

TUSCANIA

**Wartime casualty
Armijo, Marcos Barila
1893 NM – 1918 France**



MARCOS B. ARMIJO



Lieut. Marcos B.
Armijo, El Paso,
Texas, killed gal-
lantly leading his
men in action.

Marcos B. Armijo – Find A Grave 133732797



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Marcos B. Armijo

PLACE OF BIRTH:

Rincon, New Mexico

HOME OF RECORD:

El Paso, Texas

AWARDS BY DATE OF ACTION:

1 of 1

Distinguished Service Cross

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS
DURING World War I

Service: Army

Rank: Private

Division: 32d Division, American Expeditionary Forces

GENERAL ORDERS:

War Department, General Orders No. 116, 1918, Amended Supplement 1

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Private Marcos B. Armijo (ASN: 251354), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company C, 125th Infantry Regiment, 32d Division, A.E.F., north of Mont St. Martin, south of the Vesle River, near Fismes, France, 5 August 1918. While his company was under a heavy barrage fire, Private Armijo was hit by a shell and both his legs blown off. Private Armijo lifted himself up on his elbow and rolled and smoked cigarettes. By this display of nerve he conveyed to his comrades an unconquerable spirit of fearlessness, pluck, and will power.



<https://valor.militarytimes.com/hero/10469>

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Armijo, Marcus B. 251,354 * White * Colored
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: Marcos El Paso El Paso TEXAS
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

Enlisted ~~P. A.~~ *N. G.* ~~E. R. G.~~ *Inducted at El Paso Tex on Nov 26, 1917

Place of birth: Rincon N Mex Age or date of birth: 24 10/12 yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
 Co C 125 Inf to death

Grades, with date of appointment:
 Pvt

Engagements:
 Fismes

Served overseas from † Jan 24/16 † death, from † to †

Died Aug 5, 1918, of wounds received in action.

Other wounds or injuries received in action:

Person notified of death: Mrs. Maria Salasa (Name) (If none, so state)
 906 South Virginia (No. and street or rural route) El Paso Tex (City, town, or post office) (Degree of relationship) (State or country)

Remarks: Awarded D S C

Form No. 724-7, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
 Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7357

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89MN-Z35Q-R?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQV18-JLR1&action=view>

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| ARMIJO MARCUS BARILA | | C | 39 566 |
| Pvt Co C 125th Inf | | K | |
| El Paso Tex | | A | |
| Sr | 251 254 | Dted | 8/5/18 T 747 310 |
| Born | 1/10/93 | R | |
| Enl | Dis | Ct | |
| | | I | 27 212 |

M. & R. Dto. Form No. 2.

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1M-WSXH-B?cc=2968245&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP8D-235K>

Marcus B Armijo

Military • United States, World War I American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919

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TEXAS

WHITE: INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

Armijo, Marcus B. 251,254 Pvt Co C 125 Inf Aug 5/18

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MW-K92J-C?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP8D-235K>

Marcos B Armijo Post No 2753 in El Paso, TX 79902 Directions, Business Hours, Phone and Reviews

615 Noble St, El Paso, Texas 79902 (TX) [\(915\) 577-0410](tel:(915)577-0410)

[View All Records For This Phone #](#)

Marcos B Armijo Post No 2753 in El Paso, Texas

Reviews: ★★★★★

5/5 [Based on 1 Review\(s\)](#)

Marcos B Armijo Post No 2753 : [Take Our Survey and Rate and Review This Business Here!](#)

Civic And Social Associations

Marcos B Armijo Post No 2753 Address:

615 Noble St El Paso Texas 79902 TX

Marcos B Armijo Post No 2753 Phone:

[\(915\) 577-0410](tel:(915)577-0410) [View All Records Of This Phone #](#)

Marcos B Armijo Post No 2753 Owner:

[Arturo Moriel](#)

*Marcos B. Armijo VFW Post No. 2753, El Paso, El Paso TX -
https://www.finduslocal.com/civic-and-social-associations/texas/el-paso/marcos-b-armijo-post-no-2753_615-noble-st/*

Armijo, Marcos B. (1893–1918)

By: [Lilia Peña](#) and [R. Matt Abigail](#)

Type: Biography

ARMIJO, MARCOS B. (1893–1918). Marcos B. Armijo, [World War I](#) soldier and Distinguished Service Cross recipient, was born on January 10, 1893, at Rincon, Doña Ana County, New Mexico, to Cesario Armijo and Adela Barela. Armijo was one of nine children. The family later relocated to Socorro, New Mexico, before settling permanently in El Paso, Texas. There, Armijo married Maria Salazar and worked as a mechanic for the Texas and Pacific Railway. The couple had one son, Eduardo, in 1914. Armijo also worked in a local print shop prior to entering the United States Army in November 1917.

Armijo was inducted into the U. S. Army in El Paso on November 26, 1917. After attending basic training at [Camp Travis](#), he was sent to Europe aboard the *Tuscania*, a luxury ocean liner requisitioned for use as a troop transport. While en route to Liverpool on February 5, 1918, the *Tuscania* was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the Straits of Moyle. Armijo survived the attack and was later credited with rescuing a drowning American nurse.

Upon arrival to England, Private Armijo was assigned to Company C, 125th Infantry Regiment, Thirty-second Infantry Division. On August 3, 1918, while participating in the Aisne-Marne Offensive near Fismes, France, his unit came under heavy German artillery bombardment. During the barrage Armijo was hit by an incoming shell and lost both of his legs. Although severely wounded he lifted himself onto his elbows and calmly rolled and smoked cigarettes while awaiting medical attention. He continued joking and encouraging the other members of his unit to maintain their morale until he was evacuated to a field hospital, where he died on August 5, 1918.

Armijo's fellow soldiers were clearly inspired by his remarkable level of composure. Future San Antonio mayor and United States Congressman [Fontaine Maury Maverick](#), who claimed to have personally witnessed the event while serving as a first lieutenant, later recalled, "Nothing I've seen has ever impressed me as much." In recognition of this, Armijo was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, making him one of just four Hispanic Texans to receive the medal during World War I. The official citation from the War Department read (in part): "By [his] display of nerve he conveyed to his comrades an unconquerable spirit of fearlessness, pluck, and will power."

The reports of Armijo's death that emerged from the battlefield were widely circulated by Texas newspapers. The [Spanish-language press](#) and Mexican American leaders, in particular, held his example as proof of their community's loyalty, patriotism, and sacrifice in wartime. In El Paso, Armijo was celebrated as a local hero. The Marcos B. Armijo [Veterans of Foreign Wars](#) Post No. 2753 was established and named in his honor in 1932. Additionally, the city of El Paso created Marcos B. Armijo Park in 1937. In later years a community center, library, and aquatic complex—all bearing his name—were built on the premises. Armijo's remains were eventually returned to El Paso, and he was buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

<https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/armijo-marcos-b>



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New Marcus B. Armijo Pool and Library Expansion

The New Marcus B. Armijo Pool and Library Expansion is one of many [Success Stories](#) that have been locally nominated for recognition in celebration of [CDBG's 30th Anniversary](#).

Success Story Details

| | | | |
|--------------------|---|--|-------------|
| Grantee: | City of El Paso | | |
| Field Office: | Ft. Worth (Region 6) | | |
| Carried Out By: | City of El Paso | | |
| Eligibility: | LMA | | |
| Natl. Objective: | 570.201(c)/570.208 (a) (1) | | |
| Funding: | | | |
| | CDBG | | \$5,431,495 |
| | Other | | \$ 26,308 |
| | Total | | \$5,457,803 |
| Date Started: | January 3, 2001 | | |
| Date Completed: | July 1, 2002 | | |
| IDIS Activity Nos: | Pool - 674, 838 and 1120 Library 787 | | |
| Grantee Contact: | Nathalie Prise (prisenm@ci.el-paso.tx.us) | | |
| Grantee Website: | City of El Paso Community and Human Development (http://www.elpasotexas.gov/commdev/); Armijo Pool (http://www.elpasotexas.gov/parks/armijo.asp); Armijo Library (http://www.elpasotexas.gov/library/ourlibraries/branches/armijo.asp) | | |

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The Marcus B. Armijo Complex (a park, recreation center, pool and library) is located in El Paso's Segundo Barrio and serves one of the poorest neighborhoods in the city, of which 99% of the population is of Hispanic ethnicity and 87.4% of nearly 10,000 residents are in the low-to moderate-income range. The US/Mexico international boundary, downtown El Paso, public housing projects, and a commercial zone border the community. The CDBG Program has invested over seven million dollars for various construction projects at the Complex, where many community wide activities are held and are participated by and/or in collaboration with residents, neighborhood schools, non-profit agencies serving the community, and nearby day care centers. In the 22nd Year (1997-1998) with the assistance of CDBG funding, the City of El Paso, Texas took the first steps in the process to demolish the existing outdoor pools and extensively redevelop a new enclosed aquatic facility and expand the public library at the Armijo Complex.

The best City pool is located in one of the City's the poorest neighborhoods. The award winning, aquatic facility includes two pools - a seven-lane competitive size pool and a smaller, recreational theme park pool equipped with water amusement play equipment. These two pools can accommodate 605 people at a time. Glass walls and a skylight like ceiling provide a light and airy environment with a view and the feel of swimming outdoors. The heated indoor pool is open year round and the healthy recreational activities held here foster a positive influence in an already blighted area, known to have gang involvement and criminal activity. The aquatic facility offers lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, recreational swim, and recreational summer swim league. At the deep end, float belts are provided for deep-water therapy. Bathhouse renovations and landscaping were included in the project scope.

Also award winning, the Armijo Branch Library Expansion enhanced the informational services and extended educational opportunities to all community residents by expanding the size and capacity of the Community Meeting room and by creating a Computer/Lifelong Learning Lab. The expansion of the meeting room has allowed the community to enjoy the comforts of a more spacious facility due to the addition of 5,000 square feet. This expansion provided additional public service reading areas, additional space for library programming and meetings, and has created a gallery area for the display of exhibits/artwork by local artists. The Computer/Learning Lab offers use of computer workstations with internet access. Classes include, ESL, citizenship, word processing, CD-Rom and interactive curricula to improve reading and math skills.

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<https://archives.hud.gov/offices/cpd/communitydevelopment/cdbg30/tx/elpaso/>

From his Find A Grave record:

Private, U.S. Army

Company C, 125th Infantry Regiment, 32nd 'Red Arrow' Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: 5 August 1918

Citation:

"The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Private Marcos B. Armijo (ASN: 251354), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with Company C, 125th Infantry Regiment, 32d Division, A.E.F., north of Mont St. Martin, south of the Vesle River, near Fismes, France, 5 August 1918. While his company was under a heavy barrage fire, Private Armijo was hit by a shell and both his legs blown off. Private Armijo lifted himself up on his elbow and rolled and smoked cigarettes. By this display of nerve he conveyed to his comrades an unconquerable spirit of fearlessness, pluck, and will power."

General Orders: War Department, General Orders No. 116, 1918, Amended Supplement 1

Private Armijo was the son of Cesario Armijo and Adela Barela. He worked for the Texas & Pacific Railway prior to entering the service October 1917. He was married, Aboard the *Tuscania* when it was torpedoed and was credited with saving the life of a nurse. He served with Co. C, 125th Infantry and was severely wounded in action during an artillery barrage on 5 August 1918. He died of wounds soon after on the same day. The Marcos B. Armijo Post No. 2753 of VFW; a park, recreation center and branch library in El Paso are named in his honor.

From "The Sinking of the *Tuscania*" by Marilyn C. Gahm, at www.tuscaniamemorial.org, pages 365—366:

Marcos B. Armijo, who entered the service from El Paso, Texas, a private in Camp Travis Detachment #1, survived the *Tuscania* but lost both his legs in action in France on August 5, 1918, during the Aisne-Marne offensive, and died two days later. The Distinguished Service Cross was awarded to him posthumously; he was one of four Hispanic Texans to receive this honor. The city of El Paso renamed its Hidalgo Park the Marcos B. Armijo Park in December 1937. The "Armijo Branch" of the El Paso Public Library is named for him, as was a new recreation center/aquatic center opened in 1968. He is also the namesake of Marcos B. Armijo Post No. 2753 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



The El Paso Public Library, Armijo Branch

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From "To the Line of Fire: Mexican Texans and World War I" by José A. Ramirez, Texas A&M University Press, 2009:

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For weeks after the attack, the Texas press kept its readers abreast of the latest developments in the story, as many Texans were aboard the ill-fated ship. Among these were several Tejanos. Most, like Marcos Armijo of El Paso, who saved a nurse from drowning after falling overboard, survived the disaster. But some were not so fortunate. [Note: There were two women aboard "Tuscania." Both were employees of the Anchor Line, and were not nurses, but stewardesses. Neither of them fell overboard. There were eyewitness accounts that both slid down ropes to waiting lifeboats as handily as any sailor. This story about Armijo was printed in several newspapers, but it is erroneous.]

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In mid-July, Allied supreme commander Ferdinand Foch of France ordered a counterattack in the Marne salient, where German forces now found themselves overextended. Known as the Aisne-Marne offensive, the move caught the Germans off guard and forced them to retreat. American forces ably assisted the French in virtually eliminating the German salient within a few weeks. The 32nd Division, for instance, captured the town of Fismes in early August after a forward push of almost twelve miles in seven days. During the advance, Marcos Armijo of the 125th Infantry, who had previously proven his mettle by saving a nurse from drowning after the sinking of the Tuscania, lost both his legs to an artillery shell. Shortly after being struck, Armijo amazed his companions by lifting himself upon his

elbows and rolling cigarettes. Incredibly, he survived for another three days, joking and attempting to keep morale high in his unit the whole time. "My friends, how I lament not being able to keep fighting alongside you." Lt. Maury Maverick remembered the young private saying, "but you who can still fight should not let the Kaiser escape." Maverick later told the press, "Nothing I've seen has ever impressed me as much." Reportedly, General Pershing himself recommended Armijo for the Distinguished Service Cross, which was awarded posthumously in October 1918. ¹⁵ "By [his] display of nerve," Armijo's citation reads, "he conveyed to his comrades an unconquerable spirit of fearlessness, pluck, and will power." ¹⁶

The nurse story is not accurate.

Footnote 15 (from page 157): *La Prensa*, October 21, 1918 and January 15, 1919, quotes on the latter issue, translation mine [i.e. Jose Ramirez].

Footnote 16 (from page 157): U.S. Department of War, *American Decorations: A List of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished-Service Cross, and the Distinguished-Service Medal Awarded under Authority of the Congress of the United States, 1862-1926* (Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1927), 136.

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Distinguished Service Cross recipient Marcos B. Armijo also earned his share of posthumous tributes. On November 17, 1932, veterans in his native El Paso organized the Marcos B. Armijo VFW Post No. 2753. The post served as a gathering place for the town's many veterans, where old doughboys like Marcelino Serna and Modesto A. Gomez, one of the few Tejano noncommissioned officers, were looked upon with awe by other members. The post was also the font of numerous community building efforts. Among its pet projects were the establishment in 1935 of an ROTC in El Paso's Bowie High School – a program once neglected by administrators because of the school's predominantly Mexican national student body – and the creation of the Marcos B. Armijo Park in the town's south side two years later. Largely as a result of the efforts of the Armijo post, the Marcos B. Armijo Park would later become a multi-million-dollar complex with, among other things, a community center, library, and indoor pool. ²⁶

Footnote 26 (from page 160): Interview with Antonio Acosta, Post Commander, VFW Post No. 2753, by author [Jose Ramirez], June 8, 2004, El Paso, Texas.

94537
El Paso, Texas.
Nov. 14th, 1917.

Captain Alexander M. Weyand,
34th Infantry, Provost Marshal,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I am handing over to you one Marcos Armijo whose address is given as 1113 Second Street, El Paso, Texas and his order number 1146 and his serial number 1109.

He was ordered for mobilization October 8th and failed to appear for same. He is now in accordance with the draft act to be considered a deserter from the United States Army, and I am handing him over to you as such.

The man who apprehended this man Armijo is Mr. C. E. Alvarez of this city and who is rightfully entitled for any reward that may be payable for the apprehension of this deserter.

Very truly yours,
Geo. F. Jones
Special Agent in Charge

Failed to appear for draft, considered deserter: FBI Case Files #95437 – Special Agent Jones of the FBI in letter dated 14 Nov 1917 to Capt. Alexander M. Weyand, 34th Infantry, Provost Marshal, El Paso, was handing over Marcos Armijo, resident of 1113 Second St., El Paso TX [his address on draft registration]. Armijo was ordered for mobilization 8 Oct 1917 but failed to appear, thus considered a deserter from the Army. He was apprehended by Mr. C.E. Alvarez of El Paso, who is now entitled to a reward.

FBI Case Files #94537 - <https://www.fold3.com/image/1342611?terms=marcos%20armijo>

Life:

cent had been dispatched.

The men leaving for San Antonio to encamp will be members of the new national army from the moment of their appearance before their respective boards, and in each squad, one of their number will be given powers similar to that of a corporal and placed in charge of the squad.

The following registered men were certified to the district board at San Antonio, Tex., Saturday afternoon by board No. 1. The list was furnished by judge L. A. Dale:

Marcos Armijo, 1113 Second.

"El Paso (TX) Herald" Monday 3 Sep 1917 p 5

TUSCANIA'S LIST OF THE MISSING RECEIVED, SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Names of Survivors, as Far as Possible, Are Checked Against Passenger List, But Names Still Coming in and Further Changes May Be Made; One El Pasoan, Lauro Armijo, and Morenci Man, Still Missing.

"Lauro" Armijo – "El Paso (TX) Herald" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1

ARMIJO, LOST ON TUSCANIA, NOT REMEMBERED IN EL PASO

Inquiry of several families of Armijos in this city Monday failed to locate relatives of Lauro B. Armijo, reported lost in the sinking of the Tuscania by a German torpedo. The Armijo family in New Mexico is a large one.

"El Paso (TX) Herald" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 4

37 ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS FROM TUSCANIA FOUND

Americans Who Had Not Previously Been Reported Saved Are Found to Be Alive; 111 Unaccounted For.

(BY MORNING JOURNAL SPECIAL LEASED WIRE)

Washington, Feb. 19.—Thirty-seven American soldiers who sailed on the Tuscania and who had not been accounted for since the ship was torpedoed February 5, were found to be survivors today when the Associated Press list of Tuscania missing was checked against all available official records.

They are:

Luracia B. Armijo, El Paso, Tex.

“Albuquerque (NM) Journal” Wednesday 20 Feb 1918 p 2

SOLDIER ARMIJO SAVED.

Washington advices received here said that L. B. Armijo, an El Paso soldier, who was on the ship Tuscania when it was torpedoed off the Irish coast, has been saved. It was at first reported that he had been lost.

“El Paso (TX) Herald” Friday 22 Feb 1918 p 2

ON TUSCANIA; IS NOW WOUNDED IN ARMY HOSPITAL

**Marcus B. Armijo, Who Escaped
From Watery Grave, in
Serious Condition.**

Marcus B. Armijo, El Paso youth, drafted last October, among the survivors of the ill-fated Tuscania, sunk by a German torpedo last February, is in a critical condition in a French hospital, according to an official telegram received here by his wife, Mrs. Maria Armijo, 906 South Virginia street. Details of the action in which Armijo received his wounds have not been received. His name appears on the casualty list this morning.

At the time of the sinking of the Tuscania, Armijo was reported to be among the victims, but a later revision of the casualty list showed him to be among those saved and landed in Ireland.

Armijo is 22 years old, and at the time of his induction into service was employed by the Texas & Pacific railway.

“El Paso (TX) Times” Tuesday 10 Sep 1918 p 8 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/432984881/>

With Legs Blown Off, Marcos Armijo Smokes Coolly, Facing Death

With his legs blown off by a shell on August 3, Pvt. Marcos Armijo, El Paso boy, lifted himself upon his elbows amid his company of fighters and rolled and smoked cigarets before he was taken to the nearest hospital, where he died two days later. This act of "unconquerable spirit, fearless pluck and will power" brought him the distinguished service cross from Gen. J. J. Pershing, even though the boy didn't live to pin it on.

This news was received in El Paso Thursday in a mention of the action north of Mont St. Martin, France, in connection with the awards of posthumous medals to American soldiers.

"El Paso (TX) Herald" Thursday 3 Oct 1918 p 1

CAYO LUCHANDO POR LA LIBERTAD DEL MUNDO UN JOVEN DE NUESTRA RAZA

Entre los primeros hispano-americanos que acudieron al llamado de esta nación para alistarse en los primeros batallones que iban a salir a Francia para tomar parte en la lucha contra Alemania, luchando por la libertad y por la democracia del mundo, se cuenta Marcos Armijo, joven denodado y valiente, que ni un momento titubeó y abandonando hogar, trabajo, esposa y familia, en la que dejaba una madre inconsolable, se presentó a la Junta de registro para ofrecer sus servicios en el ejército. Marcos Armijo no contaba ni 25 años de edad, cuando sintió en lo más profundo de su alma el deber que su nacionalidad le imponía. Se despidió serenamente de su joven esposa, de la que le había dado el ser y de sus hermanas y partió para el campamento Travis, en donde recibió las primeras instrucciones militares para más tarde sacrificar su vida en aras de un bello y alto ideal.

Marcos Armijo nació en Rincón, N. M., hijo de modestos padres, honrados a carta cabal, cursó en las escue-

las públicas su primera instrucción, trasladándose su familia de Nuevo México a El Paso, en donde desde hace algunos años fijó su residencia. En esta ciudad trabajaba en los talleres mecánicos del T. and P., y sus superiores lo apreciaban por su apego al trabajo y por el cumplimiento de su deber. En el primer registro de Junio de 1917. Marcos Armijo partió para el Campamento Travis, resuelto a salir de los primeros para los campos ensangrentados de Europa. Muy poco tiempo estuvo en dicho campamento, pues a las pocas semanas salió directamente para Inglaterra, con objeto de terminar en Francia su adiestramiento militar, ya comenzado en San Antonio, Texas.

El "Tuscania", buque transporte en el que tocó en suerte hacer la travesía del Atlántico, como se recor-

dará fué torpedeado frente a las costas inglesas, por un submarino alemán, y gran parte de las tropas americanas se salvaron de la muerte debido a su arrojo y a su resistencia, para soportar las inclemencias y los peligros del naufragio, durante toda una noche en pleno mar.

En unión de otros camaradas Armijo ocupó un bote y pudo ser rescatado más tarde, siendo llevado a Londres. Era la primera vez que el joven neomexicano se enfrentaba con la muerte a la que decididamente vencía.

Completado su adiestramiento, Marcos Armijo partió a las trincheras y haciendo la vigilancia encomendada, un proyectil enemigo estalló cerca de su puesto con tan terrible furia, que le quebró las piernas, siendo llevado inmediatamente al Hospital. El Gral. Pershing, al ver el valor indomable del joven lo recomendó para que fuera premiado con la medalla de la Cruz de Guerra, encomió su alto espíritu de abnegación y lo mostró a sus camaradas como un ejemplo de imitar.

Marcos murió el 5 de Agosto último, tres días después de haber sido horriblemente herido, siempre con el pensamiento puesto en su familia, en su bandera y en su patria por la cual moría. Presintiendo su próxima muerte recomendó a su amigo Cruz Martinez que enviara la infausta nueva a su familia.

A este valiente héroe cuyo recordo ha recogido la historia, le sobrevive su madre, la Sra. Adela B. de Armijo, quien vive en Socorro, Texas, su esposa la Sra. María S. de Armijo, y su hermana Sara Alderete.

Para concluir diremos que Marcos Armijo, salvó del desastre del "Tuscania" cuando el mismo luchaba con la muerte, a una enfermera americana, quien ahogándose fué arrebatada al mar por el esfuerzo de Armijo.

También la raza mexicana y la raza latina tienen sus dignos representantes en esta guerra universal en la que han caído millones combatiendo por la libertad humana. Marcos Armijo es uno de ellos.

"La Prensa" (San Antonio TX) Monday 21 Oct 1918 p 4

*Posthumous Honor For El Pasoan
Distinguished Service Cross To Armijo*



MARCUS B. ARMIJO, killed in France, has received the distinguished service cross, which has been received by his widow, Mrs. Maria Armijo, 906 South Virginia street, with the accompanying letter from the adjutant general. The letter, addressed to Mrs. Maria Armijo, 906 South Virginia street, follows:

"This office has been advised by the commanding general, American expeditionary forces, that he has awarded the distinguished service cross posthumously to your husband, private Marcus B. Armijo, company C, 125th infantry, for "in action north of Mont St. Martin, south of Vesle river, near Fismes, France, August 5, 1918, while his company was under a heavy barrage fire. Pvt. Armijo was hit by a shell and both his legs were blown off, after which he lifted himself up on his elbow and rolled and smoked cigarets. By this display of nerve, he conveyed to his comrades an unconquerable spirit of fearlessness, pluck and will power."

"The quartermaster general of the army has been directed to cause the Distinguished Service Cross to be forwarded to you, and it is believed that

you will receive same in a short time."

The letter is signed Ralph Sorinson, adjutant general.

This is the first Distinguished Service Cross received in El Paso and it is herewith reproduced.

The four cloth bars on each side of the medal designate the four wounds received by the dead El Pasoan.

"El Paso (TX) Herald" Friday 24 Jan 1919 p 8 -
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/80081640/>

Roll of Honor of New Mexico Boys Who Died in France and to Whom State Pays Tribute Today

Socorro County

Ray C. Ahenfeldt, Socorro; Perry A. Allison, Quemado; Marcos Armijo, Socorro; Fred Bastion, Luna; Raymond Curtis Bloom, Magdalena; Eduardo Bustamante, Socorro; Max Delgar, Reserve; Seeley C. Estes, Quemado; A. Morris Ford, Alma; Herminio Gallegos, San Marcial; Max Gomez, Socorro; Victoriano Guerrero, Aragon; Francis Gutierrez, Magdalena; Antonio Jaramillo, San Antonio; Sam Houston Johnson, Datil; Marcos Martinez, San Marcial; Tranquillino Martinez, Kelly; Francisco Naranjo, Socorro; Eliseo Padilla, Kelly; John Z. Parsons, Quemado; William R. Paton, Mogollon; Lewis Cass Peshia, Carl Ramsey, Magdalena; Christoval Rodriguez, Aragon; Jose L. Savedra, Polvadera; Toribio Silva, Magdalena; Willis Lawrence Spurgeon, Alma; Juan Maria Torres, Socorro; Santiago Zamora, Water Canyon.

Missing in Action: Luperto Chaves, Magdalena.

"Santa Fe (NM) New Mexican" Friday 30 May 1919 p 5

on the Dudley ticket.

"The people have decided they have had enough hate, enough prejudice, enough bitterness and enough attacking of other men because they don't think as we do."

Mr. Lea called attention to the city hall park memorial tablet containing the names of El Pasoans who died in the World war, pointing out that they were of various "color" and creed.

"Are we so narrow and so bitter that we have forgotten in five years

what those boys went over for?" he queried.

One of the men whose names appear on the tablet was of Mexican blood. He was Marcos B. Armijo, who had both legs shattered and sat on the side of the trench, smoked a cigaret and died. Mr. Lea wondered that if this boy were back in spirit, would he, too, be told:

"Armijo, you can't vote. You don't belong to the right church."

As to the entire list of heroes, the speaker asked that "their spirits look down and find the city of El Paso still the city of five years ago, where we don't look down on men because of different opinions."

"If Dudley is elected mayor, he will be mayor of El Paso as a whole and of no one sect or creed," Mr. Lea promised.

Former El Paso TX mayor Tom Lea at an election rally endorsing R.M. (Dick) Dudley for mayor – "El Paso (TX) Herald" Saturday 10 Feb 1923 p 24

To Our Immortal Dead-- **REST YE IN PEACE!**

The ideals you fought and died for are still cherished. Your life-blood did not flow in vain! We carry aloft the torch you threw from war-pierced hands--its beacon light of right still flames as unquenchable fires of justice, humanity and truth into the consciousness of man. Proudly we carry on! *Through the aeons of eternity, rest ye in peace!*

Greater love had no man than ye who lay down your lives for God, country and fellow-man. Oh, hallowed dead, living yet in memory--we, the living, salute thee--once again!

Rest Ye in Peace!



We Keep the Faith!

MARCOS B. ARMIJO

"El Paso (TX) Times" Saturday 10 Nov 1923 p 13

LA POSTA NRO. 4 MARCOS ARMIJO SE ORGANIZA

El Domingo en la tarde en la gran junta de los exsoldados de la Guerra Mundial, se llevó adelante la reorganización de la Posta Armijo Nro. 4, de la comunidad de Socorro; y, en seguida tuvieron la elección de sus oficiales, como sigue:

Comandante.....Hermene Armijo
Vice-Comandante.....Leo M. Fay
2do. Vice-Comandante....Polo Baca
Ayudante.....W. E. West

Ingresaron 12 miembros a la posta y se espera un grande contingente para principios del año.

"El Nuevo Mexicano" (Santa Fe NM) Thursday 2 Jan 1930 p 5

With both legs and one arm torn away by a shell in France, Marcos Armijo sat on a trench, smoked a cigarette and waved his comrades on to the attack. His name frequently figures in political orations as an example of the heroism and service for nation on the part of Spanish-American residents here.

"El Paso Evening Post" 11 Jan 1930 p 1

Major Herman G. Baca will speak before Socorro Legionnaires tonight in response to an invitation from Marcos Armijo post.

"Santa Fe (NM) New Mexican" Thursday 18 Feb 1932 p 6

SEND CONDOLENCES.

The Mexican division of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marcos B. Armijo Post No. 2753, was the first El Paso institution to express regret at the sudden death of former President Calvin Coolidge. The post passed a resolution to express condolences to Mrs. Coolidge immediately.

"El Paso (TX) Times" Friday 6 Jan 1933 p 3

Colors Presented By General Short

Marcos B. Armijo, who urged his comrades to advance in battle after his legs had been blown away by a shell, last night was honored when members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, No. 2753, named in his memory, met last night in the 34th district court room.

Post colors, made by wives, daughters and sweethearts of post members, were presented to the post in Armijo's memory by Brig. Gen. Walter C. Short of Fort Bliss. The ceremony was followed by a military "grub" banquet of "hot dogs and java."

"El Paso (TX) Times" Wednesday 18 Jan 1933 p 1



"Albuquerque (NM) Journal" Thursday 11 Jan 1934 p 1

500 El Pasoans At Unveiling Of Plaque Honoring War Hero

A crowd estimated at more than 500 persons Sunday afternoon witnessed the unveiling of a plaque honoring Marcos Armijo, World War hero, at Marcos Armijo Park.

Mayor M. A. Harlan unveiled the plaque after he and County Judge Joseph McGill delivered eulogies for the El Paso man who was killed in action in France. Col. E. P. Swift, Fort Bliss, delivered an address on "Americanism."

Carlos Porras presided.

"Armijo's sacrifice made this park possible," Mayor Harlan said. "This playground, named in honor of the World War hero, is a fitting tribute to Marcos Armijo. It is a monument that will last always."

Marcos Armijo Post of the American Legion sponsored the naming of the park and the building of the plaque. Members of the post expect to furnish lights and playground equipment for the park as soon as funds can be provided.

Park Clubhouse Will Be Rushed

City Council Thursday assured Charles Porras, representing Marcos Armijo Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Lulac Club, that plans for improvement of Marcos Armijo Park would be rushed, after Mr. Porras asked for immediate action for improvement in the park.

"The NYA is ready to furnish labor for a clubhouse if Council will provide \$1200 for the purchase of materials," Mr. Porras said.

City Engineer H. G. Stacy said he already had drawn plans for the clubhouse and was preparing to seek WPA funds for the building.

"We have only this one small park in South El Paso, but it is keeping thousands of children off the streets during summer months—but in winter they have no place to play," Mr. Porras said.

"El Paso (TX) Times" Friday 2 Feb 1940 p 5

Marcos Armijo Is Honored In Frisco Fair

The memory of Marcos Armijo, El Pasoan who lost his life in World War I near Fismes, France, Aug. 5, 1918, was honored before thousands of Treasure Island Fair visitors in San Francisco.

The late Mr. Armijo, after whom a veterans post in El Paso is named, was a private in Company C, 125th Infantry, 32nd Division, when he gave his life on the French battlefield.

Major Raymond G. Lehman, in a letter to Mayor J. E. Anderson, Saturday revealed that the crack Treasure Island Company assigned by the Army to the Golden Gate Exposition honored Marcos Armijo in a ceremony on Aug. 18, 1940. During retreat, Major Lehman said, the company held ceremonies to honor some American soldier whose supreme sacrifice and deeds have "become a part of American tradition." The daily ceremonies were witnessed by thousands of visitors.

The War Department citation, awarded posthumously to the soldier, was read, followed by a company salute. Mr. Armijo, awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, was thus cited: "While his company was under a heavy barrage fire, Private Armijo was hit by a shell and both his legs were blown off. Private Armijo lifted himself on his elbows and rolled and smoked cigarettes. By this display of nerve he conveyed to his comrades an unconquerable spirit of fearlessness, pluck and will power."

"El Paso (TX) Times" Monday 23 Sep 1940 p 12

Armijo VFW Post Members Hear Of Namesake's Life

The life of Pvt. Marcos B. Armijo, the first El Pasoan to receive the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism, was outlined to members of the Marcos B. Armijo Post VFW Post 2753 during a meeting by Dr. Cleofas Calleros.

Highlight of the meeting was presentation of an original painting of Pvt. Armijo in his AEF uniform. Post Commander Louis Carrasco accepted the painting.

According to Calleros, a charter member and past post commander of Armijo Post, Pvt. Armijo was a survivor of the sinking of the Tuscania on which he was sailing to France with the



MARCOS B. ARMIJO

AEF. Later, on Aug. 1, 1918, he was wounded in armed combat against the enemy at the Western Front and died Aug. 11. Buried in France, the body was moved twice, and is now in El Paso's Evergreen Cemetery with full military honors. The Veterans Post was instituted in his honor Nov. 17, 1932, and is the second oldest VFW Post in El Paso.

"El Paso (TX) Times" Thursday 18 Aug 1966 p 25

Wife:

Widow of Paso War Hero in Court To Prevent Godchild's Deportation

THE widow of Marcos Armijo, El Paso's most famous Spanish-American World war hero, had to go to court Saturday to prevent Uncle Sam from possibly deporting her godchild and protege to Mexico.

The child is Carlos Gutierrez Sifuentes, 7. U. S. immigration officers demanded a birth certificate as proof that he is an American citizen and his mother, Maria Sifuentes, could not get one because of a new law that prevents the city registrar from issuing such a certificate for any child born out of wed-

lock unless a judge orders this done.

Mrs. Armijo takes care of the mother and the godchild at her home, 1006 S. Stanton. She came to testify that she saw the baby born in that home on American soil.

The mother added that she has three other children, all legitimate, that the father of these deserted her years ago and then came the child of another. In the meanwhile the mother was working out all day, scrubbing and cleaning, to provide food for the family of four children.

Judge Howe ordered the certifi-

cate issued for the child and held that he is an American citizen and in no way a dependent child. The mother and godmother both provide for him. The godmother gets compensation from the government because of the death of her hero son.

With both legs and one arm torn away by a shell in France, Marcos Armijo sat on a trench, smoked a cigarette and waved his comrades on to the attack. His name frequently figures in political orations as an example of the heroism and service for nation on the part of Spanish-American residents here.

"El Paso (TX) Evening Post" Saturday 11 Jan 1930 p 1

MRS. MARIA S. ARMIJO.

Mrs. Maria S. Armijo, 54, of 812 South Florence Street, died in a local hospital Saturday. She had been a resident of El Paso for 30 years. Survivors are a son, Eduardo Armijo, in California; two sisters, two brothers, and two nieces, Mrs. Lucetia Venegas and Mrs. Ignacia Casas, El Paso. Rosary service will be at 8 p. m. Sunday in The Memorial Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 7:15 a. m. Monday in Sacred Heart Church, the Rev. James McEnaney officiating. Burial is to be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Obituary of Maria Salazar Armijo – (ca. 1894-1948) – “El Paso (TX) Times” Sunday 3 Oct 1948 p 10

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF EL PASO

CITY OR PRECINCT NO. EL PASO EL PASO CITY COUNTY HOSPITAL
GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION

2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED MARIA S. AMIJO

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED 30 YEARS MONTHS DAYS (SOCIAL SECURITY NO.)

RESIDENCE OF DECEASED (STREET AND NO. 812 S. FLORENCE CITY EL PASO COUNTY EL PASO STATE TEXAS)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX FEMALE 4. COLOR OR RACE WHITE

5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (WRITE THE WORD) WIDOW

6. DATE OF BIRTH

7. AGE 54 YEARS MONTHS DAYS IF LESS THAN 1 DAY HOURS MIN

8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE NONE

8B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED

9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) MEXICO

10. NAME RAYMUNDO SALAZAR

11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) MEXICO

12. MAIDEN NAME CANDELARIA BURCIAGA

13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) MEXICO

14. SIGNATURE Frances Pettit

ADDRESS FRANCES PETTIT
EL PASO, TEXAS

15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, TEXAS

DATE October 1, 1948

16. SIGNATURE Jed P. Carkey
ADDRESS 110 N. Campbell St., El Paso, TEXAS

17. DATE OF DEATH OCTOBER 2 1948

18. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM 9-27-48 TO 10-2-48

I LAST SAW H. ER ALIVE ON 10-2-48

THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT 1:10 A M.

THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS Cerebral Hemorrhage
4 days

CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE Arteriosclerosis

IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY WHETHER ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE.

DATE OF OCCURRENCE

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE

MANNER OR MEANS IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY

SIGNATURE Robert Nering
ADDRESS ROBERT NERING, M.D.
EL PASO, TEXAS

20. FILE NUMBER 1082 FILE DATE Oct. 4, 1948 SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR A. H. Powell POSTOFFICE ADDRESS El Paso, TEXAS

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

Occupations Information MARRIAGES

Dispositions

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Son:

California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997[View record](#)

| | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Name | Edward Armijo |
| Social Security # | 711142101 |
| Gender | Male |
| Birth Date | 11 Jan 1914 |
| Birth Place | Texas |
| Death Date | 2 Mar 1995 |
| Death Place | Los Angeles |
| Mother's Maiden Name | Salazar |

https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/180832574/person/142360502756/facts?_phsrc=cPx2970&_phstart=succesSource

TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

B. O. V. S.
FORM
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(1) PLACE OF BIRTH
County of El Paso Registration District No. _____ File No. _____
City El Paso (No. 511 1/2 S Oregon) Register No. _____ Ward _____

(2) FULL NAME OF CHILD Eduardo Armijo If child is not yet named, make supplemental report, as directed.

(3) Sex of Child Male (4) Twin, triplet, or other _____ (5) Number in order of birth _____ (6) Legitimate (Yes or No) Yes (7) Date of Birth Jan. 11, 1914
(To be answered in event of plural births) (Month) (Day) (Year)

FATHER (8) FULL NAME Armijo, Marcos S. (14) FULL MAIDEN NAME Maria Salazar Armijo
(9) RESIDENCE 1114 S Oregon St (15) RESIDENCE Post Office Address same
(10) COLOR White (11) AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 24 (Years) (16) COLOR White (17) AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 19 (Years)
(12) BIRTHPLACE Rincon, New Mex (18) BIRTHPLACE Santa Rosalia Chih. Mex
(13) OCCUPATION Laborer (19) OCCUPATION Housewife
(20) Number of children born to this mother, including present birth 1 (21) Number of children of this mother now living 1

(22) CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was born alive stillborn at 1:00 P. M. on the date above stated.

(Signature) Maria S. Armijo (Physician or Midwife) Mother
Address 1800 S Stanton St
(23) Filed Dec. 11, 1928 Willis H. Ransom Registrar.
Give name added from a supplemental report _____, 192____

Registrar.

(24) Were prophylactic precautions taken at time of birth to prevent ophthalmia neonatorum? Yes _____ No _____

When more than one child is born a certificate for each child must be filed, filling items carefully. For stillbirth file both birth and death certificates.

When more than 4 and 5

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https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2275/images/33153_B061372-02197?iId=611896

Armijo Adolfo G h 415 W Iron av
 Armijo Alberto R (Jennie) solr P D Chacon & Co r 713 S 4th
 Armijo Alejandro mach hlpr Santa Fe
 Armijo Alfonso A bkpr Albuqu Foundry & Mach Wks h 709 W Fruit av
 Armijo Alfred (Mary S) blksmith George Logan r 1020 Bernalillo rd
 Armijo Alfredo (Josephine) mach hlpr Santa Fe r 617 N 1st
 Armijo Anastacia Mrs r 1123 N 1st
 Armijo A Building 302½ W Central av
 Armijo Barbara C (wid N T) r 623 W Copper av
 Armijo Beltran A (Elijia C) lab r San Jose
 Armijo Candelaria Miss dom 513 W Tijeras av r Alameda
 Armijo Carlos P (Placida) r 1523 Granite av
 Armijo Carmel lab Santa Fe shops
 Armijo Cesario h 1412 William
 Armijo Charles carp Santa Fe
 Armijo Concepcion Miss h 729 S Broadway
 Armijo Cristina V Mrs rms 1800 S 2d
 Armijo David J county commissioner law student 713-15 First Natl Bank bldg
 Armijo Diego delman Rosenwal Bros r Armijo
 Armijo Elias (Sofia S) night baggage mstr Santa Fe pass depot r 501 N Edith
 Armijo Epifanio pipeftr Santa Fe
 Armijo Esquipula P (Evangelista) mach hlpr Santa Fe r alley bet 1500 blocks John and William
 Armijo Eusebio clk Santa Fe storeroom h 421 W Cromwell av
 Armijo Febronia G Mrs r 729 S Broadway
 Armijo Felix feeder McKinley Land & L Co r Los Griegos
 Armijo Francisco clk H B Weiller rms 415 W Iron av
 Armijo George C mach hlpr Santa Fe
 Armijo Geronimo lab Santa Fe shops rms 408 W Pacific av
 Armijo Hermenes blrmkr hlpr Santa Fe
 Armijo Inez (Ofelia B) lab Santa Fe shops rms 1420 S 3d
 Armijo Isaias B (Margarita R) mach hlpr Santa Fe r 1300 John
 Armijo Isidro h 1625 Barelás rd
 Armijo Jacobo car repr Santa Fe
 Armijo Jose F (Bonifacia) brick mfr 5 miles s of city r 1103 S Broadway
 Armijo Jose L (Armeline A) lab Santa Fe shops rms 214 Garfield av
 Armijo Jose M (Margarita) foreman E G Garcia Co r 1025 N 8th
 Armijo Josefita Miss h 415 W Iron av
 Armijo Juan emp Santa Fe pass depot
 Armijo Justiniano R (Beatrice) interpreter r 709 W Fruit av



Armijo Lela Miss h 623 W Copper av
 Armijo Lena Miss dom 423 Luna blvd rms same
 Armijo Luz (Lena) barber r 407 W Lead av
 Armijo Mary Miss dom rms 702 W Coal av
 Armijo Mauricio (Fidelia) blrmkr hlpr Santa Fe r 620 New York av
 Armijo Nicolas T h 623 W Copper av

Armijo N T Building 201-5 W Central av
 Armijo Pabla Mrs h Rodolfo Armijo
 Armijo Paulino (Sefora L) lab r rear 1023 Bernalillo rd
 Armijo Perfecto driver Highland Fire Sta No 2 h 729 S Broadway
 Armijo Rodolfo (Cecilia B) r Martineztown
 Armijo Rosendo mech h Jose Gomez
 Armijo Santos driver Springer Transfer Co rms Alamo Hotel
 Armijo Serafin (Sofia) mach hlpr Santa Fe r rear 709 N 3d
 Armijo Telesforo J (Carrie) (Six-O-One Taxi) r 509 1/2 E Central av
 Armijo Teofila G Mrs r 415 W Iron av
 Armijo Vicente (Rosa C) hlpr Albuq Foundry & Mach Wks rms
 1414 S Arno
 Armijo Vicente F gardener U S Indian School r same
 Armijo's Dance Hall 2201 William

Armijo entries - Albuquerque (NM) city directory 1923 -

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/844970835:2469>

Mother:

 Chihuahua, Mexico, Civil Registration Marriages,
 1861-1967
 Marriage & divorce
 View

Name Cesario Armijo
 Spouse Adela Varela

https://www.ancestry.com/search/?name=cesario+sesario_armijo&birth=1856_new+mexico&count=50&father=jesus_armijo&mother=juanita&spouse=adela_barela

Siblings:

Jose Isaias Armijo

in the California, U.S., Death Index, 1940-1997

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Name | Jose Isaias Armijo |
| Social Security # | 523106607 |
| Gender | Male |
| Birth Date | 23 Nov 1885 |
| Birth Place | New Mexico |
| Death Date | 26 Nov 1944 |
| Death Place | Los Angeles |
| Father's Surname | Armijo |

CA Death Index for **brother Jose Isaias (Isaiah) Armijo (1885-1944)** -

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/213647:5180?tid=14406162&pid=19921619065&queryId=dba90e61f1d53606e2a41278b535711d&_phsrc=cPx2930&_phstart=successSource

| | |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Name | Margarita Romero De Armijo |
| Gender | Female |
| Death Date | 2 Jun 1940 |
| Death Place | San Jose, Bernalillo, New Mexico |
| Father | Enicieto Romero |
| Mother | Gregorita Montano |
| Spouse | Isaias Armijo |

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/471450:62171>



Sister Juanita Armijo Lopez (1895-1955) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/14406162/person/19921619073/media/66a399e0-9fbb-4a10-ba99-a641ec4f1160>

Mrs. Juanita Lopez Dies in Hospital Here

Mrs. Juanita Lopez, 60, of 237 Lily SE, died Tuesday in an Albuquerque hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Procopio Lopez; two daughters, Mrs. Bernardo Lujan and Mrs. Leonardo Candelaria; four sons, Cesario, Orlando, Ernesto and Procopio Lopez Jr.; three brothers, Cesario, Elias and Esequiel Armijo; a sister, Mrs. Maria Chavez; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Rosary will be recited today at 8 p. m. in the family home. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 9 a. m. at St. Francis Church. Salazar and Sons Mortuary is in charge of burial in Mt. Calvary cemetery.

Mrs. Procopio Lopez Dies After Illness

Mrs. Procopio Lopez, 237 Lily SE, died today in a local hospital after an illness. She was 60.

Survivors are her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Bernardo Lujan and Mrs. Leonardo Candelaria and four sons, Cesario, Orlando, Ernesto and Procopio Jr.

Also surviving are three brothers, Cesario, Elias and Esequiel Armijo; a sister, Mrs. Maria

Cavalier, 10 grandchildren and a great grandson.

Salazar and Sons will announce funeral arrangements. The rosary will be recited tonight and tomorrow at 8 at the family home.

Different information than other obituary – "Albuquerque (NM) Tribune" Tuesday 22 Mar 1955 p 8

Died in this city, September 25, 1900, Eliseo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cesario Armijo, aged 3 years, 6 months, and 23 days. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. Matthieson.

Is the name confused? "Eliseo" – ca. 1897 – "Socorro (NM) Chieftain" Saturday 29 Sep 1900 p 1

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Name | Esequiel E Armijo |
| Gender | Male |
| Marriage Date | 24 Dec 1949 |
| Marriage Place | Bernalillo, New Mexico, USA |
| Spouse | Clarabelle Cooke |

https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/10700:61581?tid=14406162&pid=19921619076&queryId=471db48c1ab341e00c4b4749e4dd0549&_phsrc=cPx2941&_phstart=successSource

Four Killed On N.M. Roads

By The Associated Press

Four persons were killed in three separate traffic accidents in New Mexico yesterday.

They were: Upton B. Wilson, 79, Folsom; Ezquiel Armijo, Clayton; Katherine Pavese, Atlantic City, N.J.; and John William Bostock, 22, Albuquerque.

Car-Pickup Crash

Wilson and Armijo were killed in a car-pickup collision on U.S. 87-64, about a mile west of Capulin. State Police official reports said Armijo's pickup was in the wrong lane when the collision happened.

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Not sure this is his brother - Death of brother Esequiel Armijo (1897-1969) - Left: "Albuquerque (NM) Tribune" Wednesday 5 Feb 1969 p 21 and right: "Alamagordo (NM) Daily News" Wednesday 5 Feb 1969 p 1

| New Mexico, U.S., Deaths, 1889-1945 | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| View record | |
| Name | Ramoncita A. Montoya |
| Gender | Female |
| Race | White |
| Marital Status | Married |
| Birth Place | Socorro, New Mexico |
| Death Date | 14 Feb 1922 |
| Death Place | Socorro, Socorro, New Mexico |
| Burial Date | 15 Feb 1922 |
| Burial Place | Socorro, N. Mex. |
| Occupation | Housewife |
| Father | Cesario Armijo |
| Mother | Avela B. Armijo |
| Spouse | Jose C. Montoya |

Sister Ramona (Ramoncita) Armijo Montoya (1899-1922) -

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/14406162/person/19921620956/facts>



Sister Maria Guadalupe Armijo Cavalier (1904-1986) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/165283664/person/182445868361/media/3e34633b-b67b-47b4-8958-98f9ca22b791>

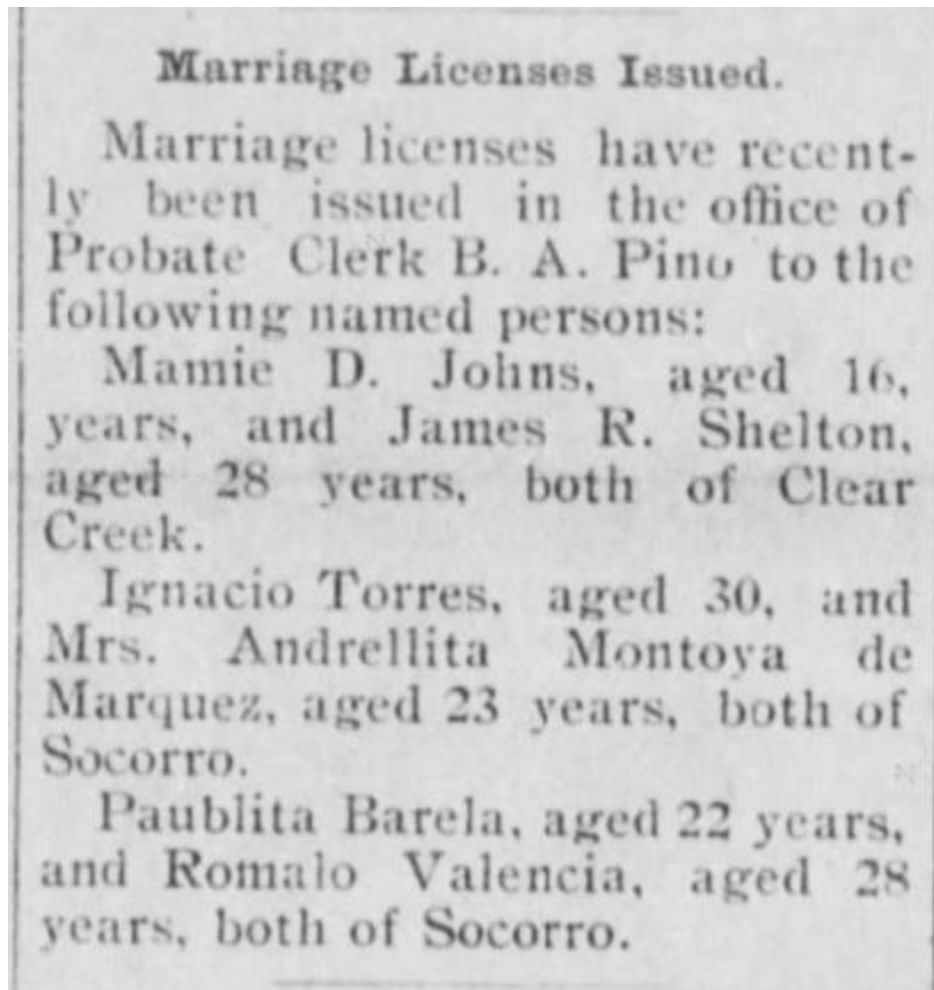
Half-siblings, by his mother's marriage to Jose Francisco Alderete:

| California Death Index, 1940-1997 | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| View record | |
| Name | Sara Alderete |
| Gender | Female |
| Birth Date | 6 Jan 1876 |
| Birth Place | New Mexico |
| Death Date | 10 Jun 1941 |
| Death Place | Los Angeles |
| Mother's Maiden Name | Varela |
| Father's Surname | Valencia |

Half-sister Sara Valencia Alderete (1876-1941) - <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/14406162/person/106141796/facts>

VALENCIA—Romulo Valencia, 71, a resident of Socorro, died late Wednesday after a long illness. He had been here for the past two months. He is survived by his wife, Paublita; three daughters, Mrs. Genovevo Romero, Mrs. Horacio Baca and Mrs. Luciano Chavez; two sons, Jose and Frank; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Cavalier and Mrs. Procopio Lopez; three brothers, Elias, Esequiel and Sesario Armijo and 10 grandchildren. Service arrangements will be announced by the Crollett mortuary.

Half-brother Romulo Valencia (1877/1879 – 1949) – “Albuquerque (NM) Journal” Thursday
1 Dec 1949 p 2



Marriage of half-brother Romulo Valencia - "Socorro (NM) Chieftain" Saturday 1 Sep 1906
p 1

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Marcos Barila Armijo

Name variations: Marcus B. Armijo / Marcus Barila Armijo / Launcis B. Armigo (from Tuscania passenger roster) / Veterans Administration lists middle name as Barila – his mother's birth name found as Berila.

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 1, 165th Depot Brigade - Co. C, 125 Inf. - private
Serial number: 251,354

Entered service from: El Paso, El Paso TX
 Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Luarcis B. Armigo
 Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Maria Salasa Armigo, [handwritten: 906 S. Virginia St.] El Paso TX
 Body returned from war on: "Wheaton" arriving Jul 1921 in Hoboken NJ
 Listed on return ship as: Marcos B. Armijo
 Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: pvt, Co. C, 125th Inf
 World War I draft registration (1917): as Marcos Armijo -: b. 10 Jan 1893 Rincon NM; res: 1113 Second, El Paso, El Paso TX. Single. Special officer, city of El Paso. Claimed exemption due to dependent mother. Caucasian (with "Mexican" crossed off). Medium height & build.

Texas, WWI card: serial 251354. Marcus B. Armijo (with handwritten "Marcos" & a line drawn connecting it to Marcus), resident of El Paso, El Paso X. Inducted into Army at El Paso on 26 Nov 1917, age 24 years 10 months. B. Rincon NM. Co. C, 125th Inf. to death. Private. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to death. Died 5 Aug 1918 of wounds suffered in action. NOK notified: Mrs. Maria Salasa Armijo, 906 S. Virginia, El Paso TX. Awarded DSC.

Veterans Administration Military Index: as Marcus Barila Armijo
 Enlistment date not given
 Discharged 5 Aug 1918
 Address: El Paso TX
 Rank/unit: private, Co. C, 125th Infantry

Birth & death:

Born: 10 Jan 1893 Rincon, Doña Ana NM
 Died: 5 Aug 1918 France, Aisne-Marne offensive, had lost both legs 2 days earlier (alternate death date: 7 August 1918) (alternative story: wounded 2 Aug 1918, died 5 Aug 1918)
 Find A Grave record: 133732797 – photo, presence on Tuscania noted in text
 Burial location: El Paso, El Paso TX
 Cemetery: Evergreen
 Tombstone:

Father: Cesario/Sesario Armijo, ca. 1856 New Mexico Territory -
 Find A Grave:
 Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/14406162/person/18024754764/facts>

Mother: Adela Barela (Varela) Valencia Armijo [and another surname], ca. 1855 San Marcial, Socorro, New Mexico Territory –
 Daughter of Marcos (Marcus) Varela/Barela (1839-1906) & Maria (Marillita) Gutierrez.

In the 1910 census, she reports being in her 3rd marriage.

Married 10 Jan 1875 at San Ignacio Mission to Montecillo, Sierra, New Mexico Territory to Juan Valencia. Their 2 children were Sara Valencia (1876) & Romulo (1877).

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Parents' marriage: 1879

Spouse: Maria Salazar (Salasa) Armigo, ca. 1894 Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua, Mexico – 2 Oct 1948 El Paso, El Paso TX, Daughter of Raymundo Salazar & Candelaria Burciaga. . "El Paso Evening Post" 11 Jan 1930 p 1 – The widow of Marcos Armijo, "El Paso's most famous Spanish-American World war hero," had to testify in court 11 Jan 1930 to prevent the government from exporting her godchild & protégé to Mexico. She is godmother to 7-year-old Carlos Gutierrez Sifuentes. Due to a new law, the city registrar cannot issue citizenship documents for an illegitimate child unless the judge orders it, so Mrs. Armijo had to appear in court to testify that Carlos was born in the U.S. Mrs. Armijo takes care of Carlos & his mother, Maria Sifuentes, at her home at 1006 S. Stanton. Maria Sifuentes had three legitimate children, whose father deserted them, and then gave birth to Carlos.

Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, El Paso, El Paso TX.

Spouse Find A Grave: 170581059

Marriage:

Children:

- Eduardo (Edward) Marcos Armijo, 11 Jan 1914 El Paso, El Paso TX – 2 Mar 1995 CA. TX Births: born Eduardo Armijo, 11 Jan 1914 El Paso, El Paso TX to Marcos B. Armijo & Maria Salazar. Residence: 511 ½ S. Oregon St., El Paso. Marcos age 24, color: Mexican, b. Rincon NM, laborer. Maria age 19, color: Mexican, b. Santa Rosalia, Chihuahua, Mexico. Her 1st child. Signed by mother Maria S. Armijo, of 1800 S. Stanton St. – Married 13 Jun 1932 in Dona Ana Co. NM to Herminia Muñoz; they had 3 children born 1933-1936. – Married to Guadalupe (Lupe Campos) Grajeda (1917-1985); they had 3 children. - Buried in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, Riverside CA. F: 295948

Siblings: could not trace some of the siblings

- Jose Isaias (Isiah) Armijo, Sep 1888 (1900 census) or 12 Dec 1887 (WWI draft) or 23 Nov 1885 NM – 26 Nov 1944 Los Angeles Co. CA. Married Margarita Romero (1890-1940, F: 24796878, buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, Bernalillo NM, F: 24796878). Isaias is buried in Calvary Cemetery, East Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. F: 260091634
- Jesus Armijo, Dec 1890 NM –
- Juanita (Jennie) Armijo Lopez, 24 Mar 1895 Socorro, Socorro NM – 22 Mar 1955 Albuquerque, Bernalillo NM. Married to Procopia B. Lopez (1889-1966, F:

84685648). Buried in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Albuquerque, Bernalillo NM. F: 84360819

- Elisio Armijo, Mar 1897 NM – 25 Sep 1900 Socorro, Socorro NM. “Socorro (NM) Chieftain” 29 Sep 1900 p 1 – died in this city 25 Sep 1900, son of Mr. & Mrs. Cesario Armijo, age 3 years, 6 months, 23 days. Born Mar 1897 NM – died 25 Sep 1900 Socorro NM, - Is this the Ezekiel born Mar 1897 in the 1900 census?
- Ramona (Ramoncita) Armijo Montoya, Jun 1899 NM – 14 Feb 1922 Socorro, Socorro NM. Married Jose Lucero Montoya (ca. 1895). Buried with her infant son, who was born & died 10 Feb 1922, in San Miguel Cemetery, Socorro, Socorro NM. F: 90610508
- Sigrid Armijo, ca. 1903 NM. Listed in 1910 census.
- Sebario Armijo, ca. 1904 NM. Listed in 1910 census. [is this Cesario?] Cesario listed in 1920 census.
- Maria Guadalupe Armijo Cavalier, 3 May 1904 NM – 16 Nov 1986 Caliente, Lincoln NV. Her Ancestry.com family tree lists her as the daughter of Antonio Armijo & Adelia Barella (the mother is correct). Married 3 Jan 1921 in Albuquerque, Bernalillo NM to Henry Alfonso Cavalier (1895-1973). Buried in Conaway Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Caliente, Lincoln NV. F: 139906431
- Elias Armijo. Listed as a surviving sibling in his half-brother Romulo Valencia’s Dec 1949 obituary & in his sister Juanita’s Mar 1955 obituary.
- Esequiel Armijo. Listed as a surviving sibling in his half-brother Romulo Valencia’s Dec 1949 obituary & in his sister Juanita’s Mar 1955 obituary.

Half-siblings: by his mother’s marriage to Juan Valencia:

- Sara Valencia Alderee, 6 Jan 1876 Cuchillo, Sierra, New Mexico Territory – 10 Jun 1941 Los Angeles, Los Angeles CA. Married in 1890 to Jose Francisco (Pancho) Alderete (1863-1908). Buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery, El Paso, El Paso TX. F: 154075532
- Romulo Valencia, 6 Apr 1877 [also found as 6 Aug 1879] Cuchillo, Sierra, New Mexico Territory – 30 Nov 1909 Albuquerque, Bernalillo NM. Married Paula (Pablita) Barela (1884-1961) in Aug 1906 in NM.

Notes:

Wartime:

"El Paso Herald" 11 Feb 1918 p 4

Newspaper says it asked about Lauro B. Armijo among the Armijos in El Paso & could not find relatives, and the Armijo family in NM is large (the name was wrong – it was Marcos).

"El Paso Herald" 3 Oct 1918 p 1 – says legs blown off 2 Aug 1918, d. 5 Aug 1918.

Obituary:

Post-war:

Namesake of Marcos Armijo Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2753 in El Paso, El Paso TX.
Namesake of Marcos Armijo American Legion Post No. 4 in Socorro, Socorro NM.

Censuses:

1880 Cuchillo Negro, Socorro NM – his mother & previous husband
Jose Valencia, 25 NM, parents b. NM, laborer
Adela, 28 NM, parents b. NM, keeping house
Saa, 4 NM
Romulo, 1 NT

1900 Socorro, Socorro, New Mexico Territory – conducted 18 Jun 1900
Sesario Armijo, 38 NM, Nov 1862, parents b. NM, married 21 years, day laborer
Adela, 37 NM, Aug 1863, parents b. NM
Isiah, 12 NM, Sep 1888, at school
Jesus, 10 NM, Dec 1890, at school
Marcos, 7 NM, Jan 1893, at school
Juanita, 4 NM, Mar 1896
Ezekiel, 3 NM, Mar 1897
Ramoncita, 11 months NM, Jun 1899

1910 Socorro, Socorro NM – Spring St.
Jesario Armigo/Armijo, 38 NM, in 1st marriage, married 20 years, parents b. NM, laborer, farm
Dolita, 40 NM, parents b. NM, in 3rd marriage
Isais, 20 NM, laborer, garden
Marcos, 17 NM
Juanita, 15 NM
Ramona, 10 NM
Sigrid, 7 NM
Sebario, 6 NM
Marilitta, 5 NM

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| Armijo Isaias | Head |
| Isaias | Wife |
| Isaias | Son |
| Marcelo | Son |
| Juanita | Daughter |
| Ramona | Daughter |
| Liguil | Son |
| Sebasio | Son |
| Marcellita | Daughter |

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Correct reference: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:33SQ-GRJ8-RZQ?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AMGS2-DL4&action=view>

1930 El Paso, El Paso TX – 1006 S. Stanton

Maria S. Armijo, 35 Mexico, parents b. Mexico, widow

Eduardo Armijo, 16 TX, father b. NM, mother b. Mexico

Lionel Betancourt, 20 Mexico, parents b. Mexico, laborer, farm [nephew]

Ignacia Casas, 22 Mexico, parents b. Mexico, servant, private family [niece]

Lucrecia Casas, 13 Mexico, parents b. Mexico [niece]

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| Name | Jesario Armigo |
| Age in 1910 | 38 |
| Birth Date | 1872 |
| Birthplace | New Mexico |
| Home in 1910 | Socorro Ward 4, Socorro, New Mexico, USA |
| Sheet Number | 14b |
| Street | Spring Street |
| Race | White |
| Gender | Male |
| Relation to Head of House | Head |
| Marital Status | Married |
| Spouse's Name | Dolita Armigo |
| Father's Birthplace | New Mexico |
| Mother's Birthplace | New Mexico |
| Attended School | No |
| Enumeration District Number | 0241 |
| Enumerated Year | 1910 |
| Neighbors | View others on page |

Household members

| Name | Age |
|------------------|-----|
| Jesario Armigo | 38 |
| Dolita Armigo | 40 |
| Osaio Armigo | 20 |
| Marcos Armigo | 17 |
| Juanita Armigo | 15 |
| Ramona Armigo | 10 |
| Sigrid Armigo | 7 |
| Sebario Armigo | 6 |
| Marillita Armigo | 5 |