



friends, and his acquaintanceship was valued wherever he went. When war was declared, he was one of the first to join the colours, and his keenness as a soldier won him early promotion, and, latterly, recommendation for a commission. The following extract from a letter addressed by Captain Talbot M. Papineau to the Rev. S. G. Brown tells, in simple and reverent words, both of the death of Sergeant Brown and the esteem in which he was held:—

You were right in surmising that I crossed to France with your son in the first draft for our regiment. I had, indeed, been closely associated with him from the beginning. We went immediately into the firing-line, and he was actually in the trench of which I was in command when he was killed. As you know, he was an expert shot, and he showed at once the most commendable enthusiasm in his work. Indeed, it was this which caused his death. During the first day he fired nearly eighty rounds at the enemy, probably as much as the rest of the Company put together, and undoubtedly attracted the attention of the German sharpshooters to himself. About 3.30 that same afternoon he was struck in the head and died instantly and without pain. That evening we reverently buried him behind the firing-line—a short distance—with his feet to a large tree and his head to the enemy. A wooden cross was erected to his memory. Either myself or Corporal Smithers of my Company could direct you to the exact spot. It lies between what were afterwards known as trenches 23B and 23C—in front of “Shelley Farm”—and within sight of the famous “mound of death” of St. Eloi. There are many of his comrades and many of his officers who are buried within a short distance of him.

Had he lived I am sure he would have won signal distinction. He was a conscientious and reliable soldier, a skilful and courageous marksman. It is, indeed, one of the sad things of this war that those who will have done most and sacrificed most to bring it to a successful conclusion will not be there to receive their earthly reward nor share the glory of the achievement.