

79TH IS COMMENDED
IN PERSHING LETTER

Division Is Now on Way to St. Nazaire, and From There Sails Soon

WRITES TO GENERAL KUHN

General Pershing has personally commended the Seventy-ninth Division for its war record. The division is made up of soldiers from this city and state and from Maryland, and was trained at Camp Meade. It is now on its way to St. Nazaire, where it will embark for home.

General Pershing's commendation was made in a letter to Major General Joseph Kuhn, the division commander. The letter follows:

"It afforded me great satisfaction to inspect the Seventy-ninth Division on April 12, and on that occasion to decorate the standards of your regiments, and, for gallantry in action, to confer medals upon certain officers and men. Your transportation and artillery were in splendid shape, and the general appearance of the division was well up to the standard of the American expeditionary forces. Throughout the inspection and review the excellent morale of the men and their pride in the record of their organizations were evident.

"In the Meuse-Argonne offensive the division had its full share of hard fighting. Entering the line for the first time on September 25 as the right of the center corps, it took part in the beginning of the great Meuse-Argonne offensive. By September 27 it had captured the strong position of Montfaucon, and in spite of heavy artillery reaction the Bois de Beugnot and Nantouillet were occupied. On September 30 it was relieved, having advanced ten kilometers.

"It again entered the battle on October 20, relieving as part of the Seventeenth French Corps the Twenty-ninth Division in the Grand Montagne sector to the east of the Meuse river. From that time until the armistice went into effect it was almost constantly in action. On November 9 Crepin, Wavrille and Gileroy were taken, and in conjunction with elements on the right and left, Etray and Moroy were invested. On November 10 Chaumont-Danvillers was occupied, and on November 11 Villemeux-Champant was taken—a total advance of nine and a half kilometers.

"This is a fine record for any division, and I want the officers and men to know this and to realize how much they have contributed to the success of our arms. They may return home justly proud of themselves and of the part they played in the American expeditionary force."

To the letter, by order of General Kuhn, was added the following order:

"This order will be read to all organizations at the first formation after receipt and posted on company bulletin boards."

BARBERS' ANNUAL BANQUET

Many Reforms in Sanitation Have Been Inaugurated

The Master Barbers' Association held its annual banquet at the Adelphi Hotel last night. Director Krusen, of the Department of Health and Charities, was toastmaster. The chief topic of the speeches was "Sanitation in the Barber Shop."

The principal speaker was Anthony Green, chairman of the dinner committee, who has for years been active in the crusade for greater sanitation in the barber shops of this city.

The master barbers are interested in a sanitation bill now before the Legislature and those present were urged to appeal to their representatives at Harrisburg to see that it becomes a law.

Director Krusen praised the association and Mr. Green for the great advances in barber shop sanitation which they have accomplished.

TO SELL BOCHE HELMETS

Racquet Club Auctioneer Was Wounded in Twenty-eight Places

At the Racquet Club at a dinner last night H. S. McCauley, who drove an ambulance with the Seventieth French Division, will auction off three German helmets, each with an interesting history, to the member subscribing the highest amount for Victory notes. A marine band will furnish the music for a club parade, which will take place before the dinner, and will play all during the evening.

Mr. McCauley was wounded November 4, 1918, in twenty-eight different places while near Ghent, Belgium. His skull was fractured and his right hand was later amputated. He was given the Croix de Guerre with three citations.

MEXICANS RAP EX-KAISER

Punishment of Him Seen as Best Provision of Treaty

Mexico City, May 9.—(By A. P.)—Comment by the Mexican City press on the terms of peace communicated to the Germans at Versailles on Wednesday is confined to the University, which says in part:

"The best provision of the treaty is that for the punishment of the former emperor as proof that no autocrat can cause injuries to humanity."

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