

Cancellation of Missing Status, Memos for Civilians Employees

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29 March 1949

Memorandum for: Major Collum.

Subject: Unresolved Civilian Cases.

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It is suggested that in the attached and similar cases, a memo for record substantially as follows be prepared:

"MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

"SUBJECT: Cancellation of Missing Status Direction
of _____"

1. Eleno Singuimoto, birthdate unknown, was reported by the Office of the Quartermaster General, as a sailor, Water Barge #145, \$240.00 per annum, in the Philippines at the outbreak of the war with Japan. He was placed in a missing in action status following the surrender of Corregidor. No casualty report, or ~~the~~ determination of status under the Missing Persons Act has been received for subject and he is still carried in a missing in action status.

2. A careful search of Department of the Army and Philippines Command records has failed to ~~ascertain~~ ascertain the fate or whereabouts of subject or to verify his reported service.

3. In view of the above, Missing Status Direction placing subject in a missing in action status as of 7 May 1942 and continuing him in the same status as of 7 May 1943 is hereby cancelled pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Public Law 490, 77th Congress, as amended.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

SYLVIO L. BOUSQUIN
Lt. Col., AGD. "

etc

Distribution: All agencies who received
a copy of the Missing Status Direction.

The above memo will be prepared on all cases where a negative has been received from the Philippines Command.

Claude A. Bugg
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[Signature]

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APO 707
28 October 1947

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TO: All Claims Service Personnel

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3. Guerrilla Affairs Division, PHILRYCOM, in certain instances, uses the term "on or about" with reference to the recognition date of certain Guerrilla units.
4. If the term "on or about" refers to a particular date, that date will be considered the date of recognition of the Guerrilla unit for purposes of processing claims.
5. If the term "on or about" refers to a month or period, the first day of that month or period will be considered the date of recognition of the Guerrilla unit for purposes of processing claims.

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Indefinite Dates of Activation of Guerrilla Units

FROM: Chief of Claims Service

TO: Director
Rec Pers Div

4 Sep 47

1. Attached Check sheet is forwarded for your comment.

2. Your attention is invited to Par. 6, Check sheet from G#3 to Chief of Claims Service, dated 14 August 1947, which indicates that Recovered Personnel Division accepts the first day of the month as the date of recognition of the Guerrilla unit in instances where the term "o/a" a particular month is used. Request verification of this point and any additional comments relative to any desired change from the present usage of the term "o/a" rather than a specific date.

FOR THE CHIEF OF CLAIMS SERVICE:

1 Incl

Ch Sht fr G-3 to COGS,
dtd 14 Aug 47 w/1 incl

C. P. DERRICK
Major, Inf.
Assistant Executive Officer

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OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF DEATH

I. Introduction

1. Regulations, policies, Executive Orders, and Laws

- a. The current policy of furnishing certificates of death is set forth in paragraph 44, AR 600-550, 23 June 1947, reading as follows:

"Certificates of Death. --In all cases of death, The Adjutant General will, when appropriate, and upon receipt therefor, furnish certificates of death to non-Federal agencies, for example, to commercial insurance companies."

- b. The Civilian Personnel Records Branch, in accordance with its assigned duties, completes correspondence which involves the furnishing of information regarding the medical history of former civilian employees of the Department of the Army and dependents of military personnel, in accordance with existing policy and regulations. The Branch had not, however, been advised of its responsibility in furnishing official Statements of Death in cases that did not involve treatment furnished dependents of military personnel or former civilian employees of the Department of the Army or Air Force. The Branch therefore requested under date of 16 January 1947, that information be furnished regarding the appropriate disposition of inquiries regarding the death of civilians, including civilian employees of Government agencies other than the Department of the Army or Air Force, resulting from accidents involving motor vehicles or aircraft operated under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Army. This request

was based on inquiry received from the Treasury Department regarding the issuance of a death certificate in the case of Niles K. Stevens, former civilian employee of the War Shipping Administration, whose death occurred as the result of an aircraft accident. Such document was required as evidence in connection with a claim for loss of U. S. Savings Bonds. The only pertinent record available to the Civilian Personnel Records Branch was photostatic copy of Report of Aircraft Accident, dated 23 February 1945, as furnished from records maintained in the Organization Records Branch, this Center.

- c. The Assistant The Adjutant General for Management advised on 23 January 1947, by Comment No. 4, addressed to the Assistant The Adjutant General for Administrative Services, that it was entirely proper to issue an official statement of death similar to the following sample, based on official information in the records regarding the death of civilians.
- d. On 23 January 1947, Master Policy Number 142, Subject: Furnishing of Official Statements of Death of Civilian Employees, was issued, covering the issuance of the documents in all cases where pertinent records are available. Copy of Master Policy Number 142, follows.

Letter dated by the Director General

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II. Action Taken by the Correspondence Clerk

1. Analyzes Case

- a. Ascertains that Official Personnel Folder and the inquiry are related to the same individual.
- b. Identifies the inquiry as being an Official Statement of Death Case.
- c. Determines if necessary records are or are not available in the Official Personnel Folder.
- d. Makes further search if required data is not available in the Official Personnel Folder.
- e. Whether place of former employment is active or inactive, Civilian Personnel Records Branch will take final action in replying to the inquiry.

2. Upon receipt of request for official statement of death, it will be properly ascertained that the information is being furnished only as authorized by existing policy and regulation. The appropriate record will be examined and a draft of statement of death prepared on the basis of information contained therein. The statement will be concise, consisting only of minimum of information required. It will be prepared on stationery of The Adjutant General. Discretion and care will be exercised in the execution of an official statement of death. No erasures are permitted and each statement must be exemplary. An example of an Official Statement of Death prepared in the Civilian Personnel Records Branch is given, together with copy of transmittal letter to the requesting insurance company. (See case exhibit #1)

3. If the file contains a copy of the official Death Certificate, a photostatic copy will be prepared and forwarded in lieu of procedure outlined in paragraph 2 above.
4. File copy of the statement of death and cover letter will be filed in Official Personnel Folder.
5. Gives appropriate draft or drafts to clerk-typist with Official Personnel Folder and supporting documents.

See case exhibit #1 with 1 inclosure

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