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22 MARCH 1932

1st Sgt Ayala and 4 other enl cleared for Ocotal.  
Patrol arrived. Returned to Dipilto.

1st Sgt Mondragon and 7 other enl cleared Yalaguina on  
police mission. Returned.

Lieut Roberts and patrol returned from Clearing trail  
from Las Cruces to Jicarito. Patrol returned to Quilali.

Lieut Rodriguez and 23 enl cleared Esteli to meet Sgt  
Palma and 9 other enl which cleared Limay and to escort Lt.  
Lynch (MC) to Limay. Lt Rodriguez and patrol returned to  
Esteli. Lieut Lynch and patrol arrived Limay.

1st Sgt Solorzano and 11 other enl with party of civil-  
ians cleared Jicaro on mission and returned.

Lieut Stanko and 8 enl cleared Telpaneca for Palacaguina.

Major Cheatham, Commanding Northern Area, Lieut Stanko  
and 8 enl arrived Telpaneca from Palacaguina.

1st Sgt Reyes and 5 other enl arrived Ocotal from Toto-  
galpa.

Lieut Vogel and 8 enl cleared Totogalpa for Somoto and  
arrived.

Lieuts Collins and Boswell cleared Ocotal to construct  
telephone line between Ocotal and Macuelizo. Returned.

Sgt Herrera and 9 other enl cleared Jinotega to south  
to investigate report of bandits.

Lieut Castillo and 10 enl arrived San Rafael from la  
Concordia.

Lieuts Bryson and Castillo with twenty six enl  
cleared San Rafael on combat patrol.

Lieut Matamoros and 4 enl cleared San Rafael on police  
mission.

Lieut Alexander and Schimerer with 15 enl returned to  
La Fundadora from Combat patrol.

Lieut Escobar and 4 enl cleared La Fundadora for las  
Camelias.

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Sgt Garcia and 9 other enl cleared Quilali for San Juan  
to obtain supplies. Arrived.



Lieut Jones (Rad) and seven enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Zamora, eight enlisted and two civicos cleared Jalapa for Apali. Arrived.

Major Cheathan, Lieut Livermore and fourteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half way to San Juan. Met half way patrol from San Juan and proceeded to that station.

Lieut Burt and ten enlisted returned from combat mission to Pueblo Nuevo. Nothing to report.

Sgt Corrales and twenty-five other enlisted arrived Limay from El Sauce.

Lieut McCorkle and five enlisted arrived Ocotal from Macuelizo. Cleared for Macuelizo.

Lieut. Bryson, Lieut Castillo and combat patrol of twenty-six enlisted arrived Esteli. Nothing to report.

Capt Williams and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Ocotal. Arrived.

Sgt Sanchez and seven other enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Cuadra and patrol cleared San Juan de las Pencas to patrol the Estero Real River. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Muñoz with five enlisted and five Auxiliars returned Chinandega from Las Lajas, Santa Gertrudis, San Ramon, Belgica and vicinity, reports all quiet, no bandit information.

Lieut Martin and his patrol cleared San Isidro in direction of Monte Grande, reported Matagalpa.

Lieut Matamoros and eight enlisted cleared San Rafael on local reconnaissance and to La Concordia.

Lieut Matamoros and eight enlisted and four civil prisoners cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieut Ferguson and patrol raided camp of local bandits at Santa Bula mountain Dept of Chontales at 0400 this date slight resistance. Captured two prisoners, one guardia deserter and other wanted for murder, also captured arms as follows: 1 Springfield rifle and twelve cartridges, one shot gun with powder and shot, four cutachas, two daggers and quantity of stolen property.

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Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Hutchcroft and fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for Limay.



Lieuts Bryson, Castillo and twenty-six enlisted cleared J4 Esteli via Moropotente for San Rafael. Managua-Jinotega-Ocotul notified.

Lieut Livermore and twenty-five enlisted cleared for Telpaneca from San Juan, this is combined Telpaneca and Quilali patrol. Arrived.

1st Sgt Solorzano with thirteen other enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali. Arrived.

Capt Williams and Lieut Covington arrived Apali by plane.

Lieut Bell arrived Esteli by plane from Ocotul.

Sgt Palma and thirteen enlisted, combat patrol, cleared Limay to operate on orders Director Operations.

1st Sgt Lovo and seven other enlisted cleared Ocotul for Sonoto. Arrived.

Lieut Sandino, five enlisted and one civico cleared Daraili. Arrived Condega. Returned to Daraili.

Major Cheatham, Lieut Beans and fifteen enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali. Arrived.

Capt Williams and Lieut Wallace and thirteen enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieuts Covington, Zamora with patrol cleared Apali for Jalapa. Arrived.

Lieut Alexander and seven enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Captain Small and twelve enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

Lieuts Bryson and Castillo with twenty-six enlisted and one armed civico arrived San Rafael from combat patrol.

#### 25 MARCH 1932

Lieut Hutchcroft and fifteen enlisted arrived Limay. Lieuts Bryson, Castillo and twenty-six enlisted, Jinotega patrol, arrived San Rafael. Nothing to report.

Sgt Garcia and nine other enlisted cleared Telpaneca for Quilali via San Juan. Arrived.

Lieut Stanko and six enlisted cleared Ocotul for Palacaguina. Arrived. Nothing to report.

Lieut Delgadillo with seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Callanty (193-370) and Chilca on police mission. Returned. Covered ares Callanty, Chilca, Maney, Kilany, Verapaz. Nothing to report.

Sgt Acevedo and five other enlisted returned Santa Maria.



Sgt Palma and thirteen other enlisted arrived Limay. Patrol had contact at thirteen hundred yesterday with group between ten and fifteen at Chilamatal wich is on the Rio Negro. Four Leagues north-west of Limay. One bandit killed. No Guardia casualties. Captured two horses. Bandit armed with rifles and shot guns. Contact lasted ten minutes after which bandits fled in all directions. Patrol returned to scene of contact but were unable to gain further information. Group is believed to be part of Julian Cutierrez.

Captain Lakzo, Lieuts Pennington and Gumaelious with twenty-two enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

### 26 MARCH 1932

Lieut Cuadra, 8 enlisted and 3 auxiliars cleared Leon for south of La Ceiba on police mission and returned. No information.

Four enlisted and three auxiliars cleared Leon for Telica by truck on police mission.

Five enlisted patrolling outskirts of city captured one prisoner with twenty pounds contraband tobacco.

Major Cheatham, Lieut Beans and fifteen enlisted, patrol of San Juan cleared Quilali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieut Bilbrey and seven enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto and arrived. Returned to Yalaguina.

Sgt Garcia and patrol cleared San Juan for Quilali. Arrived.

Lieut Johnson and ten enlisted cleared La Trinidad for San Isidro.

Sgt Sanchez and six other enlisted arrived Condega from Palacaguina.

Lieut Lynch and seventeen enlisted arrived Esteli from Limay. No report of bandit received on trail.

Captains Gaspar, Small; Lieuts Bryson, Matamoros and fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieuts Martin, Slattery and three enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Buena Vista.

Lieut Alexander and five enlisted cleared Jinotega for Aranjuez.

Eleven enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat patrol and returned.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Krawie and eleven enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega. Arrived.

### 27 MARCH 1932

1st Sgt Ayala and nine other enlisted cleared Dipilto for Las Manos. Returned.



Lieut Zamora and Schick (R), five enlisted and four civicos cleared Jalapa for Totocasinta (227-433) on police mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Roberts and six enlisted cleared Quilali for Potosi on police mission and returned.

Lieut Jackson (Med) cleared rueblo Nuevo for Somoto. with Lieut Bilbrey and six enlisted from Yalaguina.

Lieut Delgadillo and five enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Patrol arrived. Returned to Totogalpa.

Lieut Hutchcroft and twenty one enlisted cleared Limay on combat mission north-west of that station.

Lieut Johnson and ten enlisted returned La Trinidad from San Isidro.

Four enlisted and three auxiliares arrived Leon from Telica via truck. Report all quiet.

Colonel Watson arrived Chinandega from Managua.

Lieut Cuadra and patrol cleared San Juan de Las Pencas to patrol Estero Real river. Returned. Nothing to report.

Patrol of eight enlisted arrived Jinotega from Fundadora.

Combat patrol cleared Matagalpa on patrol.

#### 28 MARCH 1932

Lieut Brown and nine enlisted cleared Patate for Naranjo. Returned with one bandit prisoner.

Cpts Rowan and Kilbury (Med), Lieut Blanco and six enlisted cleared for Dipilto on inspection trip. from Ocotal. Returned.

Lieut Stanko, eight enlisted, one civico and one prisoner cleared Palacaguina for half way to Yalaguina.

1st Sgt Mondragon and one other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for point onemile west of station on police mission. Returned with Santana Cruz, who escaped from Ocotal on 23 February 1932.

Lieut Jackson (Med) and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina and arrived.

Major Cheatham, Capt Williams, Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Jalapa. Arrived.

Lieut Beans and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for San Juan and arrived.

Capt Williams, Lieut Hamas and ten enlisted cleared Jicaro for Sabana Grande and returned.



Lieut Rodriguez and twenty enlisted cleared Esteli for Condega and arrived.

Lieuts Johnson and Zavala and thirty enlisted cleared La Trinidad, arrived Esteli.

Lieut Burns and six enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa and arrived.

Cabo Garballo and patrol returned to Ocotal.

1st Sgt Lovo, eight enlisted and three prisoners cleared Yalaguina for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieut Bilbrey and eight enlisted cleared for half way to Totogalpa from Yalaguina. Arrived. Returned to Yalaguina.

Lieut Stanko, eight enlisted and two civicos cleared Yalaguina for Malacaguina. Arrived.

Lieuts Boswell (K) and Jones (K), six enlisted and six prisoners cleared Ocotal to construct telephone line. Returned.

Lieut Delgadillo, six enlisted and one civico cleared Totogalpa on police mission.

Five enlisted and one Guardia prisoner cleared Jinotega for Fundadora.

Captains Gaspar and Small with eighteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Company "M" cleared Matagalpa for Consuelo.

Lieuts Ledbetter and Slaterry and five enlisted reported Consuelo from Buena Vista.

Lieut Leady and five enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro, reported Navarro.

Captains Gaspar and Small with eighteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Lieut Krawie and eleven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Colonel Smith, Major Whaley, Lieut Prieb and five enlisted reported Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Lieut Castillo and eleven enlisted and one civico returned to La Concordia, covered area Plan del Ocote, Las Quebradas, Laguna de Lira Flores, El Brasil, Mesa Moropotente, La Quebrada, El Zapote, San José and Concordia.

### 29 MARCH 1932

Three enlisted, three auxiliares cleared Leon by truck for Telica, to operate for few days against small group thieves robbing bull carts. Returned having recovered bull cart and bulls, but no prisoners.



Six enlisted, three auxiliares cleared Leon mounted for area around Salinas Grandes to operate for few days against thieves and contraband.

Lieuts Bilbrey, Burns and Jackson (Med) and seven enlisted cleared for half way to Pueblo Nuevo from Yalaguina.

Lieut Burns and patrol returned.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo and seven enlisted returned Totogalpa from police mission. At Teirero Grande (ablt 181-351) patrol captured Agustin Zamora, who had escaped from carcel at Totogalpa. Zamora was captured at house of Felix Donzalez, where shot gun, ammunition, red flags, and one cutacna were also captured. Gonzalez was also taken prisoner. Patrol returned.

Lieut Truesdale and ten enlisted cleared San Juan on police mission. Returned.

Raso Aguilera and seven other enlisted returned from half way to Yalaguina escorting Lieuts Burns and Jackson (Med) Arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

Sgt Peña and seven other enlisted cleared Condega for half way to Pueblo Nuevo.

Cabo Roblete and seven enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from half way to Condega.

Lieut Johnson and seven enlisted cleared Esteli for La Trinidad. Arrived.

Lieuts Stanko and Rodriguez and eight enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina.

### 30 MARCH 1932

Lieut Price and nine enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili,, and arrived. Returned.

Lieut Rodriguez and seven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half way to Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Truesdale and ten enlisted cleared San Juan on police mission. Returned.

Major Cheatham, Capt Williams, Lieut Hamas and Jicaro patrol cleared Jalapa for Apali. Arrived.

Sgt Velazquez and seven other enlisted cleared Macualiso on police mission. Returned, having covered Los Calpules, (158-378), Los Arayanes (153-374), La Palma (157-374) and Los Encinos (147-376). Report all quiet.

Lieut McCorkle and five enlisted cleared Macualiso to repair telephone line. Returned.



Lieut Vogel and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieuts Boswell and Smith (R) arrived Macuelizo from Ocotal with six enlisted.

Lieut Zavala and five enlisted arrived Dipilto from Ocotal.

Sgt Tiffer and six other enlisted returned Palacaguina from half way to Totogalpa having met patrol from Totogalpa at half way point. Lieut Rodriguez proceeded to Totogalpa with patrol from that station.

Lieut Hutchcroft and twenty-one enlisted arrived Limay from Esteli.

Lieut Atwell and El Sauce combat patrol arrived Limay from Esteli. Nothing to report.

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned, Telpaneca having covered Areas Achioté (210-365), Malacate (216-369), Rodeo (212-368), Santo Domingo (213-371) and Casali (208-369). All quiet in area covered.

Lieut Vogel and patrol returned Somoto from Totogalpa.

Lieut Namas and Jacaro patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro.

Lieut Cuadra and patrol cleared San Juan de las Lencas for El Obraje, Puente Real and vicinity. returned. Reports all quiet.

Lieut Klein with ten enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and vicinity in search of a group of ladrons reported to be operating in that vicinity, returned and reported all quiet.

### 31 MARCH 1932

FOR DIR (PERS Following received from Lt Kalman quote Cinco Pinos. This place, sacked by Umanzor and fifty of his men at 13031. Group armed with two sub-Thompsons, thirty rifles, many pistols, others with cut-throats, little ammunition. I followed group and had contact at about six thirty PM at place called Chacaras Grande, one league north west of here. Due to darkness, dead and wounded unknown but they scattered in all directions. They answered my fire with one machine gun and rifles. Contact lasted about twenty minutes. No Guardia casualties. Will report more in detail in morning after I inspect scene of contact period KALMAN unquote Information Leon Limay Esteli Ocotal

Colonel Watson cleared Chinandega for Managua.

Six enlisted and three auxiliaries returned Leon from Salinas Grandes, nothing to report.

Lieuts Boswell (R) and Smith (R) and six enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal. Arrived.



Lieut Wallace and ten enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali. Arrived.

Lieut Truesdale and ten enlisted cleared San Juan on police mission and returned.

Lieut Atwell and combat patrol cleared Limay for El Sauce.

Cabo Altamirano and five other enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto and arrived.

Major Cheatham, Capt Williams, Lieuts Brunton and Zamora and ten enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

1st Sgt Solorzano and nine other enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieuts Brunton and Zamora and ten enlisted returned Apali from San Fernando.

1 APRIL 1932

Lieut Reid with ten enlisted cleared El Polvon and arrived at Chichigalpa. Sugar plantation guard at El Polvon discontinued this date. Lieut Reid with ten enlisted joined sugar warehouse guard at Chichigalpa.

Lieut Price and seven enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Cabo Arevalo and six other enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Truesdale and ten enlisted cleared San Juan on police mission. Returned.

Lieut Sandino and seven enlisted cleared Daraili for Condega. Arrived.

Lieuts Delgadillo and Rodriguez and five enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Price and six enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo and five enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal.



M I E G E L L A N E O U SG.C. La Fundadora reports by letter:-

- 11 March, 32. 0800 Lieutenant Snyder and five enlisted cleared Las Camellias for La Fundadora. 1800 Lieutenant Ashbrook and six enlisted cleared Aranjuez for La Fundadora. 1400 Lieutenant Snyder and five enlisted returned to Las Camellias. 1600 Lieutenant Ashbrook and six enlisted returned to Aranjuez. 2400 Lieutenant Alexander and Escobar and nine enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega.
- 12 March, 32. 0800 Lieutenant Alexander, Lieutenant Schmierer and five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez. 1000 Lieutenant Schmierer, Lieutenant Ashbrook and five enlisted returned to La Fundadora from Aranjuez. 1800 Lieutenants Schmierer, Ashbrook, Escobar and fifteen enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camellias, and arrived at 1400. 1500 Lieutenants Snyder, Ashbrook and nine enlisted cleared Las Camellias for Jinotega. 1600 Lieutenant Schmierer and six enlisted returned to La Fundadora.
- 13 March, 32. Lieutenant Alexander and three enlisted cleared Aranjuez for Matagalpa.
- 14 March, 32. Eight enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Laguna and Las Camellias. 1200 Lieutenant Alexander and three enlisted returned to Aranjuez from Matagalpa. 1600 Eight enlisted returned to La Fundadora.
- 15 March, 32. Lieutenants Alexander, Schmierer and seven enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camellias. 1600 Lieutenants Alexander, Schmierer and six enlisted returned to La Fundadora. 1700 Lieutenant Alexander and five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez, and arrived at 1800.
- 16 March, 32. Nine enlisted cleared Aranjuez for Los Encuentros. 0930 Six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez. 1200 Nine enlisted returned to Aranjuez. 1400 Six enlisted returned to La Fundadora.
- 17 March, 32. Lieutenant Schmierer and three enlisted cleared La Fundadora to repair telegraph line. 0800 Lieutenant Escobar and five enlisted cleared Las Camellias for Aranjuez. 1500 Lieutenant Schmierer and three enlisted returned to La Fundadora. 1700 Lieutenant Escobar and five enlisted returned to Las Camellias.
- 18 March, 32. 0900 seven enlisted cleared Aranjuez for La Fundadora. 1000 Nine enlisted cleared Fundadora for Aranjuez. 0945 Seven enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez. 1045 Nine enlisted arrived Aranjuez from La Fundadora. 1200 Fifteen enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega. 1300 Fifteen enlisted cleared Fundadora for Jinotega.
- 19 March, 32. 0800 Lieutenant Schmierer and six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for El Grillo. 1300 Lieutenant Schmierer and six enlisted returned to La Fundadora. 1400 Lieutenant Alexander and twelve enlisted cleared Aranjuez on combat patrol.



20 March, 32. 0900 Seven enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Masaco.  
 1300 Seven enlisted returned to La Fundadora.  
 2200 Lieutenant Alexander and twelve enlisted re-  
 turned to Aranjuez from combat patrol

21 March, 32. Lieutenant Alexander and fourteen enlisted cleared  
 for La Fundadora. 1200 Lieutenant Alexander and  
 seven enlisted returned to Aranjuez from La Fun-  
 dadora. 1300 Lieutenants Alexander, Schmierer and  
 fifteen enlisted cleared Aranjuez on combat patrol.

23 March, 32. Lieutenant Alexander and seven enlisted cleared  
 La Fundadora for Jinotega. 0800 Eight enlisted  
 cleared La Fundadora for Sultana and Laguna.  
 1400 Eight enlisted returned to La Fundadora.

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Following contact report of Lieut D.Atha, G.N. de N. is  
 quoted:-

G U A R D I A   N A C I O N A L   D E   N I C A R A G U A  
 Department Headquarters.                      Department of Matagalpa  
 Matagalpa, Nicaragua.                      March 21, 1932

From:                      1st Lieut Stanley D.Atha, G.N. de Nic.  
 To :                      The Department Commander, Dept of Matagalpa.

Subject:                  Patrol, contact report of.

Inclosure: (1) Sketch of contact.

1. In accordance with verbal orders of the Depart-  
 ment Commander, a patrol consisting of two officers and  
 twenty-five enlisted cleared Matagalpa at 1800 3 March, to  
 operate under orders of Director of Operations El Sauce. The  
 patrol consisted of the following Officers and enlisted personnel  
 of the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua:

1st Lt Stanley D. Atha.		
2nd Lt William Slattery. (R)		
Sgto Gutierrez, Antonio	# 497	TEMG
Cabo Picado, Pedro	1739	Lanza Bomba
" Aleman, Jose	961	Rifle
Raso Davila, Jorge	2821	Rifle
" Fonseca, Ramon	4540	BAR
" Elata, Carlos	4993	Rifle
" Castro, Jose	3498	"
" Barrera, Jose	4923	"
" Castrillo, Jose	2332	"
" Rodriguez, Marcos	4318	Lanza Bomba
" Gaitan, Emilio	3846	Rifle
" Cruz, Juan	2861	"
" Rios, Jenaro	1583	"
" Ramos, Pedro	4489	BAR
" Boza, Rumbaldo	3756	Rifle
" Guido, Roberto	222	TEMG
" Uriza, Justo	197	Rifle
" Duriez, Anibal	2225	"
" Gutierrez, Guillermo	4538	"
" Obando, Marcos	3818	"
" Araica, Mariano	1524	"
" Urrutia, Miguel	3505	"



haso	Ronco, Gabino	#3459	rifle
"	Castillo, Amado	2475	"
"	Arera, Nicolas,	3972	"

3 MARCH 1932

1800 Cleared Latagalpa.  
 2040 Arrived Sebaco. Reported to Director of Operations, El  
 Sauce by telegram and requested orders.  
 2230 Orders received from Director of Operations.

4 MARCH 1932

0500 Sent two mounted scouts to Jicaral, with orders to cover  
 area south of the Sebaco Jicaral road on return to Sebaco.  
 Reported clearing of scouts to El Sauce.  
 2400 The two mounted scouts returned from Jicaral.

5 MARCH 1932

0830 Reported to Director of Operations information that scouts  
 brought in.  
 1530 Received telegraphic orders from Director of Operations  
 to clear for Jicaral and gain contact with group that my  
 scouts reported.  
 1530 Cleared for Realde la Cruz.  
 2000 Arrived Real de la Cruz and made camp for the night.

6 MARCH 1932

0600 Cleared Real de la Cruz.  
 1215 As point was crossing river at Jicaral, main body sighted  
 small boy with several pounds of meat hiding in brush  
 at intersection of trail "G" and Sebaco Jicaral road.  
 (See sketch). From this boy I obtained information that  
 about 200 bandits were camped about 500 yards to our south.  
 I then called back my point and started it up trail "A",  
 single file five paces from man to man. As point arrived  
 at intersection of trails "G" and "I" they sighted four  
 bandits, armed with rifles, in trail with a load of meat.  
 The point opened fire and bandits ran toward hill "C".  
 The boy that we captured escaped during this fire. The  
 brush was too thick to make a quick advance in skirmish  
 line, so I instructed my patrol to continue up trail "G"  
 at double time keeping a good interval between men. Up  
 on arriving at knoll "A" I sighted bandits on hill "C",  
 a distance of about 300 yards. Instructed patrol to form  
 skirmish line on knoll "A" and take cover. Taking a BAR  
 I opened fire on bandits on hill "C". Bandits answered with  
 fire from hill "C", main camp "B", and hill "D". The main  
 bandit camp "B" was about 250 yards from position of  
 patrol, behind rocks and thick underbrush. From bandit  
 position "B" we received very heavy rifle fire, from  
 hill "C" one LMG, one TSG and very heavy rifle fire. All  
 rifle fire from hill "C" was very accurate, and from hill  
 "D" one LMG and rifle fire. This LMG went out of action  
 about ten minutes after starting of fight. As our rifle  
 grenades would not reach hill "C", at 1245 I instructed



Lieut Slattery to take one squad and flank hill "C" from the right. I then moved my patrol some thirty yards further up on knoll "A". When bandits sensed our flank movement they retreated from main camp "B", the bigger portion retreated to ridge "F", while the rest retreated to ridge "E". Bandits retreated down ridges "F" and "E" well to our rear and took position, flanking my patrol on right and left. Cautioned patrol to deliver heavy fire on ridge "F" and hill "C" so as to protect flanking party. Bandits seemed to have an unlimited amount of dynamite bombs which they threw down hill "C" at close intervals to prevent patrol from advancing up hill. 1330 Lt Slattery sent word to me that he could not flank hill "C" due to heavy fire from ridge "F" and hill "C" and that he was back in his original position on my right. Due to the fact that my patrol had no protection from the flanking fire, very little from hill "C" and as bandits were moving further down ridge "F" and "E" I was afraid of being surrounded and at 1400 I passed the word for patrol to keep up the fire and move back to trail intersection "G" and "I" which was about thirty yards from Sebaco Jicaral road. After we were back in our new position bandits ceased fire, but the best I could tell were still holding their positions. Checking my patrol I found that I had expended about half of my ammunition. As hill "D" and ridge "E" was somewhat higher than hill "C" I moved my patrol up Sebaco road about two hundred yards and advanced on hill "D" from the North West. On arrival hill "D" I found that bandits had already cleared out and bandits on ridge "F" and hill "C" upon seeing patrol in its new position retreated South west. I then took my patrol down ridge "E" to hill "C". On arrival at hill "C" about 1600 we were able to exchange a few shots with bandits as they retreated up ridge "F" from hill "C".

Guardia Casualties: None.

Bandit Casualties: Not known.

Made a well search of bandit camp. Destroyed several hundred pounds of meat, pots and pans, etc.

1545 Cleared scene of contact for Jicaral.

1700 Arrived Jicaral and made camp.

People of Jicaral stated that bandits had come from the direction of Santa Rosa the day before, that there were at least 200, Jefes Carlos Salgado, Sandino (believed to be Socrates Sandino), Estrada and Salinas. Bandits yelled "Viva" to all four of these jefes during the contact.

1730 Dispatched runner to El Sauce with report of contact.

#### 7 MARCH 1932

0700 Sent two runners south on the Jicaral Leon road for information. Two scout planes over. Reported retreat of bandits and requested ammunition. Planes made reconnaissance of bandit route of retreat and cleared toward El Sauce.



- 1010 Two land planes over and dropped ammunition. Planes cleared toward El Sauce.
- 1120 Two scout planes over, dropped message from Director of Operations and cleared south.
- 1200 Cleared reconnaissance patrol to scene of yesterday's contact.
- 1205 Two returned from the south, no information.
- 1310 Reconnaissance patrol returned from scene of yesterday's contact, no information.
- 1320 Cleared for Las Cañas, one league south. East of yesterday's contact.
- 1730 Returned Jicaral, no information.
- 1800 Received information from cart driver that a large group of bandits were at Alcaraban at 1200. Alcaraban is on the Jicaral Leon road about three leagues from Jicaral.

#### 8 MARCH 1932

- 0530 Cleared Jicaral.
- 0800 Passed Alcaraban and confirmed report of 1800 yesterday. Continued trailing bandits down Leon road for one league where I lost it.
- 0900 Arrived El Sarsal. Sent two mounted scouts North for information. Scouts returned from the North, no information.
- 1545 Cleared El Sarsal.
- 1745 Arrived Coyotepe. Coyotepe is five leagues North of San Francisco del Carnicero. Here I received information the mandador and two or three other men that they were robbed of their saddles and clothing at 1400 three leagues east of Coyotepe. That bandits had come from the direction of Jicaral and moved in the general direction of Dario, Department of Ixtapa. The mandador also stated that there were at least one hundred and eighty bandits, poorly clothed and hungry. I reported this information to the Director of Operations via San Francisco.

#### 9 MARCH 1932

- 0600 Cleared Coyotepe on bandit trail.
- 1130 Passed El Tamarindo. Bandits camped here last night and cleared at dawn taking all the men and one girl prisoner.
- 1300 Passed Hacienda Buena Esperanza. Segundo Velasquez ran from house armed with shot-gun, pointed fire on him and wounded him in right hip. Condition considered serious.
- 1600 Lost trail of bandits.
- 1800 Arrived Coarizal and made camp for the night.

#### 10 MARCH 1932

- 0900 Received information that bandits had camped at Casas Viejas four leagues to our South East last night and that this morning were moving North toward Real de la Cruz.
- 0905 Cleared for Real de la Cruz.



- 1300 Passed Real de la Cruz. Received information here that Alejandro Martinez was robbed of his revolver at Casas Viejas 1630 yesterday by bandit group. Continued on to Sebaco hoping to cross and pick up bandit trail.
- 1800 Arrived Sebaco, no further information. Wired Dario to find out if Alejandro Martinez knew what route bandits took after robbing him. Received reply bandits still at Casas Viejas 0700. Reported my arrival Sebaco and information to Director of Operations.

### 11 MARCH 1932

- 0600 Sent two mounted scouts to Sebaco Real de la Cruz road Rio Viejo crossing for information.
- 1200 Scouts returned, no information.
- 1355 Received information that Salgado group had passed Hacienda La Perla at 1000 and cleared in the general direction of Cacao. Reported this to the Department Commander.
- 1400 Cleared Sebaco.
- 1500 Passed Maguitillo.
- 1630 Arrived Cacao. No information.
- 1800 Sent one guardia in civilian clothes and one civilian to La Perla to confirm report of 1355.
- 2400 Guardia and civilian returned, report of 1355 confirmed.

### 12 MARCH 1932

- 0730 Cleared Cacao.
- 0830 Passed Landador of Monte Grande. He told me that bandit group was at Embalsada at 0700. Dispatched runner to Sebaco with telegram to Department Commander giving my position, bandit position and general route of their travel.
- 1200 Passed Monte Grande.
- 1200 Passed Embalsada. Bandits passed here 0700. Here I lost trail of bandits. One trail continued north to Colon while another turned to the left for Las Lajas and San Lorenzo. I continued on trail to San Lorenzo.
- 1430 Passed Las Lajas.
- 1700 Arrived San Lorenzo, no information of the Salgado group. Jose Leon Diaz and group of fifty (12 mounted) passed here 10 March and went in the general direction of La Trinidad. Jesus Valdivia, Jose Altamirano and group of thirty (all mounted) stayed here last night and went in the general direction of La Trinidad early this morning.
- 2000 Small boy arrived from La Mesa and stated that Salgado group passed La Mesa at 1200 and went in the general direction of Colon. La Mesa is about three leagues from San Lorenzo and about two leagues from Colon.
- 2200 Man arrived from Colon and stated that Salgado group passed through Colon at 1400 and went in the general direction of Condesa.

### 13 MARCH 1932

Due to my great distance being the bandits I did not think it possible to gain contact and cleared San Lorenzo for Latagala at 0600.



1800 Arrived Matagalpa and reported to the Department Commander.

I wish to commend the entire patrol for their excellent spirit and gallantry before and during the contact, and to especially commend Lt Slattery, Sgt Gutierrez, Cabo Ricardo, Renee Guido, Castro and Urrutia for their coolness while under fire.

Stanley D. Atha.

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### PERSONNEL

First Lieutenant G. Hall joined the guardia from the U.S. 1 April, 1932. For duty Bluefields.

Captain McQueen from El Sauce to Managua on 28 March, 1932, temporary duty.

Captain Tebbs from Apali to Managua. Transferred to Brigade Hospital 29 March, 1932.

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