



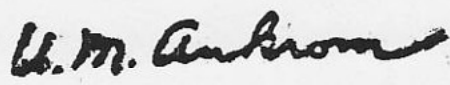
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WAR DEPARTMENT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 3 June 1946 rmc/10557

FULL NAME Santillanes, Elias A.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 38 352 208		GRADE Pvt.	
HOME ADDRESS Old Albuquerque, New Mexico		ARM OR SERVICE Medical Dept.		DATE OF BIRTH 13 Aug 24	
PLACE OF DEATH European Area		CAUSE OF DEATH Killed in action		DATE OF DEATH 22 Sept 44	
STATION OF DECEASED European Area		DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 20 July 43		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES	
				YEARS	MONTHS
					DAYS
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) Mrs. Ramona Santillanes, Mother, General Delivery, Albuquerque, New Mexico					
BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address) Antonio Santillanes, Father, General Delivery, Old Albuquerque, New Mexico Ramona Santillanes, Mother, General Delivery, Albuquerque, New Mexico					
INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT	
WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS	
OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)		YES		NO	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BATTLE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-BATTLE					
<p>Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 Mar 42, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 23 Sept 45. This "Report of Death", based on information received since that date is issued in accordance with Section 9, of said Act, and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as prescribed in Section 9.</p>					
BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR  U. M. Anderson ADJUTANT GENERAL					

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

1946 MAY 27
DATE CAS. REPORT RECEIVED

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DATE TELEGRAM SENT

29 May 46

NO. 401.	NAME SANTILLANES ELIAS A ASN 38 352 208	GRADE PVT SON
NAME AND ADDRESS OF S. A.	MRS RAMONA SANTILLANES ██████████ <i>Gen. Del.</i> ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO	

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED BELOW DESIGNATED THE ABOVE PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR HAS ASKED ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR

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GRADE	NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	F OR J STATUS	SHIPMENT NUMBER
PVT	SANTILLANES, ELIAS A.	38352208	MD	ETO		117
TYPE OF CASUALTY		PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY		CASUALTY CODE
KILLED IN ACTION		IN FRANCE		DAY	MONTH	YEAR
				22	SEP	44
						1J

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REPORT OF DEATH ISSUED 3 June
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ACTION BY COMPOSITE SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 43 AG 201 REG

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED
		FOD	23 Sept 45	23 Sept 45

FORWARDED TO SPEC. IDEN. C. & P. TELEGRAM LETTER CERTIF. F. REL. CORRES. REPAT. S/R & D. NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED NO FORM 43 NO CAS. BR. FILE CHECKED BY *[Signature]* REVIEWED BY *[Signature]*

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Private Elias A. Santillanes, Army Serial Number 38,352,208, Medical Department

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 22nd day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 23rd day of September, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Herbert

ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA	FLYING STATUS	JUMP STATUS	LINE OF DUTY	OWN MIS-CONDUCT	ON DUTY STATUS	ABSENCE AUTH'D
European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
13 Aug 1924	Old Albuquerque, New Mexico	20 Jul 1943	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Under	three	years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Ramona Santillanes	Mother	General Delivery Albuquerque, New Mexico

BENEFICIARIES

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Ramona Santillanes	Mother	General Delivery, Albuquerque, New Mexico

REMARKS

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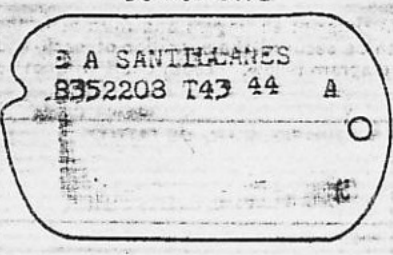
Circumstances of disappearance: Subject person became missing in action when on a mission as a First-Aid man with a line company in the vicinity of Lorry, France.

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WD QMC FORM 1042 (Rev. 1 Apr. 1945) (Supersedes GRS Form 1)		REPORT OF INTERMENT (AR 30-1810 and AR 30-1815)				DATE OF REPORT 9 April 1946	
Imprint Identification Tag If Possible. DO NOT TYPE		Section 1.—IDENTIFICATION.					
		NAME (Last, first, middle initial) SANTILLANES ELIAS A.		SERIAL No. 38302208			
		GRADE PVT	ORGANIZATION REG DET 36TH AMRD INF BN.	BRANCH OF SERVICE GROUND FORCE			
		RACE WHITE	RELIGION CATHOLIC	IF OTHER THAN U. S. DEAD, GIVE NAME OF COUNTRY			
		PLACE OF DEATH BILLYNY (MOSELLE) FRANCE	CAUSE OF DEATH MULTIPLE WOUNDS	DATE OF DEATH 23 SEPTEMBER 1944			
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address) UNK							
IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND ON BODY (1, 2, or none) 2		IF NO TAGS FOUND ON BODY, DESCRIBE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION (If unidentified, fill in section 3 on reverse)					
WERE SUBSTITUTE TAGS PROVIDED? (Yes or no) NO							
LIST PERSONAL EFFECTS FOUND ON BODY AND DISPOSITION OF SAME NONE							
Section 2.—BURIAL. If other than in established cemetery, furnish sketch and map coordinates on reverse.							
NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES, AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY U.S. MILITARY CEMETERY (280884) ST. AVOLD (MOSELLE) FRANCE							
DATE OF BURIAL 9 April 1946	HOUR 1530	BURIED IN (Shroud, blanket, or name of other) GASKET	TYPE OF MARKER WOODEN CROSS	PLOT No. 00	ROW No. 9	GRAVE No. 108	
WAS THIS A REBURIAL? (Yes or no) NO	IF A REBURIAL, INDICATE NAME, NUMBER, COORDINATES OF PREVIOUS CEMETERY, AND LOCATION OF GRAVE BILLYNY (MOSELLE) FRANCE; MAP OF EUROPE RECORDS: 1:200,000, SHEET 57; VERDON WISSEMBOURG				PLOT No. REMAINS ABOVE GROUND	ROW No. 	GRAVE No.
TYPE OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONY CATHOLIC	PERSON CONDUCTING BURIAL RITES Ch. Z. S. Kish, Capt.		IF IDENTIFICATION TAGS NOT USED, DESCRIBE IDENTIFICATION DATA AND CONTAINERS BURIED WITH BODY				
IDENTIFICATION TAG BURIED WITH BODY (Yes or no) Yes	IDENTIFICATION TAG ATTACHED TO MARKER (Yes or no) Yes						
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED LEFT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) Hennessey, William F.	RANK 32227622	SERIAL No. Unk	ORGANIZATION Ground Force	GRAVE No. 107			
BODY BURIED ON DECEASED RIGHT, NAME (Last, first, middle initial) End of Row	RANK	SERIAL No.	ORGANIZATION	GRAVE No.			
SIGNATURE OF PERSON PREPARING REPORT W. H. HAUCK, Cpl, 37588082			SIGNATURE OF GRS OFFICER VERIFYING REPORT Ralph W. Slesator Major Inf.				
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HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES FORCES, EUROPEAN THEATER (REAR), APO 887, U.S. ARMY.

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

WASHINGTON, 25, D. C.

1. The status of Pvt. Elias A. SANTILLANES, 38352208, is changed from PDD, 23 September 1945, to KIA, 22 September 1944, included in "U" Project of Casualty Shipment this date, based upon Report of Burial. American Graves Registration Service, European Theater Area, states soldier has been reburied in Grave 108, Plot 90, Row 9, St. Avold U. S. Military Cemetery, France.

2. The only additional information available at this Headquarters is contained in the inclosed ETO Casualty Form # 5 and that shown on War Dept. Memorandum A.G. 704 Dead (23 September 1945), S. R. & D. No. 4111, Subject: Review and Determination of Status under the Missing Person Act.

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OFFICIAL:

E. H. KOREMAN,
Lt. Col., A. G. D.,
Asst. Adjutant Gen.

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Report of Burial for:
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CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS TO BURIAL REPORTS AS TAKEN FROM AG CAS CARD

CEMETERY **of AVOLD** PLOT **00** ROW **9** GRAVE **108**

NAME **293** : **SANTILLANES ELIAS A.** *sm*

RANK : **PVT**

ASN : **38352208**

ORGANIZATION : **38 ARMD INF BN**

DATE OF DEATH : **22 SEPT 1944**

PLACE OF DEATH : **---**

CAUSE OF DEATH : **---**

T. CYR 4 June 1946.
(Signature)

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T. B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

13 November 1946

In Reply Refer To
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Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208

SUBJECT: Address of Legal Next of Kin of Deceased Veteran

TO : Veterans Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Records on file in this office indicate that **Mr. Antonio Santillanes,**
father, residing at **General Delivery, Old**
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NAME: **Santillanes, Elias A.**

SERIAL NO: **38 352 208**

RANK: **Private**

2. It is requested that this office be furnished the latest address and relationship of the legal next of kin, and any other relatives of the deceased veteran mentioned above.

3. In case the next of kin is not as indicated above, request copies of such documentary evidence as may have been submitted to your office to establish this relationship.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Martin G. Riley
MARTIN G. RILEY
Major, QMC
Assistant

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Ramona Santillanes	Mother	P. O. Box 40, Albuquerque, N. M.
Antonio Jose Santillanes	Father	" " " " " "
Richard Santillanes	Brother	Old Albuquerque, N. M.
Mary Santillanes	Sister	" " " "
Sammie Santillanes	Brother	" " " "

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NAME	RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS
Carmen Santillanes	Sister	Old Albuquerque, N. M.
Pete Santillanes	Brother	" " " "
Robert Santillanes	Brother	" " " "
Tony Santillanes	Brother	" " " "
Jose Santillanes	Brother	" " " "
Frankie Santillanes	Brother	" " " "
Pedro Santillanes	Brother	" " " "
Martha Santillanes	Sister	" " " "
May Santillanes	Sister	" " " "
Serafin Santillanes	Brother	" " " "
Edward V. Santillanes	Brother	" " " "

J. J. Crowley
 J. J. CROWLEY
 Chief, Dependents and Beneficiaries Claims
 Division, Claims Service



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NAME Santillanes, Elias A.
ASN 38 352 208 - Private.

"B/R"
Changes made in information "Form 333"
are from sources listed below:

1. Ltr OOMG dtd 13 Nov 46 to VA.
2. _____
3. _____

Officer's Initials (7)

FROM: Relationship Father
NAME: Santillanes, Antonio
STREET: General Delivery
CITY & STATE: Old Albuquerque, New Mexico.

TO: Relationship Same.
NAME: Same.
STREET: Post Office Box #40
CITY & STATE: Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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St. Avoird, France

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Santillanes, Elias A.

Pvt.

38 352 208

Father

Mr. Antonio Santillanes

Post Office Box #40

Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Handwritten:
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5 March 1947

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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BURIAL OF

Pvt Elias A. Santillanes, 38 352 208
Plot 00, Row 9, Grave 108,
United States Military Cemetery
St. Aved, France

16 October 1947

Mr. Antonio Santillanes
Post Office Box 40.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Santillanes:

The people of the United States, through the Congress have authorized the disinterment and final burial of the heroic dead of World War II. The Quartermaster General of the Army has been entrusted with this sacred responsibility to the honored dead. The records of the War Department indicate that you may be the nearest relative of the above-named deceased, who gave his life in the service of his country.

The enclosed pamphlets, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," and "American Cemeteries," explain the disposition, options and services made available to you by your Government. If you are the next of kin according to the line of kinship as set forth in the enclosed pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," you are invited to express your wishes as to the disposition of the remains of the deceased by completing Part I of the enclosed form "Request for Disposition of Remains." Should you desire to relinquish your rights to the next in line of kinship, please complete Part II of the enclosed form. If you are not the next of kin, please complete Part III of the enclosed form.

If you should elect Option 2, it is advised that no funeral arrangements or other personal arrangements be made until you are further notified by this office.

Will you please complete the enclosed form, "Request for Disposition of Remains" and mail in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, within 30 days after its receipt by you? Its prompt return will avoid unnecessary delays.

Sincerely,

THOMAS B. LARKIN
Major General
The Quartermaster General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply Refer To RR Br: OSMR 203 Santillanes, Elias A., Pvt., 38 352 208

Plot 00, Row 9, Grave 108
United States Military Cemetery
St. Avold, France

IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Do NOT include the name of the
official who signed the com-
munication.

15 April 1948

P R I O R I T Y

Miss Janet Neal, Home Service Director
Midwestern Area, American Red Cross
1709 Washington Avenue
Saint Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Miss Neal:

The Next of Kin of the above captioned deceased

Father

(relationship)

Mr. Antonio Santillanes,

Post Office Box 40,

Albuquerque, New Mexico

(name)

(address)

has failed to return a Form 345 indicating disposition instructions for the remains.

It is respectfully requested that the attached OQMG Form 345 be properly accomplished by the Next of Kin and legal documents obtained through assistance of your representative if appropriate, be furnished this office. In the event you are unable to secure disposition instructions from the Next of Kin, it is further requested that a statement of the action taken by your representative be furnished this office for use as a basis for final disposition of remains of the decedent.

It is recommended that in contact with the Next of Kin mentioned above, they first be queried as to whether or not they have submitted the appropriate form, as it may have been mailed to this office since receipt by you of this request.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN O. HYATT
Colonel, QMG
Memorial Division

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REQUEST FOR DISPOSITION OF REMAINS

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GRADE OF DECEASED, NAME, ARMY SERIAL NUMBER AND REPORTED PLACE OF BURIAL

DATE:

Pvt **Elias A. Santillanes**, 38 352 208 *abc*
 Plot 00 Row 9, Grave 108,
 United States Military Cemetery
 St. Avoird, France

15 April 1948

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DO NOT WRITE ABOVE THIS LINE

NOTE.—The next of kin should familiarize himself with the contents of the pamphlet, "Disposition of World War II Armed Forces Dead," before filling out this form. When the proper part of this form is filled out and properly signed by the next of kin, it should be returned to the OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL, MEMORIAL DIVISION, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C., in the self-addressed postage-free envelope provided for this purpose.
 If you are the next of kin or authorized representative of next of kin and desire to direct the disposition of the remains, please fill in PART I of this form.

PART I

I, Antonio Jose Santillanes (Please indicate relationship to the deceased by placing an "X" in the proper box.)
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF NEXT OF KIN)

- WIDOW WIDOWER SON OVER 21 YEARS OLD DAUGHTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- FATHER MOTHER BROTHER OVER 21 YEARS OLD SISTER OVER 21 YEARS OLD
- RELATIONSHIP OTHER THAN ABOVE (Specify) _____

HAVING FAMILIARIZED MYSELF WITH THE OPTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ME WITH RESPECT TO THE FINAL RESTING PLACE OF THE DECEASED DESIGNATED ABOVE, NOW DO DECLARE THAT IT IS MY DESIRE THAT THE REMAINS: (Please place an "X" in the box opposite the option you have selected.)

- 1. BE INTERRED IN A PERMANENT AMERICAN MILITARY CEMETERY OVERSEAS.
- 2. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES OR ANY POSSESSION OR TERRITORY THEREOF FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY

Sunset Memorial Park Cemetary--Albuquerque, N. M.
(NAME AND LOCATION OF CEMETERY)

- 3. BE RETURNED TO _____, THE HOMELAND OF THE DECEASED OR NEXT OF KIN, FOR INTERMENT BY NEXT OF KIN IN A PRIVATE CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(FOREIGN COUNTRY) (LOCATION OF CEMETERY SELECTED)

- 4. BE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES FOR FINAL INTERMENT IN A NATIONAL CEMETERY LOCATED AT _____
(LOCATION OF NATIONAL CEMETERY SELECTED)

(Please indicate if your own religious services at a location other than the selected national cemetery are desired by placing an "X" in the proper box)

YES NO

THE NAME OF THE DECEASED, THE SERIAL NUMBER AND GRADE ARE CORRECT EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: (If no corrections are necessary, indicate this fact by inserting the word "NONE" in the space below.)

NONE

*D. D. ...
21 Aug 48*

*#15/48 Jan
G. L. ...*

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PART I (Continued)

If on Page 1 of this form you have selected Option Number 2 or 3, or Option Number 4 with your own funeral ceremonies desired at a location other than the selected national cemetery, complete one of these sections.

I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSON WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE
STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)		

OR I, AS THE NEXT OF KIN, DO FURTHER DECLARE THAT I DESIRE THE REMAINS TO BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING FUNERAL DIRECTOR WHO HAS AGREED TO RECEIVE THEM:

FULL NAME OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR Salazar and Sons Mortuary			
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
400 So. Third Street	Albuquerque	Bernalillo	New Mexico
EXPRESS OFFICE (Nearest railroad passenger station)	TELEGRAPH ADDRESS	TELEPHONE No.	
Albuquerque, N.M.	Albuquerque, N. M.	2-2928	

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE OF KINSHIP AFTER ME, AS SET FORTH IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," IS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE INITIAL	RELATIONSHIP TO DECEASED
Santillanes	Ramona	A	Mother
NUMBER AND STREET	CITY OR TOWN	COUNTY OR PROVINCE	STATE OR TERRITORY OF U. S. A., OR COUNTRY
3015 Los Tomases Rd.	Albuquerque	Bernalillo	New Mexico

REMARKS OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS (For additional space use page 4.)*

AS EXPLAINED IN THE PAMPHLET, "DISPOSITION OF WORLD WAR II ARMED FORCES DEAD," I AM THE NEXT OF KIN AND THE INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO DIRECT THE DISPOSITION OF THE SAID REMAINS.

I, the undersigned, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) that the statements made by me in the foregoing document are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Antonio Jose Santillanes 3015 Los Tomases Rd.
(SIGNATURE OF NEXT OF KIN) (STREET AND NUMBER)
 Antonio Jose Santillanes Albuquerque, New Mexico
(NAME PRINTED OR TYPED) (CITY AND STATE)

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant this 27 day of May, 1948, at city (or town) of Albuquerque, county of Bernalillo, and State (or Territory or District) of New Mexico

Paul G. Salazar
(SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS)
 Notary Public
(OFFICIAL TITLE)

*NOTE.—Page 4 is part of the notarial attestation.
 My Comm. Exp. 9/21/51

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FOR MAJ SEKOWSKI QM LN REURNR 12 10 MAR ON ELIAS A SANTILLANES

38352208 PVT NO REC ED OF EVER BEING PROMOTED TO CPL

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[Signature]

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RETURN TO TWX SECTION

TWX SECTION
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TO OQMG WASH D C ATTN MEM DIV

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RE DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE 3574 10568 PVT ELIAS A SANTILLANES CMA
SN 38352208 CMA SHIPMENT NY-027-R PD REPLY TELEGRAM FROM NOK SHOWS
RANK OF DECEASED AS CORP PD REQUEST. VERIFICATION PD

END NR 6/8 SCHNELLENBACH 2015Z

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293 Santillanes, Elias A. (38352208)

NR 6/8 VERIFICATION OF RECORDS THIS OFFICE AND AGO REFLECT RANK OF
ELIAS A SANTILLANES 38352208 TO BE PVT RPT PVT
END QMGR ROGERS

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SANTILLANES, ELIAS A., 38352208

N. E. CAMPBELL, LT, COL, QMG, MEM DIV

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REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF INTERMENT OR TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES		1. DATE
(Read Explanation on Reverse Side before completing form)		WW 11 April 7, 1949
2. NAME OF DECEDENT (Last, First, Middle Initial) SANTILLANES, BLIAS R.	3. BRANCH OF SERVICE US ARMY	6. A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INTERMENT EXPENSES (Civilian or Private Cemetery) B. <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES (National or Post Cemetery)
4. RANK OR GRADE PVT.	5. SERIAL NO. 58352298	<input type="checkbox"/> IF WORLD WAR II DECEASED, CHECK BOX. <input type="checkbox"/> IF CURRENT DECEASED, ENTER DATE OF DEATH.
INSTRUCTIONS TO INITIATING INSTALLATION		
Fill in items 1 through 7 and item 10. Cross out item 8 or item 9, whichever is not applicable. Stamp "Ribbon" copy "ORIGINAL." Stamp carbon copies "COPY."		
INSTRUCTIONS TO PERSONS SIGNING THIS FORM		
This form is to be signed by the claimant and NOT by the funeral director. Complete the original and three copies. SIGN ORIGINAL ONLY.		
8. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "A" IS CHECKED		9. FILL IN THIS STATEMENT IF BOX "B" IS CHECKED
I certify that the sum of \$ 110.00 was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the interment of the remains of the above-named decedent in the cemetery indicated below: NAME: Calvary Cemetery		I certify that the sum of \$ _____ was paid by me from personal funds in connection with the transportation of the remains of the above-named decedent from: (City, town, or place from which remains were shipped)
CITY OR COUNTY: Albuquerque		TO: (Name and location of National or Post Cemetery)
STATE: New Mexico		VOID
10. RETURN THE ORIGINAL AND THREE COPIES TO: Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot Fort Worth 1, Texas Attention: AGR Division		11. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT Antonio Santillanes
		12. ADDRESS (Street number or RFD, City and State) 3015 Los Tomases Rd. Albuquerque, N. Mex.
		13. RELATIONSHIP TO DECEDENT Father
REMARKS:		
<p style="text-align: right;">J. W. FAULKNER F. O. U. S. A. Fort Worth, Texas March 28, 1949</p>		

HEADQUARTERS
7855 AGRC-ZONE ONE
APO 58 (LIEGE) US ARMY

Date 6 JAN 1949

C E R T I F I C A T E

I certify that I have removed the attached
identification tag (s) from the remains of:

CS SANTILLANES, ELIAS A. PVT 38352208 00 9 108
Name Rank ASN Plot, Row, Grave

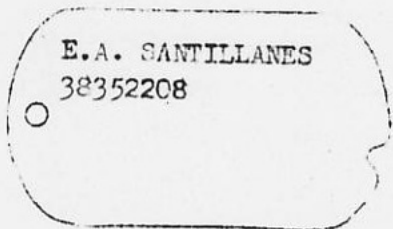
USMC ST AVOLD, FRANCE, in accordance with Operations
Instructions number 125 (amended 21 December 1948)

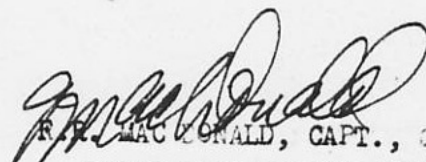
DISCREPANCY

OQMG Form 1194: SANTILLANES, ELIAS A 38352208
Last Name First Name Mid.In. ASN

Identification Tag: E.A. SANTILLANES 38352208
Last Name First Name Mid.In. ASN

Imprint of Tag




R. J. MAC DONALD, CAPT., QMC.

Signature of Officer

Inclosure: 1, 2 ID Tag (s)

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INSPECTION CHECKLIST NY 027 R
 (FOR USE AT OVERSEAS PORT, U.S. PORT, AND DISTRIBUTION CENTER)

NAME SANTILLANES, ELIAS A.		GRADE PVT.	SERIAL NUMBER 38352208
SOURCE USMC, ST AVOLD FRANCE		CONSIGNEE SALAZAR AND SONS MORTUARY 400 S. THIRD ST., ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	
SHIPPING CASE - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF SHIPPING CASE (Check one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (Exterior)		REMARKS	
HANDLES		<i>Minor Repairs</i>	
DRAW BOLTS			
STENCILING -- NAMEPLATE			
HEALTH PERMIT MARKER			
HEALTH PERMIT NUMBER			
CASKET - General Appearance (Check ONLY Discrepancies)		CONDITION OF CASKET (Check one) <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY	
FINISH (Exterior)		REMARKS	
HAND RAILS & FINIALS		<i>Small Scuffs</i>	
NAMEPLATE			
CAM LOCKS (Sealing) AND GASKET			
ODOR OR MOISTURE			
ROUTED TO			
<input type="checkbox"/> MORTUARY SECTION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SECTION	
CONDITION OF REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> SATISFACTORY <input type="checkbox"/> UNSATISFACTORY		CASKET REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
NECESSARY DISINFECTION (Explain)		CASKET EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		SHIPPING CASE REPAIRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		SHIPPING CASE EXCHANGED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		REMARKS	
TIME	DATE	SIGNATURE OF MORTICIAN	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR
			<i>Am 4/29 M. V. ...</i>
REMARKS			

CLASS OF SERVICE
 This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable symbol above or preceding the address.

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SYMBOLS	
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W. P. MARSHALL, PRESIDENT.

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LT COL KURT SCHNELLENBACH=

= QMC CHIEF AGR DIV FTW=

COMPLYING WITH MY WISHES I REQUEST THAT THE REMAINS OF CORP

ELIAS A SANTILLANES BE SHIPPED TO THE SALAZAR AND SONS

MORTUARY 400 S 3RD ST ALBUQ. NMEX UPON ARRIVAL HERE=

= ANTONIO JOSE SANTILLANES=

400 S 3

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

1949 MAR 3 AM 9 27
DAY LETTER

DLY FT. WORTH TEXAS

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FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

MR. ANTONIO JOSE SANTILLANES DLR & REPORT
ANY CHARGES

3015 LOS TOMASES ROAD

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED REMAINS OF THE LATE **PVT. ELIAS A. SANTILLANES**
ARE ENROUTE TO THE UNITED STATES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE YOU WISH REMAINS
DELIVERED TO **SALAZAR AND SONS MORTUARY, 400 SOUTH THIRD STREET**

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO . WITHIN FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER RECEIPT
OF THIS MESSAGE PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS OR SUBMIT NEW
DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS AND FURNISH YOUR CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS BY TELEGRAM
COLLECT TO COMMANDING OFFICER, FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, FORT WORTH
TEXAS. REPLY IS NECESSARY WITHIN THIS PERIOD SINCE IT WILL NOT BE
POSSIBLE TO COMPLY AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE WITH ANY DESIRED CHANGES IN DELIVERY
INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY EIGHT HOURS. WHILE
DELIVERY OF THE REMAINS WILL BE MADE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER RECEIPT
FACTORS BEYOND OUR CONTROL MAY DELAY DELIVERY OF REMAINS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.
HOWEVER AS SOON AS REMAINS ARE RECEIVED HERE AND IT IS POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE
THEM FOR DELIVERY YOUR FUNERAL DIRECTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY TELEGRAM OF RAIL
ROUTING AND SCHEDULED TIME REMAINS WILL ARRIVE AT RAILROAD STATIONS. ALSO
HE WILL BE REQUESTED TO FURNISH YOU THIS INFORMATION SO THAT YOU MAY COMPLETE
FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS. THIS TELEGRAM WILL BE SENT AT LEAST FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO
ACTUAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS DISTRIBUTION CENTER. PLEASE INSTRUCT FUNERAL
DIRECTOR TO ACCEPT REMAINS AT RAILROAD STATION UPON ARRIVAL. REMAINS WILL
BE ACCOMPANIED BY MILITARY ESCORT. IF YOU DESIRE MILITARY HONORS AT FUNERAL
YOU SHOULD ASK ANY LOCAL PATRIOTIC OR VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGE-
MENTS. YOUR PROMPT COOPERATION WILL GREATLY ASSIST THIS OFFICE IN MAKING
FINAL DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE FULL NAME OF DECEASED IN REPLY TELEGRAM.

KURT SCHNELLENBACH
LT. COLONEL, GMC
CHIEF, AGR DIV

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED				DIRECTIVE NUMBER		DATE					
NAME SANTILLANES ELIAS A				SERIAL NUMBER 38352208		RANK PVT		ARM 1	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
CEMETERY				DISPOSITION OF REMAINS		CODE		DIST. PT.		CAUSE OF DEATH	
PLOT	ROW	GRAVE	COUNTRY			DATE OF DEATH		DAY		YEAR	
00	9	108	ST AVOLD FRANCE								

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE				NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN			

SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME SANTILLANES ELIAS A		SERIAL NUMBER 38352208		RANK		DATE OF DEATH		DATE DISINTERRED 6 July 48	
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION		RELIGION C		IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY RICHARD F. PETERSON, EMBALMER NAME AND TITLE			

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL UNIFORM		CONDITION OF REMAINS TOTALLY DISARTICULATED. NO FLEES FRACTURES OF SKULL. MISSING: L/CLAVICLE & SCAPULA.			
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION
IDENTIFICATION TAG FOUND WITH REMAINS

MINOR DISCREPANCIES /
EXTRA R/RADIUS, ULNA, & FIBULA REMOVED PER O.I.#55 WITH C.I.L.#3177.
IDENTIFICATION TAG READS " E " IN PLACE OF " ELIAS ". EMBOSSED
PLATES MADE TO AGREE WITH 1194

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET

DATE **12 July 48** BY **RICHARD F PETERSON, EMBALMER**

CASKET SEALED BY **RICHARD F PETERSON, EMBALMER**
EMBALMER (Signature) *Richard F Peterson*
RICHARD F PETERSON

CASKET BOXED AND MARKED
SHIPPING ADDRESS VERIFIED BY **All markings plates &
tags verified by: *[Signature]*
BRUCE E BLAIR, 1st Lt QMC**

DATE **12 July 48** BY **RICHARD F PETERSON, EMBALMER**
I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.
FINAL CASNETING BY
[Signature]
BRUCE E BLAIR, 1st Lt QMC
[Signature]
BRUCE E BLAIR, 1st Lt QMC, 7857 AGRC ZONE 3 HQ
SIGNATURE OF GRS INSPECTOR

1 Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.

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DISINTERMENT DIRECTIVE

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1	SECTION A — NAME AND BURIAL LOCATION OF DECEASED	DIRECTIVE NUMBER 3574 10568	DATE 15 08 48 DAY MONTH YEAR			
	NAME SANTILLANES ELIAS A	SERIAL NUMBER 38352208	GRADE PVT	ARM 1	RACE 1	RELIGION 2
CEMETERY ST AVOLD FRANCE		PLOT 00	ROW 9	GRAVE 108	DISPOSITION OF REMAINS 8300 10 CODE DIST. CTR.	

SECTION B — CONSIGNEE AND NEXT OF KIN

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE SALAZAR AND SONS MORTUARY 400 SOUTH THIRD STREET ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN ANTONIO JOSE SANTILLANES (FATHER) 3015 LOS TOMASES ROAD ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
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SECTION C — DISINTERMENT AND IDENTIFICATION

NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	DATE OF DEATH	DATE DISTINTERRED
IDENTIFICATION TAG ON <input type="checkbox"/> REMAINS <input type="checkbox"/> MARKER		ORGANIZATION USAGF	RELIGION	IDENTIFICATION VERIFIED BY NAME AND TITLE

SECTION D — PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR SHIPMENT

NATURE OF BURIAL	CONDITION OF REMAINS
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OTHER MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION

SEE ATTACHED WORK SHEET

MINOR DISCREPANCIES (Prepare Discrepancy Report QMC Form 1194a for major discrepancies.)

REMAINS PREPARED AND PLACED IN CASKET ~~BY~~ ~~DATE~~

DATE	BY	EMBALMER (Signature) Millard H. McWhorter
CASKET SEALED BY Millard H. McWhorter, Embalmer		Shipping Address written on all markings, plates & tags verified by: DONALD H. TACKETT. 1st Lt. QMC.
CASKET BOXED AND MARKED		
DATE	BY	
20 Sept 48	Millard H. McWhorter	

I hereby certify that all the foregoing operations were conducted and accomplished under my immediate supervision and that the report above is correct.

Donald H. Tackett
DONALD H. TACKETT. 1st Lt. QMC. 7857 AGRC.
Zone 3 Hq SIGNATURE OF AGRS INSPECTOR

REMARKS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

RECORD OF CUSTODIAL TRANSFER

1. SHIPPED			
FROM USMC, ST. AVOLD, FRANCE		TO OIC, CASKEYING POINT, ANTWERP, BELGIUM	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE RAIL		NAME OF CONVOYER CECIL C. LAWSON, PFC 1616682	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER <i>J.R. Ward</i> J. R. WARD, CAPT. FA	DATE 26/10/48	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>C. C. Lawson</i>	DATE -8 NOV 1948
2. SHIPPED			
FROM AGRC ANTWERP BELGIUM		TO Sgt BARNET KIRCHBAUM	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE VC. 2		NAME OF CONVOYER J. S. Jefferson	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER L E Butler Lt Col Inf	DATE 15 FEB 1949	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>J. S. Jefferson</i>	DATE 15 FEB 1949
3. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO NYPE	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>W. W. Preisch</i> W. W. PREISCH LIEUT. COLONEL, TC.	DATE MAR 10 1949
4. SHIPPED			
FROM NYPE		TO PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICE DC #10	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE TRAIN		NAME OF CONVOYER <i>Clayton Randal</i>	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER W. W. PREISCH LIEUT. COLONEL, TC. PORT TRANSPORTATION OFFICE	DATE MAR 17 1949	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER <i>Clayton Randal</i>	DATE 30 MAR 1949
5. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO C. T. O. M. C. OIC U. S. BR.	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
6. SHIPPED			
FROM SALAZAR AND SOUS MORTUARY		TO MILITARY ROSE SYMPTOMES (LAVINE)	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE
7. SHIPPED			
FROM		TO	
KIND OF CONVEYANCE		NAME OF CONVOYER	
SIGNATURE OF SHIPPER	DATE	SIGNATURE OF RECEIVER	DATE

RECEIPT OF REMAINS

FORT WORTH QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, FORT WORTH, TEXAS
DISTRIBUTION CENTER ROUTINE

REMAINS CONSIGNED TO:

SALAZAR AND SONS MORTUARY
400 SOUTH THIRD STREET
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

DAY LETTER

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ANY CHARGES

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REMAINS OF LATE PVT ELIAS A SANTILLANES BEING SHIPPED TO YOU ACCOMPANIED
BY MILITARY ESCORT ON TRAIN NUMBER THREE ATCHESON TOPEKA AND SANTA FE
RAILROAD DUE TO ARRIVE ALBUQUERQUE STATION SEVEN FORTY FIVE AM
RAILROAD TIME 7 APRIL. REQUEST YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO
ACCEPT REMAINS AT STATION UPON ARRIVAL AND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY PASS THIS
INFORMATION ON TO NEXT OF KIN.

Kurt Schnellenbach
KURT SCHNELLENBACH
LT. COLONEL, QMC
CHIEF, AGR DIVISION

APR 1 1949

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MAY 1949
REPAIR DIVISION
BR IN H
MEM. DIV.

I, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge receipt of the remains of the above-named deceased
this 7 day of April, 1949
(Day) (Month)

John F. Bills
John F. Bills
(Witness (Escort))

Salazar and Sons Mortuary
Salazar and Sons Mortuary
(Consignee)

RA-31066035

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO: ~~QMG-295~~

Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208

51 May 1949

IMPORTANT

Address reply and envelope to:
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
Do NOT include the name of the
official who signed the communica-
tion.

Mr. Antoni Santillanes
3015 Los Tomates
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Santillanes:

The records of this office show an application for a
Government headstone submitted by you for the unmarked grave
of the late **Elias A. Santillanes**,
was returned to you on **25 April 1949**, for a permit.

Since no further action can be taken on this case
until the return of the application with the information
requested, it is suggested that your reply be expedited.

Sincerely yours,

NORMAN S. WIGGS
Lt Col, QMG
Memorial Division

MAY 31 5 33 PM '49
O.C.M.S.
MAIL & RECORDS
swb

TRUE COPY

Sillegny. le 2 April 1946

DECLARATION

Je soussigne Benaouda Jean, Demineur Chef, ~~etant~~ veni a Sillegny le 13 Juillet 1945 pour commencer mon travail de deminage dans la dite Commune. Au cours de mon travail, j'ai decouvert huit cadavres de soldats americains. Je les ai signale a la Military Police a Metz le 19 Juin 1945. La Military Police est venu chercher trois cadavres. Les cinq autres ayant trouves quinze jours plus tard, je les ai egalement signales au meme service MP., mais ils ne sont pas venu les chercher. Dans ces cinq cadavres, il y avait parmi le corps d'un Lieutenant sur lequel j'ai pris le porte-feuille complet et la plaque d'identite que je suis aller remettre a la Military Police a Metz, le 22 Juillet 1945 environ. A mon depart, le 10 Aout, les cadavres etaient toujours sur place aujourd'hui 2 Avril, tris cadavres manquent. Par qui ont-ils etes ramasses.

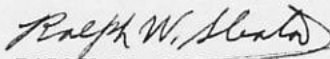
Signe: Benaouda Jean

STATEMENT

I the undersigned Benaouda Jean, Chief deminer, certify that in working I found 8 American Bodies. I reported to the Military Police in Metz on the 19 of June 1945 which took away the 3 first ones. I found the 5 others , two weeks later. I also reported for these to the Military Police, but they never came and fetched them. In these 5 last bodies, there was a Lieutenant of whom I took the Wallet and the dog tag and handed it over to the Military Police in Metz on about 22 of July 1945. When I left, on the 10 August, the bodies were still here and to day later, 2 of April 1946, 3 bodies are missing. Who took them away?

Signed: Benaouda Jean

Certify a True Copy


RALPH W. SLEATOR
Major Inf.

REINTERRED U.S. MIL. CEM.
ST. AVOLD 00 - 9 - 103

(24 Copies)

TRUE COPY

Sillegny le 3 Avril 1946

D E C L A R A T I O N

Je soussigne Muller Jules, Chef d'Equipe au Service de Deminage, declare etre arrive au Village de Sillegny au mois de Decembre 1945. En travaillant, j'ai decouvert 6 cadavres de soldats Americains sur le lieu dit Rupt de Grand Cahl. Par la suite je numerotais les cadavres de 1 a 6. Ces chiffres sont marques dans les croquis d'Equipes Americaines auxquelles je fais cette declaration. Sur les cadavres 4, 5 et 6 je n'ai trouve aucune plaque. Au mois de Mars je mis dans une caisse le cadavre No 4 et au dessus le cadavre marque 2. Je peux aussi vous dire que le cadavre marque 3, qui est encore sur place, etait l'Infirmier. Je reconnus cela, car il avait encore sur la tete, le casque avec la croix rouge. En quittant mon travail a Sillegny, je remis a Monsieur le Maire, les plaques de trois morts, en somme cinq pieces.

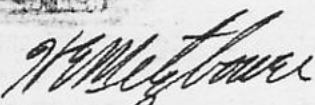
Signe: Muller Jules.

S T A T E M E N T

I the undersigned Muller Jules, Chief deminer, certify that I arrived in Sillegny in December 1945. I found in working, 6 American bodies at the place called Rupt de Grand Chal. After wards I gave them members 1, 2 and 3 (these numbers are in the sketches). As for the bodies 4, 5 6, I found no dog tags. In March, I put in a casket the body number 4 and on top the body number 2. I can also tell you that the body number 3, still on the place is an attendant. I could make out he was an attendant because he still had his helmet with a red cross on it on leaving my work in Sillegny I handed over to the Mayor of the Village, the identity papers and dog tags of the 3 deads, that is to say 5 pieces.

Signed: Muller Jules

Certified a True Copy



HOWARD E. METZBOWER
2d Lt, Inf

REINTERRED U.S. MIL. CEM.
ST. AVOLD 00 - 9 - 108



TRUE COPY

DECLARATION DE MONSIEUR PERRIN CHARLES, MAIRE DE SILLEGNY (MOSELLE)

Je soussigne Perrin Charles, Maire de la Commune avoir ete expulse en 1940 et rntre a Sillegny le 8 Mars 1945.

A mon retour il n'y avait aucun habitant au Village (Civil et Militaire) Peu apres mon arrivee, Messieurs Conrad Jean et Vian Louis, me declarerent avoir vu des cadavres de soldats americains dabs les terrains non mines. Aussitot j'ai fait la declaration a la Military Police. Celle ci est venue quelques jours plus tard les enlever. Une grande partie des terrains etant mines, le Service du Deminage s'est rendu a la Commune le 22 Mai 1945 afin de proceder au deminage. Au cours de son travail, le Service de Deminage a decouvert dix d'autres cadavres Americains qui furent denouveau signales a la Military Police qui les a ramasses.

Signe : Perrin Charles

S T A T E M E N T

I the undersigned Perrin Charles, Mayor of the Commune have been driven out in 1940 and hove come back to Sillegny on the 8th of March 1945.

When I returned there was nobody in the Village (Civilian or soldiers) Soon after my arrival, Mrs. Conrad Jean and Vian Louis told me they had seen american bodies in a territory was not mined. I made a statement to the Military Police which took them away a few days later. A great on the 22 of May 1945, in order to demine the area. When working, the Mine Sweepers found more American bodies which were also taken away by the Military Police.

The Mayor

Signed: Perrin Charles

Certify a True Copy

Ralph W. Sleator
RALPH W. SLEATOR
Major Inf.

REINTERRED U.S. MIL CEM.
ST. AVOLD 00 - 9 - 108

3049TH GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY
FIRST MOBILE DIVISION UNIT
MVTZ FRANCE

4 April 1946

SUBJECT: Narrative Report of Area Search

On 2 and 3 April 1946 while searching the Commune of Sillingy we were able to locate the graves and/or remains of nine (9) Americans.

When the mine clearing teams swept the area on 2 March 1946 they put the remains of two Americans in one box and two more Americans in another box in preparation for burial. However these had not been buried as yet. There were still two more sets of American remains above ground in a plowed field. In a garden we found that 37 Germans and one American had been buried.

On 2 April a child showed me an American pistol belt half protruding from the ground and when we pulled it up we found it was a shallow grave of still another soldier. About 200 yds below that a civilian showed me still another isolated American Grave.

The fighting in this area took place in October 1944 and most of the Germans were SS.

The bodies on the sketch are listed as follows:

1. Louis E. Kay, Pfc. 37039594, Co C, 38th Armd Inf Bn.
2. William F. Hennessey, 32237632, Rank unk, buried with unk #4, a Lt.
3. Elias A. Santillanes, Pvt, 38352208, Med Det 38th Armd Inf Bn.
4. Unk #4, a Lt., buried with Hennessey.
5. 2 Unknowns, buried together.
6. Unknown
7. Unknown
8. Unknown
9. William E. Harrison, 34937992, Rank Unk.

The Mayor had the dog tags taken from Pfc Louis E. Kay, Wm F. Hennessey and Elias A. Santillanes, Wm E. Harrison's name and serial number were taken from the cross.

Glenn Clemmer
Pfc GLEN CLEMMER
3049th GI Cr Reg Co

BODY # 3 ELIAS A. SANTILLANES
 38352208
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 ST. AVOLD OO - 9 - 108

Remains of 2
 TANKS

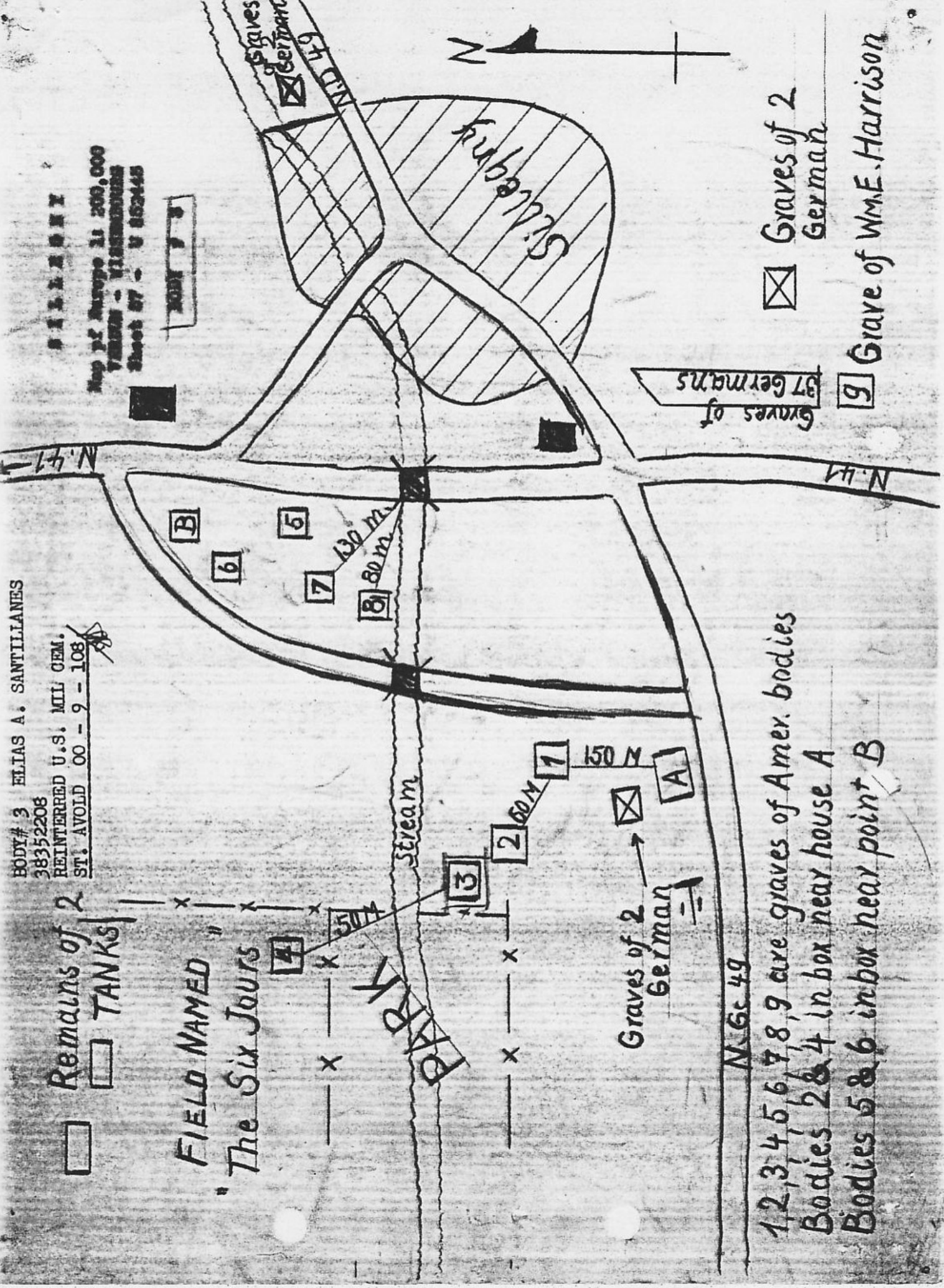
FIELD NAMED "The Six Jours"

PARK

Stream

St. Lepny

Map of Europe 1:1,200,000
 VIENNA - VIENNA
 Sheet 87 - V 852445



Graves of 2 German

N. 6c 49

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 are graves of Amer. bodies
 Bodies 2 & 4 in box near house A
 Bodies 5 & 6 in box near point B

Graves of 37 Germans

Graves of 2 German

Grave of Wm. E. Harrison

REPORT OF INVESTIGATION AREA SEARCH

8 APRIL 1946

DATE

NAME ELIAS A. SANTILLANES RANK PVT ASN 38 352 208

ORGANIZATION MED. DET. 38th ARMD INF BN.

MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION TWO IDENTIFICATION TAGS FOUND WITH BODY BY FRENCH CIVILLIANS; TWO MARKS FOUND BY EXHUMATION TEAM: RED CROSS HELMET MARKED "S2208" AND FIELD JACKET MARKED "S2208".

(All statements above this line will be completed, upon final processing, by the clerical staff at the unit processing point)

SECTION A GENERAL (To be completed by investigators in all cases)

1. Was positive identity acquired for the deceased through the surface investigation? YES If so, state the following information:

a. NAME Elias A. SANTILLANES RANK Pvt. ASN 38352208

b. ORGANIZATION Med. Det. 38 th. ARMD INF. Bn.

2. Was partial identification established? _____ If so, state the facts as to whom you believe the deceased to be:

a. NAME _____ RANK _____ ASN _____

b. ORGANIZATION _____

3. NAMES OF OTHER DECEASED BURIED IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY _____

Louis E. KAY — Wm. F. HENNESSEY

(Use reverse side for listing of crew members from MACR)

A. Date of above burials EST. OCT 19/44 Common Graves? _____

4. Deleted _____

5. Name and type of cemetery Not in cemetery
(Military or Civilian)

6. Map Coordinates of the Cemetery _____

a. Town _____ Country _____

7. Give exact location in cemetery of the remains.

a. Section _____ Row _____ Grave _____

b. Is sketch attached? _____

8. If remains are not located in a cemetery, give exact location.

a. Town SILLEGNY Coordinates Map of Europe 1:200,000
Sheet 57 XXXXXXXX
U. 8521145

b. Is sketch attached? YES

c. Is area mined? NO

9. How is the grave marked? UNMARKED

- a. From what source was this information obtained? _____
(Identification tags, personal effects)
- b. By whom? _____
11. Where are the cemetery records? NONE
(Town hall, cemetery, burgermeister's office)
- a. What information was obtained there? _____
- b. Where was the information obtained? _____
- c. By whom? _____
12. What is the date of death? EST OCT 1944
- a. Give basis Date of fighting in area
13. What is the cause of death? Believed to be schrapnel
- a. Give basis Condition of Helmet
14. What is the date of burial? Remains above ground
- a. Give basis _____
15. What is the place of death? SILLEGNY Coords U.852445
- Give basis Statements attached
16. Where were the remains found? SILLEGNY Coords U. 852445
- a. By whom? Jules MULLER (Mine sweeper)
- b. Is sketch attached? YES
17. Was a casket used? NO Who furnished the casket? _____
- Type of casket _____ How marked? _____
18. Who made the burial? Remains above ground
(Civilian, American Mil. or German Mil.)
- a. What are the names and addresses? _____
- b. Are certificates and statements attached? YES
- SECTION B - AIR CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to be a member of the AAF)
19. Were remains found in the plane wreckage? _____
- a. Give location in plane from which the bodies were removed
(Tail gunner, pilot, radio turret, etc. or front side of plane).
- b. Near wreckage? _____
20. Scene of crash must be investigated. Give complete results of investigation (if removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of plane _____
- b. Markings and/or name of plane _____

21. How did crash occur? Anti-aircraft
 Enemy planes? Collision?
22. Did plane explode in the air? On the ground?
23. Did plane burn in the air? On the ground?
24. What was the direction of the flight? _____
25. What was the civilian opinion regarding the destination of the plane? _____
26. Had bombs been released prior to the crash? _____
27. Does specific time and date of crash correspond with the date of death of above named deceased? _____
28. Number of planes in formation prior to crash _____
29. State precise time and date of plane crash _____
 (Night?, Day?)
30. Were parachutists seen? _____ How many? _____ Escaped? _____
 Prisoners? _____

SECTION C - ARMORED CORPS DECEASED (To be completed only if deceased is believed to have been a member of the Armored Force).

31. Were remains found in wreckage of a tank? _____
 a. Give specific position in tank from which deceased was removed _____
 (Radio man, driver, asst driver or... front, side, or back)
- b. Near wreckage? _____
32. Location of destroyed tank be investigated. Give complete results of investigation. (If removed, state when and by whom)
- a. Type of tank _____
- b. Markings and/or name of tank _____
- c. Numbers on motors, machine guns, ammunition, instruments, etc.. _____
33. What was the type of enemy action that resulted in the tank's disablement? _____
34. Did tank explode? _____ Burn? _____
35. Number of tanks in immediate vicinity at time of disablement _____
36. Does specific time and date of disablement correspond with date of death of above named deceased? _____
37. Precise time and date of destruction of tank _____
 (Night?, Day?)
38. Did any of the crew members escape? _____ Prisoners _____

Death occur from any other means? (i.e., truck, jeep, mines, drowning, or small arms fire) NO

If so, give complete and thorough results of the investigation's interrogation.

a. Are all certificates and statements of people who possessed knowledge of the case attached? _____

40. State the specific clues and evidence that were obtained in securing the name and facts regarding the above listed deceased
Identification tags found by mine-sweepers-Number in helmet- Equipment is that of a medic. (See attached statements)

SECTION E - GENERAL (To be completed by investigation in all cases)

41. Were personal effects recovered by the investigating team NO

If not, state reason NONE AVAILABLE

a. Were identification tags found at the time of death? UNK.

Where? _____ By whom? _____

Present disposition _____

If deceased is not identified, personal effects will not be forwarded to PE Depot, but will remain with this form until final identification is made, or investigation abandoned.

b. Were personal effects found at the time of death? UNK.

Where? _____ By whom? _____

Present disposition _____

c. Was deceased identified by living members of the crew at the time of death? UNK.

d. Did Cemetery register or cross indicate the immunization shot? NO

42. Was deceased given first aid? NO If so, where? _____

By whom? _____ Are statements from the medical people attached? _____

43. Was deceased evacuated to a German hospital? NO

Where? _____ Names of the people concerned _____

44. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources a physical description of the deceased? NO

45. Is it possible on surface investigation to obtain from civilian sources the condition of the remains? Badly decomposed
(Burnt? Decapitated? etc.)

46. Do facts surrounding death show any evidence that it might be an atrocity case? NO

a. If so, give basis for positive assumption _____

b. If so, has higher headquarters been notified? _____

47. Was case previously investigated? NO By whom? _____

When? _____

48. Give full names, addresses, and information obtained from each person interviewed MAYOR PERRIN - Jules MILLER

Jean BENAODA

49. Are all positive statements regarding identification and particulars surrounding death attached? YES

50. Has any information been given concerning isolated burials in the area outside the immediate vicinity? YES

51. Was investigation proceeded by advanced publicity? YES

(If special investigation, give case number) GCP 823

52. Give brief narrative See attached

(Use attached sheets, if necessary)

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Signature of interpreter

D. MILITCH

Rank

ASN

3049 th G.R. Co.

Organization

Glenn Glemmer

Signature of Investigator

Pfcp Glenn GLEMMER

Rank

ASN

3049 th G.R. Co.

Organization

RRE Form #39
13 Jul 45

Attached hereto correspondence and/or other identifying media of possible archival value, pertaining to:

Em

SANTILLANES	ELIAS	A	PVT	38352208
(Last Name)	(First Name)	(Initial)	(Rank)	(ASF)

Repatriated to the United States

22 FEB 1949

STATION FILE

Incl #

SANTILLANES, ELIAS A 38 352 208

Orig Appl removed for renewal

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Mem. HdST.

QMGMH OSO
American Legion
(Albuquerque, New Mexico)
Mr. R. E. Klicker

4 January 1950

be shipped early this month to the applicant, W. E. Morgan, Adjutant,
The American Legion, Morgan-Manuelito Post 52, Box 63, Window Rock, Arizona.

It is hoped this is the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

3 Incls
1. order form
2. appls (3)
3. env

L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMGMH 080

American Legion
(Albuquerque, New Mexico)

4 January 1950

Mr. R. E. Klicker
The American Legion
2905 Campus Boulevard
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Klicker:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, wherein information is requested regarding the status of applications for Government stones to mark the graves of David Sidney, George M. Hart, Wick Miller, Elias A. Santillanes, Luis Lopez and Jay Delwaskie.

A thorough search has been made of the records in this Office and it is regretted you must be advised that there is nothing on file which indicates that applications were received for Government stones to mark the graves of David Sidney, George M. Hart and Wick Miller. In view of this fact, there are inclosed three application forms which should be completed and returned to this Office for processing, whereupon you may be assured the cases will be given every consideration.

The application for a Government upright marble headstone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes was canceled, as the applicant, Antoni Santillanes, 3015 Los Tomases, Albuquerque, New Mexico, failed to forward a signed statement from the Superintendent of Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the effect that an upright marble headstone is acceptable for erection at the grave. This application has now been renewed and it will be appreciated if you will obtain the required permit and forward it to this Office, in order that further action may be taken on the case.

There is inclosed an order form covering the authorized inscription to appear on a flat marble marker for the grave of Luis Lopez, which it is requested you forward to the applicant, Antonio M. Trujillo, Alcalde, New Mexico, with the request he sign and return it to this Office, if the inscription as shown thereon and the type stone represented, are acceptable to him.

The order for a Government upright marble headstone to mark the grave of Jay Delwaskie, has been placed with the contractor and the stone should

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21 February 1950

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Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 335 522 08

Mr. C. E. Leach
Mt. Calvary Cemetery Assn.
609 W. Copper Avenue
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Leach:

Reference is made to the application for a Government upright marble headstone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes, who died 22 September 1944 and is interred in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, which was submitted by Antoni Santillanes, 3015 Los Tomases, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and to your letter of 27 January 1950, indicating your approval of the type stone desired.

As the regulations on file in this Office for Mt. Calvary Cemetery state that flat markers only are permitted therein, it is requested you advise if your regulations have changed or if the letter was signed in error.

An envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying and, as further action on the application cannot be taken until this Office is in receipt of the requested information, an early answer will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLEBAUM
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMGMH 293

3 April 1950

293 Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 383 522 08

Mr. C. E. Leach
Mt. Calvary Cemetery Assn.
609 W. Copper Avenue
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Leach:

Under date of 21 February 1950, reference was made to an application for a Government upright marble headstone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes, and to your letter of 27 January 1950, indicating your approval of the type stone desired by the applicant.

As the regulations on file in this Office for Mt. Calvary Cemetery state that flat markers only are permitted therein, it was requested you advise if your regulations have changed or if the letter was signed in error.

To date no reply has been received from you and, as further action on the application cannot be taken until this Office is in receipt of the requested information, it is requested your answer be expedited.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMCMH 293

24 May 1950

Santillanes, Elias A.

SN 383 522 08

Mr. Antoni Santillanes
3015 Los Tomases
Alberquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Santillanes:

Further reference is made to your application for a Government upright marble headstone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes.

A letter has been received from Mr. C. E. Leach, Mt. Calvary Cemetery Association, stating that a Government marker may be erected at the veteran's grave. However, as the regulations on file in this Office show that Government flat markers, only, are permitted in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, it will be necessary for you to furnish a signed statement from Mr. Leach which specifically indicates his approval of an upright marble headstone for the grave of this decedent.

The envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying and an early answer will enable this Office to take further action on the case.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, OMC
Memorial Division

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STATUS OF HEADSTONE APPLICATION

NAME OF DECEDENT		38352208
<i>Santillanes, Elias A</i>		
DATE RECEIVED	20 apr 49	TYPE OF STONE <i>upr. mble</i>
DATE ORDERED		DATE SHIPPED
QUARRY AND RAILROAD		
BILL OF LADING		
CONSIGNEE <i>Salazar & Sons Mortuary 400 S - 3rd Str Albuquerque, New Mexico</i>		
<i>appli - Antoni Santillanes 3015 Los Tomasas, Albuquerque, N. Mex.</i>		
LAST SHIPMENT		
BILL OF LADING <i>D. of Death 9/22/44</i>		
ORDERED <i>Mt. Calvary Cem</i>		
SHIPPED <i>orig. + dup in cover ltr. written 5/24/50 no reply</i>		

BD

MEMPH 080
The American Legion
~~(Albuquerque, New Mexico)~~
(New)

11 July 1950

Mr. R. S. Klicker
The American Legion
2905 Campus Boulevard
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Klicker:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated 30 June 1950, wherein information is requested regarding the status of applications for Government stones to mark the graves of Melisandro Duran, Elias A. Santillanes, Antonio Herrera, Joe C. Manuelito and Guillermo Carabajal.

The records on file in this Office show that the Government upright marble headstone furnished for the grave of the late Melisandro Duran was shipped to the Western Freight Lines, Santa Fe, New Mexico under date of 12 April 1950, for delivery to the Espanola Valley Mortuary, Espanola, New Mexico.

A letter was written under date of 24 May 1950 to Antoni Santillanes, 3015 Los Tomasos, Albuquerque, New Mexico, with the request he forward to this Office a signed statement from the officials of Mt. Calvary Cemetery Association to the effect that an upright marble headstone will be acceptable for erection at the grave of Elias A. Santillanes. To date no reply has been received; however, when the required statement is submitted further action will be taken on the case.

With reference to the application for a flat marble marker for the grave of Antonio Herrera, mail sent to the applicant, Rufina Herrera, at Box 2627A, Albuquerque, New Mexico was returned marked "Not in Directory". A letter was written to the Superintendent of Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, New Mexico on 13 February 1950 for the correct address; however, no reply was received and the application was canceled. It is requested you furnish the applicant's correct mailing address and upon receipt of same, the case will be renewed.

The records do not show that applications were received for Government stones to mark the graves of Joe C. Manuelito and Guillermo Carabajal. There are inclosed applications for completion and return to this Office, whereupon they will be given every consideration.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, GAC
Memorial Division

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SANTILLANES, ELIAS A.

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Assn.

609 West Copper Avenue
Albuquerque, N. M.

January 27, 1950

To Whom It May Concern:

Permission is hereby granted for
the erection of a government marker in Mount
Calvary Cemetery, for the deceased, Elias
Santillanes.

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Assn.

C. E. Leach
per C. E. Leach

FILE 7 FEB 1950
Rabbits
Neerby
N.A.

2905 Campus Blvd., Albuquerque, N.M.,
February 3rd, 1950.

The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, 25, D. C.

QMGMH 080
American Legion,
Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 4th, I am enclosing herewith the signed permit from Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, N. M. granting permission to erect the government grave marker applied for Elias Sentillanes, deceased overseas veteran.

With this permit I trust you will be able to order marker from the contractor in time for marker to be delivered and erected before Memorial Day.

Thanking you for your continued assistance, I am,

Sincerely,

R. E. Klicker

R. E. Klicker,
Dept. Grave Registration and
Memorial Committee
The American Legion.

*application removed
from file Renewed
for processing 8-8-50
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FILE 7 FEB 1950
Robert
Headstone
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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SLIP

NAME <i>Santillanes Class A</i>		SERIAL NUMBER <i>38 352208</i>	INITIALS <i>R</i>	DATE <i>8/8/50</i>
NAME OF DECEDENT	ADDRESS	IDENTIFYING DATA	LETTER TO: <i>Conroy</i>	
BRONZE	NO UPRIGHT GRANITE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSIGNEE <i>ltj</i>		
DISHONORABLE-DRAFT	NOT PERMANENTLY INTERRED	NOT RECOVERED		
CEMETERY REGULATIONS	AGO	MARINE		
NAVY	COAST GUARD	VETERANS ADMINISTRATION		
STATE PENSION	AUTHORIZED INSCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL INSPECTION		
APPLICATION FOR PROOF	NO AGENT	NO STATION		
DUE TO DISTANCE	UNCLAIMED	BROKEN		
DAMAGED	CERTIFICATE IN LIEU	LOST		
FOREIGN	TRUCK	RESHIPMENT		



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGMH 293
Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208

11 August 1950

Salazar and Sons Mortuary
400 South Third Street
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of an application for a Government stone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes, who died 22 Sept 1944.

The applicant has requested the stone be shipped direct to you. Before shipping the stone this office desires to know if arrangements have been made with you by the applicant regarding the removal of the stone and erection at the grave of the decedent.

Upon assurance from you that the stone will be removed promptly from the freight station upon arrival, steps will be taken to place the order with the contractor. Unless such assurance is given the stone will not be ordered, as the Government is not responsible for storage charges which accrue when stones are not promptly removed from freight stations.

Further action toward ordering this stone is suspended until your reply is received.

A return envelope is inclosed for your reply.

-Sincerely yours,

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L. W. FELLBAUM
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

QMGMH 293

12 September 1950

Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208

Mr. Antonio Santillanes
3015 Los Tomases
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Santillanes:

Under date of 11 August 1950 this Office wrote to Salazar and Sons Mortuary, 400 South 3rd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to ascertain if they would be responsible for the prompt removal of the upright marble headstone, requested for the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes, from the freight station and for delivery of same to the cemetery for erection at the veteran's grave.

To date no reply has been received from the above named firm and it is suggested you contact them regarding this matter, forwarding a signed statement that they will act as consignee for the stone or furnish the name and address of some person who will act in this capacity. The Government is not liable for storage charges which accrue daily when stones are not promptly removed.

In the event you desire to act as consignee for the stone, this Office will be glad to comply with your request.

The envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying and an early answer will enable this Office to take further action on your application.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, OMC
Memorial Division

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Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208

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3 October 1950

Mr. R. E. Klicker
The American Legion
2905 Campus Boulevard
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Klicker:

Reference is made to the application for a Government upright marble headstone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, which was submitted by Antoni Santillanes.

You are advised that mail sent to Mr. Santillanes at 3015 Los Tomasos, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been returned to this Office unclaimed. In view of this fact, it is requested you furnish, if possible, Mr. Santillanes' correct address in order that he may be contacted regarding his application.

The envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying and, as further action on the case is suspended pending receipt of the requested information, an early answer will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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QMGMH 293

23 October 1950

Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208

Mr. Antonio Santillanes
Box 40
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Santillanes:

Under date of 11 August 1950 this Office wrote to Salazar and Sons Mortuary, 400 South 3rd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to ascertain if they would be responsible for the prompt removal of the upright marble headstone, requested for the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes, from the freight station and for delivery of same to the cemetery for erection at the veteran's grave.

To date no reply has been received from the above named firm and it is suggested you contact them regarding this matter, forwarding a signed statement that they will act as consignee for the stone or furnish the name and address of some person who will act in this capacity. The Government is not liable for storage charges which accrue daily when stones are not promptly removed.

In the event you desire to act as consignee for the stone, this Office will be glad to comply with your request.

The envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying and an early answer will enable this Office to take further action on your application.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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609 West Copper Avenue
Phone 2-2247

1900 North Highland Avenue
Phone 3-0218

Mt. Calvary Cemetery Association

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Department of the Army
Office of the Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D.C.

July 28, 1950

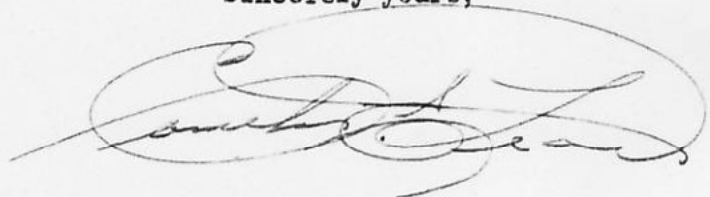
L. M. Fellbaum
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

Mr. Fellbaum:

Sometime ago we recieved your letter in regard for a Government upright marble headstone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes who died September 22, 1944 and who is interred in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In the new section of the cemetery only flat stones are permitted, but where Elias A. Santillanes is buried an upright stone will be permitted.

Sincerely yours,



Robert H. Mason
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SEABORN P. COLLINS
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
LAS CRUCES

EARLE W. STARK
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
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~~325 KENNEDY AVE.~~

TELEPHONE 5-5771
ALBUQUERQUE

2905 Campus Blvd.

July 31st, 1950.

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEEMAN
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RAY ANDREWS
ALTERNATE NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
SANTA FE

The Quartermaster General,
War Department;
Washington, 25, D. C.

File QMGMH 080
American Legion,
Albuquerque, N. M.
Re Elias A. Santillanes.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter under above file, I am enclosing herewith letter from Mr. Cornelius Lesch, Supt. of Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, N. M. advising that an upright marker will be permitted in the section where Elias A. Santillanes is interred.

Back in March a signed permit was forwarded you covering this application by myself, but from the reading of the enclosed letter, your letter of inquiry had not been answered.

Your ordering and furnishing of this marker will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

R. E. Klicker,
Dept. Grave Registration and
Memorial Committee.

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A. R. ...
Klicker

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SLIP

NAME <i>Santillanes Elias M.</i>		SERIAL NUMBER <i>38352208</i>	INITIALS <i>L</i>	DATE <i>9/28/50</i>
NAME OF DECEDENT	ADDRESS	IDENTIFYING DATA	LETTER TO: <i>R. E. Klicker</i> <i>Dept. Graves Regist.</i> <i>Admin appl correct</i> <i>addr.</i>	
BRONZE	NO UPRIGHT GRANITE	CONSIGNEE		
DISHONORABLE-DRAFT	NOT PERMANENTLY INTERRED	NOT RECOVERED		
CEMETERY REGULATIONS	AGO	MARINE		
NAVY	COAST GUARD	VETERANS ADMINISTRATION		
STATE PENSION	AUTHORIZED INSCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL INSPECTION		
APPLICATION FOR PROOF	NO AGENT	NO STATION		
DUE TO DISTANCE	UNCLAIMED	BROKEN		
DAMAGED	CERTIFICATE IN LIEU	LOST		
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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IN REPLY REFER TO CMGMH 293
Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208 *ec*

12 September 1950

Mr. Antonio Santillanes
3015 Los Tomases
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Santillanes:

Under date of 11 August 1950 this Office wrote to Salazar and Sons Mortuary, 400 South 3rd Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to ascertain if they would be responsible for the prompt removal of the upright marble headstone, requested for the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes, from the freight station and for delivery of same to the cemetery for erection at the veteran's grave.

To date no reply has been received from the above named firm and it is suggested you contact them regarding this matter, forwarding a signed statement that they will act as consignee for the stone or furnish the name and address of some person who will act in this capacity. The Government is not liable for storage charges which accrue daily when stones are not promptly removed.

In the event you desire to act as consignee for the stone, this Office will be glad to comply with your request.

The envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying and an early answer will enable this Office to take further action on your application.

Sincerely yours,

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L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, QMC
Memorial Division

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DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO

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TELEPHONE 5-5771

ALBUQUERQUE

October 10th, 1950.

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ALTERNATE NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN
SANTA FE

The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, 25, D. C.

QMGMH 293
Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 38 352 208

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of October 3rd, 1950, the correct mailing address is PO Box 40, Albuquerque, N. M.

I talked to Mrs. Antoni Santillanes today and the 3015 Las Tomasas, Albuquerque address is where they live but they do not have Postoffice deliveries, but use PO Box 40 entirely.

She promised to reply at once and fill out any forms you desire as they are very anxious to receive the marker as promptly as possible.

I transmitted a Verification slip and a letter from Mt. Calvary Cemetery advising that the marker requested would be permitted, and I trust your inquiries to the family will be answered promptly, so that marker may be furnished.

Sincerely,

R. E. Klicker
R. E. Klicker,
Dept. Grave Registration and
Memorial Committee.

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CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SLIP

NAME <i>Santillanes Elias A</i>		SERIAL NUMBER <i>38 352208</i>	INITIALS <i>R</i>	DATE <i>2-7-50</i>
NAME OF DECEDENT	ADDRESS	IDENTIFYING DATA	LETTER TO: <i>G. E. Leach</i> <i>Mt Calvary Cem</i> <i>Assn</i> <i>609 W Copper Ave</i> <i>Albuquerque, NM</i> <i>advise if upright</i> <i>marble permitted</i> <i>Reg this office</i> <i>flat only</i>	
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QMGMH 293

11 June 1951

Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 383 52 208

Mr. R. E. Klicker
The American Legion
2905 Campus Boulevard
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Klicker:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of recent date, regarding the status of an application for a Government stone to mark the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes.

The records on file in this Office show that the above application was canceled, as the applicant failed to reply to a letter regarding shipping instructions for the stone.

The case has now been renewed; however, it will be necessary that the shipping instructions be clarified. The applicant, Mrs. Antoni Santillanes, P. O. Box 40, Albuquerque, New Mexico, indicated on the form that she desired the stone consigned to Salazar & Sons Mortuary, 400 South Third Street, Albuquerque, New Mexico. This Office wrote to the above named firm to ascertain if they would act in the capacity of consignee for the shipment; however, no reply was received.

If Mrs. Santillanes still desires the stone consigned to Salazar & Sons Mortuary, it will be necessary that a signed statement be forwarded from them, to the effect that they will be responsible for the removal of the stone from the freight station upon arrival and for its delivery to the cemetery for erection at the veteran's grave. The Government is not liable for storage charges which accrue daily when stones are not promptly removed.

Further, it is requested you advise if a Government upright marble headstone, as originally requested by the applicant, will be permitted at the grave. If not, please advise which specific type flat marker, granite or marble is desired.

An envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,

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L. M. FELLBAUM
Major, OMC
Memorial Division

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TELEPHONE 5-5771
ALBUQUERQUE

May 25th, 1951.

EARLE W. STARK
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AND SERVICE OFFICER
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JACK GIEGOLD
ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT
ADJUTANT
ALBUQUERQUE

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ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT
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ALBUQUERQUE

The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, 25, D. C.

QMGMH 293
Santillanes, Elias A.
~~SN 38 352 208~~

Dear Sir:

Please refer to previous correspondence under above file.

Mrs. Antoni Santillanes, P. O. Box 40 ~~xxxx~~ Albuquerque, N.M. cannot understand why she doesnot receive the Government grave marker for Elias, her son, returned overseas soldier.

Mt. Calvary is now permanently restricted to flat markers, which Mrs. Santillanes advises she will accept, but I sent you myself on July 31st, 1950 a letter from Mr. Cornelius Leech, Supt. at that time advising that an upright marble marker will be permitted; in fact the next grave to Elias Santillanes is that of of a war veteran and he has an upright marker.

There has been a change of policy and now only flat markers will be permitted, but in view of the fact that Mrs. Santillanes, will gladly accept the flat marker, and not ask for the upright originally applied for, I trust that you can furnish the flat marker requested just as soon as possible as this is now a very old applic- ation. If there is anything lacking, or something required of Mrs. Santillanes, I will be able to obtain it from her.

Trusting to hear from you, I remain,

Sincerely,

R. E. Klicker

R. E. Klicker,
Dept. Grave Registration and
Memorial Committee.

*File 6-70-51
T. P. Feliz
Adj. Sec.*

CORRESPONDENCE ACTION SLIP

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	INITIALS	DATE
SANTILLANES, Elias A.		38 352 208	sam	6-5-51
NAME OF DECEDENT	ADDRESS	IDENTIFYING DATA	<p>LETTER TO: R. E. Klicker, Dept Grave Reg. & Memorial Comm. The American Legion 2905 Campus Blvd. Albuquerque, New Mexico</p> <p>Mrs. Santillanes appl was rean because corres mailed from re consignee was not answered, however, the appl has been renewed. The shipping instructions are still incomplete, corres add to Salazar & Son Mortuary (that company is designated as consignee) failed to affirm that they would act as consignee. This Office must have the name and add of person who will be responsible for removal of stone from freight station. Will the upright marker still be permitted?</p>	
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~~2201 KENNEDY BLVD.~~ 2905 Campus Blvd.,

TELEPHONE 5-5771

ALBUQUERQUE
N. M.,

June 15th, 1951.

EARLE W. STARK
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
AND SERVICE OFFICER
ALBUQUERQUE

JACK GIEGOLD
ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT
ADJUTANT
ALBUQUERQUE

ARTHUR D. ORTEGA
ASSISTANT DEPARTMENT
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402 W. GOLD
ALBUQUERQUE

The Quartermaster General,
War Department,
Washington, 25, D. C.

QMGMH 293
Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 383 52 208

Dear Sir:

Referring to correspondence exchanged under above file,
and your letter of June 11th, 1951.

I regret the epidemic of unanswered letters from both
the applicant and the consignee, but I think it is now able to be
worked out. I will act as consignee for this marker and guarantee
personally its delivery and erection at the grave of the deceased
Elias A. Santillanes in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. I know the exact
location and will attend to it as soon as it is received.

The Cemetery did permit upright markers in this section
at one time but has a blanket restriction now filed in your office
restricting anything but flat markers.

Mrs. Antoni Santillanes, the mother of this overseas
deceased veteran is perfectly willing to accept the flat granite
marker. She is anxious to get the marker for him as she states
Elias has now been dead seven years, and she wants the marker
as soon as possible.

I trust you will accept my statement that I will accept
and dray and erect the marker. I think this is the best and
quickest solution to this application, and will appreciate your
placing this in line for delivery as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

R. E. Klicker

R. E. Klicker,
Dept. Grave Registration and
Memorial Committee.

*File 6-20-51
T. P. Felton
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TELEPHONE 5-5771
ALBUQUERQUE

2905 Campus Blvd.,

October 15th, 1951.

ROBERT M. MARR
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT
AND REHABILITATION DIRECTOR
ALBUQUERQUE

ARTHUR D. ORTEGA
DEPARTMENT
SERVICE OFFICER
402 W. GOLD
ALBUQUERQUE

The Quartermaster General,
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QMGMH 293
Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 383 52 208

Dear Sir:

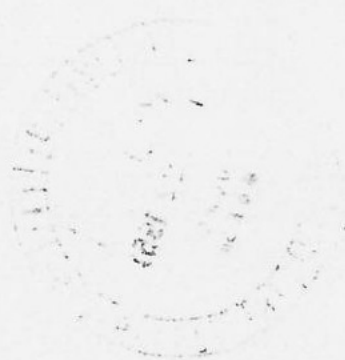
We have exchanged correspondence with regard to a Government grave marker for Elias A. Santillanes, deceased war returned from overseas at the close of World War II, my last letter being dated June 15th, 1951.

To date bill of lading has not been received covering shipment of this marker, and since four months have elapsed, I thought it best to inquire when we may expect shipment of this marker.

Trusting that we may soon receive this long time pending marker, I remain,

Sincerely,

R. E. Klicker,
Dept. Grave Registration and
Memorial Committee.



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STATUS OF HEADSTONE APPLICATION

NAME OF DECEDENT

Santillanes, Elias A.

38352208

DATE RECEIVED

April 20, 1949

TYPE OF STONE

Flat granite marker

DATE ORDERED

22 August 1951

DATE SHIPPED

12 Oct 51

QUARRY AND RAILROAD

Columbus, Miss

BILL OF LADING

6417428

CONSIGNEE

R. E. Klicker
 The American Legion
 2905 Campus Blvd.,
 Albuquerque, New Mexico

applicant:

Antoni Santillanes,
 P. O. Box 40. Albuquerque, New Mexico

LAST SHIPMENT

BILL OF LADING

ORDERED

SHIPPED

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QMGMH 293

26 October 1951

Santillanes, Elias A.
SN 383 52 208

Mr. R. E. Klicker
The American Legion
2905 Campus Boulevard
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Klicker:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of 15 October 1951, regarding the Government flat granite marker for the grave of the late Elias A. Santillanes.

The records on file in this Office show that the stone was shipped to you from Columbus, Mississippi, on 12 October 1951. Government Bill of Lading No. 6417428, covering the shipment, should have been received by this time.

It is hoped this is the information desired.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. FELLBAUM
Lt. Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

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400-410 South Third Street
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November 1, 1954

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The Quartermaster General
Department of the Army
Washington, D.C.

Reference: Cpl Elias A. Santillanes
Killed in Action in France
World War II

Dear Sir:

On September 22, 1944 Cpl. Elias A. Santillanes was killed in Action in France during World War II. The remains of Cpl Santillanes were brought back to the U.S. for burial and burial was made at Mt. Calvery Cemetery in Albuquerque on April 9, 1949.

Our funeral charges for this funeral were \$50.00 and we paid in cash \$35.00 to Mt. Calvery Cemetery for the grave plot and \$1.00 N.M. Sales Tax a total of \$86.00. Mr. Antonio Santillanes the father and next of kin of Cpl Santillanes agreed to pay the funeral expenses upon receipt of the government burial allowance which was forwarded by the government to the next of kin as is customary. The next of Kin used this money for other purposes other than to pay this funeral bill. Our record of payment are as follows Nov. 1, 1949 \$10.00 and November 2, 1951 \$5.00 which leaves an outstanding balance of \$71.00 unpaid. He has repeatedly refused to pay this funeral bill and to this day refused to pay it.

We realize that a long time has elapsed since the time of this funeral However we are writing you this letter so that you can advise us if there are any steps we can take to insure payment of funeral bills if these circumstances should ever arise again.

Very truly yours

SALAZAR AND SONS MORTUARY

Lester E. Salazar
By Lester E. Salazar, Partner

LES:pjs

9 November 1954

ONOMO 293
Santillanes, Elias A.
Pvt SN 38 352 208

Salazar & Sons Mortuary
1400-1410 South Third Street
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter, dated 1 November 1954, relative to reimbursement of expenses incident to interment of the late Private Elias A. Santillanes, SN 38352208.

Existing regulations in effect at the time of interment of Private Santillanes, covering Army personnel who die on active duty, provide for payment in an amount not to exceed \$75.00 if burial is made in a private cemetery. The regulations specify that this allowance is a reimbursement to the person who pays the interment expenses. Therefore, the Department of the Army is not authorized to pay the funeral director in this case, as settlement of your bill is the responsibility of the person who engaged your services.

Sincerely yours,

R. J. THOMAS
Lt Colonel, OMC
Memorial Division

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MAIL & RECORDS BRANCH



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON



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