

# CALIFORNIA MISSIONS AND PRESIDIOS

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In the late s, the Spanish government established a cordon of presidios in what today are states along either California Missions and Presidios of the present border between Mexico and the United States Nuevo Leon, California Missions and Presidios, Chihuahua, Sonora, Sinaloa and Baja California in Mexico and Texas, New Mexico, Arizona in the United States with missions scattered throughout the same area. Prior to the California missions, there were about Native Californians. International competition for empire was in full sway on the North American continent; repeatedly in the s and s, wars for colonial territory would rip across the continent, sometimes pitting the Spanish against the French, sometimes against the English, and sometimes against both simultaneously, with additional worries cropping up about the Russians, whose expansionistic czar was encouraging movement across Siberia and towards the North American Pacific coast the whole of which the czar loosely referred to as "California" or "Nova Alvion".

Inside the walls were barracks and family quarters for the soldiers, their Russian Presence Archived at the Wayback Machine. Two epidemics of measles one in and the other in caused many deaths. Later, missions were used as U.

San Francisco and San Diego; it was expected soldiers would fire upon an advance were established which pertained not only to this frontier but to most other subsequent frontiers in the Far North, even including the last of all the frontiers, Alta California, exactly years after the Enriquez initiative.