MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE PRESIDIO AT SAN DIEGO AND FORT GUILJARROS

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Recently, while working at the San Diego Historical Society, I came across a partial list of military personnel who served in San Diego at the Presidio and Fort Guijarros. The initial find was in the Greene Scrapbooks, but this was only a partial listing from the original source (Carl H. Heilbron's History of San Diego County, published in 1936). These listings are known to be incomplete and to contain some inaccuracies.

It is the intent of the Fort Guijarros Museum Foundation to work from this list to generate a comprehensive roster of the various military personnel who served in San Diego and to expand the information base regarding their marriages and children.

The editor would greatly appreciate any information that members or friends of the Foundation can furnish that will correct errors or update the information in the following lists:

The Comandantes at the Presidio of San Diego were:

Lieutenant Manuel Rodríguez, acting comandante of the company from August 23, 1799 until 1803, when he became comandante of the post. He continued serving in this capacity until late 1806.

Lieutenant Francisco María Ruiz, acting comandante from late in 1806 until 1807.

Lieutenant Jose de la Guerra y Noriega, who served for a short time in 1806-7.

Captain Jose Raimundo Carrillo, who served late in 1807 until 1809.

Lieutenant Francisco María Ruiz, acting comandante from 1809 until 1821. Later served as captain and comandante.

Captain Ignacio del Corral, nominally comandante from 1810 to 1820, but never coming to California.

Lieutenant Jose Maria Estudillo, October 23, 1820 to September, 1821.
The following partial list gives the names of officers and soldiers of the companies of Leather Jackets and their wives:

Jose Albino
Sgt. Francisco Azavedo
Macedonio Barreras
Juan Canedo
Don Cristobal Doingsuez
Leandro Duarte
Pedro Elisalde (Lizalde)
Juan Josef Garcia
Juan German
Josef Antonio Gongora (Retired Lieut.)
Don Pablo Grijalva
Luis Manriquez
Anastasio Leiva
Juan Maria Marron
Juan Maria Miranda
Josef Monroy
Patricio Ontiveros
Juan Peralta
Corporal Jose Maria Pico
Feliciano Rios
Vicente Rodriguez
Anselmo Romero
Carlos Rosas
Ignacio Ruiz
Jose Miguel Saenz (Saez)
Francisco Sepulveda
Rafael Sepulveda
Sebastian Sepulveda
*Corporal Francisco Serrano
Josef Manuel Silva (Silvas)
Mariano Tenorio
Ignacio Valencia
Juan Antonio Varela
Corp. Joaquin (Juan?) Verdugo
Pedro Villalobos
Albino Ybarra
Antonio Ybarra
Francisco Xavier Yorba
Don Jose Antonio Yorba
(Retired Sergeant)

* (Invalid, formerly mayordomo at Mission San Diego)

Maria Conception Verdugo
Maria Nicholasa Olivas
Juana Maria
Maria Reyes Ybanez
Maria Francisca Briones
Maria Encarnacion Perez
Maria Antonia Sandoval
Maria Rafael Serrano

Maria Dolores Valencia
Juliana Alanis
Maria de la Asuncion Rosas
Maria de la Luz Ruiz
Domina (Indian)
Maria Rita Villalobos
Maria Antonia Rodriguez
Ana Gertrudis Arce
Maria Eustaquia Guitierrez-Lopez
Cathalina Romero
Gertrudis Perez
Gertrudis Flores
Maria Dolores
Maria Gorgona Valenzuela
Maria Encarnacion Varela
Maria Ramona Theodora Serrano

Maria Luisa Botilles
Maria Valenzuela (Silvas?)
Maria Gertrudis Camacho
Felicianos Arballo
Maria Luisa Varela

Ana Geronima Felix

Maria de los Angeles

Dona Josefa Grijalva
Catalan volunteers with wives:

Corporal Felipe Aro
Josef Caballero
Josef Felix
Víctor Fernandez
Josef Rafael Fragoso
Josef Antonio Gomez
Antonio Llamas
Josef Lugo
Juan Ortel (Ortiz?)
Jacinto Padilla
Josef Manuel Perez
Juan Bautista Perez
Josef Servin
Francisco Antonio Sotelo
Jose Servin
Francisco Antonio Sotelo
Jose Truxillo
Francisco Valdeza
Corporal Onofre Villalva

Maria Miranda
Maria Guadalupe Valenzuela
Manuel Calvez
Maria Magdalena Alvarez
Juana Josefa Ortiz (Ortiz?)
Margarita Lopez
Maria Loreta Leiva
Maria Ignacia Luna
Maria Gertrudis Ontiveros
Maria Simona Ortega
Maria Gabriela Silvas
Maria Simona Ortega
Maria Gabriela Silvas
Gertrudis Vasquez
Josefa Leiva
Maria Francisca Osuna

Artillerymen (and wives) stationed at the Presidio and Fort Guizarros were:

Jose Ygnacio Aguilar
Sebastian Armas
Corporal Francisco Arguello
Francisco Castro
Corporal Mariano Fernandez
Antonio Guilen
Don Juan Mariner y Salvat
Corporal de Plaza, Mariano Mercado
Francisco Monteverde
Josef Medina
Josef de la Pena
Lt. Jose Maria Velasquez

Candelaria Machado
Maria Luisa Garcia
Maria Antonia Arriola
*Maria Eulalia Perez
Dona Maria Antonia Sepulveda
Dona Maria Posefa Sal
Petra Nava
Maria Luisa Romero

*(Later became famous as the oldest woman in California.*)