to Eagle Valley once
more. His regiment was in the
77th Division, whose headquar-
ters were at La Basace, Varenne
and St. Dizier. No announce-
ment has been made regarding
its disposition.

Here's Hoping

that when Father Time
introduces the New Year
of 1919 there will be in-
cluded among its blessings
health, happiness and
prosperity for each and
everyone.

Writes From the Front.

Mrs. Elsie Barber handed us
the following note:

France, Nov. 19, 1918.

Dear Sister: I received your
letter and pictures; the first mail
I have received since we came to
the front. I don't know how long
we will remain in our present
position as we are in the same as
when fighting ceased. The regu-
lars are working day and night
on the wagon and railroads, get-
ting them in shape for traffic. I
don't know where we go from
here but hope it will not be long
until I am back to the old U. S. A.

Jas. C. Makin,
Batt. A, 11th F. A., Am. E. F.

(The Eleventh was in the Sixth
Division with headquarters at
Stonne and St. Dizier. No an-
nouncement has been made of
the disposition of this regiment.)

A Card of Thanks.

Through the columns of the
Eagle Valley News we wish to
thank our many friends for the
letters of sympathy to us all in
the loss of our dear son and
brother, Corporal William Virgil
Saunders, who so willingly gave
up his young life for his country
that we might have a decent
place in which to live.

Words cannot heal a broken
heart, but it makes one feel good
to know so many remembered
them at a time like this. Again
thanking our many friends,

Mrs. Lyman M. Lee,
Veda Saunders,
Jimmalee Wright.

Try our fresh cookies, just in.
Raley's.—ad

IN FIVE BIG BATTLES

Mrs. Ruth Staight, now of
Lynden, Wash., is in receipt of a
letter dated Nov. 12, 1918, from
her son, Sergt. M. Eylar Staight,
who was one of the first Eagle
Valley boys to enter service, hav-
ing enlisted in the U. S. Marines.
He was a member of 18th Co.
5th Regt., which has been cited
a number of times for gallantry
and was considered one of the
hardest fighting regiments in the
American forces. The casualties
sustained by the Fifth were ter-
rible, and few indeed were those
of its original members who came
through without a scratch.

The Fifth Regt. Marines was a
part of the Second Division with
headquarters on Nov. 7th at Fosse
and St. Dizier. Latest report
is that the Fifth is in the Army
of Occupation Reserve, so it may
be many months before Eylar
returns unless on a furlough.

He writes as follows:

"After nine days at the front
in the last big drive, I am now
back at the hospital, not wound-
ed, but just all in. It's the first
time away from my outfit since
leaving the States fifteen months
ago.

Have never told you what ac-
tions I have been in so will now
give you a line on them. As sec-
tor troops, that is, merely holding
the front line, fifty days at Ver-
dun and twelve at Pont Moussin.
As shock troops, 24 days at Bois
de Belleau, eight days at Soissons,
eight at St. Mihiel, 14 at Cham-
pagne, and nine between Verdun
and the Meuse River.

Have been in five big battles
and over the top twelve times.
Never have we failed to take our
objective. Have fought from
Belgium to Alsace. Reached
Belgium on our last push.

Belleau Woods was our hardest
fight. I went in with a platoon
of sixty men and four of us came
out.

Have been wounded very slight-
ly twice and gas burned once, but
have never told you before, for I
knew it would only worry you.
Have surely been lucky. The
guardian angel seemed to have
always been hovering near."

Notice to Members.

The Eagle Valley Cattle and
Horse Raisers' Association will
hold a meeting at the K. P. hall
in Richland at one o'clock on
Monday afternoon, Jan. 6, 1919,
for the purpose of electing offi-
cers and transacting other busi-
ness of importance. All members
are urged to be present.

Mrs. Dave Beard passed away
at her home at Sparta Wednes-
day. Her husband was buried
last week. Both were victims of
influenza.

Brick codfish makes an appe-
tizing dish. Buy it at Saunders
Bro's.—ad

Noble Holcomb is seriously ill
with pneumonia.