

32nd DIVISION

EASTER SERVICE

Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific Area

SUNDAY 25th April, 1943

0830K

OFFICERS OF THE MASS

SOLEMN HIGH MASS

Master of Ceremonies and Speaker Chaplain Austin J. Henry Ass't Division Chaplain Celebrant Chaplain Joseph E. Whelan Division Artillery Deacon Chaplain Bernard P. DeCrane 128th Infantry Regiment Subdeacon Chaplain Edward Connolly 127th Infantry Regiment Assistant Master of Ceremonies Cpl. William Deppisch Acolytes Cpls. Julian Bichler and John Deppisch Thurifer Sqt. Lewis Shannon Incense Bearer S/Sgt. Homer McGuire

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Liturgical Music of the Mass sung by the 632nd Tank Destroyer Battalion under the direction of Captain James A. Zernecke.

Organist
Solo "Ave Maria" Cpl. Duke Melton "O Lord I am not Worthy" T/V Lyle Van Cleves
Choir "The Dawn Was Purpling" "Jesus Christ is Risen"
Solo "Come Ye Blessed" Cpl. Jack Mantel
All "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

Appreciation is expressed for co-operation received from the 114th Engineer Battalion for construction of the altar; the 632nd Tank Destroyer Battalion for the choir; the Division Artillery for the band, buglers, and Guard of Honor; the Military Police for control of personnel.

PRAYER OF A SOLDIER

My shoulders ache beneath my pack (Lie easier, Cross, upon His back)

I march with feet that burn and smart (Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart)

Men shout at me who may not speak (They scourged Thy back and smote Thy cheek)

I may not lift a hand to clear My eyes of salty drops that sear.

(Then shall my fickle soul forget Thy Agony of Bloody Sweat)

My rifle hand is stiff and numb
(From Thy pierced palm red rivers come)

Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me Than all the hosts of land and sea.

So, let me render back again This millionth of Thy gift.

Amen.

Note: An Army camp in the United States has been named in honor of Sgt. Joyce Kilmer, killed in action World War I, author of the above poem.