

KAHANAMOKU, KRUGER AND LANE NOW SERVING IN UNCLE SAM'S BIG NAVY

Hawaii's Famous Swimmers Enlist in New York; Will Probably Act as Instructors to Sailors at Great Lakes Naval Station, Where Thousands Are Quartered

NEW YORK, October 21—(Associated Press)—Duke P. Kahanamoku, Harold ("Stubby") Kruger and Clarence Lane, the three celebrated Hawaiian swimmers who have been touring the country the past few months raising money for the Red Cross, have enlisted in the Navy, it was announced officially here on Saturday.

This seems to settle the question of when the Hawaiian mermen were to return to their native land, so often asked of late. Now, that they have enlisted and are on the cards to serve Uncle Sam it would seem that the trio will remain away from Hawaii for the duration of the war.

It is quite likely that Duke, Kruger and Lane will be assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Station, where they will act as swimming instructors to the fifty thousand sailors there who are in the making at all times. This gives Hawaii four swimming instructors now in service, for George Cunha has been acting in this capacity at Camp Lewis, Washington State, for some months past.

Wanted To Be An Aviator

It was Kahanamoku's desire, however, to enter the aviation service and it was believed that he would have been given the opportunity, but it now seems that Uncle Sam has found greater use for Duke in teaching the fighters of the Nation the art of swimming. Swimming is a great essential in the fight game today and knowledge of the art is saving thousands of soldiers daily in France from drowning.

Kruger and Lane were originally to return to St. Mary's College, Oakland, where they had been entered to continue their studies. These will keep until the war is over.

The three Hawaiians have made notable swimming history in the mainland the past few months, having shattered and established all kinds of records in many cities of the country, from the Pacific to the Atlantic and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Others of the Party

Clair Tait, coach, who went with the party, has probably been assigned to a mainland naval station. He was already in the service here and was granted a leave of absence in order to

accompany the swimmers.

Owen Merriek, former sporting editor of the Star Bulletin, who went along with the Hawaiian swimmers as manager of the tour, has been granted leave by the local draft board to join the Knights of Columbus for service in France and will probably remain away from Hawaii a good while.

Meanwhile, during the absence of Duke, Kruger and Lane from Hawaii, the swimming game should be boosted here, for there are many champions in the making right at home and some of them may yet be called on by Uncle Sam to help in the war by teaching the art to the men in service in the mainland military training camps and naval training stations.

Permission Given By Local Board

Request from Angus Erly, secretary to Delegate Kahanamoku at Washington, and from the draft officer of the District of Columbia for the release of Kahanamoku, Kruger and Lane, reached Maj. H. Gooding Field, selective draft officer for Hawaii, to release the trio to permit them to be enlisted in the navy to act as swimming instructors. At that time Major Field was unable to grant them releases from here, and the matter was referred to the local draft board, from which releases were recently furnished, thus clearing the way for the fast swimming trio to devote their talents for the benefit of the navy.

The induction of the three Hawaiians into the navy for this specific purpose confers an unusual honor not only upon the Territory of Hawaii, but upon the Hawaiian race, for Kahanamoku has maintained for years his standing as the fastest short distance swimmer the world has known, and Kruger and Lane have seconded his efforts nobly. **Tour Successful!**

The trio left here a few months ago to tour the United States to raise Red Cross funds by giving swimming exhibitions in the large cities. The tour has been successful, both in the raising of funds, for the exhibitions were witnessed by hundreds of thousands of persons, and in advertising Hawaii. It was expected that the young men would return to Hawaii when their tour was finished, but the opportunity to enter the navy came direct to them from navy officials, and they accepted it.