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10 MAY 1932

Lieut Escobar with fourteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from Las Camalias.

Captain Smith, Lieut Darrah with thirty enlisted Co. "I" arrived Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieut Weeks and Lieut Ashbrook with twelve enlisted and two civil prisoners arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Weeks and twelve enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Lieut Escobar with fourteen enlisted cleared Las Camalias for Jinotega.

Lieut Weeks and Lieut Ashbrook with twelve enlisted and two civil prisoners cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Captain Smith, Lieut Darrah with thirty enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez with ten enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Major Whaley, Lieut Perez and five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Las Lajas, Algovia and Buena Vista.

Eight enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and reported.

11 MAY 1932

Lieut Escobar with thirteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for Las Camalias.

Captain Young (M), Lieut Foster (M) with two enlisted cleared Jinotega for Jinotega water works and returned.

Lieut Weeks with twelve enlisted reported San Rafael from Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez with ten enlisted reported Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Lieut Escobar with thirteen enlisted arrived Las Camalias.

Major Whaley, Lieut Perez with five enlisted reported Navarro and cleared for Las Lajas, Algovia and Buena Vista.

12 MAY 1932

Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro. Arrived Apali.

Lieut Chavarria and ten enlisted returned Esteli from police mission. Captured three prisoners and one shot gun.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina on police mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Burt and fifteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Lieuts Beans, Oszkowicz (R) and Smith (R) and eighteen enlisted arrived Telpaneca from Ocotal.

Lieuts Broderick and Monterrey and twenty four enlisted arrived Santa Maria.

Lieuts Broderick and Monterrey and twenty four enlisted cleared Santa Maria on combat mission.

Lieut Sandino and nine enlisted cleared Daraili. Arrived Condega. Cleared Condega. Arrived Daraili.

Lieuts Haubensak, Fonseca and fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission and returned.

Lieut Gutierrez P. with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for halfway to Matagalpa.

Lieut Castillo with eight enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieut Castillo with eight enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

Lieut Castillo with eight enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia and cleared for La Concordia.

Five enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and reported.

Major Whaley, Lieuts Perez and Uriza with nine enlisted reported Consuelo from Buena Vista.

13 MAY 1932

Lieut Castillo and La Concordia (CA) patrol had two contacts with group of 60, jefes thought to be SALGADO and SOCRATES SANDINO in the vicinity of BRAMADERO about three leagues southeast of LA CONCORDIA (230-322) M.C. Map. First contact started at 0900 and lasted one hour, second one started 1300 and lasted five minutes. Bandit casualties unknown but indication of several wounded. No Guardia casualties. Captured seventeen animals, small amount of ammunition and correspondence.

Colonel Julian C. Smith, Director of Operations, G.N., and Captain Bales, Law Officer, G.N., arrived Leon from Managua.

14 Civicos called into service in Leon to augment Guardia garrison, used as Guard at Bank, Transformer Station and mounted patrols on outskirts of city.

7 Auxiliares, cleared Sauce for Somotillo via Villa Nueva for duty.

Lieut Atwell, 7 enlisted and 5 Auxiliares cleared El Sauce for Achuapa.

Lieut Hamas and sixteen enlisted arrived Jicaro from Apali.

Lieut Lopez and ten enlisted arrived Condega from Pueblo Nuevo.

Capt Williams and nine enlisted cleared Somoto on reconnaissance mission.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty five enlisted cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieuts Berueffy, Wallace and Aleman and four enlisted cleared Ocotal for Managua by plane.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty five enlisted arrived Palacaguina.

Lieuts Price and Stanko and twenty five enlisted cleared Palacaguina on combat mission.

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted arrived San Juan from Quilali.

1st Sgt Solorzano and seventeen other enlisted cleared Apali for halfway to Jicaro.

Lieut Gutierrez and sixteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for half way to Apali.

Lieut Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted returned Jicaro from half way to Apali.

1st Sgt Solorzano and eighteen other enlisted returned Apali from halfway to Jicaro.

Captain Williams and nine enlisted returned Somoto from reconnaissance mission.

Lieuts Vogel, Cabrera and Artola and patrol returned Somoto from combat mission.

Lieuts Centeno and Chavarria and twenty enlisted returned Esteli from combat mission.

Lieut Gutierrez P. with sixteen enlisted returned Jinotega from half way Matagalpa.

Lieut Castillo with fifteen enlisted cleared La Concordia on reconnaissance patrol.

Lieut Castillo with fifteen enlisted returned La Concordia from San Jose, Las Orquetas, El Llano y Coyolito, Zapote, Bramadero, Exique. Had contact in Bramadero with group of sixty, jefe believed Socrates Sandino or Carlos Salgado. Contact lasted one hour. No Guardia casualties, several bandits believed wounded. Bandits dispersed all directions. Had second contact lasting about five minutes with same group at 1:00 PM near Zapote. Bandits dispersed, no Guardia casualties and believe bandits suffered other wounded. Guardia captured seventeen horses with full equipment, personal baggage including correspondence, six cartridge Krag Rifles, one red flag, red and black hat bands, also burned quantity of food supplies in two houses used as bandit camp.

Lieuts Weeks, Hall (M) and fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Eight enlisted cleared Matagalpa as escort bull cart train.

Major Whaley, Lieuts Gumaelious, Perez and twelve enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro and arrived.

Lieut Uriza with seven enlisted cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista.

Captain Davis with four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and reported.

Lieut Gonzalez with five enlisted cleared San Isidro for Sebaco and returned.

Lieut Aguado with twelve enlisted cleared Consuelo for Agua Amarilla, and returned.

Eight enlisted returned Matagalpa from halfway Jinotega.

Sgt Aguilera with seven enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

14 MAY 1932

Lieut Castrillo and 6 Auxiliares cleared El Sauce for south and west El Sauce on reconnaissance mission.

Colonel Julian C. Smith, Director of Operations, G/N, and Captain Bales, Law Officer, G.N., cleared Leon for Managua.

17 Civicos called into service for additional guards for bank and transformer station.

1st Sgt Mondragon and eleven other enlisted cleared San Juan for half-way to Telpaneca.

Lieuts Beans and Smith (R) and twenty two enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to San Juan.

Lieut Hughes and twenty enlisted cleared Limay for half-way to Achaapa, escorting bull cart train.

Sgt Acevedo and thirteen enlisted returned Telpaneca from half-way to San Juan.

Lieut Hughes and twenty enlisted returned Limay from half-way to Achuapa.

Lieuts Beans and Smith (R) and twelve enlisted returned San Juan from half-way Telpaneca.

Captain Smith, Lieut Lee with twenty seven enlisted Co. "I" cleared Jinotega on combat patrol.

Lieuts Haubensak, Downey and nineteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Lieut Fonseca with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa.

Lieuts Hall (I) Rocha and seventeen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

Lieut Castillo and Solorzano with twenty five enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Lieut Castillo with ten enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Castillo and ten enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieuts Weeks, Zeledon with nineteen enlisted and two armed civicos returned from combat patrol to Yali. Laid ambush vicinity suspected bandit house and killed one known bandit and seriously wounded another. No Guardia casualties.

Captain Schwerin with twelve enlisted cleared Corinto Finca to half-way Jinotega. Returned.

Eight enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega.

Major Whaley, Captain Lakso, Lieut Perez and seven enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas and La Cumplida and reported Matagalpa.

15 MAY 1932

Lieut Roberts, 6 enlisted and 8 auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva and arrived Somotillo.

Guardia La Ceiba reports:- That Sunday morning 15 May, 3 miles East La Ceiba, they ran into 15 men armed with rifles, shotguns and machettes playing dice. When they saw the Guardia they opened fire. Guardia returned fire, group scattered, leaving behind 4 machetes, 2 hats, one of which is Guardia hat, one blanket. Casualties unknown but several trails of blood

left. Captured one prisoner, shortly afterwards who is suspected as being one of the group.

Lieuts Vogel and Cabrera and nine enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way to Totogalpa.

Lieut McDonald and eleven enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way to Pataste.

Sgt Mayorga and seven other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half-way to Somoto.

Lieut Vogel and eight enlisted arrived Totogalpa from half-way to Somoto.

Lieuts Delgadillo, Vogel and seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Cabrera and nine enlisted returned Somoto from half-way to Totogalpa.

1st Sgt Lovo and nine other enlisted returned Somoto from half-way to Pataste.

Sgt Lopez and nine other enlisted cleared Pataste. Returned to Pataste escorting Lieut McDonald and one enlisted from Somoto.

Lieuts Mahoney and Keller and eighteen enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieut Keller resumed command of San Fernando and Lieuts Mahoney and Zamora and nineteen enlisted returned to Apali.

Lieuts Price and Stanko and twenty five enlisted arrived Palacaguina from combat patrol.

Lieut Gutierrez and eight enlisted cleared Jicaro on police mission for point one-half league west of station. Returned with four pounds contraband and information two Rugama brothers had cleared for Honduras to join Sandino.

Lieuts Chenoweth, Hays and Gutierrez and twenty enlisted cleared San Juan on police mission. Returned.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty five enlisted cleared Palacaguina on combat mission.

Lieuts Pennington, Fonseca and seventeen enlisted with three guardias prisoners arrived Jinotega from half-way and Matagalpa.

Lieut Hall (M), Rocha and nine enlisted cleared San Rafael for direction Jinotega to repair telegraph line. Returned.

Co. "M" at point one mile east Colon. Lieut Castillo with thirty men passed Cerro Colorado yesterday afternoon headed west in Colon Valley.

Lieut Flipppo and patrol arrived La Fundadora from Matagalpa.

Five enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Captain Davis, Lieut Gumaelious and ten enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo. Arrived.

Lieut Pennington with ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa for direction Jinotega with three Guardia prisoners.

16 MAY 1952

Lieuts Price and Lopez and combat patrol No. 5, twenty-five enlisted arrived Condega from combat mission. Covered Area of Monte Grande, Duculito (202-347), Duculi and vicinity. Nothing to report.

Cabo Robleto and nine other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut McCorkle and eight enlisted cleared La Trinidad for Las Cañas on police mission.

Lieuts Bell, Ortez and Silva and combat patrol No. 6, twenty five enlisted, cleared Esteli on combat mission.

Lieut Livermore and fifteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for vicinity of point 199-369 on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Centeno and fifteen enlisted cleared Limay for La Palma to bring Juez to Limay who was wounded last night by small group of machete bandits.

Cabo Robleto and nine other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Lieuts Broderick and Monterrey and combat patrol No. 1, twenty five enlisted arrived Macuelizo from combat mission.

Lieuts Beans, Chenoweth and Smith (R), and eighteen enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali.

Lieut Lopez, seven enlisted and two civicos cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Totogalpa.

Cabo Ruiz and six enlisted cleared Ocotal for half-way to Dipilto. Returned.

Cabo Mendez and two enlisted, with three civilians, cleared Dipilto for half-way to Ocotal. Returned.

Lieut McCorkle and eight enlisted returned Esteli from Las Cañas. Nothing to report.

Patrol of five enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Relijo road on police commission returned with five prisoners and a quantity of stolen goods.

Lieut Fonseca with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way San Rafael.

Lieut Downey, Doctor Young and sixteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way Corinto Finca.

Lieut Castillo and San Rafael patrol proceeding direction Santa Barbara from Colon and Co. "M" in direction Yauli.

Lieut Krawie with ten enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Lieut Pennington with eleven enlisted and three guardia prisoners cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega and half-way, half-way patrol of ten enlisted returned.

Captains Griffin and Lakso cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega via Guardia automobile.

Lieut Gonzalez with sixteen enlisted cleared San Isidro on combat mission to El Cacao and Tamarindo.

Major Whaley, Lieut Kerns, Ward and three enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy.

Lieut Ashbrook with seven enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Managua.

Lieut Gonzalez with seventeen enlisted returned San Isidro from combat patrol. Nothing to report.

17 MAY 1932

Lieut Quintanilla, 10 enlisted, 4 auxiliares and 1 Inspector of Hacienda, cleared Leon for Telica and surrounding territory.

Lieut Muñoz and Lieut Pravia with four enlisted and eleven auxiliares cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Chinandega and arrived.

Lieuts Broderick, Blanco and Monterrey with twenty nine enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Cabrera and nine enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way to Pataste.

Capt Fri sbie, Lieuts Hughes and Chavarria and twenty four enlisted cleared Esteli for Pajarito area on combat mission.

Lieut McDonald and eleven enlisted cleared Pataste. Met Somoto patrol at half-way point, Sgt Lopez & 8 enl returned to Pataste. Lts McDonald and Cabrera with 11 enl returned to Esteli.

Lieut Zavala, eight enlisted and five civicos cleared Dipilto for Suyatal to investigate bandit reports.

Captain Smith, Lieut Lee and twenty seven enlisted Co. "I" returned Jinotega from combat patrol Colon Valley.

Lieut Downey, Lieut Cramer and Lieut Barillas with fourteen enlisted returned Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieuts Hall (M), Rocha and seventeen enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way San Rafael.

Lieuts Hall (M), Rocha and twelve enlisted cleared San Rafael for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Fonseca and ten enlisted returned San Rafael from half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Ashbrook and six enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Matagalpa.

Lieut Barillas and ten enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Lieuts Cramer, Barillas, Gutierrez and seventeen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Gonzalez with sixteen enlisted cleared Sebaco for San Isidro.

Lieut Ashbrook with seven enlisted cleared Dario for Matagalpa via truck.

18 MAY 1932

Lieut Ashbrook with six enlisted arrived Jinotega from half way Matagalpa.

Lieut Rocha with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on police mission with Hacienda Inspector.

Lieut Weeks and Snyder with twenty five enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Gutierrez with fifteen enlisted and Doctor Young arrived Corinto Finca from half way Jinotega.

Lieut Flipppo with fifteen enlisted and Lieut Ashbrook with six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for half-way and to Jinotega.

Major Whaley, Lieuts Stevens and Ward with five enlisted cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas.

Lieut Ashbrook with six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for La Fundadora and reported.

Lieut Navarrete with fifteen enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way to Jinotega.

19 MAY 1932

Lieut Castrillo and Lieut Jarquin with 15 enlisted and 6 auxiliares returned El Sauce from Mayocunda area.

Four enlisted with eleven Auxiliares cleared Chihandega for San Juan de las Pencas. Arrived.

20 MAY 1932

Lieut Spart with six enlisted cleared Chichigalpa at 0700 for Posoltega and Las Mercedes, returned at 1700 with two civil prisoners and one confiscated shot gun.

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..oo- LAST MINUTE NEWS -oo..

CAPTAIN FRISBIE, LIEUTS HUGHES AND CHAVARRIA
AND COMBAT PATROL OF LIMAY RETURNED TO POST.
COMPLETELY COMBED SECTOR EAST OF THE DISTRICT
AND ON WEDNESDAY AT 1:00 PM HAD A CONTACT WITH
SMALL GROUP OF BANDITS. ONE BANDIT KILLED.
NO GUARDIA CASUALTIES.

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Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE
NICARAGUA, APALI, NICARAGUA
30 April, 1932

From: Fisrt Lieut John Hamas, GN.,
To : Captain Edward W. Burwell, GN.,
Subject: Contact, report of.
Reference: Verbal orders District Commander.

1. In accordance with the reference, a patrol consisting of five (5) officers and forty-five (45) enlisted men, cleared Apali at 0600 26 April 32, to operate in the GUALBUCCO MOUNTAIN District.

2. The patrol was composed of the following officers and men:

1st Lieut JOHN HAMAS		Jicaró
2nd " JOHN A BURNS		Condega
2nd " ROY E VOGEL		Somoto
2nd " LUIS E GUTIERREZ		Ocotol
2nd " FEDERICO CABRERA		Somoto
1st Sgt Macario Portocarrero	# 993	Pueblo Nuevo
Sgt Francisco Acevedo	1222	Jicaró
" Teofilo Aguilar	1048	Condega
Cpl Concepcion Saravia	3601	"
" Gonzalo Madriz	3701	"
" Leandro Parrales	3495	Jicaró
" Pedro Uveda	2354	Apali
" Jesus Perez	2734	Somoto
Pvt Miguel Rios	4913	Jicaró
" Julian Gomez	4138	"
" Victoriano Romero	2612	"
" Teo Maragüaga	4942	"
" Francisco Martinez	3615	"
" Gregorio Landero	----	"
" Victor Reyes	----	"
" Mercedes Jimenez	2943	Jalapa
" Damian Melgara	2909	Somoto
" Martin Gomez	1567	"
" Jeronino Pastrano	2185	"
" Idelfonso Espinoza	4051	"
" Alberto Calderon	2837	"
" Jesus Castillo	2829	"
" Ciriaco Ramos	4086	"
" Dionisio Castillo	4059	"
" Carlos Vasquez	3963	Condega
" Isidro Osorio	2882	"
" Pastor Vargas	4338	"
" Ramon Diaz	4022	"
" Santiago Lopez	4205	"

Pvt Tomas Gonzalez	#4235	Condega
" Casimiro Cruz	4989	"
" Francisco Cardenas	2102	"
" Bartolo Muñoz	2112	"
" Roberto Garcia	4068	"
" Crescencio Jimenez	2946	"
" Francisco Sovalbarro	3034	"
" Remigio Montalvan	3964	"
" Gabriel Altamirano	3917	"
" Jesus Acuña	4245	"
" Magdaleno Iglesias	4866	"
" Norberto Ruiz	4057	"
" Antonio Diaz	4020	"
" Jose Espinoza	3600	"
" Humberto Zuniga	4430	"
" Isidro Vasquez	1850	"

3. Contact was made with the main camp of SANDINO about 1600 26 Apr 32, SOUTH EAST of GUAMBUCO MOUNTAIN.

Patrol was proceeding slightly down hill thru thick pine growth and light brush when the point observed a cleared space about 560 yards long and ranging from 125 to 250 yards wide. Patrol halted and on closer observation a house was seen nearly in the center of the clearing and a man was seen on the west side of the house chopping wood. The point advanced taking advantage of all possible cover. The trail led just inside the fringe of pines on the clearing. When directly west of the house previously mentioned the point emerged into the open and the main camp, consisting of some 30 well constructed grass houses, was seen about 150 yards east of the place where the point came out. Advance was made as fast as possible on these houses, the men having to crawl over and under and thru trees which had been felled in every which direction and manner to impede just such an advance as ours.

During the advance of the point the men seen near the house in the clearing had entered same, seemingly not knowing that we were anywhere near. When the first men of the main body were opposite this house, two (2) men, one (1) with Sub-Thompson were sent to get him. When they arrived he ran and was shot down by the Sub-T. Immediately the bandits opened fire on point and main body. This fire was heavy, well directed and several automatic weapons were being used, also rifle grenades and hand bombs, thrown with a sling. Bandits firing line at this time was about 200 yards long, with its right extremity north-east by east of the first men in the point. Range was about 150 yards with the bandit position slightly higher than that occupied by the Guardia, but with little or no prepared protection, firing coming from behind trees, rocks, over the ridge, etc. As firing opened, the men of the point dropped and took positions behind the well prepared fortifications the bandits had built at their camp. Those men following the point took up positions behind trees, rocks, etc.

Heavy firing continued for about forty-five minutes, when practically all bandit firing ceased. Guardia firing continued but was light, only an occasional shot from various points along the line.

About ten minutes later bandits opened with heavy fire and it was noted that their firing line had been extended to the SOUTH and that it was now over five hundred yards long and increasing. Lieut VOGEL with four automatic weapons was immediately sent to check this movement of their left flank and did so very successfully, the bandit firing line thereafter gradually diminishing to the north.

Bandits seemed to be retreating along a ridge to the northwest and Lieut BURNS and GUTIERREZ with two automatic weapons were sent to cut them off. Due to the nature of the terrain, heavy brush and coming of darkness this movement could not be completed.

Firing continued until dark, bandits gradually retreating to the northwest.

Women and children were present and evidently took part in the fight. Their voices were plainly recognizable.

During the fighting, the bandits "vivaed" SANDINO, General GARCIA (Quilali) and Capitan CORNEJO (Quilali).

Excellent shooting was done by the bandits, shot after shot being put in almost the same place. This was especially noted in the prepared position occupied by the Guardia. Their placing of rifle grenades was very good, several exploding on the line occupied by the Guardia.

4. It is believed that the bandits in the camp saw the patrol coming and that the man shot near the house was used as a decoy to delay the advance of the patrol and to lend a seeming innocense to the camp, thereby giving those in the main camp time to evacuate with all belongings. (Main camp was not visible until point was some 125 yards from it). It is further believed that the bandits had prepared everything for a quick evacuation, and that they had been expecting a Guardia patrol since SALGADO's camp was destroyed on 23 Apr 32. It is estimated there were between 250 and 300 bandits in this camp.

SANDINO was personally directing the fight for the bandits. His voice was recognized by a civilian, TEODORO HERRERA, who had known SANDINO since SANDINO was a small boy. The voice of Corporal CORNEJO, deserter Quilali, was also recognized.

5. It is estimated the bandits used five to eight automatic weapons, LEWIS, BAR and SUB-THOMPSON; at least two rifle grenade dischargers; SPRINGFIELD 1903 rifles; Krag rifles, PISTOLS and NATIVE BOMBS. Guardia used three BARS, five SUB-Ts, three rifle grenade dischargers, SPRINGFIELD 1903 rifles, Krag rifles.

6. Casualties were as follows:

Bandits killed - - - - -	10
" wounded - - - - -	21 (estimated)
Guardia killed - - - - -	0
" wounded - - - - -	1 (slightly)

7. Articles captured were:-

6 Rifles, little or no value, destroyed.

3 Drums, Sub-T w/ammunition.

1 Revolver.

Bandit camp, 5 main houses, 50 lean-tos, all well constructed with sides, built in beds, etc, destroyed by fire.

8. No Guardia property was lost during contact.

9. The patrol leader takes great pleasure in recommending the following officers and enlisted men for commendation, and for award of appropriate decorations for services rendered:

Lieut JOHN A BURNS for his bravery, excellent courage and good judgement during attack of SANDINO's main camp and holding left flank during heavy three (5) hours fighting.

Lieut ROY E VOGEL for bravery, excellent judgement, holding and fighting from right flank during heavy firing.

Lieut Luis E GUTIERREZ for bravery displayed during heavy enemy fire.

Lieut FEDERICO CABRERA for his splendid courage shown disregarding personal safety as liaison officer under heavy fire.

Sergeant TEOFILO AGUILAR, #1040, for great courage and strict obedience of orders under heavy fire.

Raso MIGUEL RIOS, #4913, for bravery under heavy enemy fire.

Raso ISIDRO VASQUEZ, #1850, for his fortitude, great courage and devotion to duty while protecting main body of troops on right flank while enemy attempted to flank us and effective use of Sub-T machine gun.

10. The conduct and splendid voluntary spirit of all members of the patrol was excellent and all are worthy of the highest praise.

11. The patrol returned to Apali at 1000 28 Apr 32, with one slightly wounded member of the patrol

JOHN HAMAS

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE
NICARAGUA, APALI, NICARAGUA.
2 MAY, 1932

From: Second Lieut John A. Burns, GN.,
To : Captain Edward W. Burwell, GN.,
Subject: Contact, report of.
Reference: Verbal orders District Commander.

1. In accordance with the reference, a patrol consisting of two (2) officers and thirty five (35) enlisted men, cleared APALI at 1520 1 MAY 32, for LA CUYA, on information furnished by a civilian, that there was a bandit group camped near that place.

2. Patrol was composed of the officers and enlisted men named below:-

2nd Lieut John A. Burns	
" Lieut Luis E. Gutierrez	
Sgt Francisco Acevedo	#1222
" Teofilo Aguilar	1048
Cpl Jesus Perez	2734
" Concepcion Saravia	3601
" Leandro Parrales	3495
" Gonzalo Madriz	3781
Pvt Miguel Rios	4913
" Victor M. Reyes	----
" Jesus Castillo	2829
" Franc. Zeledon	----
" Julian Gomez	4138
" Marcelino Rizo	4642
" Ciriaco Ramos	4086
" Martin Gomez	1567
" Idelfonso Espinoza	4061
" Jeronimo Pastrana	2185
" Tomas Gonzalez	4235
" Carlos Vasquez	3961
" Isidro Vasquez	1850
" Antonio Diaz	4020
" Franc. Cardenas	2102
" Jose Espinoza	3600
" Pastor Vargas	4336
" Humberto Zuniga	4430
" Gabriel Altamirano	3991
" Crescencio Jimenez	2948
" Victoriano Romero	2612
" Franc. Martinez	3695
" Jose Collado	----
" Teofilo Maradiaga	4942
" Jose L. Tinoco	----
" Isidro Osorio	2882
" Magdaleno Iglesias	4856
" Bartolo Muñoz	2112
" Norberto Ruiz	4057

3. Contact was made with Rigoberto Reyes and his group at 1700 1 MAY 32. Fighting lasted for about twenty five (25) minutes, when bandits were driven from their position.

The guide warned the patrol that we were nearing the place where he had seen the bandits in the morning about one half mile from where they were encountered. The patrol proceeded cautiously and the point was fired on when it was on the ridge of a hill about one hundred fifty (150) yards from bandit camp. Point took cover behind trees and returned fire. The main body came up on a hill to the left of and higher than the hill occupied by the point and directed its fire on the

hill occupied by the enemy, taking cover behind rocks, trees, etc.

The hill occupied by the bandits was higher than the positions of the point and main body of the Guardia, and was across a ravine. This ravine was clean, there was no brush to cover an advance and there were very few trees. The sides of the hill were very steep, about 35 to 40 degrees, and clean.

The bandits could be seen in their position and well aimed fire was directed at these known positions by the point and main body.

One (1) man was seen in a tree. The patrol commander took a BAR and after a few shots he (the bandit) was seen to fall from the tree, without doubt dead.

When bandits ceased firing, the main body advanced to the position held by the point, and the point, covered by the main body, rushed the hill and took same without receiving any fire, the bandits having fled down the SOUTH side of the hill and into a creek bottom which concealed their movements. A few minutes later two (2) were seen crossing a cleared spot about three thousand (3000) yards away and going in a southerly direction.

After the beginning of the fight two (2) men were wounded, one by a grenade fragment and the other by a cartridge ball. Raso FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, #3615, was wounded seriously in the left hand by rifle grenade. Raso GABRIEL ALTAMIRANO, #5937, in the left forearm by a cartridge ball, which lodged in his arm.

The bandits did not say one word during the contact that could be heard in our position.

4. The bandits used one (1) and possibly two (2) automatic weapons, LEWIS and BAR or both BARs, Rifle Grenades, native BOMBS, large, SPRINGFIELD 1903 Rifles, Krag rifles and miscellaneous other rifles. The Guardia used two (2) BARs, three (3) SUB-T, two (2) rifle grenade dischargers and Krag rifles.

5. Casualties were:-

Bandits killed	- - - - -	1
" wounded	- - - - -	4 (estimated from signs)
Guardia killed	- - - - -	0
" wounded	- - - - -	2

6. Articles captured were:-

Correspondence.
Bandit camp, 2 leantos, destroyed.

7. This bandit camp was temporary and was about three (3) to five (5) days old. No preparations had been made by the group to remain in this position any length of time.

8. The following officer and enlisted men are recommended for commendation:-

Second Lieut LUIS E GUTIERREZ for his leadership, coolness under fire and fighting example set for his men.

Sergeant TEOFILO AGUILAR, #1048, for strict and immediate obedience of orders, coolness and bravery in forming liason with the point and main body when he had to expose himself to direct enemy fire to accomplish same.

Raso FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, #3615, for his placing of rifle grenades, bravery in exposing himself to enemy fire to fire same, and later when wounded, altho suffering greatly, made no complaint, conducting himself in a superb manner, thereby setting an example for his comrades.

9. The conduct, immediate compliance of orders, spirit and eagerness of the whole patrol to participate in the encounter was most noteworthy and it is recommended that each and every man of the patrol be cited in general orders. This contact was the third major contact, more two minor contacts, participated in by nearly all members of the patrol in the last ten (10) days.

10. The patrol returned to APALI at 2130 1 MAY 32, bandits not being pursued due to coming of darkness and the condition of the wounded men.

/s/ JOHN A BURNS

Following contact report is quoted:-

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
LA CONCORDIA, JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA,
14 MAY 1932

From: 2nd Lieut G. Castillo C.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte,
Jinotega, Nicaragua.
Subject: Contact, report of.
Enclosure: Captured correspondence.

1. At 0600 13 May, 1932, I cleared with a patrol of 15 enlisted to reconnoiter vicinity south of the town. The events which occurred during the patrol are as follows:-

13 MAY 0600 Cleared La Concordia going South through San Jose, Las Orquetas and arrived at Bramadero Mountain at 9:30. At this place we saw a bandit group that was crossing a pasture. My patrol opened fire against them. They answered our fire. After fifteen minutes fight we arrived at the first line which was occupied by the bandits, bandits gathered together on a high mountain. They "vivaed" Sandino, Salgado and Irias and invited us to climb up the hill. Later we were attacked on one flank, the bandits who were at the hill were saying: "Attack those bandit vendors from behind", we were warned and avoided the attack from behind, driving back the bandits before they could occupy a position, at this time hand bombs discharged against them made the bandits retreat. Bandits fled in all directions and we were able to explore the camp.

1130 Cleared Bramadero for Colon, then for Exiqui, no information could be obtained there, we continued to surround Bramadero mountain in a space of about one half league arriving to Zapote where we found some bandits, opened fire against them, for about five minutes, this happened at 1300, bandits dispersed leaving many blood trails and packs.

2. Notwithstanding the fact that enemy was stronger than us, all of my men showed excellent conduct and discipline.

3. Arms used by the bandits: one automatic machine gun, rifles, pistols and dynamite bombs.

Arms used by the Guardia were; one B.A.R., one STIG, one grenade discharger, 12 Krag Rifles and one .38 pistol.

4. Articles captured to the bandits:- 17 animals, 15 saddles with their correspondent equipment, twelve packs containing all kinds of clothes, two hats, red and black hat bands, one red flag, six first class Krag cartridges, bearings for dynamite bombs, correspondence, one rain coat and medicines.

5. Following men who took part during the contact;

2nd Lieut G. Castillo C.

Cabo Nuñez, Manuel	#2784
Raso Castro, Patricio	3724
" Castillo, Eusebio	4264
" Duarte, Demetrio	4215
" Estrada, Abel	3916
" Gradis, Jose	4214
" Herrera, Julio	4212
" Lopez, Escolastico	3907
" Mejia, Octavio	234
" Prado, Leonardo	4532
" Reyes, Felipe	3255
" Talavera, Salomon	4076
" Segovia, Jesus	3525
" Ubeda, Ignacio	4232
" Quintero, Celestino	4359

6. Bandit casualties, many wounded. Guardia Casualties, none.

/s/ G. Castillo C.

OPERATIONS REPORT RIVAS FROM 12 MAY TO 18 MAY 1932.

12 MAY

0800- Two enlisted cleared Rivas for Vera Cruz.
1500- Two enlisted returned Rivas from Vera Cruz with one civil prisoner.

13 MAY

0730- Capt Forsyth and Lieut Pulver cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.
1900- Capt Forsyth and Lieut Pulver returned Rivas from San Juan del Sur.

14 MAY

1100- Two enlisted cleared Cardenas for Sabalos.
1300- Lieut Pulver cleared Rivas for Punta de Rieles.
1600- Lieut Pulver returned Rivas.
1800- Two enlisted returned Cardenas from Sabalos.

15 MAY

0900- Capt Forsyth cleared Rivas for Liberal.
1800- Capt Forsyth returned Rivas from Liberal.

16 MAY

0900- Two enlisted cleared Rivas for Las Salinas on police mission.

17 MAY

1000- Two enlisted cleared Rivas for Popoyuapa on police mission.
1400- Two enlisted returned Rivas from Popoyuapa.

18 MAY

1430- Two enl returned Rivas from police patrol to Las Salinas.

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Colonel J. C. Smith, Chief of Staff, GN, and Captain Bales, Law Officer, GN, returned to Managua on 14 May, from Leon.

Lieutenant C. L. Ashbrook returned to San Rafael Del Norte from Managua on 16 May.

Captain Gaspar arrived Managua from Esteli on 17 May.

Lieutenant Johnson from Hospital to 1st Co. Managua. on 19 May.

Lieut. Bryson to GN from Leave in the U.S. on 18 May.

Lieutenant H. D. Hutchcroft from Puerto Cabezas to Hospital, Managua, 19 May.

Lieutenant Dumas from San Antonio to Managua on 19 May.

Lieutenant J. Burns to Managua from Ocotal on 19 May.

Captain Tebbs from Hq. GN to Hospital. 20 May.

Lieut. Bryson transferred to duty as Dept. Comdr. Dept. Managua and Carazo on 20 May.

The End.