

HEADSTONES

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	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Hq Section	DATE	COORDINATION
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3	Unit II	<i>[Handwritten checkmark]</i>	NECESSARY ACTION
	Records Section	<i>[Handwritten checkmark]</i>	NOTE AND RETURN
4	Subj: Verification of Data on		SEE ME
	Applications for Headstones or Markers,		SIGNATURE

REMARKS DA Form 1815 (Formerly QMC Form 646)

It is requested that all personnel in the above designated Sections read and initial the attached copy of 1st Ind, Subj: Verification of Data on Applications for Headstones or Markers, DA Form 1815 (Formerly QMC Form 646) dated 1 April 1958.

1 Incl  
1st Ind, 1 Apr 58

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FROM NAME OR TITLE Mrs. Vohl/jv	DATE 4 Apr 58
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION RPR Br, Hq Sec	TELEPHONE 755

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

GPO: 1951 - O 925564



21 March 1955

## SUBJECT: Verification of Headstone Data for

AGRC-EV 201 Sanchez, Line Army Personnel

Fausto M. (22 Feb 55)

Application for Headstone or Marker

Office of the  
Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: Memorial DivRec Pers Rec Br, TAGO  
St. Louis 20, Mo.and Gen. S. Linares  
Mr. Iorio /690  
complete records of the  
specify his enlistment and discharge dates, ranks, and corres-  
relations with the Philippine Commonwealth Army.

1. Reference is made to the attached Application for Headstone or Marker, GME Form 646, pertaining to Fausto M. Sanchez.

2. Records show that Fausto M. Sanchez, service number unknown, was inducted as a member of the United States Armed Forces in the Far East on 15 December 1941. Records further show his home address as Aloran, Misamis Occidental, Philippines, and date of birth as 18 December 1919. Under the provisions of the Missing Persons Act, his death is presumed to have occurred on 23 October 1944, the administrative date of his death. He was authorized the posthumous award of the Purple Heart.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

  
Adjutant General

1 Incl  
GME Form 646

QMGMH 293.7 Headstone Applications

21 March 1955

SUBJECT: Verification of Headstone Data for  
Philippine Army Personnel

4. The applications for Jose Cunanan Isip and Cenon B. Limetares are returned, and it is requested that complete records of their services be furnished, specifying enlistment and discharge dates, ranks, and corresponding organizations with the Philippine Commonwealth Army.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

Office of The Quartermaster  
Military Personnel Section  
The Adjutant General's Office  
The Adjutant General's Office

*James W. Gerard*  
JAMES W. GERARD  
Lt. Colonel, QMG  
Memorial Division

3 Incls:

1. DF dtd 9 Mar 55
2. Hdst appl, Isip, *Isip to Isip*  
Jose Cunanan
3. Hdst appl, Limetares,  
Cenon B.

2. The President of the United States by Proclamation (S. P. 1944, 15 P. 1, Reg. 3823) issued a Military Order stating as follows:

"That I hereby call and order into the service of the armed forces of the United States for the period of the existing emergency, but also, under the command of a General Officer, United States Army, to be designated by the Secretary of War from time to time, all of the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines."

In an opinion dated April 27, 1942, to the Adjutant General's Office, the Adjutant General's Office advised that, as a result of the Military Order, members of the armed forces of the Philippines are considered to be members of the United States Army for the purpose of granting allowances under the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, 40 C. F. 41, et seq.

The Military Order, on 1 August 1942, provided in addition that members of the armed forces of the Philippines are entitled to the benefits of Title 38, U. S. C., Chapter 31, Section 302, as amended, known as the National Service Life Insurance Act.

It has been determined that certain military records pertaining to members of the armed forces of the Philippines are available to Government employees and officers stationed at this Office in furtherance of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, as amended, 40 C. F. 41, et seq.

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1 file attached for Irip, Jose C  
4 other files in file  
Record attached for L. Matarese, Leon  
Mother info  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO QMGMH 293.7  
Headstone Applications

21 March 1955

SUBJECT: Verification of Headstone Data for  
Philippine Army Personnel

TO: Commanding Officer  
Office of The Adjutant General  
Military Personnel Records Center, WW II  
4700 Goodfellow Boulevard, Room 203  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

1. Reference is made to the attached copy of Disposition Form, from the Commanding Officer, Military Personnel Records Center, TAGO, 9 March 1955, Subject: "Headstone Applications."

2. The President of the United States on 26 July 1941, (6 Fed. Reg. 3825) issued a Military Order reading as follows:

\*\*\*\* I hereby call and order into the service of the armed forces of the United States for the period of the existing emergency, and place under the command of a General Officer, United States Army, to be designated by the Secretary of War from time to time, all of the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines \*\*\*\*

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The Attorney General, on 5 August 1943, rendered an opinion that members of the Army of the Philippines are entitled to the benefits of Public Law 490, as amended, commonly known as the Missing Persons Act.

NOTE → 3. In view of the above, it has been determined that certain members of the Philippine Commonwealth Armed Forces are entitled to Government headstones and markers; therefore, it is necessary that this Office be furnished certification of service on individuals who come within the purview of the above regulations.

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21 March 1955

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at complete records of their services  
and discharge dates, ranks, and corres-  
pines Commonwealth Army.

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*W. Gerard*  
W. GERARD  
Colonel, QMG  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

MEMORANDUM)

15 December 1954

NUMBER 219)

PROCESSING APPLICATIONS FOR HEADSTONES

1. The purposes of this Memorandum are to:
  - a. Effect uniformity in verifying or furnishing certain items of information.
  - b. Clarify and incorporate instructions in MPRC Memorandum Nr 31, 5 March 1954, Subject: Headstone Cases.
  - c. Include provisions of MPRC Memorandum Number 127, 26 July 1954, Subject: Headstone Cases.
  - d. Issue new instructions changing the provisions of DFRB Memorandum Number 108, 23 June 1952, Subject: Inscription of "Korea" on Government Headstones and Markers.
  
2. When processing a request pertaining to an individual who was discharged from his last period of service under conditions other than honorable, only the following information will be verified and/or furnished:
  - a. Name
  - b. Service Number (or date of birth in the case of certain WW I personnel).
  - c. Date of last separation.
  - d. Character of last separation.
  
3. When processing a request pertaining to an individual who was discharged from his last period of service under honorable conditions the following instructions will apply:
  - a. Abbreviations may be used provided they are:
    - (1) Listed as authorized abbreviations in SR 320-50-1.
    - (2) Abbreviations commonly used and prescribed in standard dictionaries, if they are not in conflict with SR 320-50-1.
    - (3) Universally accepted abbreviations of names of territories, foreign countries, states, and months.
    - (4) Abbreviations that will not result in uncertainty or ambiguity.

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b. If the "State", which is indicated on the application as the one to be inscribed on the headstone, is of record as either the state of residence or birth, it will be checked with red pencil. Otherwise, enter the "State" the individual claimed as his residence, or if this is not of record, enter the "State" of birth. It is not necessary to add the state of birth, if the state of residence has been verified or furnished.

c. Data contained on the face of applications for headstones will be verified, or corrected even though it may not pertain to the last period of service. In such instances, data pertaining to the last period of service will be added on the reverse side of the application form.

d. If the entries on the application form pertain to the last period of service, data relating to prior service will not be furnished, except for the following additional items required by the Office of the Quartermaster General:

(1) Highest grade held on active duty during any period of service, and organization in which held.

(2) Highest grade and component of service when the deceased was a member of the Reserve or National Guard not on active duty but held a higher grade than the highest held while on active duty.

(3) Decorations and awards.

(4) The phrase "World War I" if service was rendered during the period from 6 April 1917 to 2 July 1921.

(5) The phrase "World War II" in the cases of those members of the U. S. Armed Forces who lost their lives while serving outside the continental United States during the period from 3 September 1939 to 6 December 1941, and those who served as members of the U. S. Armed Forces during the period from 7 December 1941 to 31 December 1946.

(6) In addition, the word "Korea" will be entered in the case of those individuals who served in the Korean Theater between 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954. Entitlement to the award of the Korean Service Medal, in accordance with the provisions of AR 600-65 and AFR 35-50, will serve as the criterion to determine when such notation should be made.

4. The following Memoranda are hereby rescinded:

- a. MPRC Memorandum Nr 127, 26 July 1954.
- b. MPRC Memorandum Nr 31, 5 March 1954.
- c. DPRE Memorandum Nr 108, 23 June 1952.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL NEWMAN:

OFFICIAL:

  
J. F. MILLER  
Captain, AGC  
Adjutant

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(AGRC-CM 293.6)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

MEMORANDUM )  
NR 31 )

5 March 1954

SUBJECT: Headstone Cases

1. Effective immediately, the unauthorized practice of furnishing dates of all prior periods of service on Headstone Cases pertaining to individuals who rendered more than one period of service will be discontinued, except that dates of service contained on Headstone application forms pertaining to periods of service prior to the last period will be verified in addition to furnishing dates of last period of service.

2. Records of prior service also will be examined in order to furnish the following additional items required by the Office of The Quartermaster General:

a. Highest grade held on active duty during any period of service, and organization in which held.

b. The highest grade and component of service when the deceased was a member of the Reserve or National Guard not on active duty but held a higher grade than the highest held while on active duty.

c. Decorations and awards.

d. Whether service was performed during:

(1) World War I (6 April 1917 to 2 July 1921)

(2) World War II (pertaining to those members of the US Armed Forces who lost their lives while serving outside the continental United States during the period from 3 September 1939 to 6 December 1941 and those who served as members of the US Armed Forces during the period from 7 December 1941 to 31 December 1946).

BY ORDER OF COLONEL NEWMAN:

*James W. Hill*  
JAMES W. HILL  
Colonel, AGC  
Executive Officer

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AG 201.3 (20 Dec 46) (1)

Precedent and History Sec,  
Tech Info Br, AGO

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27 Dec 51

In response to inquiry, 24 Oct 41, from TQMG re proper inscription for monuments of deceased offs of RA, Rec & NG, TAG advised 3 Nov 41 to conform to custom and usage inscription on monuments of all members of AUS should read "U.S. Army." This was interpreted by TQMG to apply only in cases of such offs who died while on AD. A later policy (recorded as Mas Pol No. 223, 11 Dec 47) was interpreted by TQMG to apply to all deceased offs entitled to headstones except those who, prior to enactment of Army Orgn Act of 1950, were referred to as AUS offs, not holding ampts in RA, NG, or CRC. On 11 Sep 51 TQMG rcqstd TAG's advice concerning latter described offs, especially when highest rank was attained when not on AD. No law or reg specifically requires that "AUS" be inscribed on headstones. In view of announced preference for "USA" (AR 320-5, 15 Mar 50) TAG recmd amendment of Mas Pol 223, 11 Dec 47, as shown in Item 9. G-1 concurred 27 Dec 51 in TAG's recommendation.

Master Policy No. 223, established 11 Dec 47, is amended as follows:

- a. Delete Item 1 and substitute: "Inscriptions on Headstones."
- b. In Item 9a change period after "Guard" to a comma and Add: "whether that rank was attained while on active duty, on terminal leave, or in retirement."
- c. Delete Item 9b and substitute: "The inscription on the headstone or marker for all members of the Army will read 'U. S. Army'."

## XX CHANGE

Master Policy No. 223, established 11 Dec 47

Comment No. 2, G-1 to TAG, 27 Dec 51, file  
G1 293.6 (12 Dec 51)AG File in AG Central Records  
and Indexing Sec, AGO

1st Ind. to TQMG, dtd 29 Dec 51, file AGCT-H 293.6 (11 Sep 51), subject:  
Inscriptions on Headstones; cys furnd G-1 and Chief, PIB, AGO

24 U.S.C. 281, 282; AR 290-5, 2 Oct 51; AR 320-5, 15 Mar 50;  
AG 619.1 (10-24-41)MB-A; P.L. 581, 81st Cong, apd 28 Jun 50 (Bal 9, DA, 6 Jul 50)

CEMETERIES - Verification of sv data to determine eligibility for  
burial in Natl cemeteries and inscription on headstones in natl or pvt cemeteries (Ch  
to Mas Pol 223, 11 Dec 47)

HEADSTONES - Will bear inscription of highest Federally recognized rank whether  
rank was attained while on AD, on term lv or in retmt (Ch to Mas Pol 223, 11 Dec 47)

STATEMENTS OF SERVICE - TAG furnished TQMG verification of sv data to determine  
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FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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Military Personnel Records Center, 26 XI  
4700 Conifield Boulevard, Room 203  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

3 Incls:

1. DF dtd 9 Mar 55
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Jose Cunanan
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Cenon B.

JAMES W. GERARD  
Lt. Colonel, QMG  
Memorial Division

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Headstone Applications."

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The Attorney General, on 5 August 1943, rendered an opinion that members of the Army of the Philippines are entitled to the benefits of Public Law 490, as amended, commonly known as the "War Relocation Act."

In view of the above, it has been determined that certain members of the Philippine Commonwealth Army are entitled to dependent benefits and warblers; therefore, it is requested that this Office be furnished with certification of service of the individuals named within the copy of the above regulations.

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Headstone Applications

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THRU: Chief, Admin Ser Div, TAGO

CO, MPRC, TAGO

9 Mar 55

Mr. Wyrsh/ceen/688

TO: The Quartermaster General  
ATTN: Memorial Div

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2. Based on information previously received it has been the practice in this Center to return such applications pertaining to Philippine Army personnel to The Quartermaster General with a statement that the individuals had no record of service in the Army of the United States or Philippine Scouts; however, it has been noted that after such reports were made on several cases of this type subsequent letter requests pertaining to the same individuals were received from the Office of The Quartermaster General requesting information pertaining to Philippine Army status.
3. In order to avoid unnecessary certifications of service on Philippine Army personnel it is requested that information be furnished as to whether certifications of service in cases of this nature are required on individuals who served only as members of the Philippine Army, or if such requests may be returned as in the past with a statement that the subjects had no service in the Army of the United States or Philippine Scouts.

*at*

*9/2/55*

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QMC Forms 646

DAVID H. ARP, Colonel AGC  
Commanding

*at*

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Headstone Applications

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9 Mar 55

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
Demobilized Personnel Records Branch  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

26 November 1952

DPRB MEMORANDUM NO. 198

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Headstone Applications

Effective immediately, in order to expedite the transmission time, headstone applications being returned to the Memorial Division, Office of The Quartermaster General, will be forwarded by the Mail and Message Unit in accordance with the following schedule:

a. Monday through Thursday - Applications will be dispatched twice daily by Air Mail.

b. Friday - Applications will be sent by Regular Mail.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL NEWMAN:

*James W. Hill*  
JAMES W. HILL  
Colonel, AGC  
Assistant Chief

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AGDP-GCP 201 Rackley, Carroll L.  
AF 25 421 125 (10 Jun 52)

The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: Memorial Division

Application for Headstone or Marker

Demob Pers Rec Br, TAGO 3 Oct 52  
St. Louis 20, Mo.

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1. Further reference is made to the Application for Headstone or Marker, OQMG Form 623, dated 10 June 1952, which was forwarded to this office for verification of data in the case of Carroll L. Rackley, AF 25 421 125.

2. The attached application has been completed with the exception of a notation as to whether or not Sergeant Rackley's death was attributable to service in Korea. In view of the action taken in questionable cases as indicated in Comment No. 5, dated 2 June 1952, from the Memorial Division, OQMG, to the Administrative Services Division, TAGO, File Reference QMGMP 293.7 (Armed Forces - Korea), which states in part . . . . "It is the policy of this office, however, to resolve any questionable cases in favor of inclusion of the word 'Korea' when such is desired by the next of kin . . . .", the following information regarding his death is furnished:

AFHQ Form O-529, dated 4 April 1952, shows the death as non-battle, caused by an aircraft accident in Japan. The service record and morning reports show that he was killed in action (aircraft) on a combat mission over Ome, Japan (battle casualty) effective 31 March 1952. First Indorsement, 34th Bombardment Squadron (M), 98th Bombardment Wing (M), dated 5 September 1952, copy attached, shows that airman was a crew member of an aircraft which crashed because of mechanical failure immediately following takeoff from an air field in Japan on a bombing mission against a target in North Korea.

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

2 Incls

Adjutant General

1. OQMG Form 623
2. Cpy 1st Ind, dtd 5 Sep 52

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