

HUN SHELL HITS TWO BROTHERS

Talk of Mother Before Death Ends Suffering.

ARE BRAVE TO THE FINISH

Fate Singles Best-Liked Men of D Company to Be Struck by Same German Missile—Were Good Pals, Who Always Did a Little More Than Their Share of the Work—Die Side by Side.

In a tiny village of Lorraine where a regiment of "doughboys" were resting after a long stretch of time in the trenches, a German shell found a mark in two brothers. They were rushed to the nearest hospital, mortally wounded, writes Frank J. Taylor, United Press correspondent.

They were just regular, hard-fighting "doughboys," liked by all of the men in D company because they were "good pals who always did a little more than their share of the work." Every man in the company admired the brothers because he had seen them behave bravely when it was hard to be brave.

Out of all the men in D company it was hard to see why fate had singled these two to be struck by one German shell. Fate makes no explanations, so the doctors in the hospital operated skillfully and quickly on the brothers and placed them in beds, side by side, in a ward full of wounded.

For a time both men lay there hovering between life and death, and there was uncertainty whether or not they would ever gain consciousness.

Regains His Senses.

Finally one of them stirred slightly, opened his eyes and gradually came to his senses. A motherly nurse bent over him and eased his pain as much as possible. Then she whispered to him that his brother was on the next cot, but still unconscious.

The conscious brother looked dazed, but gradually an enlightened look came into his eyes as he recollected what happened in the last three hours. He looked across to the next cot, faintly reached his arm toward his brother and whispered:

"Joe, how are you?"

The other brother stirred slightly,

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and gradually regained his senses. The nurse gently eased him, as he looked around with a puzzled look, and finally told him:

"Here's your brother on the next cot."

The second brother looked over with pained amazement.

"What are you in bed for, George? Are you hurt, too?"

"Yes, Joe; they say the same shell got us both."

"Are you hurt badly, George?"

"I think so, Joe; I feel awful weak. How are you? Does it hurt you a lot, boy?"

"I don't know as it does. I'm weak, too. But there's another feeling I can't describe."

"What is it, Joe?"

"I dunno, George. But, remember the things mother used to tell us when we were little, and fought to get on

her lap? I keep hearing her telling us Sunday school stories, George, over and over. Just the way she used to do it years ago."

"We were on our way to mass when it hit us, Joe. Maybe that's why you hear mother telling Bible stories. I can hear her now, too, Joe."

"I wish she were here, don't you?"

"I should say so, Joe. Maybe the nurse of some one will talk to us the way mother used to. We ought to do it, anyway, because if something happened to either of us, mother would like to know we were all right."

"I think so, too, but say—George."

"Yes?"

"If I should die, you'll be careful as you can go back and look after mother, won't you?"

"That's a promise, Joe. I want you to make the same one to me."

"Let's shake on it, George."

They reached their arms across the space between the beds and clasped hands.

Both Die for Country.

"I'm not afraid," said Joe, "if you come through all right, George. I wish we didn't have to leave D company, though, but even if we get well, we probably couldn't go back with the boys. I'm afraid I'm pretty low, George, but don't you worry. There's no pain now."

"I'm not in pain, either, George, but awfully sleepy. We don't have to worry about Company D, because the boys'll never lose a chance to get a German."

"That's right, too. I feel myself going to sleep; so good-by, Joe."

"Good-by, George."

The brothers drowsed back into their pillows, and the old hospital chaplain, who had just arrived, made his services a simple prayer for two brothers who were never to awake from the sleep they were entering.

In a certain New England town a brave mother has already been told by Uncle Sam how the nation appreciated the brave sons she reared, taught and sacrificed "to make the world a decent place to live in."

In a certain New England regiment on the front in France every man in D company has promised himself and his "pals" that D company will never lose a chance to get a German.

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