Private First Class Ishmael Castillo

1926 or 27 – 1945 KIA

Service #38677562

United States Army – WWII

Ishmael Castillo was born on January 19, 1926 or March 17, 1927 in Shamrock, Wheeler County, Texas. Ishmael enlisted in the U.S. Army on May 23, 1944 at Fort Sam Huston, San Antonio, Texas. He was promoted to Private First Class with the 222nd Regiment, 42nd Division.

The 222nd had just fought in Operation Nordwind (Alsace) in January and then went on the offensive in mid-February—patrolling the Hardt Forest**,** breaking through the Siegfried Line, and pushing into Germany (Rhineland campaign).

Ishmael was killed in action on February 24, 1945. He was laid to rest in the Santa Maria Cemetery.

Decorations and Awards:

- Purple Heart
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- EAME Campaign Medal with Rhineland Star and Ardennes-Alsace
- American Campaign Medal
- Worls War II Victory Medal
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Good Conduct Medal