

Civilian Death Reports + Findings of Death, Processing of, when death occurred when individual was not under MPA.

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23 May 1946.

Processing of Civilian Death Reports and  
Findings of Death on Individuals not under  
the Missing Persons Act.

Commanding General,  
United States Army Forces, Western Pacific,  
APO 707, c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California.

1. Reference is made to our radio WCL 42205 item 4, dated 16 May 1946, in reply to your radio G 10259 GSXEP, dated 15 May 1946.
2. Beginning in December 1945 your headquarters began to submit to the War Department reports of the deaths, either actual or presumptive, of civilians in Project J on GSXRP Forms No 37B, each supported by a numbered civilian SR entitled "Status under Missing Persons Act of Deceased Civilian Employees".
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  - c. Type III. Report of death with subject in a casualty status under the Missing Persons Act for a relatively short period of time (usually only a beleaguered status prior to the surrender of Bataan or Corregidor) and subject not in a casualty status under the Act for a long period of time preceding decease.
  - d. Type IV. Presumptive finding of death with subject in a casualty status under the Missing Persons Act for a relatively short period of time (usually only a beleaguered status prior to the surrender of Bataan or Corregidor) and subject not in a casualty status under the Act for a long period of time, and particularly not for a period of one year prior to the date of the presumptive finding of death.

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4. Type I and Type II cases have been processed by the Casualty Branch AGO, the death recorded and distribution of the facts of employment and death made to all interested government agencies in accordance with established procedures.

5. No cases of Types III or IV have been processed to date pending a final decision on the action to be taken. It is considered that improper action had been taken by your headquarters in submitting the reports in this form.

6. It is admitted that the Commanding General, USAFWP has been delegated all possible authority by the Secretary of War to make determinations and findings under the Missing Persons Act on Project J civilian employees. But it is the opinion of this office that it is improper and impossible under the Act to make reports of death or findings of death on individuals who are not in an absent casualty status under the Act at the time of the actual or presumptive death.

7. It is contended that your headquarters can and should submit determinations of status of individuals who have died or whose whereabouts have become unknown subsequent to their final status under the Act for the purpose of establishing of record their or their heirs or legal representatives entitlement to certain arrears of pay. But the fact that the individuals died or their fate became unknown after their official status ceased is entirely irrelevant to a determination under the Act. It is analogous to a situation wherein a War Department employee might sever his connection with the Federal service (or a soldier be discharged), and before his account with the government has been settled and while certain arrears in pay are still due and owing, the individual dies. Certainly since all official connections had ceased, the War Department would take no action to process a death report, notify next of kin, etc., but would merely note the information as to reputed death in its records so that the accounts settling agency might be advised that payment due could not be made to the individual but must be made to his legal representatives. Proof of death and proof of legal succession to the right of receipt of the money due would be the burden of the claimant, and not facts to be determined by the War Department.

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missing or missing in action for at least one year at the time such presumption of death is made.

9. The action that will be taken by the Casualty Branch is as follows:

a. That reports already submitted will be processed by S. R. & D. Section in the same manner as determinations of status on living civilians are, to wit, by making a distribution of the determinations to the interested government agencies with the reputed death being noted on the distribution so as to put the agencies on notice in the cases where a death report has been submitted.

b. That a similiar distribution will be made in the cases where a finding of death is attempted to be made; but since no allegation of reputed death may properly be made, that a notation of "whereabouts unknown" be made on the distribution. Attached are samples of the proposed distribution forms in the cases of Leonico Saliba (death report) and Regino Cosme (death finding).

10. Your headquarters is requested to submit, in the future, determinations only in those types of cases where the individuals are not in absent casualty status at the date of reported death or the presumptive date of finding of death, and not death reports or findings of death, and that such determinations include periods for which individuals were in absent casualty status under the Act, and determination that individuals had no subsequent status under the Act with the reason for such negative determination, with a notation of unofficial receipt of evidence of death being reported subsequent to termination of status, or receipt of evidence of whereabouts or existence of an individual being presently unknown subsequent to termination of status. The name and address of the emergency addressee or next of kin should also be reported when known.

By order of the Secretary of War:

Adjutant General.

2 Incls:

Memo for Rec-Leonico Saliba

Memo for Rec-Regino Cosme

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MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, S. R. & D. Section,  
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5. It is admitted that the CG, USAFWP has been delegated all possible authority by the Secretary of War to make determinations and findings under the Missing Persons Act on P. I. civilian employees. But it is contended by the Casualty Branch, AGO that it is improper and impossible under the Act to make reports of death or findings of death on individuals who are not in an absent casualty status under the Act at the time of the actual or presumptive death.

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Memo for Record - Leoncio Saliba  
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REURAD GEORGE ONE ZERO TWO FIVE NINE GSXRP DTD ONE FIVE MAY CURRENT CMA  
AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW WD REAFFIRMS VIEWS EXPRESSED IN OURAMDS WCL

FOUR EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN ITEM ONE DTD ONE NINE FEB CURRENT AND WCL

TWO FOUR SIX TWO SIX ITEM FOUR DTD ONE THREE MAR CURRENT PD WD WILL NOT

RPT NOT DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DEATH REPORTS OR DEATH

FINDINGS ALREADY SUBMITTED ON CIVILIANS DETERMINED BY YOUR HQ NOT RPT

NOT TO BE IN ABSENT CASUALTY STATUS UNDER MISSING PERSONS ACT AT TIME  
ONLY

OF DEATH OR PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH BUT WILL/REPRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE

DETERMINATIONS OF STATUS IN SUCH CASES FOR PERIODS ACTUALLY INCLUDED

UNDER ACT WITH UNOFFICIALLY REPORTED EVIDENCE OF DEATH OR WHEREABOUTS

UNKNOWN BEING NOTED ON DISTRIBUTION PD REQUEST IN FUTURE YOUR HQ

SUBMIT DETERMINATIONS ONLY IN THESE TYPES OF CASES AND NOT RPT NOT

INCLUDE

DEATH REPORTS OR DEATH FINDINGS CMA AND THAT DETERMINATIONS ~~BE LIMITED~~

~~TO~~ PERIODS FOR WHICH INDIVIDUALS WERE IN ABSENT CASUALTY STATUS UNDER

AND DETERMINATION THAT INDIVIDUAL HAD NO SUBSEQUENT STATUS UNDER ACT  
ACT/WITH A NOTATION OF UNOFFICIAL RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE OF DEATH OR OF RECEIPT OF  
OF INDIVIDUAL

EVIDENCE OF WHEREABOUTS OR EXISTENCE/BEING PRESENTLY UNKNOWN SUBSEQUENT

TO SUCH STATUS BEING TERMINATED PD AIRMAILING SAMPLES OF DISTRIBUTION

WD WILL MAKE IN THESE CASES <sup>FOR YOUR INFORMATION</sup> PD AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS

OF DEATH OR FINDINGS OF DEATH IN CASES OF INDIVIDUALS NOT UNDER ACT AT

<sup>S</sup> ~~THE~~ DATE/OF DEATH OR FINDING CANNOT BE PROPERLY GRANTED PD ENTITLEMENT  
<sup>RECOMMEND</sup>

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OF HEIRS OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SUMS DETERMINED DUE UNDER ACT  
~~WILL HAVE~~ TO BE DETERMINED <sup>BY</sup> ACCOUNT SETTLING AGENCY UPON SATISFACTORY  
PROOF OF DEATH OR CONTINUED ABSENCE PD PROJECT JIG PAREN CITE SPXPC  
DASH SUGAR PAREN END

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UNITED STATES ARMY FORCES  
WESTERN PACIFIC  
MANILA PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

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19 FEBRUARY 1946

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REFERENCE MADE TO RECENT TRANSMISSION PROJECT J PHILIPPINE ISLANDS CASUALTY  
REPORTS NUMBERS THREE HUNDRED TO THREE ONE TWO ON CIVILIANS YOUR FILE  
REFERENCE GBXP SEVEN NAUGHT FOUR POINT FIVE PD REFERENCE TYPE OF CASE  
WHEREIN DEATH REPORT MADE ON LEONCIO SALIBA INCLOSURE NUMBER TWO EIGHT IS  
AN EXAMPLE WHEREIN SUBJECT IS NOTED AS NOT REPEAT NOT BEING IN CASUALTY  
STATUS UNDER MISSING PERSONS ACT FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD PRIOR TO DEATH PD  
PENDING YOUR COMMENTS WD DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE TREATING THIS TYPE OF REPORT  
AS OFFICIAL DEATH REPORT SINCE SUBJECT WAS DETERMINED NOT UNDER ACT AT  
TIME OF DEATH BUT WILL FILE YOUR REPORTS FOR RECORD PURPOSES ONLY PD SAME  
ACTION CONTEMPLATED IN TYPE OF CASE INVOLVING PRESUMPTIVE DEATH FINDING ON  
REGINO COSME INCLOSURE NUMBER ONE THREE IS AN EXAMPLE WHEREIN FINDING OF  
DEATH IS MADE IN SPITE OF FACT THAT SUBJECT IS NOTED AS NOT REPEAT NOT IN  
ABSENT CASUALTY STATUS UNDER ACT NECESSARY PERIOD OF ONE YEAR PRIOR TO  
PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH PD REFERENCE TWO OTHER TYPES OF CASES OMA EXAMPLE OF



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REPORT OF DEATH IS LUCIO ANGELES INCLOSURE NUMBER ONE ONE AND EXAMPLE OF  
FINDING OF DEATH IS HONORATO ZAMORA INCLOSURE NUMBER THREE FOUR CMA IN  
BOTH OF WHICH TYPES ENTIRE PERIOD OF CASUALTY STATUS IS UNDER ACT AND WD  
WILL TREAT YOUR DETERMINATIONS AS AUTHORIZED DETERMINATIONS UNDER MISSING  
PERSONS ACT PD ALL INCLOSURES ARE TO SPECIAL P I NUMBER THREE ONE NAUGHT PD  
FOR EACH OF THE FOUR TYPES OF CASES ADVISE WHETHER EMERGENCY ADDRESSEES  
ARE BEING NOTIFIED AND WHETHER ANY CLAIMS FORMS ARE BEING SENT TO OR  
PAYMENTS BEING MADE TO HEIRS OR ESTATES AND WHETHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENT  
AGENCIES ARE BEING NOTIFIED BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS GIVING NAMES OF AGENCIES PD  
PAREN SIGNED WATAG CITE SPXC WASH S PAREN EXPEDITE REPLY



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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT  
ARMY STAFF  
WESTERN PACIFIC  
HONOLULU

12 FEBRUARY 1948

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TO DIRECTOR OF THE ARMY STAFF  
FROM THE WESTERN PACIFIC  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]



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C O P Y

From: CG AFWESPAC Manila  
TO : War Department  
Nr: G 14756

26 February 1946

From AFWESPAC sgd Styer to WARTAG G 14756.

Reference your radio WCL48427. SPXPC-S

Leoncio Saliba and Regino Cosme were in Beleaguered status under Missing Persons Act from 7th December to termination of service.

Claims have been filed by heirs for pay under Missing Persons Act. Facts reveal individuals were not in casualty status after termination of service because they were not interned or restrained and were living at home with families and did not suffer any material hardship as a result of their former status. See Paragraph E, Section 4, War Department. Plan.

<sup>16</sup>Notwithstanding considerable period during which such individuals were not in casualty status prior to date of actual death or presumed date of death right to pay accrued during period they were beleaguered as under other casualty status. Therefore, it is believed necessary to make determination of death or finding of death in order to establish entitlement of heirs and to accomplish settlement of any arrears in pay. Such action considered authorized by see 9, Missing Persons Act, providing for making "All determinations necessary in the administration of this act".

No emergency addresses have been notified by this Headquarters to date.

Claims for arrears of pay are being processed by this Headquarters with final determination as to legal heirs made by Judge Advocate General of Philippine Army pursuant to OSSA Letter, 14 January 1946, file SPFKB-A 154-General.

Deputy Commissioner US Employees Compensation Commission, Manila being notified of determination under Missing Persons Act.

End

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# MESSAGEFORM

MESSAGE CENTER No.

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CALLS V	STA. SER. No. NR	PRECEDENCE	TRANSMISSION INSTRUCTIONS	ORIGINATOR	DATE-TIME GROUP
ACTION	INFORMATION	EXEMPT	OPERATING SIGNALS	GROUP COUNT GR	

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FROM: (Originator) AGO, MILITARY PERSONNEL DIV., CASUALTY BR.,  
S.R.&D. SEC., ROOM 4607, MUNITIONS BUILDING, WASH., D.C.

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GEORGE ONE FOUR SEVEN FIVE SIX DTD TWO SIX FEB FOUR SIX/CITE SPXPC DASH PAREN

SUGAR/PROJECT JIG FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED AND ARE

BEING OBSERVED BY WD IN TAKING ACTION UNDER MISSING PERSONS ACT PAREN ONE

PAREN ACT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF OFFICIAL REPORT OF

DEATH ON PERSON DETERMINED NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE A PERSON IN ABSENT

CASUALTY STATUS UNDER ACT AT TIME OF DEATH OMA PAREN TWO PAREN DEATH

FINDING IS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION FIVE OF ACT ONLY IF PERSON HAS BEEN IN

A MISSING OR MISSING IN ACTION STATUS UNDER ACT FOR TWELVE CONSECUTIVE

MONTHS PRIOR TO PRESUMPTIVE DATE OF DEATH PD ACCORDINGLY WD PROPOSES TO

TAKE NO ACTION TO DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DEATH REPORTS

OR DEATH FINDINGS SUBMITTED ON CIVILIANS DETERMINED BY YOUR HQ NOT REPEAT

NOT TO BE UNDER ACT AT TIME OF DEATH OR PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH PD

DETERMINATION OF STATUS FOR PERIODS ACTUALLY INCLUDED UNDER ACT SUCH AS

Reply to Message (G14756) from Westpac, dated 26 Feb '46, Cas no. 058066

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SHORT PERIOD OF BELEAGUERMENT MAY PROPERLY BE MADE BUT ACTUAL DEATH OR PRESUMPTIVE DEATH CMA NOT HAVING OCCURRED WHILE PERSON WAS INCLUDED UNDER ACT CMA SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED UNDER LOCAL LAWS AND PROCEDURES AS FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE NO ARMY OR WAR DEPARTMENT AFFILIATIONS AT DATE OF DEATH PD ENTITLEMENT OF HEIRS OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES TO SMALL PAYMENTS DETERMINED TO HAVE BECOME DUE FOR ACTUAL SERVICES OR WHILE SUBJECT WAS IN ABSENT CASUALTY STATUS FOR SHORT PERIOD UNDER THE ACT WOULD BE DETERMINED UNDER APPLICABLE FEDERAL STATUTES AFTER SATISFACTORY PROOF OF DEATH AND CLAIMANTS STATUS WITH RESPECT TO DECEASED HAD BEEN SO ESTABLISHED UNDER LOCAL LAW PD REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SUBMIT DETERMINATIONS IN CASES SUCH AS THOSE IN QUESTION TO COVER PERIODS OF ENTITLEMENT TO ARREARS OF PAY AND PERIODS WHEN SUBJECTS WERE NOT REPEAT NOT UNDER ACT BUT THAT SUCH DETERMINATIONS NOT REPEAT NOT COVER DEATH OR PRESUMED DEATH OCCURRING WHEN SUBJECT WAS NOT UNDER ACT PD REQUEST RADIO REPLY OF YOUR VIEWS AND INTENTIONS REGARDING THE FOREGOING

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From: CG AFWESPAC Manila PI

To : War Department

Nr : G 19038

16 March 1946

From CG AFWESPAC sgd Styer to WARTAG G 19038 GSXRP.

Urad WCL 24626 dated 14 March 1946 under consideration  
and comments will be forthcoming soon.

End.

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From: CG AFWESPAC Manila, P. I.

To: War Department

Nr: G 19884 GSXRP

21 March 1946

From CG AFWESPAC sgd Styer to WARTAG G 19884 GSXRP.

Reurad WCL 24626 dated 14 March current in all civilian claims under Missing Persons Act where evidence of death is in affidavit or other form, or inconclusive, payment of amount due would have to await determination of death and probate of estate by judicial process. In case where evidence of death is completely lacking payment would be delayed for period of 7 years. Such cases constitute approximately half of cases in which determinations of death or findings of death have been made. Majority of such cases involve small payments. Therefore, it is requested that this headquarters be granted authority to make determinations of death or findings of death in all cases for purpose of settling claims under the act as provided for by section 9 of the act, but without issuance of official reports of death for other purposes.

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URAD GEORGE ONE NINE EIGHT EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DTD TWO ONE MAR FOUR SIX  
REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE DEATH REPORTS OR FINDINGS OF DEATH IN  
ALL CIVILIAN CASES IN PROJECT JIG UNDER CONSIDERATION PD REPLY WILL  
BE MADE SHORTLY PD CITE SPXPC DASH SUGAR END

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REURAD GEORGE ONE ZERO TWO FIVE NINE GSIRP DTD ONE FIVE MAY CURRENT CMA  
AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW WD REAFFIRMS VIEWS EXPRESSED IN CUNADS WCL FOUR  
EIGHT FOUR TWO SEVEN ITEM ONE DTD ONE NINE FEB CURRENT AND WCL TWO FOUR  
SIX TWO SIX ITEM FOUR DTD ONE THREE MAR CURRENT PD WD WILL NOT RPT NOT  
DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DEATH REPORTS OR DEATH FINDINGS  
ALREADY SUBMITTED ON CIVILIANS DETERMINED BY YOUR HQ NOT RPT NOT TO BE IN  
ABSENT CASUALTY STATUS UNDER MISSING PERSONS ACT AT TIME OF DEATH OR  
PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH BUT WILL ONLY REPRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE DETERMINATIONS  
OF STATUS IN SUCH CASES FOR PERIODS ACTUALLY INCLUDED UNDER ACT WITH  
UNOFFICIALLY REPORTED EVIDENCE OF DEATH OR WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN BEING NOTED  
ON DISTRIBUTION PD REQUEST IN FUTURE YOUR HQ SUBMIT DETERMINATIONS ONLY IN  
THESE TYPES OF CASES AND NOT RPT NOT DEATH REPORTS OR DEATH FINDINGS CMA  
AND THAT DETERMINATIONS INCLUDE PERIODS FOR WHICH INDIVIDUALS WERE IN  
ABSENT CASUALTY STATUS UNDER ACT AND DETERMINATION THAT INDIVIDUAL HAD NO

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SUBSEQUENT STATUS UNDER ACT WITH A NOTATION OF UNOFFICIAL RECEIPT OF  
EVIDENCE OF DEATH OR OF RECEIPT OF EVIDENCE OF WHEREABOUTS OR EXISTENCE  
OF INDIVIDUAL BEING PRESENTLY UNKNOWN SUBSEQUENT TO SUCH STATUS BEING  
TERMINATED PD AIRMAILING SAMPLES OF DISTRIBUTION WD WILL MAKE IN THESE  
CASES FOR YOUR INFORMATION PD AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO MAKE DETERMINATIONS  
OF DEATH OR FINDINGS OF DEATH IN CASES OF INDIVIDUALS NOT UNDER ACT AT  
DATES OF DEATH OR FINDING CANNOT BE PROPERLY GRANTED PD RECOMMEND  
ENTITLEMENT OF HEIRS OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES TO Sums DETERMINED DUE  
UNDER ACT BE DETERMINED BY ACCOUNT SETTLING AGENCY UPON SATISFACTORY PROOF  
OF DEATH OR CONTINUED ABSENCE PD PROJECT JIG PAREN CITE SFXPC DASH SUGAR PAREN  
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