



**MEMORIAL SERVICE
HELD AT WARDA FOR
PFC. THEODORE ZOCH**

Memorial services were held Sunday, December 31, for Pfc. Theodore Zoch at the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda. Pfc. Zoch paid the supreme sacrifice for his country on November 12, 1944 when he was killed in action in France, at the age of 26 years, 7 months and 28 days.

Theodore Zoch was born March 15, 1918 at Serbin, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerh. Zoch. He was baptized March 17, 1918 by the Rev. Herman Kilian. He attended parochial school at Serbin and was confirmed March 20, 1932 by the Rev. Herman Schmidt. On April 13, 1941 he was married to Miss Louise Bamsch by the Rev. Paul C. Bifert at Warda. He worked at Kriegel's Grocery in Giddings until he went into the Army in March, 1942.

He was sent to Camp Wolfers, - Reception Center. In April, 1942, he went to Camp Barkely, Texas where his wife joined him in November. They came home on a furlough, and in January, 1943 he went to

Shreveport, La. on maneuvers. In April, 1943 he went back to Camp Barkeley and his wife again joined him there until September, 1943 when he went to Camp Pilot Knowb, Calif.

for desert training. In January, 1944 he went to Fort Dix, New Jersey. After a few days there he came home on his last furlough. He went back to Fort Dix, than to New York and across to England in March, 1944. In June he was in France and was wounded July 8. He went back to England to a hospital. He spent some time there, and in August he went back into action in France until the latter part of September, when he was put on Special Guard Duty. This lasted until some time in October when he went back into action again, and on November 12 he was killed.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Theo. Zoch of Warda, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerh. Zoch of Serbin, 4 brothers, Paul of Houston, Marvin, in the Navy somewhere in the South Pacific, Arthur of Giddings, and Telford in the Marines stationed in California; 3 sisters, Mrs. Herbert Schulz of Giddings, Mrs. Ernest Lorenz, Anton, Texas, and Miss Adelia Zoch of Serbin; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ernestine Bamsch, 6 brothers-in-law, 9 sisters-in-law and other relatives and friends. Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

Mrs. Zoch received the following letter from Headquarters, 358th Infantry:

November 23, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Zoch:

I am sure you have received notice from the War Department that your husband, Pfc. Theodore E. Zoch was killed in action in France on November 12, 1944.

Theodore, a member of a Heavy Weapons Company, was killed while advancing beyond a formidable fort which he and other members of the organization had just succeeded in taking.

Since he has been a member of this organization for quite some time I want you to know those dominant traits of his personality, which you know so well were manifest to us. I want you to know the high regard in which he was held by all the officers and men in his unit, and on behalf of them I wish to offer my sincere condolence. We know that he did not live or die in vain. The blessing of his life will forever enrich all who knew him. I am sure you will always keep in mind the words of Him who said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Burial service was conducted by a Protestant Chaplain as he was laid to rest in a typical American Cemetery in Eastern France.

Any personal effects that Theodore had will be forwarded to you through the Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C. If you do not receive them within several months I suggest you write to that address.

With Deepest Sympathy,
(Signed) Charles G. Barndt,
Capt.

Infantry Personnel Officer.

In memory of Pfc. Theo. Zoch, who made the supreme sacrifice on the battle field on Nov. 12, 1944, Mrs. Theo. Zoch is presenting a beautiful Christian Flag to the Holy Cross Lutheran Church of which her husband was a member. Relatives and friends of Pfc. Theo. Zoch are presenting a United States Flag and a Pulpit Bible to his Church.