

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Today in Texas History

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On this day in 1953, Staff Sgt. Ambrosio Guillen died in Korea. He had enlisted in El Paso and was a member of Company F, Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division.

In action against the enemy near Songuch-on, he and his platoon were defending an outpost ahead of the main lines. Pinned down at night and in unfamiliar terrain, he maneuvered his platoon into fighting position.

He deliberately exposed himself to heavy artillery and mortar fire to direct his men and supervise care and evacuation of the wounded.

Though critically injured, he refused medical attention and continued to lead his men until the enemy was defeated. He died a few hours later.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his valor. Sergeant Guillen is buried at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso.