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Guide to the Mexican Border Veterans,
Inc., and Auxiliary Scrapbooks

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Mexican Border Veterans, Inc., and Auxiliary Scrapbooks
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0119
Date:	1916 - 1982
Extent:	1.3 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Creator:	Hubbard, Howard Mexican Border Veterans, Inc.
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection consists of five scrapbooks of materials relating to the Mexican Border Veterans, Inc. and Auxiliary's activities.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated to the Museum in 1986, through Howard Hubbard and Fabian E. Johnson.

Provenance

Transferred from the Division of Community Life (now the Division of Home and Community Life) to the Archives Center in 1986.

Related Materials

Materials in the National Museum of American History

The Division of Home and Community Life holds related materials. See accessions 1984.0781 and 1985.0781.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Mexican Border Veterans, Inc. (MBV) was a civilian association founded by Clairice A. G. Closson of Independence, Missouri in 1929. Closson was one of the participants in the Mexican border initiative of mid 1916. The association consisted of men who patrolled the Mexican-American border between May 9, 1916 and April 1917. Their presence on the border came about as a response to President Woodrow Wilson's call on the National Guard and the Army in mid 1916 to guard the border which had been repeatedly invaded by Francisco (Pancho) Villa, a Mexican revolutionary leader who carried out his incursions against residents of southern Texas. The MBV was formed by ex-Mexican-American border veterans to seek recognition and veteran benefits to which they were entitled as U.S. government ex-servicemen of a foreign war.

Scope and Contents

The scrapbooks contain Mexican Border Veterans annual reports; convention minutes; samples of the Mexican Border Veterans newsletter, *The Bugler*; photographs of various officers and members of the association and their spouses; brochures of the association's conventions; brief historical sketches of the association; some biographical sketches of the founders of the association; newspaper clippings from unidentified newspapers; limited correspondence among national, state or regional Mexican Border Veterans officials and other miscellaneous correspondence.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Mexican-American Border Region
- Mexico -- Boundaries -- United States -- 1910-1920
- Military pensions
- United States -- History -- 20th century
- United States. Army -- History -- Punitive Expedition into Mexico, 1916
- Veterans -- 1910-1920 -- United States

Types of Materials:

- Annual reports

Clippings
Correspondence -- 1930-1950
Minutes
Newsletters -- 20th century
Photographs -- 20th century
Scrapbooks -- 20th century

Names:

Closson, Clairice A.G.
Villa, Pancho
Wilson, Woodrow, 1856-1924

Preferred Titles:

Bugler, The (newsletter)

Container Listing

Box 1, Binder 1	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary", 1929-1960
Box 1, Binder 2	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary", 1978 - 1980
Box 1, Binder 3	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary", 1961-1980
Box 1, Binder 4	Scrapbook: "Article about Pancho Villa raid," Columbus, New Mexico, 1968 - 1982
Box 1, Binder 5	Scrapbook: "History of the Mexican Border Veterans and Auxiliary", newspaper clippings and miscellaneous, 1955 - 1981
Box 1, Folder 1	<i>The Bugler</i> , (newsletter) , 1960 - 1980
Box 1, Folder 2	<i>The Minnesota Border Patrol</i> , Camp Llano, Texas, Volume I, No. 6, , 1916 September 16
Box 1, Folder 2	<i>The Minnesota Border Patrol</i> , Volume I, No. 7, 1916 September 23
Box 1, Folder 2	<i>The Border Patrol</i> , Volume I, No. 11, 1916 September 8
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographs of Pancho Villa and his men (reproductions), undated
Box 2, Item 1	Map of National Guard Stations on the Mexican Border from 1916-1917, 1919 (reprinted 1978)
Box 2, Item 2	<i>Chicago Daily Tribune</i> (reproduction of front page), 1916 June 19