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'Crosses Row on Row' Bring Tears to Those Who Loved Them

1000 Parishioners Pay Tribute to 40 Men Who Fell Overseas



Forty white crosses in memory of war dead of Assumption Church are blessed by the Rev. Ladislaus L. Brejski, pastor, right at Soldiers' Day ceremonies on the church lawn. Participating are Seaman First Class Edmund Koziel and the Rev. Thaddeus S. Glowacki, assistant pastor.

GRIEVING parishioners of Assumption Church gathered around 40 white crosses on the parish house lawn Wednesday evening to pay tribute to their war dead.

The ancient Catholic burial service was sung in Polish by the Rev. Ladislaus L. Brejski, pastor. The blessing for men who had fallen overseas followed a novena in the church conducted by the Rev. Thaddeus S. Glowacki, assistant pastor.

Sobs were an obligato to the voices of the priests. Many of the more than 100 relatives and friends brushed tears from their eyes or stood silently with tight lips.

The ceremony closed with a three-gun salute by the firing squad of Niagara Frontier Post 1041, American Legion, and "Taps" with an echo. The delegation was headed by John L. Parwulski, post Americanism chairman.

Crosses Made by Priest

Soldiers' Day at Assumption Church carried out the official order of the Most Rev. John F.

O'Hara, C.S.C., bishop of the Buffalo Diocese, for services in all Catholic churches for victims of the war. A requiem high mass was celebrated Wednesday morning.

"Some of the boys who were lost across the sea," Father Brejski explained before the outdoor service, "could not be found for Christian burial. Many relatives will see no other cemetery than this little one we have improvised."

The crosses were made and lettered by the priest himself in the parish workshop. After the service they were given to the bereaved families.

"Novena services to the Blessed Virgin Mary of Perpetual Help The Sorrowful Mother, have been held every week since 1939," Father Brejski said. "In this novena the congregation appeals to her to understand the breaking hearts of mothers and console them."

These Gave Their Lives.

The servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice were: Sgt. Wal-

ter Czerwinski, Seaman First Class Leon Turek, Pvt. Theodore Wudarski, Pvt. Stephen Nowinski, Pvt. Felix Rybicki, Corp. Edward Kostrzewa, Pvt. Leon Kwiatkowski, Lieut. Henry Nadratowski, Lieut. Richard Blach, Pvt. Rudolph Podgorny, Pvt. Edward Wudyka, Sgt. Edmund Garwol.

Pvt. Walter Dzielski, Pfc. Alfred Glowacki, Pvt. Raymond Dopakowski, Pvt. Stanley Gembala, Pfc. Walter Golonka, Seaman First Class Edward Zon, Corp. Edward Czajkowski, Sgt. William Ruta, Pvt. Teofil Czech, Pvt. Daniel Balcinski, Ensign Leonard Wielopolski.

Corp. Adolph Gunczewicz, Sgt. Theodore Sipowicz, Pvt. Stephen Nowotarski, Pvt. Walter Michniak, Staff Sgt. Chester Kuszynski, Pvt. Henry Krzyzaniak, Pvt. Henry Golembiewski, Pvt. Henry Lukasik, Pvt. Edward Bemben, Seaman First Class Matt Ogledzinski, Seaman First Class Edward Garosz, Sgt. Richard Sofinski, Pfc. Frank Rzepa, Pvt. Edward Warchol, Pvt. Walter Burkowski and Pvt. Stanley Majda.