



Different types of bandeirantes.

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The so called Bandeirantes were always present in advancing the wild west, in the occupation and defense of the territory, the demarcation of our borders and in the embryo of a military organization capable of preserving the vast Brazilian territorial heritage.

The “Bandeirante” movement got stronger in the period of the union of the Iberian crowns (1580 – 1640) and continued during the “gold rush”.

As an example of land operations, we mention the longest Bandeira de Limites (1648 to 1651), carried out in São Paulo de Piratininga, by Raposo Tavares, on going up and down the flowing rivers of the Paraná, Paraguay and Amazon basins, eventually reaching Gurupa, where the Xingú river and the Amazon river delta meet, and there was a Fort built by the Dutch in the early 17<sup>th</sup>. century.