

PATHE GAZETTE: 41/52. (DUBLIN)

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION IN BANDON

The annual procession of the Eucharist takes place at Bandon with all its impressive religious and military ceremonial. Almost the entire Catholic population marshal to join in this homage to the King of Kings. The military escort is in charge of Captain James Smith, the Irish Army jumper and the local Defence Force in charge of Group Leader O'Keefe. The Monstrance (?) is borne by the Very Reverend J. Canon Scannel, D.S.O. of the last war, and the first Chaplain appointed to the Air-Army. Altar boys shower rose petals before the advancing procession and a special place is reserved for women wearing hooded cloaks, the traditional costume of West Cork. Through the streets of the town the sole cavalcade winds its way to the old church. The ceremony of the Corpus Christi was never more impressive, nor the worshippers more devout. This year the participants number three thousand. It's a big day in the history of Cork. Near the old church our cameraman snaps 85 year old Mrs. Amani among the many who have gathered to receive the Benediction. The troops give a general salute and to mark the great occasion the children busy themselves with the making of grottoes. A big day for the youngsters as well as the grown ups. So the age old ritual is commemorated. Bandon pays her humble tribute to a great page in religious history.