

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

September 2014 – Week 1

Air Date: August 31 – September 6 (Sunday – Saturday)



TITLE: SOUTHERN NORTH

SEPTEMBER 1863 AND THE CIVIL WAR CROSSES THE BORDER.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1863. NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER. IN THE AMERICAN CIVILWAR, MEXICO IS NEUTRAL. BUT MEXICANS LIKE OCTAVIANO ZAPATA ARE NOT. FEARING FOR HIS FAMILY, ZAPATA DECIDES TO FIGHT HIS OWN WAR AGAINST THE CONFEDERACY.

RECRUITED BY UNION AGENTS, ZAPATA AND HIS “ZAPATISTAS” BEGIN RAIDING ACROSS THE BORDER, SOMETIMES FLYING THE AMERICAN FLAG! THE RAIDS ARE BLOODY, BRUTAL, AND TIE UP TEXAS TROOPS NEEDED ELSEWHERE.

AT DAWN TODAY, CONFEDERATE MAJOR SANTOS BENAVIDES CROSSES THE RIO GRANDE AND ATTACKS THE ZAPATISTAS. ZAPATA AND ALL HIS OFFICERS ARE KILLED.

THE RIDE OF OCTAVIANO ZAPATA IS OVER.

TEXANS WENT SOUTH TO FIGHT THE NORTH 151 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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