## BROTHERS DECORATED FOR VALOR ON FIELD

Eugen and David Cohn, Inland Empire Men, Win Cross.

DEATH SEEKS OUT BRAVEST

Fighting of 91st at All Times Is Hard and Effective, Though Toll of Bullets Heavy.

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There were two Spokane officers in the flist, brothers, each of whom was awarded the distinguished service cross. Engen Cohn. captain of company G. 346th infantry, won the cross for services in the Argonne, and David Cohn, first lieutenant, commanding company K, 363d infantry, for bravery on the first morning of the drive in the latter would also have been a captain now, had he lived, the commission having been authorized.

David Cohn and his company were to go over the top at 5:30 A. M., October 31, but just before the zero hour he went a short distance off to see Lieutenant Gentry of company K, and Lieutenant Gentry of company K, and Lieutenant Gentry of company K, and Lieutenant was gassed by a shell. When he got back to headquarters platoon it was 5:50 and he was acting queerly. His eyes were inflamed and his nose was running. Four of his men had also been gassed, and them he sent to the hospital, as they were vomental and spitting blood; but the lieutenant, who should have gone back himself because he could scarcely talk or see, and because he had even lost sense of direction, said he was going forward. Both the Cohns were Indemnatable men on the battlefield.

The prisoner had been killed. Possibly the prisoner steered him to ground covered by a rifle subject to possibly the prisoner steered him to ground covered by a rifle subject and been glide sup, fell and died almost at once.

"Tell my wife I died happily and easly, said First Lieutenant Gerhard F. Hartwing of the medical corps of the light with grand first Lieutenant Gerhard F. Hartwing of the medical corps of the seem about 6 A. M. The first man in a Helpsian building right at the jump-off line, and into whose surgical room two shells came about 6 A. M. The first man in at this dressing station was a walking case, whom Lieutenant Hartwing ordered dressed, and evacuated. Mean-while Lieutenant Hairtwing ordered dressed, and evacuated. Mean-while Lieutenant Hairtwing was doing with the walking case when the first of the two shells Itable men on the battlefield.

Brave Man Suffers. The two platoons were all formed and the commander ordered double time forward to catch up with the first platoon, which having gone off at 5:30 was now 500 yards ahead. Lieutenant Cohn asked Mechanic John Maher, an Oakland, Cal., man in headquarters platoon, for a compass, although he had one of his own; he also told Maher to go to the end of the platoon and swing it off to the right, although it was going correctly. The lieutenant was not himself.

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Near a crossroad, a kilometer from
the jumpoff line, 20 or 20 Germans were
seen running across a field, of whom
two had fallen behind. Lieutenant Cohn two had lainen bealing. Letterant count told the men to fire at the two and shot at them himself with a rifle. Private Leo Helford of 585 Fifth street, Portland, having given him five rounds of ammunition. One German fell and the other hid in one of the numerous that dotted this hattlefarm buildings that dotted this battle-

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in the left side and the lung was truck that Fritz wanted to hold if he could, the control of peace, a committee from the Company handle, but fell, unable to pump-handle, but fell, unable to pump-ha

At 4:30 he was started rearward, and that night an ambulance got him to evacuation hospital No. 5 at Staden, where he died the next morning at 8:55.

Signal Brings Death. First Lieutenant Rowdy Gentry had not away at 5:32 A. M. For two hours his first platoon worked its way forward by short rushes, getting cover in ditches, behind buildings and along hedges. Gentry was smoking the curved briar pipe that was commonly in his mouth while in action. About 7:30 A. M. the lieutenant waved his arm from the ditch in which he was lying; his signal that another rush should be made. He was lying in mud and water. Perhaps a sniper saw the arm wave, for

as the licutenant crawled out of the ditch he was shot in the chest. One of his runners, Thomas Tiritilli, of 1414 Spruce street, Chicago, was two or three feet behind and saw his com-mander fall back into the mud and water. In about ten minutes Tiritilli and another private tried to lift him out, but he said, "Don't move me." He could not breathe very well, he told

Finally they got him into the shellhole where Tiritilli had been lying and put a blanket over him. At 11 A. M. he was carried back to a building, un-der fire, where coffee was made for him and Gry socks put on. He was later taken to Staden, 25 miles away, where he died on the night of the 31st at 10 P. M. His father lives in Greenville, Tenn. The loss of these two lieutenants brought great sorrow to men of Company K.

Breathes Defiance to Last.

Lieutenant Clinton K. Coburn was another officer to meet his end with another officer to meet his end with characteristic 21st bravery, on the morning of October 31. He had a combination of first and fourth platoons and was in the lead of an assaulting company—L. of the 352d. At 8 A. M. he was hit in the chest, as Cohn and Gentry had been. He lay in a ditch until 4 P. M. A runner named Shoemaker lit a cigarette for him and asked if he could do anything for him.

The lieutenant said, "No, tell the captain if I could breathe as a man should, those——wouldn't stop me." It was then still forenoon.

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At 4 in the afternoon Lieutenant Van Dusen and a party went to him, but he would not let them move him till they had gone forward to see a corporal and a private, both of whem they found dead. Then he wanted them first to move Sergeant Otto Fackrell, but they took the lieutenant out. He died in ten days from pneumonia.

"It made the company sorry the war "It made the company sorry the war was over when it heard of his death. It wanted one more crack at the Germans because of him," said Alex Tait, a sergeant of Dillon, Mont.

Battle Area Tricky.
Two other lieutenants killed the same morning were John P. Mahon and John A. Kelley, both of K. 362d. Ma-

hon fell about 6:15. Sergeant Simon Hyo found him, shot through the stomach, and the lleutenant asked if he could give him first aid. Hoy said

he could give him first aid. Hoy said he could give him first aid. Hoy said he could, and the lieutenant rolled over to permit his belt to be loosened. As it was loosened, blood gushed out and he died. Kelley, a lieutenant of wit and humor, had risen from the ranks on the battlefield. He is said to have been a private in the Chateau Thierry drive.

Meanwhile the resistance was of the nastiest kind all along the two and a half mile front. Fritz was full of tricks. He would wait till men got well committed to an area, then open fire from flanks. Machine guns were found chained to cover a certain spot that troops must cross; the gunner had nothing to do, but shoot the gun. Certain companies were punished hard. Company L of the 363d had 13 men killed or fatally wounded the first forenoon; two from Wyoming, two from middle west states and the others from Californias.

Californians Are Killed.

Company I had five killed, all Californians. Company K had three men, all Californians, killed, in addition to Lieutenants Gentry and Cohn. One was Corporal Louis W. Batchelor of 176 Sixth avenue, San Francisco, who was taking a German prisoner to the rear. The prisoner had been caught in a machine gun nest of four, and the remain-ing three had been killed. Possibly the prisoner steered him to ground cov-

Sergeant Spurgeon had stooped over o continue his dressing when, in 15 econds after the first shell, a second

seconds after the first shell, a second came, lifting him out through the door onto another wounded man, a walker who had just arrived for attention. Lientenant Hariwig lived between 30 and 50 minutes. His last words were: "Get Captain Johnson and run the station till he comes." The lieutenant was from Wadela, Minn.

Lieutenant Sidney Vermilyea from Dresden, N. I., also of the 363d infantry medical corps, died the following day at Mobile No. 9 at Staden, having been struck by the second shell.

A fine big Seattle soldler was killed about 10 A. M. of the 31st—Private John G. Shanahan of 15 West Boston street. With Lieutenant Cobb, Lieutenant Rogers and Sergeant Andy Lawton, all of Company C. 362d, he was well out in front, when 25 or 30 Germans around farm buildings about 200 yards away opened fire with light field yards away opened fire with light field guns, and at the same time machine guns opened from the right rear. Seeing they were almost surrounded, the lieutenants ordered a retirement. Shan-ahan was lying in a ditch. The sergeant called to him as the party retired, "Come on, we're going to the rear now." The sergeant heard no answer and Shanahan was soon after fatally

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The lieutenant then tried to get the two platoons within range of the larger group, but the men, after running 100 yards on the plowed ground, were all in, so they stood and fired, apparently without result.

Then machine guns opened on company K, and most of the men scattered to buildings, but Lieutenant Cohn, Mechanic Maher and Private Helford dropped behind a tree and a piece of farm machinery, where the lieutenant sot out his map; but was so far gone from the gassing that he did not seem to know just what he wanted.

A machine gun opened from the left front, and it got him. He was struck in the left side and the lung was touched. He fell over backward, but picked himself up, and with Maher and Helford runhed into a house ran sidered fast and good in Relgium. The



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