

KROONLAND ARRIVES WITH 2100 OF 79TH

Major General Kuhn, Wearing Two French Decorations, Heads Penna. Men

MAYOR SMITH GREET'S SHIP

By a Staff Correspondent New York, May 29.—Major General Joseph E. Kuhn and more than 2100 officers and men of the Seventy-ninth Liberty Division, came home today on the transport Kroonland, bearing all the honors that the French Government could bestow.

While the sirens of harbor craft saluted and Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, and his welcoming party stood bareheaded on the landing pier, the Kroonland was warped into her dock at Hoboken at 8:30 o' clock this morning.

On the trip up the harbor the Kroonland gave notice to New York shipping that men from the Seventy-ninth Division were aboard by means of a huge shield displayed on the forward upper deck bearing a great white Lorraine cross on its field of blue.

General Kuhn is Decorated General Kuhn, commander of the men who wore the Lorraine Cross into battle, returned to his native land as possessor of the French Croix de Guerre and Legion of Honor, the two greatest distinctions France can bestow.

The decorations were conferred at Nantes May 15, two days before the Kroonland sailed. General Kuhn was made a commander of the Legion of Honor, which is the third highest rank in that famous organization.

In honoring the commanding officer of the Liberty Division, the French high command honored also the men who represented Pennsylvania and nearby states into National Army. The following citation was read by General Kuhn, as commander of the Seventy-ninth, when the decorations were bestowed:

"When in the month of July, 1918, the Seventy-ninth Division debarked in France, the last battles of the war were going on. It was the hour when no effort could be spared.

Shown Valor and Sacrifice "After some week of instruction your division, in the early part of September, entered the line near the citadel of Verdun. It was in this sector of Lorraine that they were called upon to prove themselves.

"In the fighting of November, 1918, the Seventy-ninth Division showed valor and the spirit of sacrifice. The names of Magenta Farm and Paulson Farm will remain, I am certain, in the memories of your soldiers as reminders of hard and glorious days.

"I take pleasure in recalling these splendid feats of arms at the moment when the Seventy-ninth Division is departing to return to the mother country. I am happy to say to your soldiers that they are worthy of their great country and that France will not forget the help they brought in the common struggle for justice and liberty."

The Kroonland brought home 2811 troops in all. Of these more than 2100 were members of the Seventy-ninth Division. General Kuhn was accompanied by his divisional staff, among whom were many Philadelphians. The organizations of the Liberty Division aboard included Companies K, L, and M of the 316th Infantry and the 304th Divisional Engineers.

Probe Bullet, Get Captain's Disc Captain F. A. Van Dyke, of Philadelphia, commanded the three companies of the 316th. Fellow officers related an amusing anecdote concerning Captain Van Dyke. He was badly wounded in the chest during the Argonne fighting, and removed to a hospital at the rear. The wound was made by a machine gun bullet, and did not yield readily to treatment. After it had remained open for three weeks the surgeons decided to probe deeply for the bullet.

Captain Van Dyke submitted to the trying ordeal. After probing for some time the surgeons extracted from the wound Captain Van Dyke's identification disc, worn about his neck, which had been driven into the wound by the bullet.

Captain Van Dyke grinned feebly when the surgeons showed him what they had found. "Better keep right on probing, Doc," the captain gasped. "I lost my Sam Brown belt about the same time."

Prominent Families Represented Two distinguished Philadelphia families were represented on the Kroonland. Captain Jay Cooke, 3d, of Chestnut Hill, was greeted at Hoboken by his parents, as was Captain Edward W. Madeira, of Schoolhouse lane, Germantown. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Madeira and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cooke

LORRAINE CROSS DIVISION VETERANS FROM PHILADELPHIA HOME AGAIN FROM FRANCE



The big United States transport Dakotan, carrying the first of the men of the 315th Infantry—"Philadelphia's Own"—to return from overseas, docked at the Snyder avenue wharf yesterday afternoon.

stood with Mayor Smith on the balcony of the pier at Hoboken to watch the Kroonland come into her dock.

General Kuhn was one of the first men off the boat. He had sent a wireless to his wife when the Kroonland was still about twenty-four hours out, and Mrs. Kuhn was awaiting him. "I can't stop to say much," said the general, when he was greeted by reporters as he came down the landing platform. "Mrs. Kuhn is somewhere on the pier waiting for me. It seems as though I'd been away from home a dozen years."

During the voyage across General Kuhn was presented with a gold watch by the men of the division on the Kroonland. Private "Slim" Kellam made the presentation.

Lieutenant Colonel Miller Aboard Among the Philadelphians who returned with the divisional staff were Major Vincent A. Carroll, of Overbrook, a lawyer before he entered the army; Captain Jay Cooke, 3d; Captain Fred R. Clark, 245 Fairmount terrace; Lieutenant David K. Siner, 3442 Wayne avenue; Lieutenant James Woods, 2231 North Twenty-second street; Lieutenant George E. Smith, Nineteenth and Walnut streets; Lieutenant Warren M. Wells, 3515 Walnut street; Captain Edward W. Madeira, 2231 North Twenty-second street; Lieutenant Russell A. Freas, Norwood; Lieutenant William Jenkins, 4241 Green street, Germantown; and Lieutenant Andrew M. Steverson, West Newton. Another officer aboard was Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. Miller, of Wilmington, son of a former governor of Delaware.

When the Kroonland docked it became known that the Seventy-ninth Division already had effected a peace-time organization. General Kuhn is president. The society was organized in France. Work has been started on a divisional pictorial and its written history. The following class behind the infantry, the 304th Engineers, commanded by the Colonel James Baker, came in for an unusual share of cheers. There were 120 casualties in the company. They built roads and bridges under heavy shellfire in some of the greatest battles. Thomas Rivet, of South Forty-sixth street, was awarded a D. S. C. because of his services as observer. From a high plateau, a shellfire almost constant shellfire, he watched the Germans and reported their maneuvers.

Fighting Engineer Decorated Captain Albert Rubel is another member of the company with the D. S. C. Though it was not his part as an engineer he killed two Germans and captured nine others in combat, and is returning with a deep scar over one eye as a result.

Sergeant L. S. Roper, of 1627 Lansdowne avenue, who was gassed and wounded at the Argonne, returned with Company I, 316th Infantry. Forty-three men were killed and eighty-seven wounded in his company. Captain Charles L. Longne, of Oil City, was wounded in the neck. One of the bravest in the company, Sergeant Roper said, was a little Philadelphian, Lieutenant C. E. Smallwood, 5945 North Thirtieth street, of Company F, 304th Engineers, led his company in evacuating a Red Cross hospital which had been bombed by Germans. More than 150 badly wounded soldiers were in the hospital and these were carried to the rear. Twenty-five of Company F's men were killed.

Lieutenant Charles Friel, Eighteenth and Wallace streets, also returned with the 304th Engineers.

SCHOOLS PAY TRIBUTE TO SOLDIER DEAD TODAY

Memorial Services Observed in All Local Institutions—Special Speeches Made—Remember Dead in France

TODAY the schools of Philadelphia honored the nation's soldier dead. As never before, the city, with memory of its greatest war sacrifice fresh upon it, through the youngsters of the rising generation filled many schoolhouse corridors with remembrance of how United States soldiers died and what they died for.

It is to be observed formally only in America, though a world memorial day, France joined the American Expeditionary Force in its commemoration last year, her pretty little maids in their sober little frocks planting with loving hands the wreaths of beaded flowers and bunches of wild blossoms that the French fashion so beautifully into tokens of remembrance.

Philadelphia's children, in their exercises on the eve of the real Memorial Day, are part of youth that speaks for stricken youth that spans the seven seas.

School Exercises Exercises were held in all public schools. Robert McKenty, warden of the Eastern Penitentiary, addressed the pupils of Hallowell School, McCall School heard A. Mulhern, the Campbell School, the Northeast, the Randall, St. Teresa's parish school and many others marked with more or less elaborate service the significance of Friday, when all schools will be closed.

Thousands Lie in France Under glass bottles, turned upside down on chalk-white mounds beneath the skies of France, are thousands of names on bits of paper, the scattered blue book of Philadelphia's quota in the great sacrifice made by "the tragic generation." About them are sometimes row on countless rows of the graves of French and British comrades, plainly marked, for the most part, with crosses



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At this morning's exercises Dr. H. F. Kellar presided and received the portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln which were presented to the school by Albert B. Green, head of the manual training department. These

Interesting services were held at the Northeast High School for Boys, at Eighth street and Lehigh avenue, today, when three Civil War veterans told anecdotes of the days of sixty-four.

As the pupils marched into the assembly room they saluted Colonel J. M. Cox, Colonel H. P. Webb and Commander J. D. Medius, all members of the Meuse Post of the G. A. R., who were the chief speakers at the exercises. Herbert Middleton, president of the senior class, presented each of the veterans with a large bouquet of flowers.

Two original poems by members of the senior class were read. M. S. Barricks was the author of "This Memorial Day," and Charles Smith read a poem called "At Gettysburg." Dr. Andrew J. Morrison, head of the school, presided, and the opening scripture lesson was read by Dr. S. V. Cloak.

The seniors of the Germantown High School have left for a three days' sight-seeing trip to Washington as part of their patriotic Memorial Day celebration.

Exercises were held in all public schools. Robert McKenty, warden of

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two portraits, which will be appropriately decorated on the birthdays of the presidents were framed in oak taken from a tree cut down on the school grounds.

Mr. Leslie B. Seely read the records of 163 of the boys in the service during the war.

Memories of Civil War battles were revived at the John H. Webster public school, Frankford avenue and Ontario streets.

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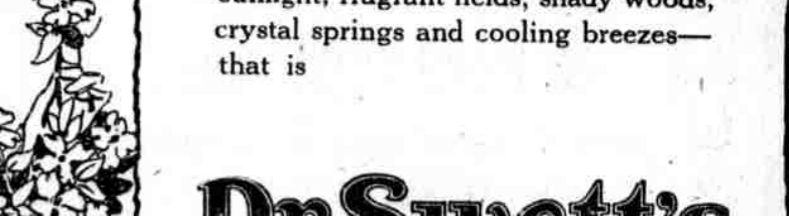
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