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NOTE: MANEUVER DIVISION, 1911

In response to the turmoil of the Mexican Revolution, Regular Army troops were concentrated along the Mexican border in the spring of 1911, ostensibly for maneuvers and to aid civil authorities enforce the neutrality laws. In fact, this mobilization constituted a show of military strength and a testing ground for new tactical organization. US troops were organized into a brigade at Galveston, TX, and a partial brigade at San Diego, CA. At San Antonio, TX, where the main concentration occurred, units were organized into the U.S. Army's first modern tactical division, that is, one containing the combined arms of infantry, cavalry, and artillery. During its brief existence, Mar- Aug 1911, the Maneuver Division, commanded by MG William H. Carter, conducted no maneuvers and never reached full strength before its disbandment. The experience gained, nonetheless, was put to use in Feb 1914, when the 2d Division was mobilized at Texas City and Galveston, TX, again under the command of Carter. See:

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