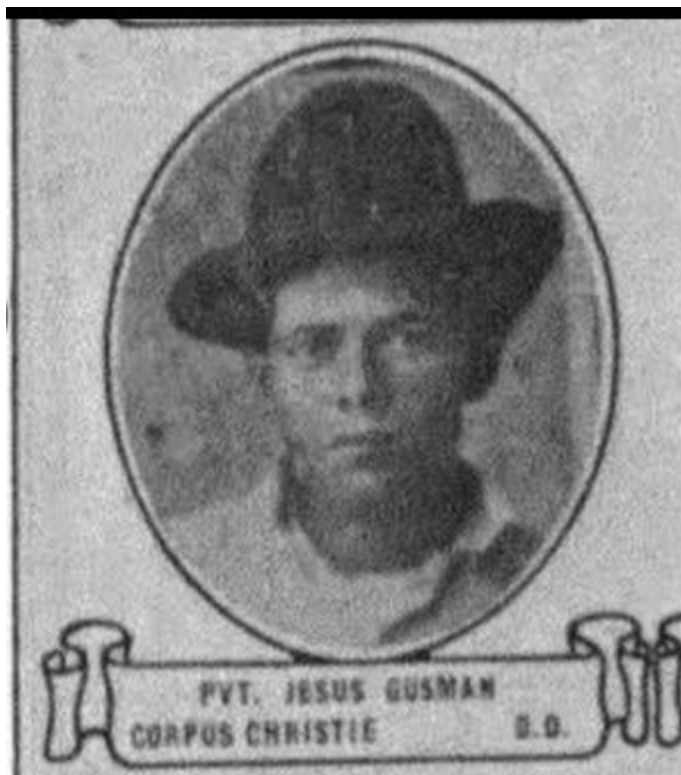


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Wartime casualty
Guzman, Jesus
1894 TX – 1918 France



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PVT. JESUS GUZMAN

251,532

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THE GOLD STAR TREE COURT OF HONOR WORLD WAR MEMORIAL

"Some Deeds Must Not Die, Some Names Must Not Wither."



***This Space is Reserved
For a Brief Biographical
and Service Record of
the Gold Star Veterans of
Corpus Christi and
Nueces County Who
Died in Service at Home
or Abroad on Land or
Sea, as a Tribute to Their
Gold Star Mothers, Fath-
ers and Other Relatives,
and Especially for Their
Descendants.***

***(Arranged and pub-
lished in alphabetical
order.)***



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It is a comforting thought that all the American cemeteries in France, are beautifully kept, and that the French Mothers visit these cemeteries and place wreaths of exquisite flowers made of beads, on the snowy crosses, in gratitude for what the American soldier did for La Belle France. A member of the Gold Star Mothers group of 1930 wrote the following lines to the writer of this column, when the United States sent the Gold Star Mothers on the Pilgrimage to their sons grave in France:

"On Flanders field the poppies
sway
Toward "No Man's Land" the whole
long day

And leafy branches bend and toss
 Unmindful of our Nation's loss.
 There where fell the war-god's hall
 Is heard the lilt of Nightingale!
 And violets, their fragrance shed,
 And cluster o'er the hero dead.

On Flanders field, the poppies grow,
 And valley-lilies sprinkle snow,
 There, where many fought and fell,
 Is found the tender, fair blue-bell.
 All horrors of the conflict o'er
 No hurtling shell or cannon's roar;
 Dame nature with a gentle tread,
 Brings floral draping for the dead.

For tender, loving dear old earth
 Is proud of those of martial worth,
 For all who sleep on Flanders field,
 Were knightly men of sword and
 shield;

Royal and true in word and deed
 They knew their country's stress
 and need

And whether ranking high or low
 Sweet be their rest where poppies
 grow.

His imperishable Biographical
 star stands at the base of the 11th
 Myrtle tree, north of the southern
 end of the Court of Honor, World
 War Memorial of Corpus Christi.

SOLDIERS OF THE GREAT WAR

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Privates—Continued

DILLINGHAM, Frank, Texarkana.
 DIVINELL, Norman E., Houston.
 DOBSON, Elmer E., Bells.
 DODDS, Harvey W., Burnet.
 DORNAK, Steve E., Shiner.
 DOTSON, Marvin, Amarillo.
 DOWNARD, Hugh E. G., Gainesville.
 DREWS, Will H., Marlin.
 DUKE, Herbert C., Yoakum.
 DULIN, Lewis A., Eastland.
 DUMAS, Hugh Leon, Fort Worth.
 DUNHAM, William E., Denton.
 DUNLAP, John C., Sipe Springs.
 DUNLAVY, Herbert D., Goose Creek.
 DUNN, Joe B., Cleburne.
 DUPERIER, Henry F., Beaumont.
 DURHAM, Bartlett C., Jacksboro.
 DWINNELL, Norman E., Houston.
 EAST, Abram, Kane.
 EBNER, Frank, Rosanky.
 ECKERT, Max H., Hilda.
 EDEN, George A., Sulphur Springs.
 EDMONDSON, Harry F., Ridge.
 EDWARDS, Lee R., Glenrose.
 EHLERS, Hugo J., La Grange.
 ELDER, Charlie B., Deport.
 ELLIOTT, Frank, Pilot Point.
 ELLIS, James P., Eldorado.
 EMMONS, Joe V., Houston.
 ENGLEMAN, Albert, New Table.
 ERCANBRACK, Raymond, Buckholtz.
 ERICKSON, Selmer J., Clifton.
 EVANS, Aubrey E., Goldthwaite.
 EVANS, John A., Streetman.

Privates—Continued

GLENN, Samuel L., Rusk.
 GOPLE, Clifford W., Mingus.
 GONSALES, Donaciano, Belen.
 GONZALES, Cayetano, Tuleta.
 GONZALES, Simon, Martindale.
 GOODE, Frank F., Gorse.
 GOODE, Henry, Yoakum.
 GOODGER, Willis E., Austin.
 GOODHUE, James W., Beaumont.
 GOODKOWSKI, Ziegman A., Chapel Hill.
 GRAHAM, Charles D., Abilene.
 GRAHAM, Mount, El Paso.
 GRAHAM, Noel H., Seymour.
 GRANT, Arthur, Corpus Christi.
 GRAVES, Benton, Bryce.
 GRAVES, Thomas J., Wheeler.
 GRAY, Will, Wichita Falls.
 GREEN, Elroy, Tyler.
 GREEN, Joseph L., Waxahachie.
 GREEN, Porter, Uvalde.
 GREGG, Donald, Houston Heights.
 GRIGGS, Le Roy Lester, Waco.
 GRIGGS, Robert O., Saitillo.
 GRIGGS, William F., Johnson City.
 GRIMES, Henry H., Caddo Mills.
 GRIMES, James S., Garland.
 GUINN, Arthur E., Roaring Springs.
 GUINN, Tilman J., Sanger.
 GUTERREZ, Louis C., Van Ormy.
 GULLY, Fred, Bryson.
 GUNN, Quincy L., Gladewater.
 GUTHMAN, Edwin, Brenham.
 GUZMAN, Jesus, Corpus Christi.
 HABY, Oscar J., Utopia.

Privates—Continued

HUMPHREYS, Avery C., Trinity.
 HUMPHREYS, Colvin, Uvalde.
 HUNTER, Ambus E., Dallas.
 HUNTER, Jesse J., Mobank.
 HUTCHINSON, George W., Mahi.
 HUTSON, Zid, Centralia.
 IRWIN, Ennis, Fort Griffin.
 ISAACKS, Charles F., Quannah.
 JACKSON, Claude L., Klondike.
 JACKSON, Ed, Houston.
 JACKSON, Eddie F., Blossom.
 JACKSON, Floyd N., Greenville.
 JAGGY, Frank J., Leming.
 JAMES, Andrew J., Cleburne.
 JENDRZEY, Jerome Ben, Yorktown.
 JENSEN, Laurence G., Houston.
 JENSON, Jens, Houston.
 JERNIGAN, Joe, Wolfe City.
 JETER, George S., Stone Point.
 JOHNSON, Bentley C., Dallas.
 JOHNSON, Cody B., Mineola.
 JOHNSON, James O., Dawson.
 JOHNSON, Pierce, Ochiltree.
 JOHNSON, Porter W., Royse.
 JOHNSTON, Russell E., Dallas.
 JOHNSTON, Samuel R., Jewett.
 JOHNSON, William H., Clifton.
 JONES, Henry H., Brownsville.
 JONES, Ira L., Windthorst.
 JONES, Jesse B., Roona.
 JONES, Oklahoma, Crowley.
 JONES, Robert Alexander, Madisonville.
 JONES, Robert T., Seagoville.
 JONES, William, San Antonio.

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Guzman, Jesus 251,532 * White * ~~Colored~~
 (Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number)

Residence: _____
 (Street and house number) (Town or city) (County) (State)

* Enlisted * ~~R. A. N. G. E. R. C.~~ Inducted at Corpus Christi Tex on Nov 4, 1917
 Place of birth: Corpus Christi Tex Age or date of birth: 23 2/12 Yrs.
 Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers: Co 50 - 13 Bn 165 Dep
 Brig Nov 4/17 to †; Cp Travis #2 Repl Draft to Mch 29/18;
 7 Co 1 Inf Tng Reg to Apr 18/18; Co C 125 Inf to Oct 22/18.
 Grades, with date of appointment: _____
 Pvt

Engagements: 2nd Battle of the Marne; Juvigny; Argonne.

Served overseas from † Jan 24/18 to † Oct 22/18 from † _____ to † _____
 Killed in action Oct 22, 1918
 Other wounds or injuries received in action: _____
 Person notified of death: Euseba Guzman (Name) (If none, so state) Father
 (No. and street or rural route) (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Remarks: _____

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. 2-7206

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GUZMAN JESUS	X C 131 400
Pvt C Co 125 Inf	K
Corpus Christi Tex	A 4 600 250
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Born 7/11/93	R
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 MAIL AND RECORDS
 Form 7202 - Rev. Sept., 1926

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Veterans Administration Master Index - <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1J-XWG4-7?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQP4Y-R99Q&action=view&cc=2968245&lang=en&groupId=>

Form 1 **REGISTRATION CARD** No. **27**

1 Name in full Jesus Guzman Age in yrs 23

2 Name Coleman Ave Corpus Christi Texas

3 Date of birth Don't know 1894

4 Are you (1) a natural born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? Natural Born

5 Where were you born? Corpus Christi Texas U.S.A.

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? Farmer Laborer 30

8 By whom employed? Idle.

9 Where employed? Idle.

10 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 18, or a sister or brother under 18, wholly dependent on you for support (specify which)?

11 Married or single (which)? single Race (specify which)?

12 What military service have you had? Rank _____ branch _____ years _____ Nation or State _____

13 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

His mark

(Signature or mark)

42-3-34-A REGISTRAR'S REPORT

1 Tall, medium, or short (specify which)? medium Slender, medium, or stout (which)? medium

2 Color of eyes? Dark Brown Color of hair? Black Bald?

3 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, foot, or both eyes, or is he otherwise disabled (specify)?

I certify that my answers are true, that the person registered has read his own answers, that I have witnessed his signature, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Jos. A. Downey
(Signature of registrar)

Precinct # 3

City or County Nueces Co

State Texas

June 5, 1917
(Date of registration)

WWI draft registration – unable to sign name -

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Q. M. C. Form No. 14
Revised Oct. 6, 1928

Interment in the ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA National Cemetery
To—The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

NAME	RANK	COMPANY	REGIMENT OR VESSEL			DIVISION, IF WORLD WAR SOLDIER
			Number	State	Arm	
ASN 251532 GUZMAN, Jesus	Private	C	125th	Texas	Infantry	32nd Division WORLD WAR

DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE MARK		REMARKS Date of discharge and number of Pension Certificate, Disinterments, etc.
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Section	Grave No.	
Oct.	22	1918				European	2719	Originally buried Gr. 138, Plot 3, Sec. 50, #1232 Argonne American Cem. Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France C.R. August 1921

Shipping point for headstones _____

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Superintendent.

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TEXAS WHITE: INDUCED INTO NATIONAL ARMY OR ASSIGNED THERETO UPON ENLISTMENT

NAME	SERIAL NO	RANK	ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
Guzman, Jesus	251,532	Pvt	Co C 125 Inf	Oct 22/18

US, WWI American Expeditionary Forces Deaths, 1917-1919 – Texas, page 22:
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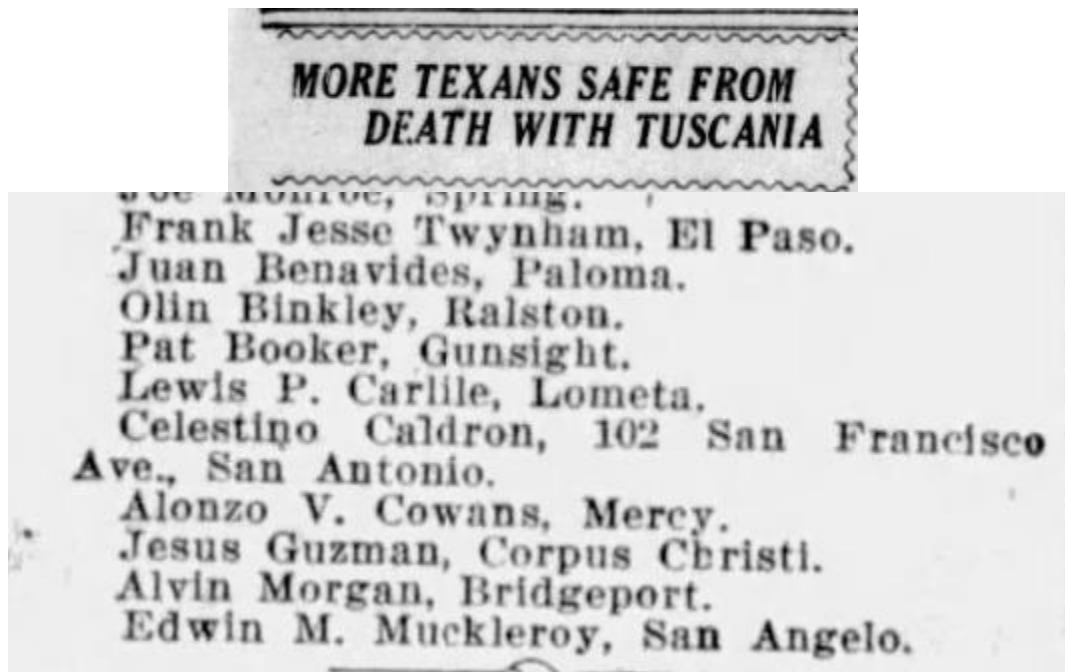
HISTORY OF THE

32D RED ARROW INFANTRY DIVISION AND BRIGADE

1065. **Guzman, Jesus** Pvt. Hispanic American; NoK Mrs. J. Cortez, sister, Corpus Christi, TX (hometown); NoK Eusoba **Guzman**, Corpus Christi, TX; may have survived *Tuscania*, assigned to Camp Travis Det. 2; served with Co. C, 125TH Inf.; KIA 22 Oct. '18; 31 Mar. '19 casualty report; repatriated and re-interred at Arlington National Cemetery 18 Aug. '21; namesake of Jesus **Guzman** Post No. 3249 of VFW at Corpus Christi, TX (when organized, it was 1 of 2 VFW posts in Tex. organized for Hispanic American veterans of the World War; [may have been born 21 Jan. '88 at Randado, TX and resided at Jim Hogg Co., TX ca. '17-'18]

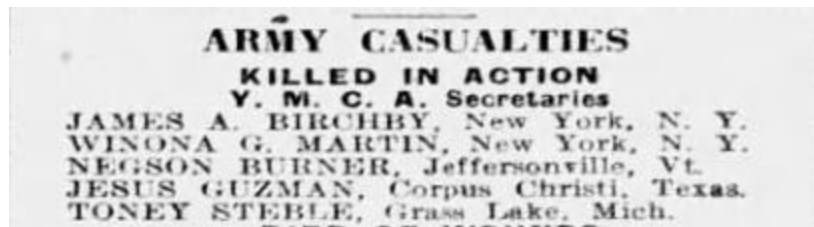
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Life



San Antonio Express-News
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 - Page 3

San Antonio TX



The Oregon Daily Journal
Mon, Mar 31, 1919 - Page 15

Portland OR

Jesus had died 22 Oct 1918 – reported in Mar 1919

Dedication of Gold Star Court of Honor Held Sunday

(Text of the dedication address by Roy Miller will be found on page two.)

Honoring memory of the 32 Nueces county Gold Star heroes, who gave their lives in defense of their country during the recent World war, and their Gold Star mothers and fathers, all of Corpus Christi and Nueces county, aided by state and national representatives and spokesmen from the army, marines and air corps, came together Sunday afternoon in one of the most pleasant of mid-summer-like days to dedicate the Gold Star Court of Honor.

One of the largest and most representative crowds that has ever gathered in Nueces county, which filled Mesquite street and all streets adjacent to the bluff after over-running the terrace, gathered for the ceremonies. Roy Miller was principal speaker.

The program opened when the assembly call was sounded by the bugler of the Ernest H. Gragg post of the American Legion, "America" was sung by the audience, accompanied by the Ninth Infantry band. The Rev. Henry Burwell pronounced the invocation, after being introduced by Col. L. M. Adams, grand marshal of ceremonies. Col. Adams introduced Mrs. Sam Hankins, regent of the Corpus Christi chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and general chairman in charge of the Gold Star Court of Honor dedication, who in turn introduced the chairman of the program, Judge Burge Holt, of the local American Legion post.

J. A. Jolley, representing Ernest C. Cox, deputy state commander of the American Legion, called the roll of Nueces county's illustrious dead, for whom the Gold Star Court of Honor was planted, with its bronze markers distinguishing every tree.

A memorial hymn was sung by Mrs. A. H. Burns, Mrs. C. W. Rhipper, Mrs. Lewis Carter, Mrs. Arthur Harris, Miss Ruby Mae Harbin, Walter Cook, Gerald Regal, Arthur Harris and J. Clark Gifford, with Mrs. R. G. Allen accompanying at the piano. Those singing were on the platform and this part of the program, as was the rest, was broadcast over station KOFI The Caller Times.

Presentation of the memorial tree markers for the Corpus Christi chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and as a member of the National Society of World War Registrars was by Mrs. Henry Redmond. "Let us mark the sacred Gold Star Court of Honor with

branches to contain the immortal name and military service of every man who gave the supreme sacrifice, and plant a living tree as a shrine for his Gold Star mother. The origin of the Gold Star came when the star in the service flag hanging in the window faded from blue to gold," Mrs. Redmond said.

Mrs. Redmond introduced Mrs. Frank De Garmo, honorary advisor, president-founder of the national divisional director of Gold Star War Memorials who gave into the keeping of the Boy Scouts the care of the Gold Star Court of Honor.

Judge Felix Harmer represented Mayor Lovenskiold and the city of Corpus Christi and presented the Memorial Gold Star Light. "This light which is given to the citizens of Nueces county as an eternal memorial to these heroes and a tribute to their mothers when lighted, will never be allowed to go out," he said.

Roy D. Cliff presented the memorial flag pole and flag in behalf of Nueces county, and Sidney Kring presented the memorial flag pole and flag in behalf of the Ernest H. Gragg post of the American Legion.

Following this a medley of war songs, including "There's a Long, Long Trail A-Winding," "Keep the

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Honor Court Dedication Held Sunday

(Continued From Page One.)

Home Fires Burning," "Over There" and "Till We Meet Again" was sung by the chorus, accompanied again by Mrs. R. G. Allen.

Roy Miller's address of dedication was the highlight of the program, and was followed by the prayer of dedication by the Rev. J. W. Sykes.

Acceptance of the Gold Star Court of Honor in behalf of the Gold Star mothers was made by Miss Mary Carrell; in behalf of the Gold Star fathers by Robert B. Gragg; in behalf of the American Legion by J. N. Barnes, and in behalf of the Robstown post of the American Legion by E. W. Seale.

Major Robert John Halpin, representing Maj. Gen. Edwin B. Wainwright, commander of the eighth corps area, Fort Sam Houston, was next on the program and spoke of the tablets and living memorials in the history of the world down through the ages as a history of passing nations. His talk was a "salute to the Legion of the Immortals."

The Court of Honor was accepted on the part of the navy by Rear Admiral T. P. Magruder, who admonished his audience to practice the Golden Rule, "Love thy neighbor as thy self." "From the names of these boys for whom this dedication is made we do not know whether they were Catholic or Protestant, rich or poor, black, white or brown, but they fought for a common cause, which makes them all our heroes."

Colors was sounded, followed by the Star Spangled Banner by the Ninth Infantry band, benediction by Rt. Rev. Magr. Lannon, representing the Rt. Rev. E. B. Ledvina, bishop of the Corpus Christi diocese of the Catholic church.

Concluding the sacred ceremony taps was sounded by Saargant Wright of the Ninth Infantry band.

Names of the 35 men to whose memory the Court of Honor was dedicated follow:

Juvenio Almaraz, Tomas Alvarado, Tranquellino Bosque, Morris Briggs, James H. Cade, Fred Cruz, William Cunningham, Fernando Gonzales, Ernest H. Gragg, Arthur Grant, Jesus Guzman, Ben Hastings, Otto Hercek, Samuel H. Ingle, Wilbur F. Lane, Joe Maupin, George McDonald, Martin Mircovich, Manton M. Parsons, Polonio Perez, Phillip W. Phillibert, Leo Reoux, Ramon Ries, Andres Rodriguez, William A. Roper, Joe R. Teasley, Louis B. Thomas, John N. Timon, Eusebio Villarreal, August F. Vuckasin, Samuel L. Weed, James W. Welch, Charles S. Wheeler, Willie Winn, Rufus C. Wood.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF
FINAL ACCOUNT
THE STATE OF TEXAS.—To all
Persons Interested in the Estate of
Jesus Guzman, Deceased:

Juana Cortez Guzman, administratrix of the Estate of said Jesus Guzman, Deceased, has filed in the County Court of Nueces County her Final Account of the condition of said estate, together with an application to be discharged as Administratrix thereof, which will be heard by our said Court on the third Monday in June A. D. 1932, same being the 20th day of June, A. D. 1932, at the Court House of said Nueces County in the City of Corpus Christi, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and contest said Final Account and application, if they see proper.

Witness Roy D. Clift, Clerk of the County Court of Nueces County, Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at my office in Corpus Christi, Texas, on this, the 8th day of June, A. D. 1932.

(Seal) ROY D. CLIFT, Clerk,
County Court, Nueces County, Texas.
By D. A. JENNINGS, Deputy.

A true copy, I certify:
BEN D. LEE, Sheriff.
By CLARENCE CARMAN, Deputy.

Guzman Post To Meet Tonight

The newly organized Jesus Guzman Post, No. 3247, Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its first meeting at eight o'clock Friday night at the city hall, officials announced this morning.

Formally installed at a meeting held last week, the new post will initiate ten members tomorrow night. Officials of the John F. Timon post will attend the meet, presenting the new post with an American flag.

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Thu, Mar 28, 1935 - Page 12

Delegates Named By Guzman Post

Ernest Meza and Jacinto Castillo were elected delegates and Arthur Casares and Gregorio Verain named alternates to represent the Jesus Guzman Post, No. 3249, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the annual state encampment of the VFW, June 13-26, at a meeting held in the city hall last night.

Jack Martinez, as post commander, is also a delegate.

Plans for active participation in the encampment which will be held in this city were discussed by the members of the Guzman post, and the post went on record extending its fullest cooperation to the John N. Timon post, 2397 in making this convention a success, said Commander Martinez.

This new post, whose personnel includes Latin-American overseas war veterans, will also join with the other VFW posts over the nation in the annual Buddy Poppy sale next month.

Five applications for admittance into the post were received, said Martinez.

The post will hold its next meeting Monday night in the city hall.

Vets Will Hold Mexican Supper

The Jesus Guzman post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a meeting last night, voted to hold a Mexican supper party at 1102 Leopard street, August 14, it was announced by Jack Martinez, post commander.

Genuine Mexican dishes will be served. The public is invited to attend the supper, Martinez said.

Proceeds will be used by the post for relief work.

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Thu, Jul 25, 1935 · Page 2

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OFFICERS NOMINATED BY JESUS GUZMAN POST, OF V. F. W.

The following officers for the coming year have been nominated by the Jesus Guzman Post, No. 3249, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Z. Jack Martinez, commander; Arturo Caceres, senior vice commander; Jose Munguia, junior vice commander; Gregorio Verjan, quartermaster; Jacinto Castillo, chaplain, and Pablo Resendes, officer of the day.

This post has a membership of 30 overseas veterans of Spanish-speaking race. It was organized about nine months ago and is the second post of its unique personnel in the state of Texas, the other post being located at El Paso.

The post is planning to assist in the organization of an auxiliary in the near future, said Post Commander Martinez.

"Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times" 2 Oct 1935 p 5 - VFW Post No. 3249

PATMAN BILL IS ENDORSED

A telegram expressing appreciation for what he has done for war veterans, and pledging to back him to the utmost, was sent to Congressman Wright Patman, at Texarkana, Texas, today by the Jesus Guzman post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was announced by Jack Martinez, post commander.

The Guzman post, at its meeting last night, went on record endorsing the Patman bill for payment of the adjusted service certificates to World War veterans, said Commander Martinez.

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Thu, Oct 03, 1935 - Page 5

J. Guzman Post Of VFW Installed Here Past Year

Is Active in Work Among Latin-American War Veterans

The Jesus Guzman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, was organized here on March 22, 1935, under the directions of C. W. Bradley, now district commander of the V. F. W., assisted by members of the John N. Timon Post.

The post was formally installed, with A. E. Hell, department commander, San Antonio, and other department officers in attendance.

Jack Martinez was elected post commander.

There were 20 charter members in the Guzman Post, but today it has a much larger membership.

"Feeling a need for a VFW post among the Latin-Americans of this city who served overseas, a movement was started by Martinez and others interested in such an organization that resulted in the new post being formed," Bradley said.

Department Commander Hell then authorized Bradley, who at the time held the position of state deputy chief of staff, to go ahead with formation of a new VFW post for Corpus Christi.

Since the Guzman post was

... work among the Latin-American war veterans, assisting many with claims and aiding in filling out applications for their bonus bonds.

The Guzman post has also conducted two annual Buddy Poppy Day sales.

The Guzman post and another at El Paso are the only two such posts in Texas where the membership is composed of Latin-Americans.

The post maintains its own club-rooms on the Hill for its members, and hold meetings every week.

Post Commander Martinez said his post plans to send a large delegation to the state meeting at San Angelo, June 21-24.

The post was named after Jesus Guzman of Corpus Christi, one of the first Latin-American soldiers who paid the supreme sacrifice during the World War.

"Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times" 17 Jan 1936 p 15

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Father

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MARRIAGE RECORD.

No. 41

State of Texas, Cameron County, ss:

To any Judge of the County or District Court Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel,
or Justice of the Peace, in and for said County of Cameron GREETING:

You are Hereby Authorized to Solemnize the RITES OF MATRIMONY between
Mr. Eusebio Gusman and Isabel Cortez
and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County, within Sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under
this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office, at office in Wrensville this eighteenth
day of October A. D. 1889 Adolphus Glaewecke
Clerk of the County Court, Cameron County.
By _____ Deputy.

I, Louisa Maurel hereby certify that on the 19th day of October
A. D. 1889, I united in Marriage Eusebio Gusman and Isabel Cortez
the parties above named.

WITNESS my hand this 19th day of October A. D. 1889.
of Maurel Cath. Clergy m.
all

In presence of
1. Sotero Saldaña
2. Jesusa Cisneros de S.

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Eusebio Gusman

in the Texas, U.S., Death Index, 1903-2000

Year	Location	Age	Sex	Marital Status	Death Date	Death Place	Death Cause	Interment
1930	Nueces	40	M	Married	27 Nov 1930	Nueces, Texas, USA	Heart Disease	St. Mary's
1930	Nueces	40	F	Married	27 Nov 1930	Nueces, Texas, USA	Heart Disease	St. Mary's
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1930	Nueces	40	F	Married	27 Nov 1930	Nueces, Texas, USA	Heart Disease	St. Mary's

Detail Source

Name	Eusebio Gusman
Death Date	27 Nov 1930
Death Place	Nueces, Texas, USA
Certificate Number	54869

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Services To Be Held Friday For Eusebio Guzman

Funeral services are to be held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Sacred Heart church for Eusebio Guzman, 57, who died at his home at Eleventh and Morris streets Thursday afternoon.

Burial will be in the Holy Cross cemetery under direction of Tomas Moralda.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, two daughters, one sister and two brothers.

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Corpus Christi TX

1 PLACE OF DEATH
State of Texas
COUNTY OF *Becker*
CITY OR PRECINCT *Corpus Christi* No. *11th* Street *& Morris* Registrar's No. *54869*

2 FULL NAME OF DECEASED *Eusebio Guzman* Residence No. *50768* Street

Length of residence in city where death occurred yrs. mos. days How long in U. S. If foreign born f. yrs. mos. days

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX *Male* 4 COLOR OR RACE *Mexican* 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) *Married*

5a If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of *Married*

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, and year) *about 1857*

7 AGE Yrs. Months Days If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min.) *about 54*

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work *Laborer* (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) *Texas*

PARENTS

10 NAME OF FATHER *E. Guzman*

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) *Mexico*

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Antonia Vallejo*

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) *Mexico*

14 Signature of Informant *Nicholas Guzman* Address *Corpus Christi*

15 FILED *12-2* 19 *30* *H. G. Kearney* Registrar

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

16 DATE OF DEATH *Nov 27* 19 *30*

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from *Nov 20*, 19 *30*, to *Nov. 27*, 19 *30*, that I last saw *h* alive on *Nov. 27*, 19 *30*, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at *507* m. The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: *Heart trouble*

(duration) yrs. mos. *8* mos.

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) *Pneumonia*

18 Where was disease contracted (duration) yrs. mos. *8* ds. If not at place of death? *here*

Did an operation precede death? *No* Date of *—*

Was there an autopsy? *No*

What test confirmed diagnosis? *The symptoms & physical examination*

(Signed) *Pedro M. Hernandez* M. D. *Nov. 27, 1930* (Address) *723 Water*

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL *Holy Cross Cem* DATE OF BURIAL *11/28* 19 *30*

20 UNDERTAKER *Ward Seal* ADDRESS *Corpus Christi*

NOTE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. It should be carefully filled out. Every item of information should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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Mother



Juana Cortez Guzman - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/81403366/person/320183048841/media/146ed483-6cfa-4779-a79e-65cebbd48b7a>

031-1-0-1-031-1-0 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 350-0 46
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STATE OF TEXAS CERTIFICATE OF DEATH STATE FILE NO. 28189 ✓

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Cameron		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission.) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Cameron	
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) Brownsville		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give precinct no.) Brownsville	
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Van Buren & E. 16th		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) Van Buren & E. 16th.	
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) Juana b. (Middle) Cortes c. (Last) Gusman		4. DATE OF DEATH May 9, 1951	
5. SEX Female	6. COLOR OR RACE White	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Widowed	8. DATE OF BIRTH May 6, 1974
9. AGE 77		10. MONTHS 0	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (If no kind of work done during most of working life, write if retired)		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Housewife	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Brownsville, Texas.		12. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Brownsville, Texas.	
12. FATHER'S NAME Pantallien Cortes		13. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Teresita Gonzales	
14. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U. S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or dates of service) No		15. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. No	
16. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE <i>Ponciano Guajardo Jr</i>		17. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <i>Alphartia, chronic arteriosclerosis, heart</i> INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <i>2 yrs</i> ANTECEDENT CAUSES Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) <i>Arteriosclerotic Syndrome</i> DUE TO (c) <i>Unknown cause</i> II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.	
18a. DATE OF OPERATION <i>None</i>		18b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION	
19a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify)		19b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)	
20a. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour)		20b. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT ☐ WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <i>8:00</i> <i>PM</i> , to <i>5:00</i> <i>PM</i> , on <i>5/9/51</i> , and that death occurred at <i>8:00</i> <i>PM</i> , from the causes and on the date stated above.		22. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? REC'D JUN 22 1951 BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS	
22a. SIGNATURE <i>Dr. G. L. G. G. G.</i>		22b. ADDRESS Brownsville, Texas	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial		23b. DATE May 10, 1951	
23c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Brownsville		23d. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY City Cemetery	
24. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. 51-171		24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Hinkley Mortuary	
25a. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 5/10/51		25b. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

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Invitation Is Issued to Gold Star Mothers

Gold Star mothers and fathers and all other relatives of the Gold Star veterans of the World War have been issued a cordial invitation to participate in the "Gold Star Mothers' Pilgrimage," or the "Tour of Remembrance" around the Gold Star Court of Honor on Armistice day.

The group will leave the court house at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, with th Ernest H. Gragg post of the American Legion as escort, with W. G. Kinsolving as grand marshal.

Those who will participate have been asked to report to the American Legion adjutant at the court house.

The following have been communicated with: Mrs. J. E. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cade, Mrs. R. Gillett, Mrs. Eulalia Gonzales, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gragg, Mrs. Linnie Marr, mother of Arthur Grant, Mrs. Juana Cortz Guzman, Mrs. Lenidio Hastings, Mr. and Mrs. John Hercek, Mrs. Frank Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Reloux, Mrs. Lucia Rios, Mrs. W. R. Smith, S. R. C. Roper, E. C. Timon, Mrs. Guadalupe Tomez, Mrs.

Rosalie Vuckasin, Mrs. Georgia B. Welch, J. J. Brunson, father of James Ira Brunson, K. A. overseas, whose memorial has not yet been marked in the court of honor.

The American Legion members will take care of all those who attend the ceremonies with the parents.

All mothers and relatives who have not been reached by Gold Star court officials, have been urged to report to the American Legion representative,

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Sister Tomasa Guzman Shears (1895-1976)

STATE OF TEXAS 101-01-2 031-01 CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 4124 STATE FILE NO. 93880

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Harris
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Houston
c. LENGTH OF STAY in 1 b.
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Parkway Hospital DOA
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution; residence before admission)
a. STATE Texas
b. COUNTY Cameron
c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Brownsville
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) P.O. Box 1449
e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES ☒ NO ☐ f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES ☐ NO ☒

3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print)
(a) First (b) Middle (c) Last
Thomasa G. Shears
4. DATE OF DEATH November 19, 1976

5. SEX Female
6. COLOR OR RACE White
7. Married ☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed ☒ Divorced ☐
8. DATE OF BIRTH May 2, 1895
9. AGE (In years last birthday) 81
10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Housewife
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Corpus Christi, Texas
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.
13. FATHER'S NAME Ubaldo Guzman
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Juana Cortez
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) No
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 461 034 527T
17. INFORMANT Sixto T. Chavez (son-in-law)

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).)
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Arteriosclerotic cardiovascular disease.
Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b) DUE TO (b)
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART (a)
REC'D JAN 4 1977
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19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? YES ☐ NO ☒

20. TIME OF INJURY
20a. INJURY OCCURRED
20b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.)
20c. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Houston
20d. COUNTY Harris
20e. STATE Texas
20f. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased and pronounced death occurred at 5:05 p.m. on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.
20g. SIGNATURE R.J. Bavardo, M.D.
20h. ADDRESS 209 Courthouse Houston, Texas
20i. DATE SIGNED 12-9-76
21. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Removal
21a. DATE November 19, 1976
21b. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Cameron County
21c. STATE Texas
21d. REGISTAR'S FILE NO. 12962
21e. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR DEC. 20, 1976
21f. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE J.B. Barnett
22. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Roselawn Memorial Cemetery
23. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Brownsville Funeral Home by: B. Stanley

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESOURCES - BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the County Court at Law IV of Cameron County, Texas

To: **UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY OF**

Tomasa Guzman Shears, Deceased.

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear and answer to the Third Amended Application to Determine Heirship, filed by Juanita Shears Del Bosque, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days from the date of service of this citation, before the Honorable County Court at Law IV of Cameron County, at the Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, Said Third Amended Application to Determine Heirship was filed on December 1, 2020.

The file number of said Matter being No. 2017-CPC-00196 County Court at Law IV

The Style being: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Tomasa Guzman Shears, Deceased.

The nature of said proceeding being substantially as follows, to wit:

Determine who the heirs and only heirs of decedent are and their respective shares and interests in this estate; that no appraisers be appointed; and for all other relief to which applicant may be entitled.

Issued on this the 1st day of December, 2020.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Office
in the City of Brownsville, Texas on this the 1st day
of December, 2020.



Sylvia Garza-Perez, Clerk
Cameron County, Texas
[Signature]
By: *[Signature]* Deputy

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Sister Tomasa Guzman Shears (1895-1976) -

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
 County of Cameron
 To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in the State of Texas—GREETING:

You are hereby Authorized to Solemnize the Rites of Matrimony

Between Mr. William Shears Jr and Miss Tomasa Guyman
 and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office, at Willsie
 this, the 16 day of Feb. 19 29

(SEAL) H. D. Seavers
 Clerk County Court, Cameron County.
 By G. Zavala Deputy.

I, David Kowalski, hereby certify that on the 17 day of Feb. 19 29
 I united in marriage Mr. William Shears Jr and Miss Tomasa Guyman
 the parties above named.

Witness Antonio P. Ornel Tomasa S. Ornel
 WITNESS my hand this 17 day of Feb. A.D. 19 29
David Kowalski J.P.
Placed, Fct 2.

Retubled and filed for record the 18 day of Feb. 19 29, and recorded the 18 day of Feb. 19 29
H. D. Seavers County Clerk
G. Zavala Deputy

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WILLIAM SHEARS

William Shears, 68, of 1604 E. Van Buren, died Tuesday evening at Mercy Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Tomasa Shears; four sons, Roberto Shears of Brownsville, Jose Shears of Corpus Christi, William Shears and Ignacio Shears, both of Houston; seven daughters, Miss Socorro Shears, Mrs. Juancita del Bosque, and Mrs. Tomasa Chavez, all of Brownsville, Mrs. Alicia Gonzalez of Port Isabel, Mrs. Dora Morales of Victoria, Mrs. Sofia Pena of California, and Mrs. Leonor Avila of Corpus Christi.

Also surviving are three sisters, Miss Maria Shears, Mrs. Tomasa Orive and Mrs. Virginia Buitron, all of Brownsville.

Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. today at Hinkley Mortuary. Funeral services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Cathedral with burial in the City Cemetery under the direction of Hinkley Mortuary.

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MRS. TOMASA G. SHEARS

Mrs. Tomasa G. Shears, 76, of 1904 E. Van Buren St., died Friday morning at Parkway Hospital at Houston.

She was a lifetime Brownsville resident and was preceded in death by her husband, William Shears.

Survivors include four sons, Robert and Ignacio Shears, both of Brownsville, Willie Shears of Houston, and Jose Shears of Corpus Christi; and seven daughters, Miss Socorro Shears and Mrs. Sixto (Tomas) Chavez, both of Brownsville, Mrs. Elisa S. Gonzalez of Port Isabel, Mrs. Melchor (Lecor) Avila of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Gregorio (Dora) Morales of Victoria, Mrs. Lorenzo (Juanita) del Bosque of Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Carlos (Sofia) Pena, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif. Also surviving are 49 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Rosary will be today at 8 p.m. and funeral services will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Edward Avila, Melchor Avila Jr., Antonio Chavez, Ernesto Sepulveda, Javier Shears and Greg Morales.

Brownsville Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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WHERE PLAINLY WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD
Where stillborn is given as cause of Death, the Birth Certificate. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County *Cameron* City *Brownsville* No. *6-7 Colonia Mariana*

2 FULL NAME *Antonia Guzman de Mendez*

Reg. Dis. No. *8062* B. V. S. No. *1096*

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs mos ds. (If decedent give city or town and State) How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs mos ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX *Female* 4 COLOR OR RACE *White* 5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (write the word) *Married*

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month) (Day) (Year)

7 AGE *38* yrs mos ds. If less than 2 years state if breast fed If less than 1 day

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work *Housekeeper* (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer)

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) *Texas*

10 NAME OF FATHER *Guerra Guzman*

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) *Mexico*

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER *Juana Cortez*

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) *Mexico*

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE (Informant) *Emilia Sandoval* (Address) *Porillo 7c*

15 Filed *1/5* 1929 Registrar *Armando*

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

16 DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) *Jan 4 1929*

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from *1-4*, 1929, to *1-4*, 1929, that I last saw her alive on *1-4*, 1929, and that death occurred on the date stated above, at *7:30* m. THE CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: *Pneumonia* (duration) yrs mos ds.

Contributory (Secondary) (duration) yrs mos ds.

18 Where was disease contracted? If not at place of death? Did an operation precede death? *no* Date of Was there an autopsy? *no* What test confirmed diagnosis? *Physical Exam* (Signed) *A. H. Hargrave* M.D. (Address) *1-5* 1929

*State the disease Causing Death, or in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means and Nature of Injury, and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal or Homicidal.

19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION *City Cemetery* DATE OF BURIAL *Jan 5th 1929*

20 UNDERTAKER *Marcelo Garza* ADDRESS *Boyle*

FORM 515-819-125-100m

Sister Antonia Guzman (d. 1929)

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Mrs. Paula Reyes

Mrs. Paula Reyes, 39, died at 2 o'clock Saturday morning at her home, 605 Temple street.

She is survived by her husband, Macedonio Reyes; one daughter, Anita Guzman; her mother, Mrs. Juana C. Guzman, and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the home to the San Jose Capilla.

Interment will be in Holy Cross cemetery under the direction of Mrs. Angela G. Gonzales.

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Sister Paula Guzman Reyes (1896- 1935)

TEXAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		4106
1. PLACE OF DEATH STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF <i>Alameda</i> CITY OR TOWN <i>Corpus Christi</i> PRECINCT NO. <i>604-10th Street</i>		Registrar's No.
Length of residence in city where death occurred <i>38 yrs. 9 mos. 18 days</i> How long in U. S. if foreign born? <i>38 yrs. 9 mos. 18 days</i>		
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <i>Paula Guzman Reyes</i>		
Residence: No. <i>605</i> Street <i>Temple</i>		
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
3. SEX <i>Female</i>	4. COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>	5. Single <i>Married</i>
6. DATE OF BIRTH <i>April 8 1896</i>		7. AGE <i>38</i> Years <i>9</i> Months <i>18</i> Days
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <i>Housewife</i>		9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <i>Jan 1935</i>		11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <i>Corpus Christi, Texas</i>		13. NAME <i>Eusebio Guzman</i>
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <i>Corpus Christi, Texas</i>		15. MOTHER NAME <i>Guadalupe Lopez</i>
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) <i>Corpus Christi, Texas</i>		17. INFORMANT <i>Macedonio Reyes</i>
18. BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, OR OTHER OFFICE, FILE NO. <i>1-27-1935, Dr. H. N. Guzman</i>		19. UNDERTAKER <i>Corpus Christi, Texas</i>
20. FILE DATE AND SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR <i>1-27-1935, Dr. H. N. Guzman</i>		21. DATE OF DEATH <i>Jan 26 1935</i>
		22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <i>1/22/35</i> to <i>1/26/35</i>
		I last saw <i>her</i> alive on <i>1/26/35</i> Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <i>6:04 a.m.</i>
		The principal cause of death and related causes of importance follows: <i>Pneumonia, Double Labor</i>
		Other contributory causes of importance:
		Name of operation _____ date of _____
		What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? <i>No</i>
		23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____
		Date of injury _____
		Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
		Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place. _____
		Manner of injury _____
		Nature of injury _____
		24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <i>No</i>
		If so, specify _____
		(Signed) <i>H. N. Guzman</i> D.
		(Address) <i>Corpus Christi, Texas</i>

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Texas, Brazoria County Marriage Records, 1870-2012

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Name	Paula Guzman
Gender	Female
License Date	2 Jun 1929
License Place	Nueces, Texas, USA
Marriage Place	Nueces, Texas, USA
Recording Date	1 Jun 1929
Recording Place	Nueces, Texas, USA
Spouse	Macedonio Reyes

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U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

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Name	Macedonio Reyes
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	12 Sep 1894
Birth Place	Encinal, Texas
Father	Pedro Reyes
Mother	Micaela Sanchez
SSN	703128579
Notes	Feb 1937: Name Listed As Macedonio Reyes

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Macedonio Reyes

Macedonio Reyes, 86, of 516 10th St., died yesterday in a local nursing home.

He was employed by the Tex-Mex

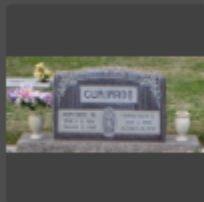
Railroad for 40 years before his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Teresa; a son, Jesse M. Reyes; and a brother, Jose Maria Reyes, all of Corpus Christi; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral Service.

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Francisca Guzman

BIRTH 4 JUN 1898 • , Texas, USA

DEATH 26 OCT 1998 • Clovis, Fresno, California, USA

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/81403366/person/320183329542/facts>
Sister Francisca Guzman (1898-1998)

FRANCISCA G. GUAJARDO

Francisca passed away in Fresno, at the age of 100 on October 26, 1998. She was a longtime resident of Fresno where she was a Homemaker. She is preceded in death by her husband, Paciano Guajardo, II; three sons; one daughter and four grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving daughters, Felicitas Escobar, Juanita Rodriguez, Toni Gonzales, Maria A. Barron and Rose Mary Garcia; her sons, Eluterio Guajardo and Adolph Guajardo. Francisca also leaves behind her 41 grandchildren; 88 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Whitehurst Chapel on Thursday, October 29, 1998, from 12:00 Noon to 7:00 P.M. with recitation of the Rosary following at 7:00 P.M.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church on Friday, October 30, 1998, at 2:00 P.M. Interment will follow at Clovis Cemetery.

WHITEHURST

Sullivan, Burns & Blair Chapel
1525 E. Saginaw 227-4048

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MARRIAGE RECORD

THE STATE OF TEXAS, }
County of Canon }

To any Regularly Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Jewish Rabbi, Judge of the District or County Court, or any Justice of the Peace, in and for Canon County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE THE RITES OF MATRIMONY BETWEEN

Mr. Porciano Guzman and Miss Francisca Guzman

and make due return to the Clerk of the County Court of said County within sixty days thereafter, certifying your action under this License.

WITNESS my official signature and seal of office, at office in Brownsville, Texas
the 25th day of June 1914

 J. Well Clerk
of County Court Canon County
By B. E. Moore Deputy

I, Valentin Garza, hereby certify that on the 25 day of June 1914
I united in Marriage Porciano Guzman and Francisca Guzman
the parties above named.

WITNESS my hand this 25 day of June 1914
Valentin Garza
J.P. Det. in 2. Canon County, Texas

Returned and filed for record the 26th day of June 1914, and recorded the 26th day of June 1914

J. Well County Clerk
By J. Garza Deputy

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9168/records/901210814>

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

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

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Jesus Guzman

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: Camp Travis Det. 2, Casuals - private

Serial number: 251,532

Entered service from: Corpus Christi, Nueces TX

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Jesus Guzman

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Euseba Guzman, Corpus Christi TX

Body returned from war on: "Cantigny" leaving Antwerp to Hoboken NJ 21 Jul 1921

Body listed on return ship as: Jesus Guzman

Rank: pvt, Co. C, 125th Inf

World War I draft registration (1917): as Jesus Guzman - b. 1894 (does not know place or month or date); res: Coleman Ave., Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. Farm laborer; idle. Single. Medium height & build. Is illiterate – makes an “X” – “his mark” – instead of signing his name.

Veterans Administration Military Index:
No enlistment or discharge dates given.
Born 11 Jul 1893
Died 22 Oct 1918
Address: Corpus Christi TX
Rank/unit: private, Co. C, 125th Infantry

TX, WWI Military Record:

Jesus Guzman, resident of Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. Born Corpus Christi TX. Inducted into Army at Corpus Christi TX on 4 Nov 1917 at age 23 years, 2 months. Served in Co. 50, 13th Battalion, 165th Depot Brigade 4 Nov 1917 to ? ; Camp Travis #2 Replacement Draft to 29 Mar 1918 – in 7th Co., 1st Infantry Tng Reg to 18 Apr 1918; in Co. C, 125th Infantry to 22 Oct 1918. In 2nd Battle of the Marne, Juvigny & Argonne. Overseas 24 Jan 1918 to 22 Oct 1918; killed in action 22 Oct 1918. Person notified of death; father Euseba Guzman of Corpus Christi TX.

Birth & death:

Born: 11 Jul 1893 (Veterans Administration Master Index) or “don’t know” the month/date in 1894 (according to Jesus’s response on his WWII draft card) or ca. Aug 1893 (was age 23 years, 2 months as of 4 Nov 1917) Corpus Christi, Nueces TX
Died: 22 Oct 1918, France (killed in action, Argonne)
Find A Grave record: 128415568, presence on Tuscania indicated in text
Burial location: Arlington, Arlington Co. VA
Cemetery: Arlington National
Tombstone: veteran tombstone: Texas Pvt 125 Inf 32 Div

Father: Euseba (likely Eusebio) Guzman. Apparently born in Texas, but some records indicate Mexico (but those may be for a WRONG Eusebio Guzman).

On his marriage record with Juana Cortez, his name is spelled Eusevio Guzman.

Resident of Corpus Christi TX when Jesus named him as his next-of-kin when sailing on Tuscania; also notified of Jesus’s death in Oct 1918.

Online family trees claim he is Eusebio Guzman, age 54, who died 27 Nov 1930 in Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. He was born circa 1857 [1876?] – or 15 Jan 1870 according to his Find A Grave record, in TX. Son of Guberrio Guzman (b. Mexico) & Antonia Vallejos (b. Mexico). Died of heart trouble & pneumonia. Laborer. Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. The Find A Grave record gives a birth date of 15 Jan 1870 & a death date of 27 Nov 1930.

HOWEVER,

Early censuses are lacking for Jesus’s family. This Eusebio Guzman was married to **Prajas/Parjedes/Prajades/Prajares/Prajede Sanchez**, b. ca. 1884 TX. She was alive as of 1942 when son Nicolas registers for the WWII draft, residing at 2122 Laredo St., Corpus Christi TX.

This Eusebio's obituary does not mention the children (Jesus's siblings) that are seemingly the offspring of Eusebio by Juana Cortez. And his obituary mentions surviving children that do not match, either.

Were Jesus & his 4 sisters from Eusebio's earlier marriage, and then he had another family with Prajoras Sanchez?

When a monument is erected in Corpus Christi TX to WWI casualties, Jesus Guzman is described as having a sister (Paula Guzman Reyes) of Corpus Christi TX & a mother, Juana Cortez Guzman, who has moved to Brownsville, Cameron TX. He is described as having had 4 sisters (no brothers are indicated).

Find A Grave: 96126803 (?)

Mother: Juana Cortez Guzman, 6 May 1874 Brownsville, Cameron TX – 9 May 1951 Brownsville, Cameron TX.

Daughter of Pantaleon Cortez Sr. (1848-1926, F: 99817891) & Teresa (Teresita) Gonzales (1853-1917, F: 102276350).

Her first name also found as Juanita.

Buried in Old City Cemetery, Brownsville, Cameron TX.

Find A Grave: 102275221

Parents' marriage: 19 Oct 1889 Cameron Co. TX

Spouse:

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage:

Siblings: based on their death records

- **Tomasa Guzman Shears**, 2 May 1895 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX – 19 Nov 1976 Houston, Harris TX. Married in 1929 to William Franklin Shears (1899-1968, F: 64026037). – Teresa's obituary names no siblings (surviving or predeceased) or parents. – Her TX death certificate spells her name Thomesa Shears, daughter of Usbaldo Guzman & Juana Cortez, both born TX. - Buried in Rose Lawn Memorial Gardens, Brownsville, Cameron TX. F: 254201538
- **Paula Guzman Reyes**, 8 Apr 1896 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX – 26 Jun 1935 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. – Wife of Macedonio Reyes (12 Sep 1894 Encinal, La Salle TX - 10 Feb 1982 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX, F: 145359456) whom she married 2 Jun 1929 at Nueces Co. TX. – In the 1930 census for Corpus Christi, Nueces TX, conducted 5 Apr 1930, Macedonio Reyes (35 TX, parents b. TX, railroad laborer) lived at 601 – 10th St. In his household were wife Paula G. Reyes (33 TX, parents b. TX) & daughter Anita (16 TX). Macedonio said he was age 34 at his 1st marriage & Paula said she was age 32. This means they married in 1929; so how was daughter Anita age 16? Died at age 39 survived by her husband Macedonio Reyes & mother Mrs. Juana C. Guzman. No siblings are mentioned in her obituary. – On Paula's TX death certificate, both her parents are listed as born in TX. - Buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. F: 276637387.
- **Antonia Guzman de Muniz**, 1896 TX – 4 Jan 1929 Brownsville, Cameron TX. – Birth year of 1896 conflicts with that of Paula's – unless they were twins?. – Died at age 33 of bronchopneumonia. Her TX death certificate lists her parents as Eusebio bio Guzman (born

Mexico) & Juana Cortez (born Mexico). – Buried in Old City Cemetery, Brownsville, Cameron TX (aka Brownsville City Cemetery). F: 104213067

- **Francisca Guzman Guajardo**, 4 Jun 1898 TX – 26 Oct 1998 Clovis, Fresno CA. – Married in Cameron Co. TX on 25 Jun 1914 to Ponciano Guajardo Jr. (1894-1968, F: 33672439). – Buried in Clovis Cemetery, Clovis, Fresno CA. F: 33672437

Children:

Children of Eusebio Guzman & Projoras Sanchez: there is a large gap between Jesus's birth & these siblings, unless there was a 2nd marriage for his father?

- **Nicolas Sanchez Guzman**, 12 Oct 1905 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX - 16 Apr 1966 San Patricio Co. TX. - WWII (1942) registration: b. 12 Oct 1905 Corpus Christi TX. NOK his mother Mrs. Prajedes Guzman. Resident of 2122 Laredo St., Corpus Christi TX [also her address]. Not employed; common laborer. - TX death record lists as son of Eusebio Guzman & Parjedes Sanchez. Resident of 1025 – 22nd St., Corpus Christi TX. Died in Precinct 1, Highway 77 North, 7 miles north of Sinton, of a crushed chest in an automobile accident around 11 p.m. "Pick up rolled over chest when it Turned over in auto accident" – inquest held 16 Apr 1966. Was a laborer. Single. - Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Corpus Christi, Nueces TX, 18 Apr 1966.
- **Juana Guzman**, b. ca. 1907 TX
- **Antonio Guzman**, b. ca. 1911 TX
- **Lupe Guzman**, 9 Dec 1912 TX – 27 May 1969 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX. - SSN 455-05-9524.- His TX death record: died at age 56, married, son of Eusebio Guzman & Prajades Sanchez. Died at Memorial Medical Center of multiple injuries; 9 hours. In automobile accident – lost control of car & it turned over several times. Laborer. Resident of 2308 Morris St., Corpus Christi TX. - Buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Corpus Christi, Nueces TX 28 May 1969.

Notes:

When it was organized, the Jesus Guzman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 3249 of Corpus Christi, Texas, named for a *Tuscania* casualty, was one of two posts commemorating Hispanic Americans. Fellow Latino casualty Marcos B. Armijo of El Paso, Texas, is honored by the Marcos B. Armijo Post No. 2753 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

From Marilyn C. Gahm, "The Sinking of the *Tuscania*" - page 443 – at www.tuscaniamemorial.org

Below: [http://www.32nd-division.org/history/ww1/honor_roll_wwi/32ww1_honor_roll\(Gs-H\).html](http://www.32nd-division.org/history/ww1/honor_roll_wwi/32ww1_honor_roll(Gs-H).html)

Guzman, Jesus	Pvt.	Hispanic American; NoK Mrs. J. Cortez, sister, Corpus Christi, TX (hometown); survived <i>Tuscania</i> , assigned to Camp Travis Det. 2; served with Co. C, 125 TH Inf and re-interred at Arlington National Cemetery 18 Aug. '21; namesake of Jesus G organized, it was 1 of 2 VFW posts in Tex. organized for Hispanic American vete Randado, TX and resided at Jim Hogg Co., TX ca. '17-'18]
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Text:

Hispanic American; NOK Mrs. J. Cortez, sister, Corpus Christi, TX (hometown); NoK Eusoba Guzman, Corpus Christi, TX; may have survived *Tuscania*, assigned to Camp Travis Det. 2; served with Co. C, 125TH Inf.; KIA 22 Oct. '18; 31 Mar. '19 casualty report; repatriated and re-interred at Arlington National Cemetery 18 Aug. '21; namesake of Jesus Guzman Post No. 3249 of VFW at Corpus Christi, TX (when organized, it was 1 of 2 VFW posts in Tex. organized for Hispanic American veterans of the World War; [may have been born 21 Jan. '88 at Randado, TX and resided at Jim Hogg Co., TX ca. '17-'18]

Wartime:

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<https://www.caller.com/story/opinion/2018/10/16/corpus-christi-commemorate-armistice-day/1661788002/>

Pvt. Jesus Guzman, born in Corpus Christi, was killed while charging the enemy in France and was buried there. PFC Willie Winn, an African American, also a native of the city, died in camp in the U.S. Pvt. John N. Timon, a member of pioneer Texas families including Bluntzer, died at sea. Pvt. Martin Mircovich, also a member of a pioneer family, was part of a company which suffered heavily from gas and shell; he was discharged for health reasons and died young. The American Legion Post 364 on Kostoryz is named for Pvt. William A. Roper, Corpus Christi resident, who was killed in France.



Above: World War Memorial Gold Star Court of Honor [8 October 2008, with Corpus Christi Cathedral in the background] / Terry Ross / CC BY-SA 2.0

Below: "Heroes All" [8 October 2008] / Terry Ross / CC BY-SA 2.0

In a June 1932 photo, the sign can be seen on the base of what is now the flagpole in the upper left corner of the first photograph in this post, at the top of the bluff. In that 1932 photo, the sign was illuminated with incandescent bulbs; later, those bulbs were changed to neon. It appears that might have happened and the sign might have been moved around April 2000 as part of a restoration project, but it's not clear to me if the sign is lit today. It is about level with the large granite monument pictured below, which was added in 2001. The concrete letters and star reading "World War Memorial Gold *star* Court" were added sometime between May 1941 and November 1944.

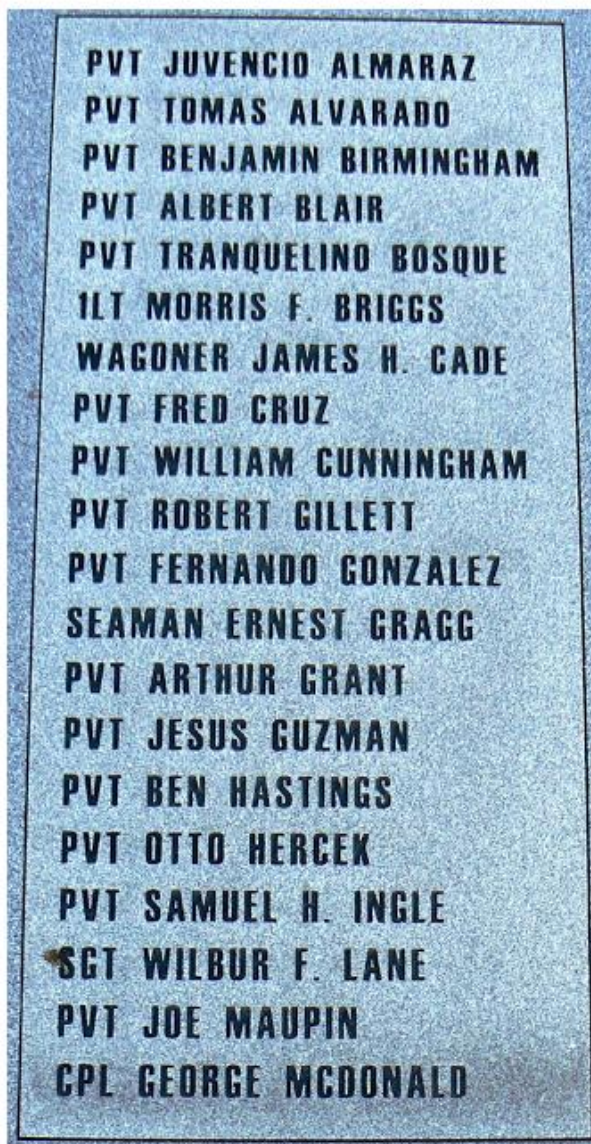


*Above: p1400003 [World War Memorial Gold Star Court of Honor, 8 October 2008, cropped]
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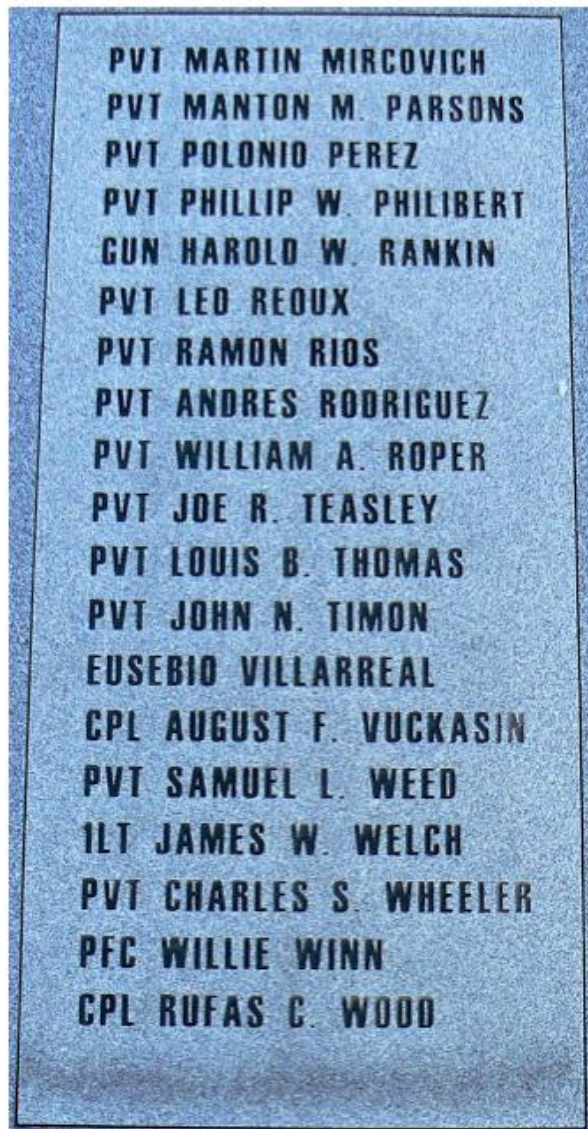
Following are photographs and transcriptions of the 39 names listed in two panels on the monument:



Pvt Juvencio Almaraz
 Pvt Tomas Alvarado
 Pvt Benjamin Birmingham
 Pvt Albert Blair
 Pvt Tranquelino Bosque
 1Lt Morris F. Briggs
 Wagoner James H. Cade
 Pvt Fred Cruz
 Pvt William Cunningham
 Pvt Robert Gillett
 Pvt Fernando Gonzalez
 Seaman Ernest Gragg
 Pvt Arthur Grant
 Pvt Jesus Guzman
 Pvt Ben Hastings
 Pvt Otto Hercek
 Pvt Samuel H. Ingle
 Sgt Wilbur F. Lane
 Pvt Joe Maupin
 Cpt George McDonald

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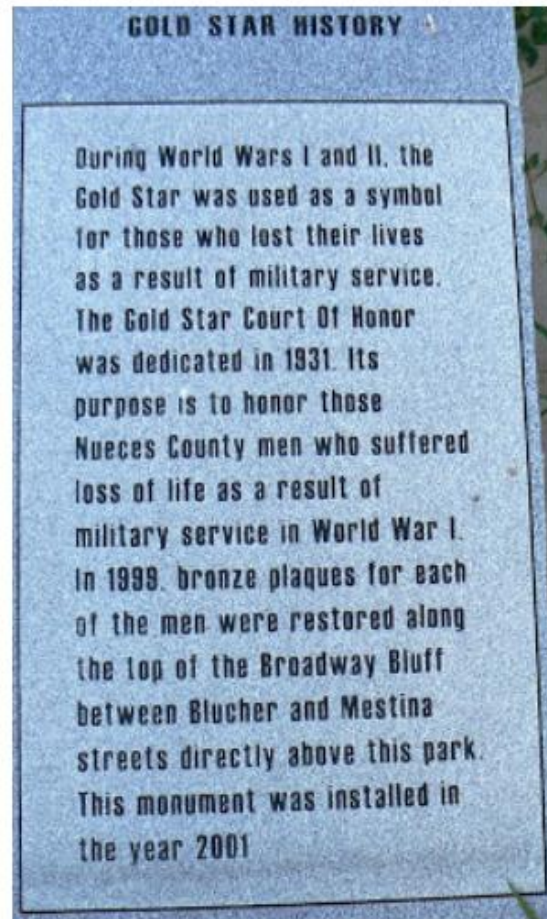
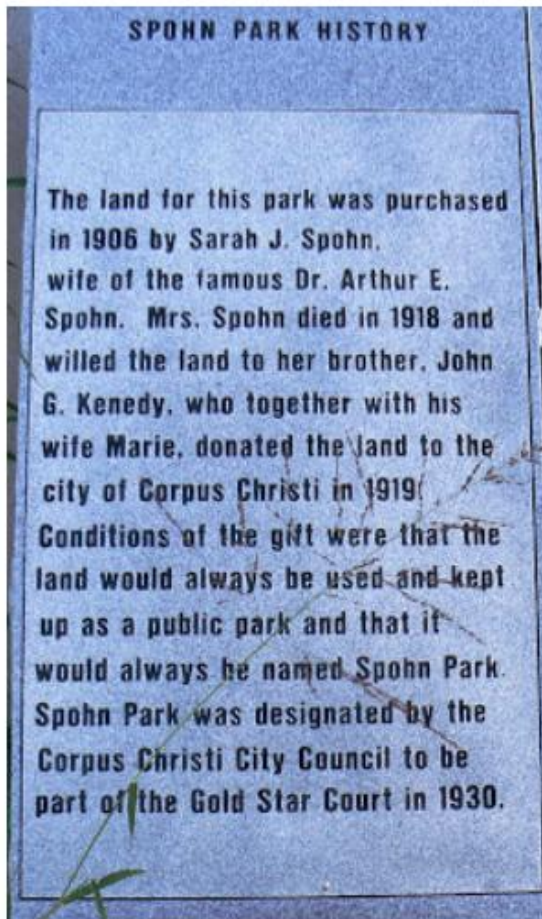
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Pvt Martin Mircovich
 Pvt Manton M. Parsons
 Pvt. Polonio Perez
 Pvt Phillip W. Philibert
 Gun Harold W, Rankin
 Pvt Leo Reoux
 Pvt Ramon Rios
 Pvt Andres Rodriguez
 Pvt William A. Roper
 Pvt Joe R. Teasley
 Pvt Louis B. Thomas
 Pvt John N. Timon
 Eusebio Villarreal
 Cpl August F. Vuckasin
 Pvt Samuel L. Weed
 1Lt James W. Welch
 Pvt Charles S. Wheeler
 PFC Willie Winn
 Cpt Rufas C. Wood

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Above right: p1400006 [World War Memorial Gold Star Court of Honor, 8 October 2008, cropped]
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SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

Military Monday: World War I Memorial, Spohn Park, Corpus Christi, Texas

Corpus Christi has a World War I memorial in Spohn Park in the downtown area. This memorial was dedicated in 1931 for the 39 Nueces County men killed in that war. It was originally called "The Gold Star Tree Court of Honor," (with the slogan "Some deeds must not die; some names must not wither," according to newspaper clippings in a 1931-32 scrapbook in the Lillie Mussett (Mrs. Sam) Rankin Collection at the Corpus Christi Public Library. (The scrapbook also contains articles with, in some cases, photographs, of all 39 men honored.)

The original memorial consisted of bronze medallions for each serviceman with a crepe myrtle tree planted adjacent to it. The medallions and trees line the Broadway Bluff Balustrade on either side of Lipan Street (which is just above the words "World War Memorial" in the photo below). About 2,500 people attended the original dedication in 1931. Back then, they had no idea there would be a second World War.

Here's how the memorial looked about nine years ago:

Here is the text of the Texas Historical Marker dedicated in a ceremony on November 10, 2016, Veterans Day (with some additions in brackets):

Gold Star Court of Honor

The Corpus Christi Gold Star Court of Honor pays tribute to the mothers of the servicemen of Nueces County killed during World War I (1914-1918). Incorporated into the existing Spohn Park, part of the Broadway Bluff improvements completed in 1916, this court was the first of its kind in the state when dedicated on March 22, 1931.

The court was a project of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), led by Mrs. Sam (Lillie) Rankin, regent of the Corpus Christi Chapter. The DAR was joined by the American Legion, as well as local civic, religious and business groups. The Gold Star Court was designed by Mrs. Frank [Eloise] de Garmo. Instrumental in establishing Courts of Honor in northeast cities, de Garmo envisioned the memorial as a living space to honor the fallen servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice in the 'War to End All Wars.' The city planted crepe myrtle trees and built a gold star light, three feet in diameter, outlined with yellow and white lamps; in the center read the words, "Our 1917 World War Gold Star Heroes." The gold star was located at the northern point of the highest terraces, and at the opposite end, Nueces County officials placed a magnificent flagpole. On August 2, 1932, a British 5-inch field piece and a 3-inch caisson and limber were added to the site [later removed]. Later, large concrete letters reading "World War Memorial Gold Star Court" were placed in a semicircle.

In 1988, Broadway Bluff, Spohn Park, and the Gold Star Court were listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The site fell into disrepair until volunteers undertook a restoration project in 2000. A private, city, and county effort, the Gold Star Court — the first in Texas — honors Nueces County's revered heroes and their mothers.

This post was done in honor of Memorial Day for The Honor Roll Project begun by Heather Wilkinson Rojo of Nutfield Genealogy.

<https://abt-unk.blogspot.com/2017/05/military-monday-world-war-i-memorial.html>

Nueces County Memorial to our Fallen Heroes

This page is dedicated to those service members from Nueces County who died in the service of their country during war. We honor their memory and their sacrifice in defense of our nation, state and county, the freedoms and rights we cherish, and the families and loved ones they left behind.

We are grateful for the tireless work of local military historian, Silver Star Medal recipient and tireless veteran advocate, [Mr. Ram Chavez](#), who has worked to chronicle the military service of men and women from the Coastal Bend area from a wide variety of records. Please contact our [webmaster](#) to correct missing or incomplete information.

“May their souls and the souls of all their comrades rest in peace.”

[World War I](#) - [World War II](#) - [Korean War](#) - [Vietnam War](#) - [Persian Gulf](#)

World War I

Benjamin Birmingham - Army

Albert Blair - Army

Otto Hercek - Army

Leo O Reioux - Army

Arsket E Stephens - Army

Arthur Grant - Army

Jesus Guzman - Army

George McDonald - Army

William A Roper - Army

John H Timon - Army

<https://www.nuecesco.com/county-services/veterans-and-social-services/fallen-heroes>

Among those whose names are chiseled in stone

are recognizable family names of the era — Harold W. Rankin, John N. Timon. Coming from all walks of life, soldiers formed a band of brothers, united in common cause. Pvt. Jesus Guzman, born in Corpus Christi, was killed while charging the enemy in France and was buried there. PFC Willie Winn, an African American, also a native of the city, died in camp in the U.S. Pvt. John N. Timon, a member of pioneer Texas families including Bluntzer, died at sea. Pvt. Martin Mircovich, also a member of a pioneer family, was part of a company which suffered heavily from gas and shell; he was discharged for health reasons and died young. The American Legion Post 364 on Kostoryz is named for Pvt. William A. Roper, Corpus Christi resident, who was killed in France.

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Wartime:

“Chicago (IL) Tribune” 11 Feb 1918 p 2 – among the saved: Guzman, Jesus – Corpus Christi

“El Paso (TX) Herald” 31 Mar 1919 p 2 – on the War Department casualty list – killed in action: Pvt. Jesus Guzman, Corpus Christi

According to his Arlington National Cemetery interment record, Jesus Guzman was originally buried in Grave 138, Plot 3, Section 50, #1232, in the Argonne American Cemetery, Romagne-sous-Montfaucon, Meuse, France. He died 22 Oct 1918. Serial #251532. Private in Co. C, 125th TX Infantry, 32nd Division.

Post-war:

Jesus Guzman entered the US Army at Corpus Christi, Nueces TX on 4 Nov 1917. He served in Co. C, 125th TX Infantry. He died 22 Oct 1918, killed in action “gallantly charging the enemy” and was buried in France.

“Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times” 17 Jan 1936 p 15 – the Jesus Guzman VFW Post was organized in Corpus Christi on 22 Mar 1935.

“Corpus Christi (TX) Caller-Times” 17 Jun 1936 p 14 – The Gold Star Court of Honor for Nueces County soldiers was dedicated 22 May 1931 with one of the largest crowds ever assembled. A plot

of ground was dedicated to the 35 men in whose memory the Court of Honor was created. One was Jesus Guzman.

Obituary:

Censuses:

1880 Brownsville, Cameron TX – 711 Levee St. – conducted 15 Jun 1880 – Jesus's mother
 Pantaleon Cortez, 26 TX, parents b. Mexico, laborer
 Teresa, 24 TX, parents b. Mexico, keeping house [wife]
 Jose, 8 TX [son]
 Calistro, 3 TX [son]
 Juana, 6 TX [daughter]
 Pantaleon, 1 TX [son]

Was this his father with a 2nd family?

1920 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX - conducted
 Eusebio Guzman, 54 TX, parents b. US, slaughter house
 Prajoras, 36 TX, laundress
 Nicolas, 15 TX
 Juana, 13 TX
 Antonio, 9 TX
 Lupe, 6 TX

1930 Corpus Christi, Nueces TX – 1327 Mary St. – conducted 5/7 Apr 1930 – Eusebio dies in Nov 1930
 Eusebia Guzman, 59 TX, parents b. TX [indexed as Eudbia], age 18 at 1st marriage, laborer, odd jobs
 Prajares S., 47 TX, parents b. TX, age 11 [? – indexed as 31 but that is unlikely]
 Nicolas, 24 TX, laborer, odd jobs [son]
 Antonia, 19 TX [daughter]
 Loupe, 17 TX [son]

1910

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7884/images/4450149_01079?pld=122987190

Corpus Christi to commemorate Armistice Day, Veterans Day