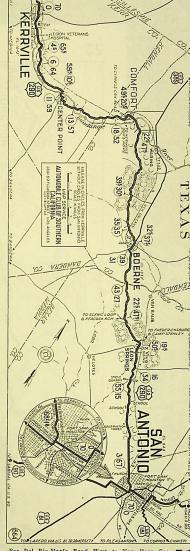
South of the city are four Franciscan Missions: La Purisima Concepción de Acuna (founded in eastern Texas in 1716, and moved here in 1731); San José de Aguayo (1720-31), one of the largest and most beautiful of the Missions in America, with an exquisitely carved stone window; San Juan de Capistrano (1731); and San Francisco de la Espada (founded in eastern Texas in 1690 and moved here in 1731).

The establishment of the United States army at San Antonio includes Fort Sam Houston on Government Hill, a cavalry post and headquarters of the Eighth Corps Area; three aviation fields and two flying schools; a great motor transport camp, an artillery camp, an arsenal, an artillery and rifle range, and four polo fields. About 12,000 troops are usually stationed here.

San Antonio was important as the capital of Texas under Spanish and Mexican rule, and its history is closely bound up with that of the state and is one of the outstanding points of interest which attracts the modern motorists of today.



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