

SILVA, France

September 12, 1899

U. S. MARINE CORPS.  
ENLISTED PERSONNEL FILE  
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DESCRIPTIVE LIST, ETC.,

OF

Silva, France

Private,

, U. S. M. C.

ENLISTED

September 12, 1899

at San Francisco, Cal.

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Honorably discharged upon  
report of Medical Survey  
January 6, 1901 at Mare Island,  
a private with character

VERY GOOD

to Sept 12, 1900

# DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Name: Francis Silva; Rank: Private  
 Born: 8 May, 1876, at Haywards, Cal.  
 Complexion: Swarthy; Hair: DK. Brown; Eyes: Hazel  
 Other personal characteristics: (Permanent marks, scars, etc.) Scar l. side sagittal suture  
 Former residence: Haywards, Cal.; Former occupation: Farmer  
 When and where last discharged: First enlistment

AGE.	WEIGHT.	HEIGHT.		THORAX.			VISION. (Snellen.)	State of Health since last Examination:
		Vertex to Ground.	Vertex to Perineum.	Mean Circumference.	Expansion.	Spirometer.		
23 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>12</sub>	136	65 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	—	36	4	—	20/20	SIGNATURE OF MEDICAL OFFICER.

Enlisted 12 Sept, 1899, at San Francisco, Cal  
 by Capt M. Lenore for five (5) years.  
 17. Enlistment:  
 Date of 1st enlistment (if known):

(S) Victor G. B. Means Surgeon, U. S. N.  
Good. L. O'Brien, Surgeon, U. S. N.  
~~Excellent~~  
~~Excellent~~ except ~~definitely~~ as noted  
B. R. Wood & P. A. Meyer, U. S. N.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. N.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. N.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. N.  
 \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. N.

## CONDUCT RECORD.

(0, BAD; 1, INDIFFERENT; 2, FAIR; 3, GOOD; 4, VERY GOOD; 5, EXCELLENT.)

NAME OF STATION OR VESSEL.	TRANSFER.		PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.				CONDUCT.			Average Standing.	Class in Conduct.	Marksmanship.	Range.	SIGNATURES OF COMMANDING OFFICERS.
	Date.	Rank.	Proficiency in Rank.	School of the Soldier.	School of the Comp'y.	Skirmish Drill.	Obedience.	Cleanliness.	Sobriety.					
U. S. Marine Corps, Recruiting Office, San Francisco, Cal.	12 Sept 99	Priv.				Recruit								<u>A. M. Lenore</u> Captain, U. S. M. C.
Mare Island, Cal.	12 Oct 99	"	3	3	3	3	5	5	5	3 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	1			<u>Chas. L. Wham</u> , U. S. M. C.
U. S. S. Newark	July 14, 1900	"	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	1			<u>Peter Stewart</u> Gunnery Sergeant, U. S. M. C.
U. S. S. Newark	Oct 31, 1900	"	4	4	4	4	5	4	5	4 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	1			<u>M. H. Hall</u> , U. S. M. C.
Mare Island, Cal.	DEC 20 1900	"	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>10</sub>	1			<u>J. H. Hamngton</u> , U. S. M. C.
														_____, U. S. M. C.
														_____, U. S. M. C.
														_____, U. S. M. C.

The above will be executed and signed, whenever the soldier is transferred, discharged, etc., etc.

### REMARKS:

U.S. Next of Kin: Joseph Silva (father) Haywards, Cal.  
 Best two scores, season 1899  
 200 yds.    300 yds.    500 yds.    600 yds.  
 Gallery.    38            28            31            28  
 Range. \_\_\_\_\_  
Wounded on Tatar City Wall, July 1, 1900.  
A cool and reliable soldier. M. H. H.

NOTE.—This paper will be forwarded to the Adjutant and Inspector, U. S. Marine Corps, at the expiration of soldier's enlistment, also in case of desertion or death. Should a deserter surrender or be taken, application will be made to the Adjutant and Inspector for his "conduct record," at once. When a man deserts, the word "deserted" will be entered "over the date" in the column of transfer, also when he is "apprehended" or "surrendered." Nothing should be written under the head of "Remarks" except what pertains to the man's history, such as promotions, reductions, courts-martial, etc. In every case of transfer a note should be made in the proper columns as to a man's qualifications in marksmanship and the range fired on. The figures from 0 to 5, inclusive, representing six degrees, will be used to designate the man's ability in this respect.

No. ....

*Silva, France*

Enlisted at *San Francisco* on

the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 189*9*

by *A. S. Mc Lemore*

*Captain* U. S. Marine Corps

*1<sup>st</sup>* enlistment; last served in

Discharged ....., 18

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*9*



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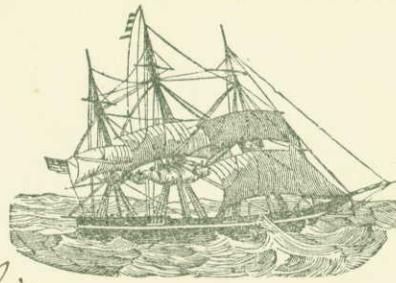
*1<sup>st</sup>* enlistment; last served in

Discharged ....., 18

State of  
California

Town of

San Francisco,



MARINE BARRACKS, MARE ISLAND, CAL.

Transferred from Recruiting Rendezvous to

September 12, 1899

A. S. Lemen  
Captain, U.S.M.C. Recruiting Officer

I, France Silva, born in United States  
State of California, County of Alameda  
Town of Haywards, aged twenty-three <sup>4/12</sup> years,  
and by occupation a Farmer, Do HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have  
voluntarily enlisted, this twelfth day of September, 1899,  
as a PRIVATE in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, U. S. NAVY, for the period of  
FIVE YEARS, unless sooner discharged by competent authority; do also agree to accept such  
bounty, pay, rations, and clothing as are or may be established by law. I further agree to accept  
and acknowledge all acts of Congress relating to the United States Marine Corps from its  
organization to these presents, and also such other act or acts as may hereafter be passed by the  
Congress of the United States having relation to the Marine Corps of the United States during  
the term of my enlistment. And I, France Silva, do  
solemnly swear that I will bear true allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will  
serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies and opposers whomsoever, and  
observe and obey the order of the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers  
appointed over me, according to the Rules and Articles for the government of the Army and  
Navy of the United States; and further, that I am the full age of twenty-one.

Sworn and subscribed to at San Francisco, Cal.  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1899 } France Silva  
before A. S. Lemen }  
Captain U.S.M.C., Recruiting Officer

MARINE BARRACKS, Recruiting Office, San Francisco, Cal.  
12 September 1899.

I CERTIFY that the Recruit was inspected previously to his enlistment, and that he was  
entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my judgment and belief, he is duly qualified  
to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier.

REMARKS:

A. S. Lemen  
Captain, U.S.M.C. Recruiting Officer.

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, France Silva, desiring to  
ENLIST in the UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS for the term of FIVE YEARS, Do DECLARE  
that I am twenty-three years and four months of age; that I am not  
married; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability,  
or by sentence of a court-martial, or by order, before the expiration of the term of enlistment, and  
I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a marine for five years.

GIVEN at San Francisco, Cal.  
the 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1899

WITNESS:

A. S. Lemen

France Silva

**RECORD.**

BUR. M. & S.

Name, Silva, France Vessel to which attached, 599930  
(Name in full, surname first.)  
 How long on board, 3 years 3 months. Admitted from U.S.F.S. NEWARK  
(If surveyed at hospital.)  
 How long in hospital, 3 days. Native of Haywards, Cal.  
(City, county, State.)  
 Age, 24 years 6 months. Where enlisted, San Francisco, Cal.  
 When enlisted, Sept. 12, 1899. Previous naval service, about 1 years.  
 Holds C. S. C. No. 1. First enlisted, Sept. 12, 1899.  
 Date of last discharge, 1.

**COPY OF PREVIOUS HEALTH RECORD.**

(The terms Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Bad must be used to indicate state of health.)

NAME OF VESSEL.	STATE OF HEALTH WHILE SERVING ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON SICK LIST.
M. I. Hospital	No previous record obtainable.	3	3
	Bad		

The above embraces all the information that can be obtained in this case.

*B. L. Downing* Surgeon U. S. Navy,  
 Senior Member of Board.

*W. H. Miller*  
 Rear Admiral U. S. Navy,  
 Navy Yard and Station

Respectfully approved and forwarded to the ~~Navy Department~~,  
 through the Bureau of Navigation,  
 COMMANDANT, N. S. M. C.

U. S. U. S. NAVY YARD, MARE ISLAND, CAL.  
5, 190

*J. R. Harne*,  
 Medical Director, U. S. Navy,  
 In Charge of Hospital

Respectfully forwarded.

U. S. Naval Hospital,  
Mare Island, Cal.  
Dec 5 1900, 190

*Silva France* 1900

Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,  
 Washington, D. C.

DEC 11 1900

For Bureau of Navigation and Marine Corps.  
 Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department  
*Geo. Reed*  
 Colonel, Adjutant and Inspector,  
 and Acting Commandant.

4 INDORSEMENT.  
 Navy Department,  
 Bureau of Medicine and Surgery,  
 DEC 13 1900, 190

RESPECTFULLY RETURNED TO THE  
 BRIGADIER GENERAL, COMMANDANT, U. S. M. C.  
 RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD APPROVED.

*W. H. Miller*  
 Surgeon General, U. S. Navy.



# REPORT OF MEDICAL SURVEY.

(Will not embrace more than one case.)

U. S.

Naval Hospital,  
Mare Island, Cal.

To THE COMMANDANT, NAVY YARD

Dec 5 1900, 190

AND STATION, MARE ISLAND, CAL.

Sir: In obedience to your order of Dec. 3, 1900, 190, we have held a careful survey on Silva, France, Private. (Name in full, surname first.) (Rate or rank.) and beg leave to report as follows:

1. Present condition: Unfit for the service.

2. Disease or injury: Partial ankylosis - left elbow. (By name in common use; also location and character of injury.)

3. Probable future duration: Permanent.

4. Recommendation: That he be discharged from the service.

5. Origin: In the line of duty. - Wounded at Pekin July 1, 1900. (State all the facts, whether or not in line of duty.)

Very respectfully,

P. A. Loomis

Surgeon U. S. N.

B. N. Ward

P. A. Surgeon U. S. N.

Charles F. ...

Assistant Surgeon U. S. N.

**RECORD.**

BUR. M. & S.

Name, Silva, Prance (Name in full, surname first) Vessel to which attached, Newark  
 How long on board, 1 years — months. Admitted from — (If survived at hospital.)  
 How long in hospital, — days. Native of Newark, Cal. (City, county, State.)  
 Age, 24 years — months. Where enlisted, San Francisco, Cal.  
 When enlisted, Sept. 12, 1899. Previous naval service, about — years.  
 Holds C. S. C. No. —. First enlisted, Sept. 12, 1899.  
 Date of last discharge, —, 1

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DEC 10 1900

**COPY OF PREVIOUS HEALTH RECORD.**

(The terms Excellent, Very Good, Good, Fair, Indifferent, or Bad must be used to indicate state of health.)

NAME OF VESSEL.	STATE OF HEALTH WHILE SERVING ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON BOARD.	NUMBER OF DAYS ON SICK LIST.
<u>Mar. Bldg, Cal</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
<u>Oregon</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

*The above embraces all the information that can be obtained in this case.*

*Ben Kenner P. A. Surgeon U. S. Navy,  
Senior Member of Board.*

*Silva Prance*

*U. S. Newark, N. Y. Rate*

*Coate, P. S.,  
October 26, 1900.*

*Respectfully forwarded.*

*Distincola*

*Captain, U. S. Navy*

*U. S. FLAGSHIP NEWARK,*

*Cavite, P. I.,*

*October 25th, 1900.*

*Respectfully approved and forwarded to the Navy Department, through the Bureau of Navigation.*

*The within mentioned*

*Silva, Prance, Private,*

*U. S. N. C., will be sent to the U. S. Naval Hospital,*

*Wmre Island, Cal. for treatment.*

*Rear-Admiral, U. S. Navy.*

*Senior-Squadron-Commander, U. S. Naval Force, Asiatic Sta*

*Headquarters U. S. Marine Corps,  
Washington, D. C.*

*DEC 8 1900*

*For Bureau of Navigation and Colonel Commandant Marine Corps.  
Respectfully referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department*

*Colonel, Adjutant and Inspector and Acting Commandant*

*4 INDORSEMENT.*

*Navy Department,*

*Bureau of Medicine and Surgery,*

*DEC 10 1900, 190*

*RESPECTFULLY RETURNED TO THE BRIGADIER GENERAL, COMMANDANT, U. S. M. C. RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD APPROVED.*

*Surgeon-General, U. S. Navy.*



## REPORT OF MEDICAL SURVEY.

(Will not embrace more than one case.)

U. S. *F. S. Newark**Carite, P. I.*

To the Senior Squadron Commanding Officer, *25*, 1900  
*U. S. Naval Force, Asiatic Station*

Sir: In obedience to your order of *Oct. 23*, 1900, we have held  
a careful survey on *Silas France*, *P. M.*  
(Name in full, surname first.) (Rate or rank.)  
and beg leave to report as follows:

1. Present condition: *Unfit for duty.*

2. Disease or injury: *Partial deformity of left elbow*  
(By name in common use; also location and character of injury.)  
*and partial paralysis.*

3. Probable future duration: *Indefinite. (Probably permanent)*

4. Recommendation: *That he be sent to the*  
*U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island,*  
*California, for treatment.*

5. Origin: *In line of duty. Gun shot*  
(State all the facts, whether or not in line of duty.)  
*wound in action in China.*

Very respectfully,

*P. M. Kummer, P. A. Surgeon*  
*U. S. N.*  
*Geo. C. Cooper, P. A. Surgeon*  
*U. S. N.*  
*P. W. Chamber, Asst. Surgeon*  
*U. S. N.*

Prepared July 15, 1941.

Nav-650-AJG

JUL 21 1941

Sir:

Reference is made to your application received in the Department on June 25, 1941. You are informed that your name has been placed on the Medal of Honor Roll as of June 25, 1941, and the Director, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., has been informed of the fact that you are eligible for payment of the special pension provided by the Act of Congress, approved April 27, 1916, a copy of which is enclosed.

Your Medal of Honor Certificate No. 45 is forwarded herewith.

Respectfully,

d. A. Badt

By direction of the Secretary.

Enclosures (2)

Mr. France Silva,  
3540 E. 22nd Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

Copy to  
Mrs. Blakney  
Room 3334

*Encl* Sept. 12 - 1899  
*San Francisco, Calif.*

Prepared July 17, 1941.

Nav-650-AJG

**JUL 21 1941**

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a true copy of the Medal of Honor Certificate No. 45 for France Silva, former Private, U. S. Marine Corps, whose address is 3540 E. 22nd Street, Los Angeles, California.

The records show Silva was born on May 8, 1876. His application for enrollment on the Medal of Honor Roll and the pension thereof was received in the Department on June 25, 1941. He is entitled to pension from June 25, 1941, in accordance with the Act of Congress, approved April 27, 1916, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

*H. A. Badd*

By direction of the Secretary.

Enclosures (2)

The Director,  
Veterans Administration,  
Washington, D.C.

*Copy to  
Miss Blakely  
3334*

CONDUCT RECORD of *Frauce Silva* *Private*, U.S.M.C.,

While serving at *Marine Barracks, Mare Island, Cal.* from *12 Sept 99* to *11 Oct 99*

OFFENSE, AND DATE.	PUNISHMENT.	OFFENSE, AND DATE.	PUNISHMENT.
<i>None</i>		<i>U.S.S Newark from Sept 28 to Oct 31, 1900</i>	
<i>Amst. Mian</i> COLONEL, U. S. M. C., COMDG. MARINES.		<i>None</i>	<i>W. H. Hall,</i> <i>Captain, U.S.M.C.</i> <i>Comm'd'g Marine Guard</i>
<i>U.S.S Newark from Oct 12, 1899 to</i> <i>July 19, 1900</i>			
<i>None</i>			
<i>Peter Stewart</i> <i>Gunnery Sergeant, U.S.M.C.</i> <i>in charge of guard</i>			



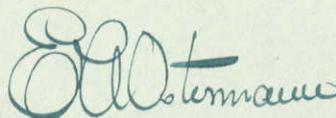
Silva, France  
Enl 9-12-99  
ACE-jfb

1st Endorsement,

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS, Washington, November 19, 1928.

From: The Major General Commandant.  
To: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.  
Subject: Request of former Private France Silva, U.S. Marine Corps for a duplicate Congressional Medal of Honor.  
Enclosures: (1).

1. Forwarded, inviting attention to the attached affidavit and the request contained in basic communication relative to securing a duplicate Congressional Medal of Honor.



E. A. OSTERMANN,

By direction

PN (F) (55)  
Nav328-MB.

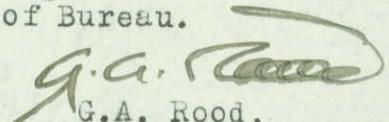
21 November, 1928.

SECOND ENDORSEMENT.

From: Bureau of Navigation.  
To: The Major General Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps.  
SUBJECT: Request of former Private France Silva, U.S. Marine Corps for a duplicate Congressional Medal of Honor.  
Enclosure: No. 154.

1. Returned. Attached hereto is a duplicate Congressional Medal of Honor for transmittal to Private France Silva, U.S.M.C. whose original one was lost through no fault of his own.

R.H. Leigh,  
Chief of Bureau.



G.A. Rood,  
By direction.

# DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Name: Silva, France ; Rank, Private  
 Born 8 May, 1876, at Haywards, Cal.  
 Complexion: Swarthy ; Hair: dk. Brown ; Eyes: Gray  
 Other personal characteristics: (permanent marks, scars, &c.) Scar l. side sagittal suture.  
 Former residence: Haywards, Cal.  
 Former occupation: Farmer  
 Family history: \_\_\_\_\_  
 When and where last examined: First

AGE.		WEIGHT.	HEIGHT.		THORAX.			VISION. (Snellen.)	STATE OF HEALTH SINCE EXAMINATION.
			VERTEX TO GROUND.	VERTEX TO PERINEUM.	MEAN CIR- CUMFERENCE.	EXPAN- SION.	SPIROM- ETER.		
Years.	Mos.	Pounds.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Cu. inches.		
23	4	136	65 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	—	36	4	—	20/20	

Diablo Means Surgeon, U. S. N.  
*Signature of Senior Medical Officer.*

### REMARKS.

Enlisted 12 September, 1899, at San Francisco, Cal., by Capt. A. S. Mc Lemoire  
 for five years. Joined from by enlistment, 18\_\_\_\_.  
 Shore service, \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days. Sea service, \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Expiration of last cruise, \_\_\_\_\_, 18\_\_\_\_. Enlistment First

U. S. Next of Kin: Joseph Silva (father) Haywards, Cal.

Character: \_\_\_\_\_

A. S. Mc Lemoire  
 \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. M. C.,  
*Recruiting Commanding, Marine Officer.*

CHARLES L. BOGUE  
COMMANDER

C. H. HASKINS  
1ST VICE COMMANDER

A. C. JEWELL  
2ND VICE COMMANDER

F. E. ALLISON  
ADJUTANT

ROBERT G. CLARK  
QUARTERMASTER

Los Angeles Unit No. 107

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

United Veterans of the Republic

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506 So West Bldg.  
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JAMES SHERIDAN

Dec. 11"-26

Bureau of Navigation  
Navy Dept.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir.

We wish to get the record of the service of  
France Siha who served in marine corps from  
Sept. 1898 to sometime in 1900.

This record is needed by us as he is desirous  
of becoming a member of the above organization.

Respectfully

Robert G. Clark D.M.

In detached duty in China from  
May 29 to Sept 22, 1900 protecting  
unoccupied in protecting <sup>an</sup> legation at  
Tientsin, China.

# DESCRIPTIVE LIST.

Name: *Silva, France* ; Rank, *Private*  
 Born *8 May*, 18*76*, at *Haywards, Cal.*  
 Complexion: *Swarthy* ; Hair: *dk. brown* ; Eyes: *Hazel*  
 Other personal characteristics: (permanent marks, scars, &c.) *Scar l. side sagittal suture*  
 Former residence: *Haywards, Cal.*  
 Former occupation: *Farmer*  
 Family history: \_\_\_\_\_  
 When and where last examined: *First*

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*Dieir C. Means* Surgeon, U. S. N.  
*Signature of Senior Medical Officer.*

## REMARKS.

Enlisted *12 September*, 18*99*, at *San Francisco, Cal.*, by *Capt. A. S. McLenore*  
 for *five* years. Joined from *By enlistment*, 18 :  
 Shore service, \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days. Sea service, \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. \_\_\_\_\_ mos. \_\_\_\_\_ days.  
 Expiration of last cruise, \_\_\_\_\_, 18 . Enlistment *First*  
*U.S. Next of Kin: Joseph Silva (father) Haywards, Cal.*

Character: \_\_\_\_\_

*A. S. McLenore*  
 \_\_\_\_\_, U. S. M. C.,  
*Recruiting* Commanding, Marine Officer.

SILVA, France  
Enl. 9-12-99  
AW-lar

Second Indorsement.

HEADQUARTERS, U.S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, D.C., 9 July 1941.

From: The Major General Commandant.  
To: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.  
Subject: Application for enrollment on the Navy Medal of Honor Roll in the case of France Silva, former member of the U.S. Marine Corps.

1. Forwarded, inviting attention to basic communication.

2. Frank Silva was born 8 May 1876 at Haywards, California. He enlisted in the Marine Corps on 12 September 1899 at San Francisco, California for a period of five years and was honorably discharged a private on 6 May 1901 at Mare Island, California upon report of Medical Survey for disability in the line of duty. Silva was awarded the Medal of Honor under General Order No. 55 July 19, 1901 for service at Peking, China 28 June to 17 August 1900. He had no further service in the U.S. Marine Corps.

EMMETT W. SKINNER

-----By direction-----  
Copy to: Mr. Silver, 3540 E. 22nd. St., Los Angeles, California.

*Handwritten initials*

Silva, France,  
Enl. 9-12-1899  
ACD-emr

12 June 1935.

Transcript of service of France SILVA, born May 8, 1876 at Haywards,  
California.

1899

Sept. 12 Enlisted at San Francisco, Calif., and transferred  
to MB, Mare Island, Calif.

Oct 12 To USS NEWARK

1900 - - - - (Ashore in China with China Relief Expedition from  
May 27 to July 22, 1900)

Oct 31 To MB, Mare Island, Calif.

1901

Jan 8 Honorably discharged, upon report of medical survey  
for disability, at Mare Island, Calif.

No other service in the Marine Corps.

Silva, France  
Enl 9-12-29  
ACE-jfb

1st Endorsement,

HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS, Washington, November 19, 1928.

From: The Major General Commandant.  
To: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.  
Subject: Request of former Private France Silva, U.S. Marine Corps for a duplicate Congressional Medal of Honor.  
Enclosures: (1).

1. Forwarded, inviting attention to the attached affidavit and the request contained in basic communication relative to securing a duplicate Congressional Medal of Honor.

E. A. OSTERMANN,

-----  
-By direction-----

Silva, France,  
Enl. 9-12-99,  
ACD-ws

December 23, 1926.

My dear Mr. Clark:

In reply to your communication and in compliance with the request contained therein, information is furnished that the records of this office show that one Frances Silva who was born at Hayward, Calif., May 8, 1876, enlisted in the Marine Corps at San Francisco, Calif., September 12, 1899 and was honorably discharged, upon report of medical survey for disability, January 6, 1901, at Mare Island, Calif., a private with character "Very Good".

The records further show that Silva served on detached duty in China from May 29 to September 22, 1900 and participated in protecting the American Legation at Peking.

Silva received the Congressional Medal of Honor for "distinguished conduct in the presence of the enemy at Peking, China" during the Boxer Uprising.

Very sincerely yours,

*CAB*

JOHN DIXON,  
Major, Asst., Adjutant & Inspector,  
U. S. Marine Corps.

Mr. Robert G. Clark, Quartermaster,  
United Veterans of the Republic,  
506 South West Building,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Silva, France,  
Enl. 9-12-1899,  
ACD-emr

1st Endorsement

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, 16 August 1935.

From: The Major General Commandant,  
To : Director, Veterans Claims Service, Veterans  
Administration, Attention Miss Nevitt.

Subject: SILVA, France - Request for certain photostats in the  
case of.

Enclosure: (1) Photostat.

1. Returned with photostat requested. There is no other  
medical record available at this office.

J.M. ARTHUR,

By direction

*ADD*

Silva, France,  
Enl. 9-12-1899  
ACD-emr

No other service in Marine Corps.

12 June 1935  
Via. Bu. M&S

SILVA, France,  
Private  
May 8, 1876, Haywards,  
(Calif.)  
Sept. 12, 1899, San Francisco, Calif.

Joseph Silva (F)  
Haywards, Calif.  
None given

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Jan. 8, 1901, Mare Island, Calif.  
Med. Survey, Hon. Char. "VG"

Claim No. C-2 581 095

Served with China Relief Ex. ashore in Farmer  
China from May 27 to July 22, 1900.

L. D. HERMLE,  
By direction

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SILVA, France. Died 10 April, 1951. In-  
terred in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Corning  
California. Headstone application verified  
14 May, 1951. (JAV)

*CH*

Served with the Mar.Det. of the USS NEWARK ashore in China  
with the China Relief Exped. May 27 to Jul 22, 1900.  
SILVA, France No other service in the Marine Corps.  
Enl 12 Sep 99 ACD-wpb August 22, 28

Private  
SILVA, France 5-8-76, Haywards, Cal.

9-12-99, San Francisco, Calif.

Joseph Silva, (F),  
Haywards, Calif.

1-6-01,  
Report of Med.Sur. for disability,  
Hon, Mare Island, Calif., Char. Very Good.

Prior occupation: Farmer.

JOHN DIXON,  
Major, Asst., Adjutant & Inspector,  
U. S. Marine Corps.

Sept. 12-1899.

Dec. 31, 1901.

To the Adjutant and Inspector,  
Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

I hereby acknowledge the  
receipt this day of the Medal  
of Honor and Rosette awarded  
me by The Honorable, the  
Secretary of the Navy

Francis Silva.  
U. S. M. C.

Port Sn. I Cal  
Jan 6, 1901  
Med Survey  
U.S.