Howard M. Kennedy, Former City Fireman, Threw Grenade Back

INJURED THREE TIMES

Total of Casualties for Today Shows Drop, With 2257 Names

Chief Mechanic Howard M. Kennedy. who saved the lives of a dozen men at the cost of his right hand, has been decorated with the Croix de Guerre and the Congressional Medal.

Kennedy, who is a former member of the Philadelphia Fire , Department, attached to Engine Company No. 43, was in a front line trench with Company E, of the 111th Infantry on the morning the war ended. While the men were loung-ing around, knowing that all was virtually over and just waiting for 11 o'cloovk and the order "cease firing," a German tossed a hand grenade into the

Seeing it fall. Kennedy realized that there was not time enough for his comthere was not time enough for his com-rades to escape. So, without a second's hesitation he jumped for the bomb, picked it up and tossed it back toward the German lines. It exploded in the air a second or so after leaving his hand. A fragment flew back and shattered his right hand so badly it had to be am-putated.

Wounded Three Times Kennedy had been in France since early in the summer and had been wounded three times before, but the in-

juries had not proved serious and he had soon rejoined his regiment.
Chief Mechanic Kennedy had earned a reputation for bravery and for always doing the right thing at the right time during his seventeen years of service in the fire department. He made a number of sensational rescues for which he was commended by his chief, had stopped a runaway team, captured two highwaymen, arrestef a reckless automobile driver who tried to escape after run-runing down a pedestrian and while serving with the National Guard on the Mexican border, helped put out a fire in an ammunition dump, thus preventing a serious explosion.

He is Modest Hero He is a modest hero, though, is Chief Mechanic Kennedy, for he barely refer-red to his honors in a letter to his wife and but for his comrades she would never have known of his gallant action and its reward of the coveted Croix de Guerre. They, however, wrote her in detail how her husband's courage and uick wit had saved their lives.

Kennedy is thirty-six years old and

mother, at 2420 Brown street. He enlisted a number of years ago in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, saw service on the border, was given final training at Camp Hancock and sailed for France in May. The last letter received from him dated December 1, stated that he was gradually recovering and anxiously awaiting his return to this coundided of wounds and eight of disease.

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