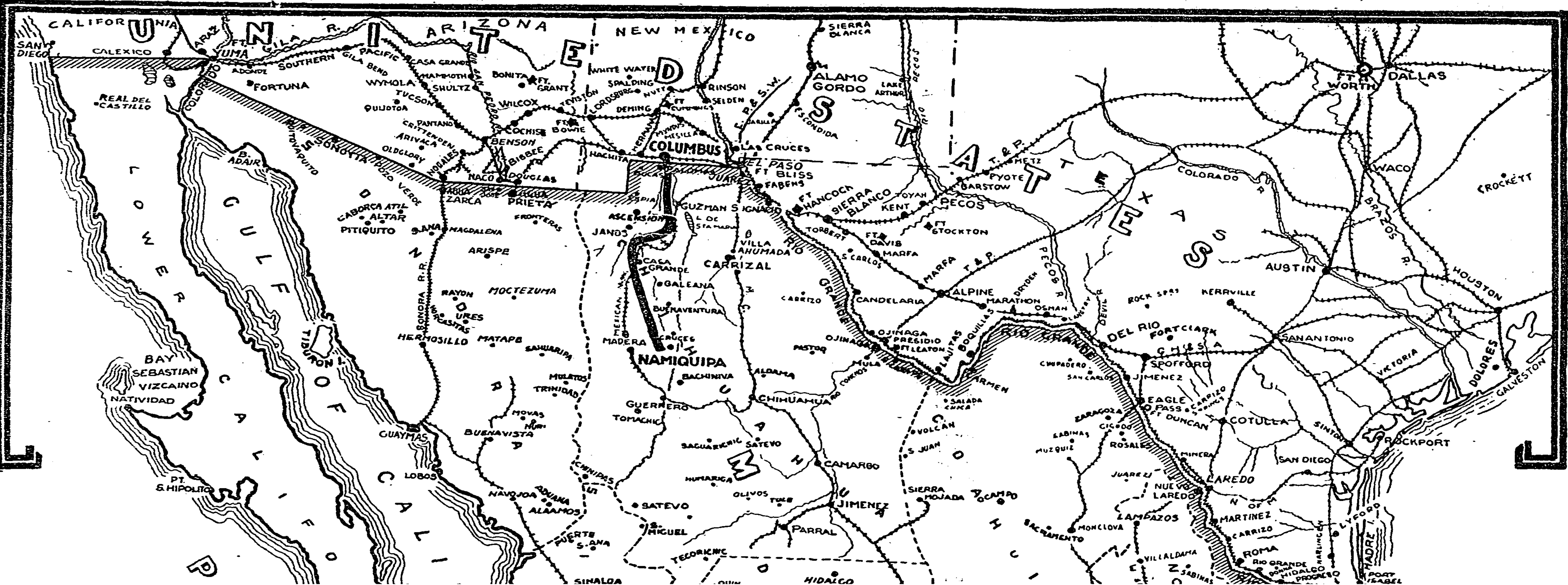


Map of the Land Where We May Have to Fight Another Mexican War



HEAVY BLACK LINE BELOW COLUMBUS INDICATES THE POSITION OF UNITED STATES TROOPS IN MEXICO

Where Carranza's Forces Are Stationed in Mexico.

PROBABLY no one in this country save the military authorities can estimate with any degree of accuracy the number of troops which Carranza, the First Chief, has concentrated in the northern part of Mexico. In last Sunday's issue of THE TIMES MAGAZINE Señor Joaquín F. M. Beltrán, a Mexican Senator for nineteen years, who came to the United States recently, put the number at 60,000, and said they were distributed from Matamoros, on the Gulf of Mexico, to a point opposite Columbus, N. M., and covered a strip of territory seventy miles in width at its maximum point.

The American forces stationed in Mexico and on the southern border of the United States consist of 1,326 officers and 34,592 men, a total of 35,918. This number includes both regulars and militia. Of the total there are under General Pershing's command, extending from Columbus, N. M., to Namiquipa, Mexico, 385 officers and 11,250 men, a total of 11,635. For military reasons the exact location of each unit cannot be given. In the table, on the opposite page, the stations of the border troops will be found. These forces will soon be augmented by the militia units called out by President Wilson a few days ago, and thus many more regular troops will be released for service in Mexico.

Carranza's troops are under the command of General Alvaro Obregón, who recently compelled the First Chief to name him Secretary of War. They are well supplied with machine guns and have some artillery, but it is doubtful whether they have a large reserve of ammunition and a commissary worthy of the name. Many of the troops are, however, seasoned soldiers who can give a good account of themselves in battle.

Among the Carranza Generals known to be with the northern forces are Lerdo in the eastern sector; Francisco Gonzales, who is stationed at Juárez, and General P. Elias Calles, who leads in the western territory. General Gabriel Gavira is another who has figured in the news dispatches from time to time.

The main northern forces, which would probably be used against General Pershing, are led by General Jacinto Trevino, whose threatening attitude has caused much anxiety in the last week. Trevino is a personal friend of Carranza, while Obregón is the officer who conducted the futile negotiations with General Hugh L. Scott for the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico.

Trevino is supposed to command some 30,000 men, most of which are massed within striking distance of Namiquipa and Colonia Dublan, the posts held by General Pershing. If the reports are correct, Trevino has ninety or more machine guns, twenty-seven field guns—three-inch pieces—and twelve French guns of smaller calibre.

It is understood that Carranza has taken the precaution to fortify all of the strategic towns in Northern Mexico, digging trenches and setting up barbed wire entanglements. Naturally, these field works would present a serious military obstacle to any army, however well equipped it might be.

Monterrey, the centre of the railroad system of the States of Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, and Tamaulipas, is defended, it is said, not only by trenches and wire, but by batteries of artillery stationed on the Hill of the Bishop, commanding the city.

From Ciudad Porfirio Díaz, in Coahuila, opposite Eagle Pass, Texas, the Mexican National Railway runs south through Alameda, Sabinas, Hermanas, and Monclova, to a junction with a cross-country line at

Reata. All five of these towns are protected by trenches. And Villa Ahumada, Trevino's headquarters on the line of the Mexican Central Railroad, about ninety miles south of Juárez, has also been carefully fortified. It was at Carrizal, nine miles southwest of Villa Ahumada, that American and Carranza troops fought a sharp engagement last Wednesday.

The Mexican Central leads to Chihuahua City, which is considered one of the best fortified towns in Northern Mexico, with the possible exception of Torreón, on the line between the States of Coahuila and Durango. Torreón has always been a difficult place to capture.

Another fortified town of importance is Hermosillo, capital of Sonora, on the Southern Pacific line running south from Nogales.

If intervention comes in Mexico, the most direct route to Mexico City is from Vera Cruz, with which both the American Army and Navy are familiar. Carranza is said to have planted mines in the harbor, and also to have strengthened the defenses of this valuable port. It is not an easy road through the mountains to Mexico City, and Córdoba, Orizaba, and Puebla would have to be taken and secured before the trail opened.

Units of General Pershing's Expedition		
Headquarters and Troops, F and H and Machine Gun Troop of 12th Cav.; also 5th, 7th, 10th, 11th, and 13th Cav. (except Troop L); Companies A, B, C, and D of 20th Inf.; also 8th, 16th, 17th, and 24th Inf. Batteries B and C, 8th Field Art.; Headquarters and Batteries A, B, and C, 4th Field Art.; 6th, 12th, and 16th Cos., Coast Art. Companies E, G, and H, Engineers. Ambulance Cos. 3 and 7. Field Hospital 3 and 7. First Aero Squadron.		
Stations of the Border Troops		
LOCATION AND COMMANDS.	Officers.	Enlisted Men.
Alpine, Texas—Co. 14th Cav.	1	56
Bisbee, Ariz.—Cos. E and F, 14th Inf.	3	134
Bliss, Fort, Texas—8th Cav. less L; Cos. M, Bats. A and B, 5th Field Art.; 7th Inf.; Headquarters and Cos. E, F, G, and M, 20th Inf.; 103d Co., Coast Art.	86	2,142
Bodulias, Texas—Troops A and B, 6th Cav.; Bat. D, Brownsville, Texas—Troops E, F, G, and H, 3d Cav.; Bat. D, 4th Field Art.; 4th Inf., except Co. M; 3d Bat. and Machine Gun Co., 21st Inf.	45	1,161
Clark, Fort, Texas—Co. 15th Inf.; Det. 20th Co., Coast Art.	15	467
Comstock, Texas—Det. 12th Co., Coast Art.	1	48
Crom's Tunnel, Ariz.—Det. 11th Inf.	1	34
Del Rio, Texas—Troops B, G, and D, 14th Cav.; 3d Bat. and Cos. E and H, 19th Inf.; 20th, 31st, 14th, 7th, 112th, 145th, and 16th Cos., Coast Art.	30	1,208
Dick Love's Ranch, Texas—Troop E, 6th Cav.	12	73
Dolores, Texas—Troop K, 14th Cav.	1	73
Dona, Texas—Cos. A and C, 28th Inf.; Troop B, 3d Cav.; Cos. A, B, C, and D, 2d Texas Inf.	19	481
Douglas, Ariz.—Headquarters and Cos. K, L, and M, Machine Gun Troop, 1st Cav.; Headquarters and Bats. A, B, and C, 6th Field Art.; Headquarters and Cos. A, B, D, E, G, H, I, K, L, and M, 4th Texas Inf.; 18th and 22d Inf.; Headquarters, Cos. G, H, and 3d Bat., 14th Inf.; 1st Arizona Inf.	192	4,408
Druid, Texas—Troops B, G, and D, 14th Cav.; 3d Bat. and Cos. E and H, 19th Inf.; 20th, 31st, 14th, 7th, 112th, 145th, and 16th Cos., Coast Art.	1	50
El Paso, Texas—Cos. H, I, K, and L, 20th Inf.; 68th Co., Coast Art.	80	1,931
Falmes, Texas—Troop K, 8th Cav.; 1st Co., Coast Art.	45	1,129
Forest Station, Ariz.—Troop D, 1st Cav.	12	133
Hachita, N. M.—Troops I and K, 12th Cav.	4	124
Harting, Texas—Headquarters and Cos. B, D, E, G, and I, 26th Inf.; Headquarters, 1st Texas Brigade; Headquarters and 1st Bat., 2d Texas Inf.	47	779
Hermans, N. M.—Troop E, 12th Cav.	1	63
Hot Springs, Texas—Troop F, 6th Cav.	1	72
Hot Wells, Texas—Troops B, G, and D, 14th Cav.	1	133
Huachuca, Fort—Arizona Guard, 10th Cav.	1	133
Indio Ranch, Texas—Co. A, 3d Inf.	1	133
Kingsville, Texas—Cos. B and M, 26th Inf.	1	78
Lajitas, Texas—Troop D, 6th Cav.	1	78
Laredo, Texas—Troops B, G, and D, 14th Cav.; 3d Bat. and Cos. E and F, 3d Field Art.; Squadron, Texas Cav.	54	1,452
Las Mesas, N. M.—Troops L and M, 12th Cav.	1	133
Lehman's Ranch, Texas—Co. M, 3d Inf.	1	133
Lochiel, Ariz.—Troop H, 1st Cav.	1	59
Loford, Texas—Co. C, 28th Inf.	1	66
Madero, Texas—Co. F, 28th Inf.	1	66
Marathon, Texas—Headquarters and Troop F, Machine Gun Troop, 14th Cav.; I, K, and M, 4th Texas Inf.	13	326
Marfa, Texas—Headquarters and Cos. I, L, and M, and Machine Gun Troop, 6th Cav.; Headquarters and Cos. E and G, 4th Texas Inf.	29	543
McAllen, Texas—Co. G, 28th Inf.	1	63
McLuskey, Fort, Texas—Troop I, 14th Cav.	1	73
Mercedes, Texas—Co. L, 26th Inf.; Headquarters and Troop C, 3d Cav.; 3d Bat., 3d Texas Inf.	20	486
Mission, Texas—Headquarters and Cos. I and K, 28th Inf.; Troop D, 3d Cav.; Headquarters and Cos. F and H, 2d Texas Inf.	26	532
Mount Riley, N. M.—Troop G, 12th Cav.	1	63
Naco, Ariz.—Troops E and G, 1st Cav.	1	124
Nogales, Ariz.—Troop F, 1st Cav.; Co. D, 6th Field Art.; 12th Inf.; 1st Bat., 21st Inf.	46	1,398
Omaha, Texas—Co. M, 4th Inf.	1	62
Penitas, Texas—Co. L, 28th Inf.; Cos. G, K, L, and M, 2d Texas Inf.	12	347
Presidio, Texas—Co. H, 4th Texas Inf.	1	63
Progress, Texas—Co. B, 28th Inf.	1	63
Quilman, Fort, Texas—Troop G, 6th Cav.	1	68
Rabbs Ranch, Texas—Troop A, 3d Cav.	1	79
Rio Grande City, Texas—Troops I and K, 3d Cav.; Headquarters, 2d Bat., and Co. I, 2d Texas Inf.	60	187
Roma, Texas—Troop M, 3d Cav.	1	63
Sam Fordyce, Texas—Co. M, 28th Inf.; Troop L, 3d Cav.; Co. E, 3d Texas Inf.	1	218
San Bernardino, Ariz.—Co. F, 11th Inf.	1	51
San Benito, Texas—Cos. A, F, and H, 26th Inf.; 3d Battalion, 3d Texas Inf.	17	461
Sanderson, Texas—Co. L, 4th Texas Inf.	1	70
San Juan, Texas—Cos. B and E, 28th Inf.	1	126
San Yegacio, Texas—Troops I and M, 14th Cav.	1	142
Sierra Blanca, Texas—Troop M, 8th Cav.; 1st Bat., 4th Texas Inf.	14	324
Slaughter's Ranch, N. M.—Troop I, 1st Cav.	1	63
Terlingua, Texas—Troop C, 6th Cav.	1	63
Valentine, Texas—Troop K, 8th Cav.; Co. F, 4th Texas Inf.	1	150
Victoria, Texas—One company Inf.	1	63
White's Ranch, Texas—Troop H, 8th Cav.	1	60
Ysleta, Texas—Troop I, 8th Cav.	1	333
Yuma, Ariz.—Headquarters and 2d Bat., 21st Inf.	1	333
Total	1,326	34,592

