

Tomanchek, Carl

Martin

Memorial Rites Conducted For MAR 6 1944 Sgt. Tomanckek

Rev. John Daniel, pastor of the Slovak Lutheran Church, officiated at a memorial service on Sunday at 10 a. m. for the late Technical Sergeant Carl Tomanckek, son of Mrs. Anna Tomanckek, of 1023 First Avenue, Hellertown, who was drowned on January 3, "somewhere in the South Pacific." Rev. Daniel preached an appropriate sermon, speaking in English and also in the Slovak tongue.

The services were attended by members of his family, together with many friends and members of the congregation. The choir, accompanied by Miss Elsie Surovi, sang "Jerusalem Thou City Fair," and "The Lord Is My Shepherd."

The church was decorated with flowers, the presentation being made by the mother and family of the young soldier; Mrs. Amelia Skulteti, and the Edward H. Ackerman Post, 397, American Legion, Hellertown.

A memorial scroll, the presentation of the Slovak Lutheran Church, was given to the mother, while the flag presentation to the mother was made by William Potts, of the Edwin H. Ackerman Post. Taps were sounded by the Post bugler.

A gold star was placed on the church service flag by Lieutenant Joseph Tomanckek, U. S. Air Corps, a brother, who is stationed at a North Carolina camp. This is the second gold star on the flag, the first in memory of Pfc. Martin Fainor, who met an accidental death in the Panama Canal Zone.

The late Sergeant Tomanckek has another brother in the combat forces, Sergeant Martin Tomanckek, assigned to a tank destroyer unit, at a Texas camp.

Sergeant Carl Tomanckek had been in the service of the United States since June, 1942, and had spent nine months in the South Pacific theater of war. The last letter written by him was dated January 2, and was received by Rev. John Daniel.

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