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GUARDIA BULLETIN)

(For period November 10 to December 31, 1927)

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1. A copy of this GUARDIA BULLETIN (IN SPANISH), WILL BE
POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD at each post of the Guardia Nacional:

2. During the period 10 November to 31 December, 1927 troops
of the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua participated in the following
engagements against organized bandit forces in Nicaragua, Central
America:-

SAN JUAN ENGAGEMENT

On 10 November, 1927 at 2:00 a.m., a Guardia Nacional-U.S. Marine Corps patrol commanded by Lieut. James H. Satterfield, G.N. left Tolpaneca, Nicaragua to attack a group of forty bandits commanded by Porfirio Sanchez, operating near San Juan, Tolpaneca, Nuevo Segovia.

The patrol arrived at San Juan at 5:00 a.m. and found the bandit camp asleep. An outpost of five men about 150 yards from the main camp prevented a complete surprise. Four of the outpost were killed and the fifth captured and afterwards killed while attempting to escape.

The main camp was aroused by the fight at the outpost but stood its ground to fight for a few minutes, but the patrol's fire was so destructive that the bandits soon broke and ran, taking their wounded with them.

CASUALTIES

U. S. Marine Corps:-	None.
Guardia Nacional:-	None.
Bandits:	5 killed (accounted for)

PATROL FROM TELPANECA

On 21 November, 1927, Lieut. James H. Satterfield, G.N. with a Guardia-Marine patrol from Tolpaneca, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, had contact with a group of mounted bandits about six miles north-East of Tolpaneca. The patrol attacked and dispersed the bandits.

CASUALTIES

U. S. Marine Corps:-	NONE.
Guardia Nacional:	None.
Bandits:-	3 killed (accounted for)

LAGUNA ENGAGEMENT

On 25 November, 1927 Lieut. Herbert S. Keimling, G.N. with a Guardia-Marine mounted patrol enroute from Potato, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, to patrol along the Honduras-Nicaraguan Border was fired on near Laguna Colorado, Nicaragua, by a group of thirty bandits. The patrol returned the fire dispersing the bandits and driving them across the Border into Honduras.

CASUALTIES

U. S. Marine Corps:-	None.
Guardia Nacional:-	One wounded (Not serious)
Bandits:-	4 killed.

The patrol captured some ammunition, one horse, one cow, and a large quantity of corn and beans.

STATION	DEPARTMENT	STATION	DEPARTMENT
Cocotal	Nueva Segovia	Quilalí	Nueva Segovia
Jinotega	Jinotega	Chinandega	Chinandega
El Viejo	Chinandega	Puerto Real	Chinandega
El Roncito	Chinandega	Pesoltega	Chinandega
Chichigalpa	Chinandega	Corinto	Chinandega
El Tampiqueo	Chinandega	Somotillo	Chinandega
San Antonio	Chinandega	Managua	Managua
Matearo	Managua	Loon	Managua
Bluefields	Bluefields		Loon

8. The following letter was published to the Nicaraguan People by the Jefe Director of the Guardia Nacional during January, 1928:

OPEN LETTER TO THE NICARAGUANS.

The Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua, under my charge and direction, needs to increase the number of its members, taking them from among the able Nicaraguans who desire to serve their country under the Blue and White colors, without partisanship or local or personal tendencies of any kind.

During the short period of its existence the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua has accomplished brilliant deeds, of which every one of its members should be justly proud. The work of the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua gives it a legitimate right to the appreciation of the entire nation. These are the highest incentives that may be brought before the citizens who desire to join the Guardia Nacional.

In addition to all this, material advantages are also worthy of being taken into consideration: good and punctual pay, medical assistance, wholesome and abundant food, clothing, sports and finally, the teaching of reading and writing for those who have need of it. Besides these, there is also the opportunity for promotion which is offered to all those who through their conduct, character and efficiency make themselves worth of it.

The recruiting officers are in a position to receive a certain number of new Guards. Any citizen may come with the assurance that if he meets the requirements he will be welcome.

If for any reason, you yourself are not able to join the Guardia surely you must have some relatives or friend who is able to do it; encourage him to join the service for by contributing to the development and betterment of the Guardia you are contributing to insure peace, progress and the future of the nation.

9. On March 31, 1928, the Jefe Director of the Guardia Nacional addressed the following message to all members of the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua.

"As the Guardia Nacional extends its work throughout the Republic it appears from time to time that certain public officials have the impression that the Guardia Nacional is not a part of the Government but is a force outside of the Government which is seeking to consume the officials. This is not a fact.

The Guardia Nacional is endeavoring to enforce the laws of the Republic regardless of party feeling. In this endeavor the Guardia has been charged by one member of one party or another with belonging to the other side. The Guardia has been charged with persecuting members of an opposite party.

The Guardia investigates all such charges that are brought to its attention. None of them, as yet, have been proved by the evidence obtainable.

It should be clear to the officers of the Guardia however that in a country where the National Police Force can be often used for party purposes in preference to a just enforcement of laws there will be many who will believe that the Guardia is operating along those lines of party feeling.

It therefore follows all officers and men of the Guardia to exercise the strictest care in enforcing the laws with this policy, it will be a good will of the people.

9. On March 31, 1928, the 3rd Director of the Guardia Nacional addressed the following message to all members of the Guardia Nacional do Nicaragua.

"As The Guardia Nacional extends its work throughout the Republic it appears from time to time that certain public officials have the impression that the Guardia Nacional is not a part of the Government but is a force outside of the Government which is seeking to censure the officials. This is not a fact."

The Guardia Nacional is endeavoring to enforce the laws of the Republic regardless of party feeling. In this endeavor the Guardia has been charged by one member of one party or another with belonging to the other side. The Guardia has been charged with persecuting members of an opposite party.

The Guardia investigates all such charges that are brought to its attention. None of them, as yet, have been proved by the evidence obtainable.

It should be clear to the officers of the Guardia however that in a country where the National Police Force can be often used for party purposes in preference to a just enforcement of laws there will be many who will believe that the Guardia is operating along these lines of party feeling.

It therefore behoves all officers and men of the Guardia to exercise the strictest adherence to justice, to enforce the laws without undue force. If the Guardia persists in this policy, it will eventually obtain and maintain the respect and good will of the people of Nicaragua.

The Guardia Nacional do Nicaragua belongs to the people of Nicaragua and is a part of their Government. It is not operating independently of the Government but it is operating with a consistent endeavor to act with justice within the limitations of its powers. It does not belong to any party."

10.- On Sunday, March 25, 1928, in the Momotombo Boxing ring in Managua, Raso Emilio Duarto, #264, better known as "Mike the Killer" fought a ten round boxing match with José (Battling) Espinoza, the light weight champion of Nicaragua. The Guardia showed himself superior to his adversary in every round and was awarded the decision by the three ringside judges. The fight was well attended by both civilians and Guardia, the Champion and Duarto both receiving a big ovation from their adherents. Espinoza was the favorite of the civilians, who cheered him enthusiastically throughout the combat while the support of Mike Duarto by his fellow Guardias was strong and sincere. The feeling of good sportsmanship prevailed throughout the fight and Espinoza and his supporters proved to be good losers.

Boxing authorities who observed this well fought contest state that Duarto and Espinoza are unquestionably among the best boxers in Central America.

11.- The following members of the Guardia Nacional do Nicaragua have received awards for valor in battle, or other meritorious service during the period January 1st. to March 31st., 1928.

Awards AWARDED CITATIONS IN GUARDIA GENERAL ORDERS.

Private Mauro Rizo, #48, G.N., for bravery in the San Juan de Tolimán engagement on Feb. 20th, 1928. Pvt. Rizo's next of kin is his mother, Guadalupe Ortiz, of San Rafael del Sur.