



American Latino Heritage



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Born in Mexico but raised in the United States, her family fled the Mexican Revolution. She was nicknamed La Rebelde (The Rebel) for her sympathy to the revolutionary cause and was the founder of La Cruz Blanca (The White Cross), which cared for wounded soldiers who crossed the river into her home turned hospital. She saved many lives and was later awarded five medals for her work by the Mexican government.