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CPL. MAKIN WRITES PLEAS BROWN PASSES

Touillon, France, Mar. 30, '19.
Dear Mr. Thorp:

As all the folks at home like to hear of the experiences of we more lucky ones over here, I will write of the little that I have seen, although it was just for the final push that I got to the front. We were attached to the 158th Artillery Brigade and the 89th Division. We took up our first position just out of Romagne on Oct. 26; there wasn't much doing there the first few days except to fire on the roads and ammunition dumps and a few German batteries. Fritz had his regular hours for entertaining us. He never failed to shell the woods where we had our kitchen just about meal time, but he never got his range on our guns. Their airplanes were on the watch and succeeded in bringing down two of our observation balloons.

At 10:30 p. m. on Oct. 31st we gave them a gas barrage and it was fairly quiet until 3:00 a. m., Nov. 1st, when the big barrage started and with it most of the Germans. As soon as it was dark that same evening we started to advance with the guns and travelled four kilometers over roads that had been torn to pieces by our fire. As we passed through Remoncourt there a few shells from the enemy's long range guns falling in the town. We took up a position on the crest of a hill but got to fire only a few shots before they were out of our range.

We had some race for the next three days. We passed through Baricourt on the 2nd and stopped at Nouart for a few hours rest on the night of the 3rd. The 5th we passed Beau Clair and were in direct observation of the German artillery and they made it pretty warm for us. There were stones and timbers flying through the air, but as we were going as fast as our tractors would travel we were soon out of it. We went into position that night at Beaufort and got a warm reception from Fritz next day as he seemed to have our range pretty good, so we were on the move again that night.

We were under heavy shell fire from Beaufort to Launville; the Germans were still in Stenay which was only two kilometers from the road we were traveling. We followed on down the river eight kilometers from Launville and went into position. From there we could sweep the railroad from Stenay to a point that would cover about 15 miles and fire on all the wagon roads leading from there to Luxemburg. We remained there until Nov. 11th.

On Nov. 11th at 11:00 a. m. the 11th F. A. sent a volley of high explosive shells over to Fritz as souvenirs.

Cpl. Jas. C. Makin,
Batt. A, 11th Field Artillery,
A. P. O. 777, A. E. F.

New silks, also auto hats and caps, at Saunders Bro's.—ad

After an illness of about two months, due to complications following influenza, death claimed P. J. Brown at his home in Baker at 3:45 on Friday afternoon, May 3rd. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, many residents of Eagle Valley being in attendance.

"Pleas," as the deceased was generally called, was born in the state of Iowa sixty-five years ago and came to Oregon with his parents in 1864, locating in Eagle Valley, where he secured his education. He worked as a farm hand in this neighborhood until '75 when he assisted in driving a large band of cattle to Nevada, where he remained for about two years before returning to Eagle Valley and engaging in the stock business, of which he made a marked success by his honesty and square dealing.

On January 1, 1879, he was married to Miss Zona Young, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newt Young, the ceremony being performed in the house now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carnahan and family. The present townsite of New Bridge is located on a part of the homestead where Mr. and Mrs. Brown dwelt for many years.

Mr. Brown was elected commissioner of Union county in 1892 and was offered the office again but declined, he likewise refused to be a candidate for state representative. He served as clerk of the our school board, also as a director, for several terms, and always manifested great interest in the welfare and improvement of this community.

About four years ago he sustained injuries at a wreck in the stockyards at Baker as a result of which one of his limbs was amputated last spring. In spite of this handicap he continued in business, driving his own car or riding horseback with apparently no inconvenience.

Many a stockman in Eagle Valley, as well as other parts of the county, owe their success to the assistance and advice given by "Pleas." His word was as good as his bond and he placed great confidence in the word of others. Many transactions, often amounting to tens of thousands of dollars, were made by verbal agreement only, and he never failed to carry out his part of the contract even though it meant financial loss to him, which was the case many times when buying or selling sheep and cattle.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Roscoe and Sylvester, and three daughters, Mrs. Ellen Lawrence, Mrs. June Lew and Miss Zona Brown, all of whom reside in or near Baker and were near him during the last hours.

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Miss Nellie Goodwin, who has been working in the telephone office at Boise for the past several months, returned home last week.

Mrs. Sam Martin recently underwent an operation at Portland

Knights of Pythias.

Word has been received that Grand Chancellor Johnson and Grand Keeper of R. and S. Walter Gleeson will visit Irvine Lodge at Richland on Tuesday evening, May 27th. Many Knights from other lodges will also be present and a grand time is assured to all who attend the meeting.

Watch for announcement in next week's paper.