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CROSS AWARDED WEEKS FOR WORK ALONG MEUSE

H. J. Weeks, 1914 Eighth avenue, north, Birmingham, has received a letter from his brother, Private Mody A. Weeks, Company F, Seventh engineers, in which there is a very modest reference to conduct which won him the distinguished service cross in crossing the Meuse.

Private Weeks is a son of C. M. Weeks of Crews Depot, Lamar county. The awarding of the cross to him was recently announced officially as follows:

"Private Mody A Weeks showed extraordinary daring and nerve in helping place cables across the River Meuse for a pontoon bridge and later in placing cables across the east canal for the same purpose. The positions were under direct observation of German machine gunners and snipers. Relative, C. M. Weeks, father, Crews Depot, Ala., Lamar county."

Private Weeks' letter to his brother reads:

"I went into action in St. Mihiel sector on Thursday, September 12. We placed both feet in the small of Kaiser Bill's back. In his back because that was the side of his anatomy that was turned toward us. I remained there until October 4, going from there to Verdun. Entered that sector on the 5th at 304 and Dead Man's hill. (Near Alsnes.)

"We immediately began our advance. We entered the River Meuse on the 4th day of November at 4 o'clock a. m., facing an advance of the enemy which indicated that a stand was near. We threw a pontoon bridge across the river and effected crossings for a force sufficient to hold the bridgeheads.

"We had this job completed when daylight came, and in spite of the enemy's desperate opposition by heavy artillery and machine gun fire, we forced our way across to canal, explored the territory and made it safe. Soon our entire force was on the east side of the river. Fritz



PRIVATE MODY A WEEKS

Of Crews Depot, Ala., who was awarded cross for placing cables across Meuse river while under German observation.

didn't like this, but very little did we care, for we came over here for the purpose of making corpses or rabbits out of every blooming one of them.

PRIVATE MODY A WEEKS,
Company F, Seventh engineers, A. E. F.
(Occupation army.) A. P. O. 745."

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