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Abbreviations:

b = born

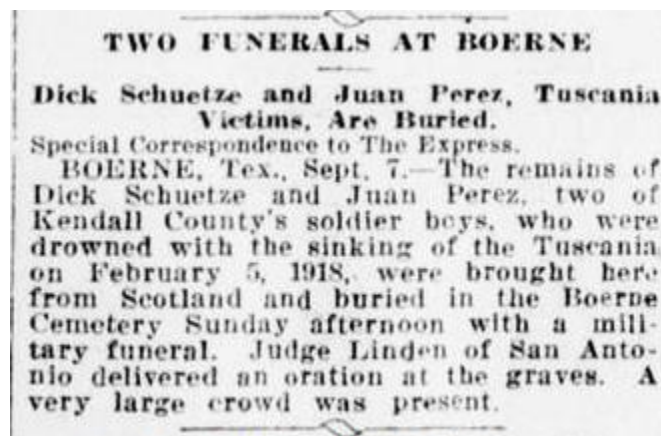
d = died

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

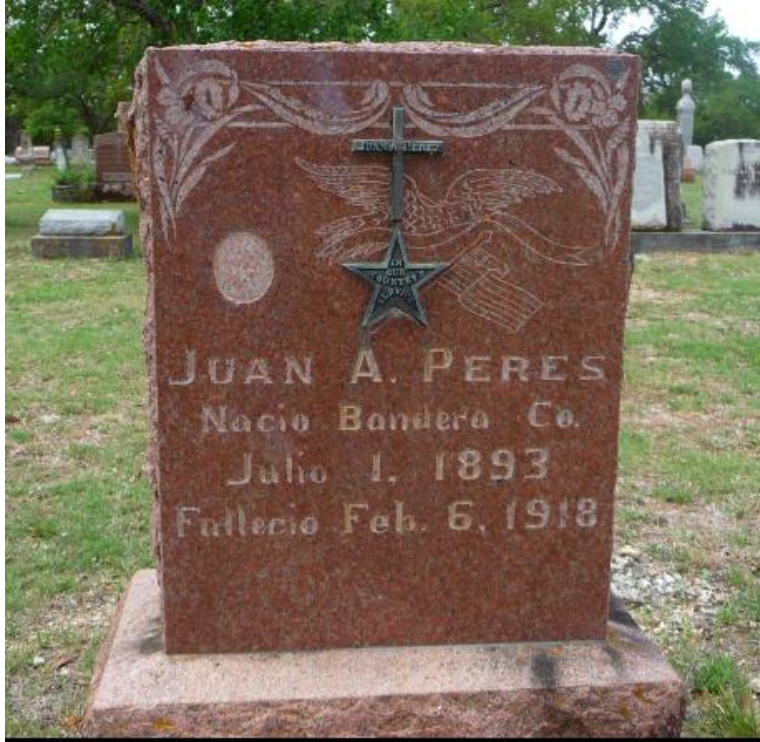
NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Tuscania casualty
Perez, Juan Antonio
1893 TX – 5 February 1918 Tuscania



San Antonio Express Wed. 8 Sep 1920



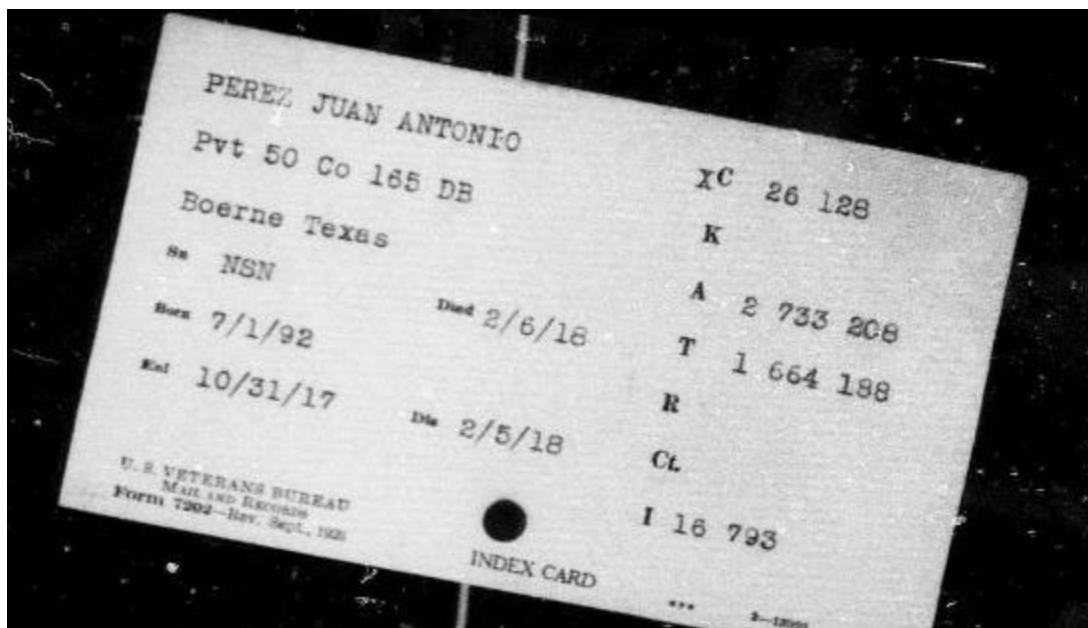
Article & headstone – from Find A Grave 109019957

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

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.



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Perez, Juan A. * White * Colored.
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: XXX Boerne Kendall TEXAS
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * R. A. * N. G. * E. R. C. * Inducted at San Antonio Tex on Oct 31, 1917

Place of birth: Boerne Tex. Age or date of birth: 25 Yrs

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: 50 Co ~~165~~ 165
 Dep Brig to death Camp Travis Tex

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: Antonio Vargus Mother
 (Name) (Degree of relationship)

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

Remarks:

Form No. 724-6, A. G. O. Nov. 22, 1919. † Strike out words not applicable. † Dates of departure from and arrival in the U. S. 2-7260

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Juan Antonio Perez

Military • United States, Enlisted and Officer Muster Rolls and Rosters, 1916-1939

Perez, Juan Antonio	Oct 31/17	name, rank, 1st Det, 1st Reg, Dec 22/17.. Transf. to detention, casual, detach, det.
Perez, Mangus	Nov 8/17	name, rank, 1st Det, 1st Reg, Dec 22/17.. Transf. to detention, casual, detach, det.

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Juan A Perez

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

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TEXAS WHITE: INDUCED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT				
NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT PLACE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Perez, Juan A.		Pvt	165 Depot Brig 50 Co	Feb 5/18 Camp Travis Det #2

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Died at sea (Tuscania): Privates George A. Altwien, Temple, Texas; Verner C. Braanland, Colton, Ore.; Joe Cochran, Lawton, Okla.; Leonard H. Dethman, McCabe, Mont.; Rosendo Diaz, Naparena, Texas; Elton L. Edmondston, Strawn, Texas; Florencio Erras, Alice, Texas; Edward C. Yeyrer, Weiner, Texas; Sixton Flores, Alice, Texas; Guadalupe Garza, Rio Grande, Texas; Edward C. Grahmer, Scranton, Pa.; Frank Kosseth, San Antonio, Texas; Joseph Marlin, Shecotah, Okla.; Roy Muncaster, Denver, Colo.; Ben V. Owens, Candian, Texas; Clarence Paul, Alexandria, La.; Cook Clyde C. Pelley, Cedar Rapids, La.; Privates Juan A. Perez, Boerne, Texas; Onidis Powell, Sassaqua, Okla.; Cirilo Rodriguez, Bergsmill, Texas; Richard Schulze, Boerne, Texas; Arthur Straach, Miles, Texas; Patrick H. White, Dallas, Texas; Paul A. Williams, Pueblo, Colo.; Jose Ybarra, Laredo, Texas.



War Department casualty list – “Austin (TX) American” Sunday 31 Mar 1918 p 1

Joan Antonio Perez

in the Texas, U.S., Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio Sacramental Records, 1700-1995

Name: Joan Antonio Perez

Record Type: Baptism

Birth Date: 1 Jul 1893

Birth Place: San Antonio, Texas, USA

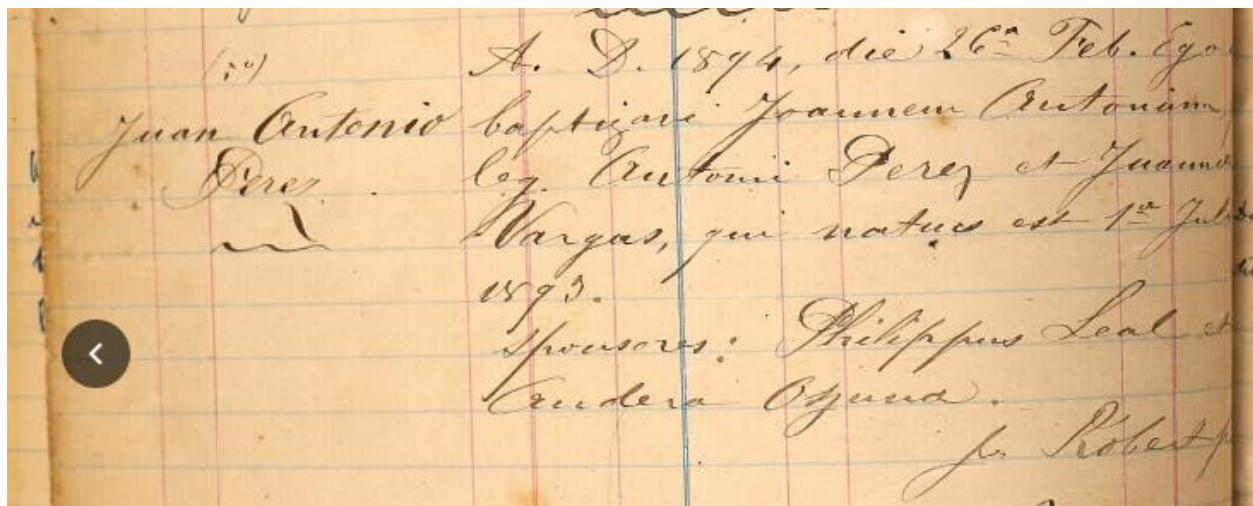
Baptism Date: 26 Feb 1894

Baptism Place: San Antonio, Texas, USA

Baptism Church: St. Stanislaus (Bandera, Tx)

Father: Antonii Perez

Mother: Juanna Vargas



https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/220551:61845?tid=&pid=&queryId=3ef3e44754e5e5e2c2f06a74b24c7e89&_phsrc=hFB43449&_phstart=successSource



St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Bandera TX, built 1876, where Juan was baptized -
<https://www.ststanislausbandera.com/history-of-the-church.html>

Name: Juan Antonio Perez / Peres

Name variations: Peres on his tombstone

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 Juan died without a number

Entered service from: Boerne, Kendall TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Juan A. Perez

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": mother Antonio Vargus Perez, Boerne TX

First buried on isle of Islay, Scotland: in Port Charlotte, Islay, Scotland - grave 40, as Juan A. Perez

Body returned from war on: from Port Charlotte, Islay, on "Antigone" arriving Hoboken NJ 7 Aug 1920

Body listed on return ship as: Juan A. Perez

Unit & rank on return ship: : pvt, Casual Co. #2

World War I draft registration (1917): as Juan Antonio Perez - b. 1 Jul 1893 Bandera Co. TX; res: Boerne TX. Race: Spanish-American. Single. Employed by US Government, Leon Springs TX. Tall in height, medium build. Card is signed PERES

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 1 Jul 1893 Bandera, Bandera TX (TX military records: Boerne TX)

Died: 5 Feb 1918 Tuscania (tombstone: 6 Feb 1918)

Find A Grave record: 109019957 (Find A Grave header & tombstone read Peres) – presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Boerne, Kendall TX

Cemetery: Boerne

Tombstone: is in Spanish: Juan Antonio Peres / Nacio Bandera Co. / Julio 1, 1893 / Fallecio Feb. 6, 1918

Father: Antonil Perez, according to Juan's baptismal record – perhaps Antonio?

Find A Grave:

Mother: Antonio Vargus Perez, according to the passenger list & TX military records – Juanna Vargas according to Juan's baptismal record

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:
Marriage:

Children:

Siblings:

Notes:

Pre-war:

Baptized 26 Feb 1894 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Bandera TX.

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Censuses: