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### Area Guardsmen Serve During 1916 Border Campaign

## Temecula Area Men Volunteer Serve as “Doughboys” WW I

*(Editor’s Note: This year in November will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WWI and those who served with patriotism and distinction should always be acknowledged. This article was compiled from internet sources and multiple documents provided by Jeffery Harmon. A portion of this story was published in the VaRRA News last month.)*

Over a hundred years ago, World War I was entering its second year in Europe. America was still embroiled in the controversy over the sinking of the *RMS Lusitania* in June 1915, and closer to home President Wilson was concerned with national defense of America’s southern border with Mexico. Beginning in 1910 Mexico was dealing with an on-going revolution between the dictatorial government of Venustiano Carranza and rebel forces led by Gens. Francisco “Pancho” Villa and Emiliano Zapata.

Many local young men from the Temecula area are noted in newspaper articles and local “gossip columns” as having been part of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Artillery, and were mentioned when home for liberty visits. As the intensity of WWI was building it was becoming clear that the United States would more than likely become involved. In preparation, units of the California National Guard were building up to levels needed to become full U.S. Army regulation sized organi-



*U.S. Troops in Brownsville, Texas preparing for Mexican Border campaign.*

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# Temecula Men Volunteer as “Doughboys” in WWI



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zations. The 143<sup>rd</sup> Field Artillery Regiment was a combat arms regiment of the California Army National Guard that served during the 1916 Mexican Border Campaign, also known as the U.S. Army Punitive Expedition.

It seems that Gen. Francisco “Pancho” Villa was upset by the fact that the U.S. had recognized the government of Carranza in 1915 and Villa decided in 1916 to retaliate by attacking the New Mexico border hamlet of Columbus, burning and looting part of the town which resulted in the deaths of eighteen soldiers and civilians. Villa’s unwarranted surprise attack and invasion of the U.S. caused President Wilson’s authorization of the Border Campaign. The U.S. troops were led by General John J. Pershing who would take his troops into Mexico to pursue Villa’s rebellious forces. They would eventually go deep into Mexico to punish the rebels for the raid on Columbus, New Mexico.

During this period over 100,000 National Guardsmen were called up from many States including California to help secure the southern border, this resulted in the beneficial fact of having those units better organized and prepared

to assist the following year as America did indeed join their allies in Europe near the end of World War I.

President Wilson went before Congress on April 2, 1917 to deliver his message of war to help the Allies in Europe. The Allies desperately needed fresh troops to relieve their exhausted men on the battlefields of the Western Front. Despite Wilson’s effort to improve military preparedness beginning in 1916, the U.S. military and National Guard units were not trained or equipped for the kind of fighting that was going on in Europe. To remedy this situation, Wilson pushed the Congress to adopt a military conscription act, which was adopted and signed into law on May 18, 1917. The act required all men between the ages of 21 and 30 to register for military service.

States and counties were required to establish districts to handle the registration, physical examinations, and to consider and process requests for exemption. Temecula ended up in Riverside County’s District 2, and soon after establishment frequent articles in local newspapers reported on activities about the process. In the June 6, 1917 issue of the Riverside Daily Press it was noted that an initial supply of 30 registration cards had been sent to Temecula, but “cowboys and other laborers from the Pauba Ranch came in such unexpected numbers that the supply was quickly exhausted.” The County Clerk Pilch was compelled to make a hurry-up auto run to Temecula to bring an additional 20 forms. It turned out that 48 men from the Temecula area registered for the draft.

Over the following weeks both the Riverside Daily Press and the Hemet News reported the names of those who had been called to appear for further review or physical examination. Some of those who registered from Temecula included: Anton Zivelonghi (Pauba Ranch), Emmet Allen, Joseph Cantarini, Antonio Fiscalini, Alfred Knott, Walter Kuenzli, Ottavio Fiscalini, J.E. Grew, Lynn Smith, Carlo Panizzera, Hans Anderson, George Hall, Frank Burnham, Frank Jones, George Studley, Leopold Cantarini, Carl Swanguen, Elvetzi Cantarini, Anselmo Reggia, William Friedemann, Joseph Kolb, Vittore Dresti, Paul Clark, Eduardo Dias, Louis Cazas, Alfredo Campos, Joseph Nicolas, Mahlon Vail, Pete Matson, William Wolfe, Constantino Speziali, Henry Contreras, Alexander Escallier, Simon Riggs, Philip Magee, Frank Contreras, Ole Edward Larson, Jack Domenigoni, R.L. Bonebrake, Tom Scott, E.D. Sweet, M.E. Barnett, H. Clayston, Jose Beautista, and Gregorio Marrufo. Some of those who registered were exempted due to having dependents or critical occupation, and a couple including Carl Swanguen did not pass the physical examination.

Unfortunately with any armed conflict there are always casualties, and Temecula was not exempt from having to receive such notice. In the December 4, 1918 issue of the Riverside Daily Press it was reported that Ottavio Fiscalini had succumbed from wounds received in action during the Battle of Chateau Thierry. Months later in the July 12, 1919 issue the Riverside Daily Press reported that Ottavio Fiscalini’s estate had been probated and consisted of \$1348.26. H.P. Zimmerman the public administrator indicated that all of the relatives of the dead soldier, mother, two sisters and two brothers, live in Switzerland.



# Spotlight on Members – Featuring – Lynn Cudé

Lynn (Gantz) Cudé grew up in Maryland, close to the Chesapeake Bay. Lynn and her sister Janet and their parents lived in a “Company Home” meaning a community of houses built by the Glenn L. Martin Company for their employees. Their father worked for the company, a manufacturer of aircraft and aerospace components. The streets in the area were named after parts of an airplane. Lynn’s family lived at 29 Cockpit Street.

Lynn began her working career as an Executive Secretary for seven stockbrokers at Mead, Miller & Co. in Baltimore. Her first stock investment was in the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company. She wishes she still owned that stock today!

While working full time, Lynn continued her education by taking business courses at Essex College in Maryland.

After three years at Mead, Miller, Lynn accepted a position working with the C.E.O. of a private start-up company, Liskey Aluminum. Mr. Liskey invented “raised flooring” for computer rooms. At the time, computers were about the size of a refrigerator!

For many years, Lynn also sang with the 45-member Dundalk Chorus of Sweet Adeline’s in Maryland. They performed at hospitals, churches, schools, and the local prison where they received a standing ovation from the inmates at the end of the program.

After a winter vacation in California, Lynn decided to relocate to the west coast. She was hired by the C.E.O. of FMC/Autoscan, a company that produced computerized diagnostic testing equipment for automobile engines. Lynn handled the advertising for FMC in conjunction with the Warren Wilson Advertising Co. Mr. Wilson suggested that she interview with one of his other clients, Arnco, that needed someone with her experience.

Lynn was hired as the President’s Executive Assistant to work at the main office in Marina Del Rey. A few months later, Lynn met Arnco’s Vice President/co-owner, Roger Cudé, which is where this story gets more interesting. Roger’s office was in Arnco’s plant in South Gate, but he often came to the Marina office to meet with his business partner. Lynn soon noticed Roger seemed to find reasons to visit the Marina office more frequently.

A year later, Lynn was offered the position of FMC Division Administrator. Her job was to set up a new FMC Division. She flew every week between FMC in Culver City and FMC in San José to organize and staff the new division. Shortly after she left Arnco, and began her employment at FMC, Roger called and invited her to dinner.

As they say...the rest is history.

Lynn serves as chair of the Membership Committee and is a director on the TVHS Board. She started our “Meet and Greet” time before meetings to give members and guests an opportunity to socialize. Lynn initiated the TVHS Scholarship Program to help local high school graduates who are preparing for careers in history related fields. She also started and continues to lead the “Notable Women of Temecula”, a group of TVHS members who dress in period attire and give enjoyable and informative history performances throughout the Temecula Valley as an outreach of our society.



*Lynn & her sister, Janet at 29 Cockpit Street, MD.  
May 2018*

# Members Tour Historic Sites In Fallbrook

*Twenty-three members of the Temecula Valley Historical Society enjoyed a docent-led tour of the Fallbrook Historical Society's Museum and Barn, as well as the beautifully furnished Pittenger Home built in 1895. Then the group drove to the one-room Reche Schoolhouse built in 1886. There they also saw an adobe home and a large metaté. Another outstanding tour arranged by Phil Washum.*



*Teachers Bonnie & John check old desk*



*The Reche School established in Fallbrook 1886*



*Mike and Shelley Leddy*



*Some of tour members John, Bonnie, Patricia, Liz, Julie, Andrea, Judy, and Gary given a "time out" on the bench.*



## National Day of Cowboy To Be Celebrated July 28

The National Day of the Cowboy is observed annually on the fourth Saturday in July. The era of the American cowboy began after the Civil War. Cattle were herded long before this time, but in Texas cattle grew wild and unchecked. As the country grew toward the west and settlers built towns the demand for foodstuffs including beef increased.

Cowboys pushed cattle on long drives to markets. Early cowboys on the frontier were tested almost daily. The rigors of living out on the range required multiple skills, a hardiness and willingness to work long hours and withstand the challenges of the outdoors.

The National Day of the Cowboy organization says this day “. . . is a day set aside to celebrate the contributions of the Cowboy and Cowgirl to America’s culture and heritage.”



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Sunday, July 1** — Sunday Fundays at Vail HQ each Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. Demonstrations, vendors, music, rides on train and stagecoach. Family fun free. First Sundays Mompreneurs are vendors with their home-based business products. Also be sure to visit the VaARRA folks in the cookhouse antique store.

**Friday, July 13** — 8:30 p.m. at the Vail HQ stage — Friday Night Movies “Space Jam” Free outdoor summer activity, family friendly movies. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

**Monday, July 23** — 6:00 p.m. monthly program of the Temecula Valley Historical Society to be held at the Little Temecula History Center (Red Barn). The Camp Pendleton Historical Society will present a program about the history of Camp Pendleton.

**Friday, July 27** — 6 pm to 10 pm. Last Friday each Month May through October “Starlight Bazaar” at Vail HQ. Night markets with vendors, live music, carriage rides, displays, and entertainers.

**Saturday, July 28** — National Day of the Cowboy, celebrated on the fourth Saturday of July each year is an opportunity to pay homage and respects to the American Cowboy & their contributions to our history. See article this page.

**\*\* Mark your calendar \*\*  
for the TVHS Annual Dinner  
Saturday, November 17th  
at the Assistance League  
Details to follow**

**Please support our efforts to get the  
Mills Act enacted by the  
City of Temecula.**

*Qualifying historic property owners  
would be eligible for reduced property taxes.*

**Residents of the city please contact the  
City Council members  
To indicate your support.**

# 100 Years Ago in Temecula

Selected events from Lake Elsinore Valley Press, Temecula Gossip Column – July 1918.

## Issue of July 5, 1918

Albert Banks is now using his new combined harvester that he purchased recently.

Lloyd of Elsinore is the mason who is building Knott's garage. The garage itself is being built of tiling and is looking very nice. The walls are almost complete.

Henry Gray of Pala is hauling Lithia rock from Pala since the Pala grade has been completed. He makes daily trips on his truck.

Joseph M. Nicholas of Los Choyas Ranch went through town with his cattle from Pauma. He is taking the cattle to his place, where there is more pasture.

Albert Banks and Joe Chawa made a business trip to Warren's Hot Springs the first of the week.

A most successful and delightful dance and social was that given last Saturday night at the Union school assembly hall by the members of the Red Cross. Two quilts made by the ladies of the Red Cross were disposed of and a nice sum of \$1.50 was realized. Temecula is doing her bit. They have been organized only one month and it has a membership of sixty already.

Albert Banks, Alfred Knott, Ormiston Gonzalez and William Friedemann are owners of new Chevrolet cars, which they have purchased recently.

Frank Camacho and Frank Castillo of Pala were business visitors in town Monday.

## Issue of July 12, 1918

The net sum that was realized on that dance and social of the Red Cross was \$150, and not \$1.50 as was erroneously stated.

Mahlon Vail of the Pauba Ranch is in Los Angeles this week looking after business interests.

The dance given at the bank hall last Saturday night was well attended. Music was furnished by Ferrell Freeman and Saturnino E. Calac.

Mrs. R. E. LaGrange spent the Fourth at San Diego returning home Saturday in time to see the Wild West celebration.

The Wild West stunts that were pulled off here at the stockyards last Saturday afternoon were a great success and it was a great entertainment to several hundred people who came from afar to see it. Joe Cazas, one of the punchers, rode the hardest bucking horse in the bunch. The horse started to buck and ended at a distance of 150 yards. Joe came very near having his back prints on the ground, but he held on. The rest did not buck very hard. Taking everything in, it was a grand success.

Joe Welty has gone to the Aguanga Mountains for camping. Joe has been suffering with rheumatism and has gone on this outing to recuperate.

J. M. Verdugo, employed at the Pauba Ranch, met with a painful accident last Tuesday morning. While hauling oil to the ranch the mules were frightened and made a quick turn, throwing the wagon into a deep hole and throwing

Verdugo to the front. The wheel struck home on the back and he was taken to the doctor at Elsinore immediately, but was found to be suffering just from the shock. At present he is feeling much better.

Knott's garage is almost complete. It is going to be one of the up-to-date garages.

A. J. Trieger of the Murrieta Hot Springs spent Thursday in town, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert F. Nienke.

The majority of the people from town attended the Red Cross picnic at Rich's grove on the Fourth. They all claimed having had a very good time.

Bob Magee, has been working at the Pala grade, left for San Diego last week with all the machinery that was used for building the road belonging to Doran & Daley.

The Pala grade, which took several months to complete and cost plenty of money and labor was finished a few days ago and is now being traveled over daily. It is one of the good roads that people like to travel. Messrs. Doran and Dely, road builders, did a good job.

M. Chawa of Pechanga died last Saturday and interment was made at the Pechanga cemetery Monday morning. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his untimely death.

The Vail Company are this week rounding up cattle on the Santa Rosa Ranch.

## Issue of July 19, 1918

James E. Crew has a force of Mexicans cutting seed potatoes. They will start planting by next month. Mr. Crew does not expect to plant as much as the first crop.

Russell Vail of Los Angeles, brother of Mahlon Vail is this week visiting him at the Pauba ranch.

W. K. Burgess of the aviation field at North Island, San Diego, Monday morning, while coming from San Diego lost his course while flying. The fog being too thick, he lit on the Pauba Ranch field and after finding which way his course laid he started his machine but struck high ground with one wing and damaged it some. He waited until another aviator came to his help.

Henry Gray of Pala, who has the contract to haul the Lithia stone from Pala, has now 3 motor trucks hauling day and night, the stone being shipped to New Jersey.

The Vail Company shipped to Los Angeles three carloads of cattle the last of the week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanguen at Riverside a seven-pound baby girl Friday, July 12, 1918.

Frank Ramos, who recently enlisted in the navy and was stationed at San Diego, came home Saturday to spend a few days with his parents.

In a few days more O'Connell of Whittier will have two more auto trucks here and then they will haul from Pala day and night. Henry Gray has two auto trucks working day and night now.