Cavalry Company of the Royal Presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo

Report of the review passed on the officers, chaplain, sergeants, drummer, corporals, and privates of this company for the month of December, 1780, by Lieutenant Don Eugenio Fernández, interim commander of this presidio; prepared in accordance with what is disposed by His Majesty in title 9 of the regulation and instructions issued for the establishment of presidios of the line at the frontiers in the Interior Provinces of this kingdom of New Spain, and [pursuant to] the new rule under which this presidio was reorganized on the first of January of said year.

Captain..........Don Luis Cazorla.........CP. On inspection duty in Coahuila

Lieutenant.......Don José Santoja..........P.

2nd Alférez of
the Tropa
Ligera..........Don Policarpo Prada.......P.

Chaplain....... ..Don Jose Feliz Ramos......P.

Gente de Cuera

1st Sergeant.....Fran[cis]co Bázquez........P. In Guadalupe

1st Corporal.....Antonio Trebiño..........D. In Guadalupe

Other, Yd[em]....Fran[cis]co Ríos.........P.

2nd Corporal.....Fran[cis]co Ramón.........D. With the horseherd

Other, Yd[em]....Juan Chirino..............P.
Privates........José Contreras............D. With the horseherd

José Flores............D. With the horseherd

Anacleto Ríos............D. Relieving men with the horseherd

Eugenio de la Garza......D. Relieving men with the horseherd

Francisco Salas..........D. In Guadalupe

Antonio Alborado........D. With the horseherd

Alexo de León............D. Relieving men with the horseherd

Esteban Salas.............D. With the horseherd

Andrés del Río..........P.

Hermenegildo Gómez.......P.

Tomás Ortiz...............E.

Miguel Bezerra.............D. Relieving men with the horseherd

Mariano Tegeda.............D. Relieving men with the horseherd

Fernando Galán.............D. In Guadalupe

Antonio Bázquez............D. Relieving men with the horseherd

Jabier Maldonado.............D. With the horseherd
Pedro de los Santos.......D. With the horseherd
Pedro Grande..............P.
Agustín de la Garza.......D. In Guadalupe
Prudencio de San Miguel...D. With the horseherd
José Timoteo Ximénez......D. With the horseherd
José Dionisio Liendo......P.
José Antonio Conejo.......D. Relieving men with the horseherd
Juan José Gámez............D. With the horseherd
Juan José de León.........D. With the horseherd

Armorer...........José Cayetano Zepeda......P.

Gente de Tropa Ligera
2nd Sergeant.....Francisco Borra.........D. Relieving men with the horseherd
Drummer..........Andrés Ribas.............D. In San Antonio
1st Corporal.....Bernabé del Río............P.
Other, Ydem.....Francisco Buentello......P.
2nd Corporal.....José Ylario Maldonado.....D. Relieving men with the horseherd
Other, Ydem......Bernardo de la Garza......P.
Privates..........Bicente Serna.............D. In Guadalupe
José María Ramón.........D. With the horseherd
Francisco de la Garza...P.
Diego Chirino............P.
Justo López..............P.
Diego de los Santos Cadena..................D. In Guadalupe
Francisco Jabier Bázquez..................D. With the horseherd
Marciano Trebino.........E.
José Chirino..............P.
Francisco Benites........D. Relieving men with the horseherd
Jacinto Martínez.........D. Relieving men with the horseherd
José Manuel de la Garza...E.
Pedro Trebino.............D. Relieving men with the horseherd
Julián de León.............D. Relieving men with the horseherd
Juan José de Ábila.......V. Died the lst of November, 1780
José Gil......................P.
José Polinario Pérez.....E.
Juan Nepomuceno Aldape...P.
Manuel Narciso Benites....D. Relieving men with the horseherd

Antonio [MS: one word illegible] Benites.......D. With the horseherd
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**Summary**

- Captain: D.CP. 1
- Lieutenant: P. 1
- 2nd: Alférez: P. 1
- Chaplain: P. 1

**Gente de Cuera**

- 1st: Sergeant: P. 1
- Idem: Corporal: D.CP. 1
- Another: Ydem: P. 1
- 2nd: Corporal: D.CP. 1
- Another: Ydem: P. 1
Privates .................. D.CP. 20
Ill ......................... CP. 07
At this presidio with
the armorer ............... P. 05

Tropa Ligera

2nd .................... Sergeant ............... D.CP. 01
Drummer .................. D.CP. 01
1st .................... Corporal ................. P. 01
Another ................ Ydem ........................ P. 01
2nd .................... Corporal ................. P. 01
Another ................ Ydem ........................ P. 01
Privates .................. D.CP. 12
Ill ......................... CP. 03
At this presidio .............. P. 10

Total Effective Strength ........... "66
Ymbálidos ........................ "02
Grand Total ..................... "68"

Note

To fill the three positions in the tropa ligera that
were vacant—one as of the twenty-eighth of October last,
the other two as of the first of November—on account of
the deaths of // Jacinto Aldape, Juan José de Ábila, and
Marzelino Cano [MS: one-half line faded to illegibility]
in this report and the immediately preceding one [MS: three-
recruits whose filiaciones and enlistment records are as follows:

Filiación

Antonio del Río, son of Don Domingo del Río and Doña María Josefa Carabaxal, native of the extin-
guished presidio of Los Adaes, which was the capital of this governorship [MS: one-half line faded to
illegibility] his height: 5 feet, 4 inches, 6 lineas,
his age: twenty years, his religion: Roman Catholic
Apostolic, his description [as follows]: hair and
beard black, eyes brown, nose regular, a little of his
beard rose-colored, a scar on the left cheekbone:
enlisted voluntarily and without enganchamiento the
first day of November, seventeen eighty, as a private
in the tropa ligera of the cavalry company of the royal
presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo for a period
of ten years. He was given a record of his enlistment,
and the penalties prescribed by regulation were read
to him. And not knowing how to sign his name, he made
the mark of the cross, having been warned that it shall
be binding and that no excuse whatever will serve to
absolve him [from his obligation]. Witnesses were
Fran[cis]co Báquez and Fran[cis]co Borra, sergeants
in this company — Eugenio Fernández —
Enlistment Record

Don Eugenio Fernández, cavalry lieutenant, interim commander of the presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo, and lieutenant governor designate of the pueblo of El Passo del Río del Norte.

I certify that Antonio del Río, son of Don Domingo and Doña María Josefa Carabajal, native of the extinguished presidio of Los Adaes, which was the capital of this governorship, enlisted voluntarily and without enganchamiento to serve for a period of ten years as private in the tropa ligera of this cavalry company, on the first of November, seventeen eighty. He was informed of the penalty for desertion [MS: one inch faded to illegibility] that is submitting to the rest of the regulations [MS: two words faded to illegibility]. Royal presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo, November first, seventeen eighty. — Eugenio Fernández

Filiación

José Pantaleón Guerra y Bela, son of José Fran[cis]co and María Isabel Medina, native of the villa of Serralbo under the government of the colony of Nuebo Santander, his occupation: cobbler, his height: 5 feet, 2 inches, his age: twenty-eight years,
his religion: Roman Catholic Apostolic, his description [as follows]: hair, eyebrows, and beard black, eyes brown, nose a little large, a little of his beard [MS: one word faded to illegibility] colored: enlisted voluntarily and without *enganchamiento* the first day of November, seventeen eighty, as a private in the *tropa ligera* of this cavalry company at the royal presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo for a period of ten years. He was given a record of his enlistment, and the penalties prescribed by regulation were read to him. And he did sign said record, having been warned that it shall be binding and that no excuse whatever will serve to absolve him [from his obligation]. Witnesses were Fran[ci]so Báquez and Fran[ci]co Borra, sergeants in this company.

Eugenio Fernández

**Enlistment Record**

Don Eugenio Fernández, cavalry lieutenant, commander, et cetera.

I certify that José Pantaleón Guerra y Bela, son of José Fran[ci]co and María Ysabel Medina, native of the *villa* of Serralbo under the government of the colony of El Nuevo Santander, enlisted voluntarily and without *enganchamiento* to serve for a period
of ten years as a private in the tropa ligera of this cavalry company, on the first day of November, seventeen eighty. He was informed of the penalty for desertion, and he knows that he is submitting to the rest of the military regulations. Royal presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo, November first, seventeen eighty — Eugenio Fernández —

Filiación

Juan Andrés Contreras, son of José and María de Encarnación Villegas, native of this royal presidio, his occupation: campista, his height: 5 feet, 2 inches, 6 lineas, his age: eighteen years [MS: three-fourths line faded to illegibility] eyebrows brown, eyes of the same color, beard [MS: one inch faded to illegibility] color: enlisted voluntarily and without enganchamiento the sixth day of November, seventeen eighty, as a private in the tropa ligera of this cavalry company at the royal presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo for a period of ten years. He was given a record of his enlistment, and the penalties provided by regulation were read to him. And not knowing how to sign his name, he made the mark of the cross, having been warned that it shall be binding and that no excuse whatever will serve to absolve him
[from his obligation]. Witnesses were Franeisco Báezquez and Francisco Borra, sergeants in this company. — Eugenio Fernández —

Enlistment Record

Don Eugenio Fernández, cavalry lieutenant, commander, et cetera.

I certify that Juan Andrés Contreras, son of José and María de Encarnación Villegas, native of this royal presidio, enlisted voluntarily and without enganchamiento to serve for a period of ten years as a private in the tropa ligera of this cavalry company, on the sixth day of November, seventeen eighty. He was informed of the penalty for desertion, and he knows that he is submitting to the rest of the military regulations. Royal presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo, November six, seventeen eighty. — Eugenio Fernández —

Additional Note

The [two] deceased privates in the tropa ligera, José de Ábila and Marzelino Cano, both of whom were in this company and are included in this report, died of natural causes on the first day of November last. The entries for their interment are as follows:
At this parochial church of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo on the first of November, seventeen eighty, I gave ecclesiastical burial to Private Juan José de Ábila, husband that he was of [MS: one word faded to illegibility] de Orosco. He died having received the sacraments of penitence, the Eucharist, and extreme unction. And that it may be on record, I have signed it — B[achille]r José Felis Ramos —

At this parochial church of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo on the lst day of November, seventeen eighty, I gave ecclesiastical burial to Private Marzelino Cano, legitimate son of Juan Bautista Cano and Rosa Díaz. Private Cano died having received the sacraments of penitence, the Eucharist, and extreme unction. And that it may be on record, I have signed it — B[achille]r José Felis Ramos —

As chaplain of the company at this royal presidio, I certify that the preceding entries agree with the originals, which are in the record book of this church under my care. Bahía del Espíritu Santo, December first, 1780.

José Felis Ramos
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To the foregoing we certify, we: the interim commander of this presidio; Lieutenant Don José Santoja; and the
alférez of this company, Don Policarpo Prada. Royal presidio of La Bahía del Espíritu Santo, December first, 1780.

Eugenio Fernández  
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