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The Last Hours of Fighting

Sgt. M. Eylar Staight Writes of His Experience During the
Last Two Days of Fighting

Rodebach, Germany.
Jan. 21, 1919.
C. E. Thorp, Editor E. V. News.

Dear Sir:—
Received your most welcome letter of Dec. 25, yesterday, with the pictures intact, to say that I was tickled to get them is putting it mildly. Bob's smile certainly looked natural, and the way Bee Cooper is handling that steer I should say he would make a fine artillery man.

I was very sorry to read the list of the boys who have been killed over here from E. V. I have always been on the lookout for some of the boys I know but Earl Acker is the only one I've met so far.
It seems like its the marines luck to be stuck in some out of the way place when we're behind the lines and of course when we're in the only Doughboys we see are the two regiments which comprises the other half of the 2nd Division.

I might say in passing that my division has captured more men, cannon and material than any other three Divisions in the A. E. F. This is taken from an official report.

To help make this a letter worth while I might tell you of a few happenings the night of the 10-11 of Nov. just before the armistice went into effect. We jumped off on our last attack of the war Nov. 1, just north of the Argonne Forest. We broke thru the Krimehelda lines (which formed the last of the old Hindenberg system) without much trouble and headed straight for Sedan on the Belgian frontier 40 kilometers away—we went 8 of them the first day, taking lots of provisions and guns. From then on we were up against rear guard action only composed mostly of machine guns and sacrifice artillery. Nov. 10 found us east of Buzancy on the west side of the Meuse were held up by a well organized line on the right bank. Our engineers worked all night throwing a pontoon bridge across. Our orders were to cross on the pontoons and attack the hills on the east bank. The night was one of the darkest I've ever seen and to make it worse it was raining. Our bridges consisted of a foot plank laid on floating ties. We had three of these. Under the conditions naturally we were quiet as possible and everything was lovely till some recruit hit the muzzle of his piece against his helmet. Almost instantly we heard a German sentry shouting something in Dutch and we knew in a short time it would be anything but pleasant in that vicinity. The head of our column had barely reached the opposite bank when their machine guns turned loose and in a few more minutes their artillery had also spotted us,

and about the third seabag hit one of our pontoons amidships—I could also tell the machine guns were doing their bit by the constant splashes of bodies in the river. Some of the fellows who would receive only a small blighty would get excited and fall overboard. We were greatly incumbered by our heavy marching order rolls and two bandoleers of ammunition; with this added weight a man stood a very poor chance in twenty feet of ice cold water. By daylight our 1st and 2nd Batt. had effected a crossing and dug in. And there we were, the only Americans on that side of the river with the Kaiser's army in front of us. It was impossible for any body to cross the river in daylight. A blind man could have picked us off at that distance (400 yds). We spent the morning doubled up like a jackknife in our holes and sniping back at the Heinies. Their machine guns kept us pretty well down but they didn't have the nerve to come down and get us.
It's hard telling what the outcome would have been but about eleven A. M. we heard the damndest racket and looking up the hill we could see the Jerries dancing, singing and throwing helmets in the air, we all stood by thinking it was a counter attack till a German officer was seen approaching our lines waving a white flag. Then we knew the armistice had gone into effect.
The German officer spoke good English and about the first thing he wanted to know was how the devil we got over there? Then noticing our emblems he said, "So you're marines? Well that accounts for it."
A few of us walked up to their lines swapped a few souvenirs then came back and turned in for the first peaceful sleep in eighteen months. That night the Heinies celebrated by throwing up red, white and blue flares, while we sang "It's a long way from Berlin to Broadway."
We are billeted in private houses with German families now along the Rhine. We get along very well—it is impossible to buy a single article to eat in this country except potatoes. Can you imagine the U. S. in that condition?
You spoke of souvenirs—before I left France I could have sent you a train load, up here tho they are very scarce. I will do the best I can for you. All the German soldiers within the limits of the army of occupation have been mustered out and their equipment salvaged. I have been receiving the E. V. News quite regular and surely enjoy reading it. Must close. Regards to all.
Sgt. M. E. Staight,
18th Co., 5th U. S. Marines, 2nd Division, Am. E. F.

"A TYPICAL AMERICAN"

U. S. Naval Hospital,
Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 31, 1919.
Mrs. Annie Smith,
Richland, Oregon.
My dear Mrs. Smith:

It is with deep regret that I must inform you of the passing away of your brave and patriotic son, Joseph McCabe, Seaman, U. S. N. He was a typical American who was loved by all of the officers and men associated with him and everyone else who knew him. He quite often mentioned his family and friends.

He was admitted to this hospital from the Armed Guard Barracks on January 15, 1919, and was immediately put under the treatment of the best specialists and every possible care and attention at our command was tendered him. With the best nursing and special care, however, he failed to respond and although for a time it appeared that he would recover he gradually grew worse and passed away at 3:30 P. M., on January 30, 1919.

Assuring you of my sympathy in your bereavement, which, I feel sure, will be softened by the thought that your gallant son gave his life to his country while serving it in the hour of its greatest need, I am

Very sincerely yours,
G. A. Lung,
Captain, M. C., U. S. Navy, in Command.

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W. G. Saunders, Mayor.

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Notice of Church Services

Next Sunday we will open our church services again. Sunday school in Richland at 10:00 A. M. with L. C. Holman superintending. Preaching at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by Rev. A. L. Thoroughman P. E. Epworth League at 6:30 P. M. conducted by E. E. Holman. Choir practice 7:00 P. M. Thursday eve. At 2:30 Saturday afternoon the business session of the quarterly conference will be held by Rev. Thoroughman and the officials of the local church. Every official member should be in the meeting. We extend a hearty welcome to all others who may wish to come. It is desired that the Sunday School teachers and pupils get busy immediately to "round up" their classes. The lesson is "The Report of the Spies," Numbers 13th ch. 14-33 verses and 14th ch. 4-10 verses. Golden Text, 1 Jno. 5: 4.

J. M. Johnson.

Eidson Buys Sawmill.

A business deal of no small import to the people of this section has just been closed, wherein Barney Eidson comes into possession of the John Parry sawmill and timber holdings in the Sparta district. The consideration was not made public.

Mr. Eidson will retire from the contracting and carpenter business and hereafter devote his entire time to the sawmill. The purchase includes 100,000 feet of lumber in the yard, 200,000 feet of saw logs on rollway and 250,000 feet of standing timber.

As the mill is adjacent to a great body of government timber, Mr. Eidson is assured of a supply of saw logs for years to come.

Married at Caldwell.

The marriage of Miss Iowa Reddick, a former resident of Eagle Valley, to Mr. Edward Greener, one of Pine Valley's most influential farmers, was solemnized on Wednesday, Feb. 19th, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. T. J. Reddick, at Caldwell, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Greener are now at home in Pine Valley, and the News joins with their many friends in wishing the happy couple a long and pleasant journey over the matrimonial sea.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the people that helped us in the illness and death of our baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin.

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