

# 300 at Dedication Of Deedy Square

More than 300 attended the dedication of Deedy square—Montrose street and Euclid avenue—named yesterday afternoon for First Lt. John J. Deedy of 78 Fairfax road, killed in World War II.

The dedication was sponsored by Admiral Ralph Earle Post, United American Veterans, of which Lt. Deedy was an organizer and senior vice-commander before he entered the service in January, 1941.

## Mayor Among Speakers

Past Dept. Comdr. John B. Downey of U. A. V. was master of ceremonies. Speakers were Mayor Sullivan, State Rep. Walter Kane and Rev. John J. McCarthy, pastor of Sacred Heart Church.

Invocation was by Gordon Austin, department chaplain of the U. A. V. Father McCarthy gave benediction.

Large delegations from veteran organizations attended.

A wreath was laid by Comdr. Ernest J. Miller of Admiral Earle Post, assisted by Dept. Senior Vice-Comdr. George Plasse and George Kasper, officer of the day.

A corsage of roses was given Mrs. Catherine M. Deedy, mother of Lt. Deedy, by Mrs. Marion Leslie, president of Earle post auxiliary. A picture of the late lieutenant was also presented Mrs. Deedy by Comdr. Victor Kubly of Lt. John J. Deedy Chapter, Military Order of the Purple Heart, in whose honor the chapter was named.

## Parade to Square

Before the dedication, members of the various veteran groups assembled at Ward and Taylor

streets and paraded to the square. Sr. Vice-Comdr. Plasse was marshal.

Powers Star Harmony Drum Corps escorted the marchers.

In the line of march were members of Co. A, Massachusetts State Guard, most of whom were in the National Guard Company in which Lt. Deedy served when he entered the service; Homer J. Wheaton Post, South Worcester Post and Worcester Post, V. F. W., Grafton Hill Post, A. L.; the Worcester Detachment, Marine Corps League; Military Order of the Purple Heart; and members of the New England World War I Mothers and World War II Mothers.

## Open House Program

Witnessing the ceremony with Lt. Deedy's mother was his brother, Maj. William B. Deedy, U. S. A., Res., a veteran of the late war.

An open house program followed at the quarters of Admiral Earle Post.

Entertainment there was by the Perry Sisters — Nancy L., Janie M., Lee J., Patricia M., and Alice R. Perry.

Past Comdr. Downey was chairman of the program, assisted by Sr. Vice-Comdr. Cleophas LeBlanc, Edward Sheridan, Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Edward O'Connor, senior vice-president of the auxiliary, and Mrs. Stella Holovnia, junior vice-president.



## MARCH TO LT. DEEDY SQUARE DEDICATION

Veterans groups with members of admiral Ralph Earle Post, U. A. V., auxiliary lead parade on Taylor street, en route to Montrose street and Euclid avenue to dedicate the square to the memory of First Lt. John J. Deedy killed in the war.

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A large delegation from Lt. John J. Deedy Chapter, Military Order of the Purple Heart, named in Deedy's honor, will attend.

**Parade to Square**

Members of Earle post and Deedy chapter with other representatives of veteran groups will assemble at 1.30 at Ward and Seymour streets and parade to the square. Staff Sgt. John J. Reidy will be principal speaker.

After the dedication, Earle post and Deedy chapter will hold an open house program in their joint-quarters, 274 Main street.

Lt. Deedy's widow, Mrs. Dorothy (Hanney) Deedy of 401 Broadway, Cambridge, is expected to attend the ceremony.

**Awarded Bronze Star**

Lt. Deedy was a member of the Common Council and Ward 6 state representative when he entered the service with the federalized 181st Inf., M. N. G. in January, 1941. He was commissioned a lieutenant in the National Guard after serving as private and sergeant in Co. A.

He later was transferred to the 4th (Ivy Leaf) Division and took part in the invasion of France. In June, 1944, he was wounded in France and returned to an Army base hospital in England where he died on July 28, 1944.

Lt. Deedy was awarded the Bronze Star posthumously for meritorious service in France.

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