



SERGEANT PROCOPIO GEMINIANO, USA
PHILIPPINE NATIONAL VETERAN OF US ARMY
SECTION A, PLOT 2H, GRAVE 17F



MARTINA GEMINIANO
DEPENDENT DAUGHTER
SECTION B, PLOT 3H, GRAVE 20E



Procopio Geminiano was born in in 1902 in Urdaneta, Pangasinan, Philippines, at the beginning of the 20th Century. He was a very talented musician who joined the US Army as a member of the 31st US Infantry Regimental Band. He married Lucina De Vera on June 9, 1922. They had five daughters: Martina, Aniceta, Corazon, Consolacion and Pepita. Martina died October 22, 1923 and is buried in the cemetery with her father.

Popular with the American soldiers, "Jimmy" composed music for the Regiment and taught people to play the piano, violin, sax and trumpet. He played with the military band at the Luneta, which in the 20s was the garden spot of the Manila.

Sgt Geminiano died suddenly at age 30, of a cerebral hemorrhage, while on duty at Headquarters US Army Garrison, Post of Manila. It was a Thursday. He was buried with full military honors following a procession from Intramuros to Ft. McKinley.

Following World War II, his remains — and those of hundreds of others buried at Ft. McKinley and other US cemeteries in the Philippines — were moved to Clark Cemetery.

Below are emails of Procopio's granddaughter.

From: MAG Ford <marygalpinford@yahoo.com> Subject: Clark Cemetery To: post2485vfw@yahoo.com

Good day, Gentlemen, My grandfather is buried at Clark Cemetery, Section: A Plot: 2H and Grave: 17F, found for me by Larry Adkison, Supt of the Manila-American Cemetery. Procopio Geminiano SGT BAND 31ST INF USA died : March 1, 1934 - gravestone reads "1931" Mr. Adkison was kind enough to send me photographs of my grandfather's gravestone. The stone on my grandfather's grave shows that he died in 1931. He died in 1934. Is it possible that the stone was weather-worn and the "4" just appears as a "1" in the photos that Mr. Adkison sent me? Also, could you tell me, please, if your records show my grandfather's military number? I would like to obtain any military record that might exist for him for my mother, who was only 9 years old when her father died at age 30. He obviously died before SSNs existed, so his military number would greatly help. Thank you for your kindness, Mary Ann Ford, Richmond, Virginia

From: MAG Ford <marygalpinford@yahoo.com>
To: Larry Heilhecker <laheilhecker@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wed, July 20, 2011 6:34:07 PM
Subject: Re: Clark Cemetery

Good day, Larry,

I've just found the new Clark Veterans Cemetery Restoration Association website and discovered the Internments searchable database.

I see Procopio Geminiano's (my grandfather) date now reads 1934. Does this mean that his headstone has been corrected? or just his records?

Also found a listing for Martina Geminiano, deceased 1923. I believe this is my mother's sister who died as an infant (my mother was born in 1925 and she has always told me there was a "Martha" born before her). Are there any records for Martina, say, perhaps, that she was also buried at Ft. McKinley as my grandfather and moved with him when the graves were relocated? It's only a guess.

Thank you, again, for your kindness,
Mary Ann