**Military Service Record**

This is the Military Service Record of **Cristobal Rodriguez-Hidalgo**

Middle Name: Spanish custom adds mother’s maiden name to patronymic

Born on: December 12, 1887 In: Coamo State: Porto Rico Country: Click here to enter text.

Father’s Name: Regino Antonio Rodriguez Born in: Porto Rico

Mother’s Maiden Name: Santos Hidalgo Born in: Porto Rico

Are you white, colored, Indian, Mongolian: white

Citizen: yes

Voter: yes

Church: Christian- Methodist Episcopal

Married: **No answer indicated**

Fraternal Orders: **None indicated**

Previous Military Experience: None

Occupation before entry to the service: office secretary

Employer: Remington Arms Company, Bridgeport, Conn.

Residence before entry into service: 36 Poplar St., Bridgeport, Conn. in Fairfield County

Present home address: **None indicated**

**War Record**

Inducted into service or enlisted on August 24, 1917 At: Fort Slocum, New Rochelle, NY

As a: first class private In the: Infantry (Fourth Recruit Company) Section of the Regular Army

**Note: The words inducted into service or were crossed out. The letter “E” was capitalized for the word “Enlisted**”

Identification number: **None indicated**

Assigned originally to Company C, 38 US Infantry Regiment – 38 Division

In Syracuse, New York

**Trained or stationed before going to Europe:**

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| School/camp/station/ship | From | To |
| Syracuse, New York | Sept 18, 1917 | October 25, 1917 |
| Camp Greene, Charlotte, NC | Oct. 25, 1917 | March 11, 1918 |
| Camp Merritt, New Jersey | March 13, 1918 | March 20(?), 1918 |

Transferred to: **Note: Handwritten places, dates, crossed out -** **None Indicated**

Promoted- Served in Adjutant’s office November 1917 to January 16, 1918

Embarked from: Camp Merritt, N.J. On the ship: **None indicated**

**On** March 20(?), 1918 And arrived at (England) Brest, France On April 14, 1918

Proceeded from: Dept of Haute Marne To: Chateau-Thierry On: May 30, 1918

Trained or stationed abroad: **None indicated**

First went into action (date): May 30, 1918 At Chateau- Thierry (east)

Participated in the following engagements: Chateau- Thierry Bridge, Fossoy, June 2-3) Active service in this section for three weeks. A few days in rest camp. To Surmelin valley July 3. Bois-d'Aigremont July 14. Near Crezancy July 15. (In labor operations with 30’ Infantry preceding battle.)

Cited, decorated or otherwise honored for distinguished services. (Give circumstantial accounts of exploits, including dates and places where performed, also by whom and in what manner the honors were bestowed): **None Indicated**

**Killed in action, killed by accident, died of wounds, died of disease, wounded, gassed, shell-shocked, taken prisoner: Killed** in action, Front line trench- high explosive shell- instantaneous death. No grave. Marne River. 38 Regiment designated by French “Rock of the Marne.” In Crezancy, France on July 15, 1918

Under medical care: **None indicated**

Permanently disabled (specify): **None indicated**

Arrived: **None indicated** On the ship: **None indicated** Date **None indicated**

Discharged place: **None indicated** Date: **None indicated**

**Return to civilian life:**

Occupation: **None indicated**

If a change of occupation was occasioned by reason of disability acquired in the service, describe the process or re-education and readjustment, and indicate the agencies or individuals chiefly instrumental in furnishing the new occupation: **None indicated**

**Additional information:**

**What was your attitude toward military service in general and toward your call in particular?** Intense patriotism. Cause of liberty for country superior to personal aspirations.

**What were the effects of camp experiences in the United States upon yourself – mental and physical?** None indicated

**If you took part in fighting, what impressions were made upon you by this experience?**

None indicated

**What were the effects upon yourself of your overseas experience, either in the army or navy or in camp in France, England or elsewhere?** None indicated

**What has been the effect of all these experiences as contrasted with your state of mind before the war?** None indicated

**Photographs:** Two photographs are included

**Additional data**:

Cristobal Rodriguez Hidalgo was a martyr to duty. Was refused permit to visit fiancée, seriously injured by automobile, because other soldiers “went wild” and were about several day before embarking. He sacrificed personal desires for the farewell and marriage, by conforming to army disciplines.

Two letters are included with this war record survey: Both letters are from the state librarian and both are one-page typed letters dated July 25, 1923 and August 6, 1923 respectively. Both are addressed to Miss Marian Doyle, the fiancé of Cristobal R. Hidalgo was also included with this file. At the top of the letter, handwritten are the words: “Letter destroyed as requested.”

Signed at **None indicated** On None indicated

Signature: **None**  Rank: **None** Branch: **None**

The information contained was obtained in this record, unless otherwise indicated, was obtained from the following persons or sources: Marian Doyle (fiancée of deceased) 1496 Fairfield Ave. Bridgeport, Conn