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finalized version is available.

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA**Tuscania casualty****Perez, Angel****1894 Mexico – 5 February 1918 Tuscania**



Find a Grave 201814478

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Perez, Angel (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) * White * Colored

Residence: XXX Rosenberg Fort Bend TEXAS
(Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. G. * Inducted at Richmond Tex on Sept 18, 1917

Place of birth: Mexico City Mex Age or date of birth: 23-3/12 Yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 50 Co 13 Bn 165 Dep

Brig to death Camp Travis det 2

Grades, with date of appointment: Pvt

Engagements: Sinking of Tuscania

Served overseas from Jan 24/18 to death, from to

Killed in action Feb 5, 1918

Other wounds or injuries received in action: None
(If none, so state)

Person notified of death: Patria Nunas Perez Mother
(Name) (City, town, or post office) (Degree of relationship) (State or country)

Remarks: (No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Form No. 724-G, A. G. O. * Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S.
Nov. 22, 1919. 3-7301

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:QV18-VQZK>

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TEXAS WHITE; INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERE TO UPON ENLISTMENT

NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT PLACE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Perez, Angel		Pvt	165 Dep Brig 50 Co Camp Travis det #2	Feb 5/18

Angel Perez

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

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/ark:/61903/1:1:QPH4-KCB6>

PEREZ ANGEL		XC 7 085
Pvt 2 Cas Co		K
Semil Villalba P R		A
Sn	Died 2/6/18	T 473 588
Born 6/5/94		R
Enl	Dis	Cl
		I 7 785

U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
FORM 7202—Rev. Sept., 1935

INDEX CARD 278 2-12000

Veterans Administration Military Index entry appears to put THIS Angel Perz in a different unit, slightly different birthdate, living in Semil Villalba, Puerto Rico, but died on 6 Feb 1918 –

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MS-8S77-6?cc=2968245&personaUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AWS66-4SPZ>

What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Laborer*

By whom employed? *J. H. S. R.*

Where employed? *Rosenberg*

WWI draft registration 5 Jun 1917 - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/14980500:6482?tid=&pid=&queryId=dbb3a09aef50d6b74827f23c6090759b&_phsrc=hFB43430&_phstart=successSource

VICTIMS OF THE SEA ARE BURIED

**Tuscania's Dead Laid to
Rest on Irish Soil; Names
of All Missing Secured.**

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and are numbered from one to 43 in the following order:

Unidentified private, Jesse H. Rhollies, Capt. Leo P. Lebron, John Jenkins, wireless operator, James A. Price, Boise; two unidentified privates, Claud W. Walker, Los Angeles; E. O. Peca, George W. Tomlina, Ethan Allen White, unidentified private, Oscar Lee Smith Winters, Edgar E. Burns, unidentified member of crew, George Merna, unidentified private, Tula B. Thompson, Dell Walter Leonard, Whittington Sherman, Lieut. E. Philip Lightall, W. E. Wilson, unidentified private, Daniel Trebridge Bryant, unidentified private, William O. Williams, Fletcher Odell Pledger, three unidentified privates, W. E. Bickers, unidentified private, J. J. Buckley, J. B. Bishop, two unidentified privates, E. F. Young, Gilmore Engel Percy, three unidentified privates, Capt. Philip V. Sherman, unidentified private, unidentified member of crew, three unidentified privates, William Arthur Moore, Oris E. Hutchins.

44 In Third Place.

At a third place 44 victims are buried in three trenches, the largest holding 18 bodies, another 16 and a third 10. In the first named the bodies have been numbered from one to 18 in this order:

Harry Carpenter, two unidentified privates, John A. Laakko, Rocco Calarese, Ade McCoy, two unidentified privates, Stanley A. Anspurger, E. A. Houston, Stanley L. Collins, Joseph G. Maxstruck, Otto Ray Martin, Columbus Hill, Clare Metzencamer, Wilbur Clark Jackson, John Elchammer, Ben Barker.

Those in the next grave are numbered from 19 to 24 as follows:

Unidentified private, Wesley W. Hyatt, Ansted Gunder, Van Smith Peters, William R. Halaner, Fred N. Unger, Frank Drahota, John O. Robinson, Edgar Cullen, J. P. Wasson, E. F. Church, Henry A. Stemmer, N. B. Short, three unidentified privates.

In a third grave only ten men were buried, tagged from one to ten as follows:

John Sloss, Riley F. Murray, H. G. Bates, Anthony Eiboni, Winston A. Harcock, L. N. Collins, Claude Bradley, J. B. Crow, D. E. Inglehart, A. S. Gillespie.

Many Bodies Buried in Canvas.

Owing to a shortage of wood to make coffins, many of the bodies were wrapped in canvas and buried in tiers, one on top of another. This part of the coast is practically without trees. The owner of one estate, to make coffins for as many as possible, ordered cut his men to cut down his 25 trees, the only ones in many miles.

Home Addresses of Men.
 Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—The home addresses of the American soldiers from the southwest and from Minnesota, Nebraska and Michigan, buried on the Scottish coast as taken from the Associated Press list of those unaccounted for and checked up with the Tuscania's passenger list, follows:
 (In some instances the spelling from the Scotch seaport does not agree with the official passenger list.)
 Herman, T. W. (probably Fred W., of Lincoln, Neb.).
 Reader, Luther B., Broadus, Tex.
 Keown, William, Sand Spring, Tex.
 Roberts, Lewis, Nachdoches, Tex.
 Johnson, William R., Metamora, Mich.
 Page, Henry H., Saratoga, Tex.
 West, Clayton B., Baxter Springs, Tex.
 Crellin, Walter, Virginia, Minn.
 Besner, Herbert C. J., Saginaw, Mich.
 Trageser, William L., Cottonwood, Minn.
 Johnson, John C., Bigfalls, Minn.
 St. Clair, Thomas E., Junction, Tex.
 Collins, Arthur W., Appleby, Tex.
 Burke, Edwin R., Bermidji, Minn.
 Allen, Fred K., Ada, Minn.
 McMurry, William F., Royce City, Tex.
 Pentrose, Samuel N., Doucette, Tex.
 Sims, Irvin, Alto, Tex.
 Crocker (not Crucker), Norman G., Center, Tex.
 Smith, Oscar L., Winters, Tex.
 Barnes (not Burna), Edgar C., Ranger, Tex.
 Moreno (not Merna), George, Pear-sall, Tex.
 Whittington, Walter L. (Leonard), Sherman, Tex.
 Wilson, William R. (not W. E.), Canton, Tex.
 Trobridge, Daniels W., Strawn, Tex.
 Buckley, James L., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Young, Edward F., Gilmer, Tex.
 Perez, Angel (not Engel Percy), San Antonio, Tex.
 Hill, Martin C. (Columbus), Wim-berly, Tex.
 Clark, Wilbur W., Lansing, Mich.

Eichhammer, John A., East Grand Forks, Minn.
 Barker, Ben, Fulsburg, Tex.
 Anstad, Gunder G. (not Anstad Guner), Oklae, Minn.
 Drahota, Frank, Jackson, Minn.
 Abboni, Anthony (not Elboni), De-troit, Mich.
 Crow, Jennings B., Appleby, Tex.

Some Confusing Errors.

The list of those buried, sent by cable, contains a number of confusing errors and a number of names which cannot be transcribed with certainty, including Paul John C. Wood (may be private James C. Wood, Yan-lis, Texas.)

In the cabled list also are W. Har-dey, E. O. Peca and Claud W. Walker. These names are not on the list which remains after removing from the pas-senger list all those reported as sur-vivors and those lost.

Misidentified as Engel Percy – "El Paso (TX) Herald" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 2

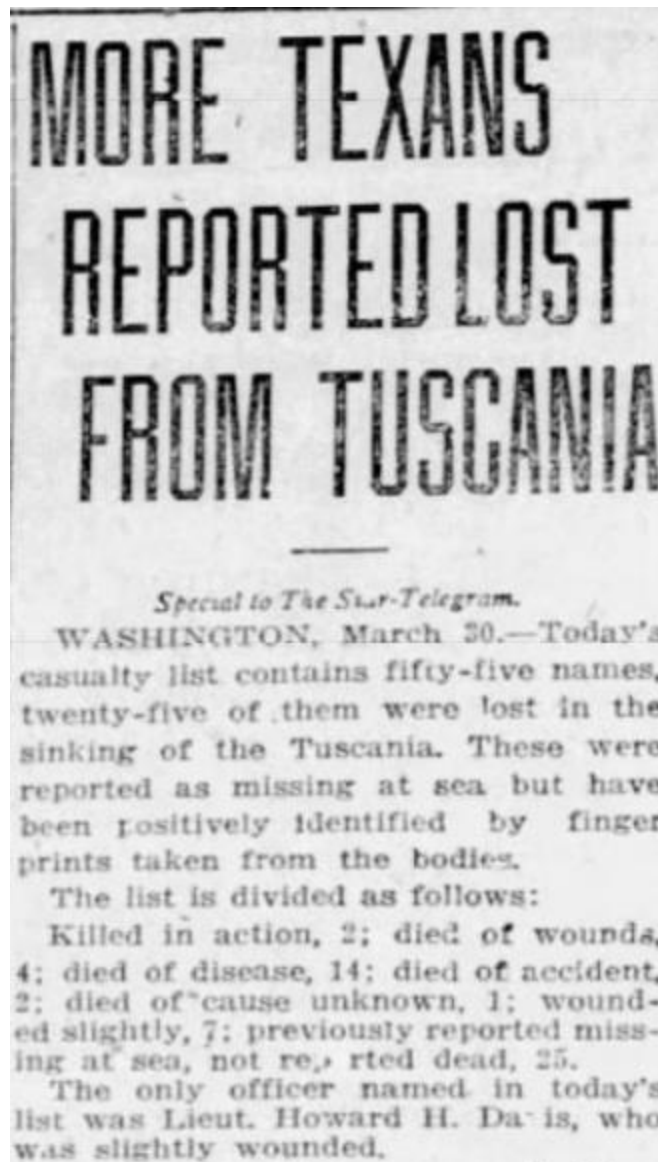
TUSCANIA VICTIM CLAIMED EXEMPTION AS FRIENDLY ALIEN

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 15.—Angel Perez is the first San Antonio boy definitely known to have perished on the Tuscania. His name is included in the list of those who have been buried on the Scottish coast. His parents reside at 606 Reno St.

Perez, a native of Mexico, had an exemption application pending when he was sent overseas, it is said, the claims being based upon the ground that he was an alien. He was drafted from Fort Bend County and was a member of Company 50 of the 165th Depot Brigade, Camp Travis.

“Victoria (TX) Daily Advocate” Friday 15 Feb 1918 p 2 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/436175569/?terms=perez%20victoria%20reno&match=1>



"Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 6

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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One misclassified nondeclarant, a resident of Fort Bend Country by the name of Angel Pérez, was assigned to the same ill-fated troop transport as Florencio Heras and, like his fellow conscript, destined to perish before even reaching France because of a German submarine (see chapter 6 for more on this episode).³²

Footnote 32 of Chapter 2 appears on page 144: *Britten, American Indians in World War I*, 123; *Dallas Morning News*, February 14, 1918

Page 94 (the sinking of Tuscania):

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 those were several Tejanos. Most, like Marcos Armijo of El Paso, who saved a nurse from drowning after falling overboard [this story is not true; the only two women aboard were employees of the Anchor Ship Line and had safely entered a lifeboat], survived the disaster. But some were not so fortunate. Nine Tejanos – Sixto Flores and José Ybarra of Laredo, Rosendo Diaz of Alice, Florencio Heras of Alfred, Angel Pérez of Rosenberg, Guadalupe Garza of Benavides, Lucio Ramos of San Antonio, Cirilo Rodriguez of Bergsmill, and Juan Pérez of Buene – perished in the frigid waters off the Irish Coast. In Alice, the Tejano community held a ceremony to honor the victims of the attack.³

Footnote 3 of Chapter 6 appears on page 157: Christian, “Joining the American Mainstream,” 578; Saenz, *Los México-Americanos*, 239. The list of Tejano casualties comes from an examination of the war service cards at the Texas Military Forces Museum in Austin, Texas. Florencio Heras appears as “Florencio Erras” in official military records.

164 AMERICANS ARE BURIED WITH HONORS IN SCOTTISH GRAVES

Texas Heroes Dead in Scotland

WILLIAM R. WILSON, Canton, Texas.
HENRY H. PAGE, Saratoga, Texas.
EDWARD F. YOUNG, Gilmer, Texas.
LUTHER B. REEDER, Broadus, Texas.
THOMAS ST. CLAIR, Junction, Texas.
BEN BARKER, FOULSBURG, Texas.
MARTIN C. HILL, Wimberly, Texas.
DANIEL W. TROBRIDGE, Strawn, Texas.
EDGAR C. BARNES, Ranger, Texas.
OSCAR L. SMITH, Winters, Texas.
ANGEL PEREZ, San Antonio, Texas.
WALTER L. WHITTINGTON, Sherntan, Texas.
GEORGE MORENO, Pearsall, Texas.
ARTHUR W. COLLINS, Appleby, Texas.
CLAYTON B. WEST, Baxter Springs, Texas.
LEWIS ROBERTS, Nacogdoches, Texas.
WILLIAM KEOWN, Sand Springs, Texas.
JENNINGS B. CROW, Appleby, Texas.

"Austin (TX) American" Thursday 14 Feb 1918 p 1

TEXANS KILLED ON TUSCANIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The war department began receiving tonight the first official list of American soldiers who lost their lives on the Tuscania, sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast.

Of the 82 names so far received, the Texans are:

BEN BARKER, Forestburg, Texas.
 ARTHUR COLLINS, Appleby, Texas.
 JENNINGS B. CROW, Appleby, Texas.
 WILLIAM A. DINTER, Cuero, Texas.
 ROY W. MAY, Lindale, Texas.
 GEORGE MORENO, Pearsall, Texas.
 HENRY OXFORD, Turnsville, Texas.
 ANGEL PEREZ, San Antonio, Texas.
 OTTO RAY, Coburn, Texas.
 IRVIN SIMS, Alto, Texas.
 OSCAR L. SMITH, Winters, Texas.
 JAMES F. SPARKMAN, Frisco, Texas.
 DANIEL W. TROWBRIDGE, Strawn, Texas.
 WALTER L. WHITTINGTON, Sherman, Texas.
 WM. R. WILSON, Canton, Texas.
 JAMES C. WOOD, Yantis, Texas.
 EDWARD F. YOUNG, Gilmer, Texas.

"Austin (TX) American" Saturday 16 Feb 1918 p 3

ADDRESS SUPPLIED BY WAR DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The home address of the American soldiers buried on the Scottish coast, taken from the Associated Press list of those unaccounted for, as checked up with the Tuscania's passenger list, follows:

In some instances the spelling from the Scotch seaport does not agree with the official passenger list.

Herman, T. W., (probably Fred W., of Lincoln, Neb.); Reeder, Luther B, Broadus, Texas; Keown, William, Sand Springs, Texas; Roberts, Lewis, Nacogdoches, Texas; Casper, Orvel N., Milwaukee, Wis.; Duffy, Everett H., Siloam Springs, Mo.; Johnson, William R., Metamora, Mich.; Page, Henry H., Saratoga, Texas; West, Claton B, Baxter Springs, Texas; Tuttle, Terry, Elgin, Ore.; Brown, Walter L., Pera, Va.; Short, Clarence W., Wilboro, Penn.; Butler, Ramond, New Richmond, Wis.; Zimmerman, George V., New Rochelle,

N. Y.; Edwards, John, Butte, Mont.;
 Reinhardt, George A., Jefferson City,
 Mo.; Crellin, Walter, Virginia, Minn.;
 Bennett, William E., Rogers, Ark.;
 Swanson, Charles E., Rothschilds, Wis.;
 Morin, William P., Portland Ore.; Jen-
 kins, Clyde G., Coalinga, Cal.; Hurst,
 Raymond T., Pocasset, Okla.; Lawton,
 Theodore E., Forest Grove, Ore.; Bes-
 ner, Herbert C., Saginaw, Mich.;
 Weeks, Bert O., Modesto, Cal.; Speidel,
 Henry S., New York City; Renton, Da-
 vid G., Northbend, Wash.; Wagner, Ju-
 lius, Stamford, Conn.; Tragresser, Wil-
 liam L., Cottonwood, Minn.; Licari, Al-
 fio, Eureka, Cal.; Stevens, Percy A.,
 (list spelled name Stephens), Bend,
 Ore.; Wright, William W., Bismarck,
 Okla.; Cook, Marcus B., Como, Mont.;
 Bjork, George Nelson, Helena, Ore.;
 Johnson, John C., Big Falls, Minn.; St.
 Clair, Thomas E., Junction, Texas;
 Collins, Arthur W., Appleby, Texas;
 Lankenau, Theodore E., San Francis-
 co, Cal.; Cheshier, John W., Lucas,
 Wash.; Clover (not Grover) Gerald K.,
 Hopewell, Va.; Bruno (not Burns)
 Frank, New York City; Talley (not
 Tully) Milton; Union City, Tenn; Bur-
 key, Edwin R., Bermidji, Minn.; Wei-

gand (not Leigand) Philip, Baltimore, Md.; Wilson, Curtis W., Salem, Ore.; Allen, Fred K., Ada, Minn.; Rames (not Raines) Manuel, (not W), Paia Maui, Hawaii; Anderson, Homer Llewelyn, Cumberland, Wis.; Lintow (not Linthou) Fred M., Lamoine, Cal.; Gurney, (not Guerney) James B., Glid, Ore.; Pierce (not Pearce) James L., Creswell, Ore.; Cowan, Elmer L., Victor, Mont.; McMurry, William F., Royse City, Texas; Pentrose, Samuel N., Doucette, Texas; Bennett, Russell F., Plainfield, Wis.; Warren, Robert F., Seattle, Wash.; Ozment, Luther W., Broken Bow, Okla.; Droogs (not Greys) William I., Mount Idaho, Idaho; Sims, Irvin, Alto, Texas; Hawley, James P., Neenah, Wis.; Matthews, William, Bellingham, Wash.; Riggs (not Riggi) Samuel P., San Francisco; Crocker, (not Crucker) Norman G., Center, Texas; Agren (not Agrien) Peter A., Jewell, Ore.; Byrne (not Byrge) Jack J., Butte, Mont.; Rudolph, Fred A., Milwaukee, Wis.; Rapp, Herman, New York City; Rhoads (not Rholles) Jesse M., Halbert, Okla.; Lebron, Capt. Leo P., Guthrie, Okla.; Pyro, James A., Boise City, Okla.; Tomlins, George W.,

El Reno, Okla.; White, Ethan, Arnett, Okla.; Smith, Oscar L., Winters, Texas; Barnes (not Burna) Edgar C., Ranger, Texas; Moreno (not Merns) George, Pearsall, Texas; Thompson, Tulla B., Madill, Okla.; Whittington, Walter L. (Leonard), Sherman, Texas; Lightall, Capt. Philip Kilburn, Syracuse, N. Y.; Wilson, William R., (not W. E.), Canton, Texas; Trobridge, Daniel W., Strawn, Texas; Pledger, Fletcher (D), Odell, Norman, Okla.; Vickers (not Bickers), William E., Southwest City, Mo.; Buckley, James J., Minneapolis, Minn.; Bishop, John B., Foster Okla.; Young, Edward F., Gilmer, Texas; Perez, Angel (not Engel) Percy, San Antonio, Texas.; Sherman, Capt. Philip Vicent, Norfield, Vt.; Moore, William A., San Francisco, Cal.; Hutchins, Otis E., Whitehall, Wis.; Carpenter, Harry, Potomac, Ill.; Laakko, John A., Astoria, Ore.; Galabrese, Rocco, Mount Solo, Wash.; McCoy, Ora L., Elmonte, Cal.; Augspurger, Stanley R., Dayton, O.; Houston, Elmer A., Held, Ore.; Collins, Stanley L., Knights Ferry, Cal.; Maystrick (not Maxstruck), J. G., Astoria, N. Y.; Hell, Martin C. (Columbus), Wimber-

ly, Texas; Mowrey, Otto (not Otto Ray) Kenoshaka, Wis.; Metzenbauer, Claire, Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Clark, Wilbur W., Lansing, Mich.; Eichhammer, John A., East Grand Forks, Minn.; Barker, Ben, Foulburg, Texas; Smithpeter, William V., (Van Smithpeters), Fort Cobb, Okla.; Short, Nathan B., Stephens, Ark.; Bradley, Claude, Swaty, Ark.; Crow, Jennings B., Appleby, Texas.



Engel corrected to Angel, but Perez remains incorrect as Percy - "Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram" Wednesday 13 Feb 1918 p 4

Tendrán las fotografías de las tumbas, sus deudos

Se busca a los padres de Angel Pérez para entregarle una fotografía de la tumba de su hijo

En unos álbums que se están recibiendo en esta ciudad y en algunas otras de los Estados Unidos, vienen las fotografías de las tumbas de los soldados que perdieron sus vidas en el hundimiento del vapor "Tuscania" y que fueron enterrados en Diciembre de 1917, en la Costa Inglesa. Estos envíos se están haciendo a la Cruz Roja para que por conducto de esta Asociación lleguen a poder de las familias de los fenecidos. Entre estas familias está la de Angel Pérez, joven mexicano nativo de Mix-

coac, quien pereció en aquel hundimiento al ir hacia los campos de batalla con las tropas americanas.

La Cruz Roja en esta ciudad busca para entregarle el álbum de referencia a la señora madre de Angel, Dña. Patricia Núñez de Pérez y como no sabe su actual residencia, ocurre a los periódicos suplicando a las personas que sepan el paradero de los padres de Angel Perez se sirvan comunicarlo a las oficinas principales de la Cruz Roja en el Edificio Chandler.

The gist of this article is that the Red Cross has photographs of the burial of Angel Perez, a young man born in Mexico serving in the US Army, and are asking for information about the whereabouts of his parents, particularly his mother, Doña Patricia Núñez de Pérez. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Red Cross in the Chandler Building. It erroneously says he was buried in Dec 1917; it accurately says he died in the sinking of the Tuscania off the English Coast [which occurred

Feb 1918] - "La Prensa (San Antonio TX) Friday 17 Oct 1919 p 8 -

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/618142883/?terms=%22angel%20perez%22%20tuscania&match=1>

Name: Angel Perez

Name variations: found as Angel Percy & Engel Percy in 1918 newspapers

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, 165th Depot Brigade, 50th Co. - private

Serial number: US Army enlisted men were not assigned serial numbers until after the sinking of the Tuscania showed their value so Angel died without a number

Entered service from: San Antonio (hometown: Rosenberg?), Bexar TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Angel Perez

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": Patria Nunas Perez of San Antonio TX (handwritten note about lack of street address)

Returned from war on: could not locate. Also could not locate burial information on isle of Islay, Scotland but is listed in newspaper reports as Engel Percy, buried on Islay. From newspaper accounts, it is likely he was buried at the Port Charlotte cemetery.

Sailed on return ship as:

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank:

World War I draft registration (1917): as Angel Perez - b. 1 Jun 1894 Mexico City, DF [Distrit Federales] Mexico; res: Rosenberg, Fort Bend TX. Single. Alien, Race: Mexican. Laborer, [illegible], Rosenberg TX. Short & slender.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Jun 1894 Mexico City, Cuahtémoc Borough, Distrito Federal, Mexico

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania

Find A Grave record: 201814478 – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: San Antonio, Bexar TX

Cemetery: San Fernando Cemetery #2

Tombstone: has inscribed etching of WWI soldier – 165 D B, 50th Co. – Edad 23 anos (age 23 years)

Father:

Find A Grave:

Mother: Patricia Nuñez de Pérez (Patria Nunas Perez on passenger list)

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

"El Paso (TX) Herald" Monday 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – Among those missing on Tuscania, from Camp Travis Detachment 2, Overseas Casuals – Angel Perez, San Antonio TX

"Victoria (TX) Daily Advocate" 15 Feb 1918 p 2 – His parents live at 606 Reno St., San Antonio TX. He was born in Mexico & had an exemption from service pending on the basis that he was an alien, when he was sent overseas. Drafted from Fort Bend country [i.e. Fort Bend County]. Was in Co. 50, 165th Depot Brigade, Camp Travis TX

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses: