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Today in Texas History

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On this day in 1835, the battle of Lipantitlán was fought on the east bank of the Nueces River three miles above San Patricio in San Patricio County, directly across from Fort Lipantitlán.

A Texas force of around 70 men under Adjutant Ira J. Westover engaged a Mexican force of about 90 men under Capt. Nicolás Rodríguez. The battle lasted 32 minutes, leaving 28 Mexicans dead, including Lt. Marcellino García, second in command, who was mortally wounded and died two days later at San Patricio.

The Texans suffered only one casualty, when a rifle ball cut off three of the fingers on William Bracken's right hand.