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18 MAY 1932

Lieut Zavala, eight enlisted and five civicos returned Dipilto from reconnaissance mission. Nothing to report.

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

Lieuts Chenoweth and Hays and twenty enlisted cleared Quilali on combat mission.

Raso Paguaga and four other enlisted arrived Dipilto from Ocotal.

Lieut Zamora and eighteen enlisted cleared Apali on combat mission.

Lieuts Bell, Silva and Ortiz and twenty five enlisted returned Esteli from combat mission.

1st Sgt Mondragon, nine other enlisted and three civicos cleared San Juan on police mission. Returned.

Lieut Flipppo with fifteen enlisted returned La Fundadora from El Horno.

19 MAY 1932

Capt Williams and nine enlisted cleared Somoto for area north of Somoto.

Lieut Zavala and seven enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Stanko and nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Gutierrez and sixteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali. Arrived.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty five enlisted cleared Condega for Telpaneca. Arrived.

1st Sgt Mondragon, eleven other enlisted and three civicos cleared San Juan on police mission. Returned.

Lieuts Broderick and Rodriguez and ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Cabo Vallejos and eight enlisted arrived Palacaguina from Pueblo Nuevo. Cleared for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Stanko and six enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Zavala and six enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Lieut Gutierrez and sixteen enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro.

Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro on combat mission.

Lieut Gutierrez and sixteen enlisted returned Jicaro from Apali.

Lieut Mahoney and eighteen enlisted cleared Apali on combat mission.

Lieut Rocha with fifteen enlisted returned Jinotega from police mission.

Lieut Fonseca with nine enlisted cleared San Rafael on police mission to Sabana Grande.

Lieut Weeks and Snyder with twenty six enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Lieut Castillo, Lieut Solorzano and twenty four enlisted with two civil prisoners arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Fonseca with nine enlisted returned San Rafael from police mission.

Lieut Castillo and Lieut Solorzano with twenty four enlisted and two civil prisoners arrived La Concordia from combat patrol.

San Dionisio patrol returned Matagalpa with two civil prisoners members of group which robbed alcalde. Report wounding another robber who escaped.

Lieut Navarrete with fifteen enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega and returned. Reported confiscation of shot gun in hands of men who ran at approach of patrol near El Tanque.

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

Lieut Uriza with five enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas

#### 20 MAY 1932

Lieut Quintanilla, 10 enlisted and 6 Auxiliares arrived Leon from patrol.

Lieut Velez with four enlisted and eleven auxiliaries cleared San Juan de las Pencas for El Jote and El Quezo and vicinity.

Lieuts Mahoney and Hamas and combined Jicaro and Apali patrols arrived Jicaro.

Lieuts Chenoweth and Hayes and nineteen enlisted, San Juan patrol, arrived Apali.

Capt Williams and nine enlisted cleared Somoto on reconnaissance mission.

Capt Frisbie, Lieuts Hughes and Chavarria and Combat Patrol No.7 returned Limay from combat mission.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty five enlisted cleared Telpaneca for Apali.

Lieuts Broderick and Rodriguez and fifteen enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Santa Maria. Arrived.

Lieut Sandino and nine enlisted arrived Condega from Daraili. Cleared for Daraili. Arrived.

Lieuts Rocha and Fox with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinetega for halfway to Matagalpa.

Lieut Castillo and eight enlisted with two civil prisoners arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

Lieut Elliott with fifteen enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Rodeo and Ocotal Espeso to reconnoiter area for reported bandit activity.

Lieut Elliott and patrol returned La Fundadora. Covered area Santa Maria, Rodeo, Galias. Received information that night 17th a group of seven armed with pistols passed near Galias heading direction La Samonia.

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

Five enlisted reported Navarro from Cuatro Esquinas.

Major Whaley, Lieuts Stevens and Ward with five enlisted arrived Matagalpa from La Pineda.

Lieut Ledbetter with ten enlisted arrived Navarro from Consuelo.

Lieut Frye with four enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

Five enlisted returned San Dionisio from patrol.

Lieut Price and Lopez and twenty five enlisted arrived Apali from Telpaneca.

Lieut Mahoney, eighteen enlisted and one enlisted prisoner cleared Jicaro for Apali. Arrived.

Lieut Stewart cleared Esquipulas for San Dionisio.

Ten enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo and reported.

Lieut Ledbetter and six enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Stewart and five enlisted cleared San Dionisio for Esquipulas. Arrived.

Lieuts Navarrete and Perez with twenty enlisted cleared Matagalpa on combat patrol.

Eight enlisted cleared Matagalpa for halfway to Jinotega.

#### 21 MAY 1932

Lieut Schuh, ten enlisted arrived Leon from Santa Lucia.

Three enlisted, two auxiliaries with Juez de Mesta Chacra-Seca, cleared Leon for El Tololar.

Lieuts Reid and Artola, 15 enlisted, 4 auxiliaries, returned Somotillo from patrol to area La Flor, San Ramon and Pablo Grande, report no unusual movements. Natives state bandits in small groups of two and three frequently passing south. Runner from Sauce to Somotillo reports small groups along route and refuses to make more trips for the present.

21 May approximately 200 laborers were laid off from the Leon-El Sauce Railroad work and approximately 100 more to be let go, this due to heavy rains which has made work impossible at this time.

Lieut Delgadillo and nine enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Sgt Mayorga and nine enlisted arrived Totogalpa from half-way to Yalaguina.

Lieut Lopez and seven enlisted returned Yalaguina from half-way to Totogalpa.

Lieuts Kipp and Broderick and fifteen enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Lieuts Chenoweth and Hayes and nineteen enlisted cleared Apali on foraging patrol. Returned.

Lieut Delgadillo and six enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Velez with patrol returned to San Juan de las Pencas from El Jote and El Quezo vicinity, reports all quiet. No bandit information.



Lieut Dumas with five enlisted cleared San Antonio for Santa Rosa to investigate robbery. Lieut Sotomayor with ten enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for Santa Rosa to investigate the above.

Captain Small, Lieut Fonseca and fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Rocha with sixteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from halfway Matagalpa.

Captain Small, Lieut Fonseca and fifteen enlisted with one civil prisoner cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez with fifteen enlisted and one civilian cleared Corinto Finca for halfway to Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted returned Corinto Finca from halfway.

Captain Schwerin with fourteen enlisted returned Corinto Finca from combat patrol covering Blandon and San Lucas.

Captain Schwerin with fourteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca in pursuit of bandit groups reported at Venecia.

Eight enlisted cleared Matagalpa for halfway to Jinotega.

Major Whaley, Lieut Ward and three enlisted cleared Esquipulas for Dario via San Dionisio and Terrabona and arrived.

Lieut Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro on reconnaissance patrol. Returned. Captured wife of Heriberto Reyes and Tiburcio Quintero and two bandit suspects.

Major Whaley and Lieut Ward with three enlisted cleared Dario for San Isidro and arrived.

Lieut Montes with six enlisted cleared Navarro on police mission and returned.

Lieut Stevens and Lieut Stewart with three enlisted cleared Esquipulas on police mission.

#### 22 MAY 1932

Lieut Cuadra C. (M) returned Leon from Chinandega from inspection trip.

Lieuts Kipp and Broderick and ten enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Mahoney, Hayes and Zamora and twenty four enlisted cleared Apali for Jalapa.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty six enlisted cleared Apali for Telpaneca.

Lieut Hammond, eight enlisted and eight civicos cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieut McCorkle and six enlisted cleared La Trinidad escorting two inspectors of Hacienda to points near station.

Lieut Stanko and nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived. Cleared for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Hammond, eight enlisted and eight civicos returned Condega from combat mission.

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

Lieut Dumas with five enlisted returned to San Antonio from Santa Rosa and vicinity. Nothing to report. Lieut Sotomayor with ten enlisted returned to Chichigalpa from above place.

Captain Small, Lieut Hall (M) and Ashbrook with twenty enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Lieut Fonseca with fourteen enlisted and one armed civilian cleared Jinotega on combat patrol and returned.

Captain Small, Lieut Hall (M) and Ashbrook with twenty one enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Lieut Ashbrook and Solorzano with fourteen enlisted and one armed civilian cleared San Rafael on reconnaissance patrol.

Major Whaley, Lieut Ward and three enlisted returned to Matagalpa, having completed inspection all outposts in Dept. of Matagalpa.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty six enlisted arrived San Juan from Apali.

#### 23 MAY 1932

Lieut Burt and twelve enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo on reconnaissance mission.

Lieuts Mahoney, Hays and Zamora and twenty four enlisted arrived Jalapa from Apali. Returned to Apali and arrived.

Major Burwell cleared Ocotal for Managua via plane. Lieut Anderson and one enlisted mechanic arrived Ocotal from Managua via plane.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty enlisted cleared San Juan for Daraili via point 232-355.

Lieut Burt and twelve enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Klein, with Jefe Politico and five enlisted cleared Chinandega for Cosmapa and Fuente Colorado and vicinity. Arrived Chichigalpa with two prisoners, two rifles and a quantity of stolen property recovered.

Lieut Gray and combined Guardia and civico patrol of twenty men had contact lasting thirty minutes one mile West of Neptune Mine on May twenty third with a large group under PEDRON ALTAMIRANO which has been threatening guardia post there for several days. Fighting was very intense. Upon return of patrol to Neptune Mine cuartel was attacked by another group from North but attack repulsed. Planes bombed and dispersed bandits and broke up further attack. Bandit casualties seventeen killed. No serious guardia casualties.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee, Matamoros and Fonseca with twenty eight enlisted cleared Jinotega for combat and reconnaissance patrol.

Lieut Ashbrook, Lieut Solorzano with fourteen enlisted and one armed civico returned San Rafael from reconnaissance patrol.

Major Whaley, Lieut Ward and three enlisted cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieuts Mahoney, Hayes, Zamora and twenty three enlisted arrived Apali from Jalapa.

#### 24 MAY 1932

Lieut Klein with Jefe Politico, Lieut Spart and ten enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for Valle de los Mayorga and Posoltega, returned to Chichigalpa with three prisoners and recovered stolen horses and bulls. Lieut Klein, Jefe Politico with five enlisted arrived Chinandega with five prisoners, one confiscated shotgun, one rifle, one revolver and recovered stolen animals and bull cart.

Lieut Jarquin, eight enlisted, nine auxiliares, cleared El Sauce for Achuapa with ammunition and supplies.

Lieuts McDonald, Cabrera and Artola and thirteen enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Stanko and nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Burt and seven enlisted arrived Condega from Pueblo Nuevo. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Sgt Sanchez, nine other enlisted and one civico cleared Condega for half-way to Daraili to repair telephone line.

Lieut Livermore and thirteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for San Fernando.

Lieuts Broderick, Aleman and Monterrey and fourteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for area north and north-east of Ocotal on combat mission.

Lieuts Centeno and Chavarria and twenty-two enlisted cleared Esteli on combat mission.

Lieut Stanko and nine enlisted returned Palacaguina from reconnaissance patrol.

Lieut Zeledon and fifteen enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieuts Navarrete and Perez with twenty five enlisted, combat patrol from Matagalpa arrived La Concordia from Colon.

Lieut Zeledon with fifteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Solorzano with six enlisted cleared San Rafael with Hacienda Inspector on police mission.

Lieut Zeledon with twenty enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Lieut Solorzano with six enlisted returned San Rafael from police mission. Captured one cususa still.

Six enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and reported.

Lieut Herregodts and Saenz with fifteen enlisted cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas.

Eight enlisted cleared San Isidro for Rio Viejo on police mission and returned.

Major Whaley, Lieut Leady and three enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Casas Viejas on reconnaissance mission. Returned.

#### 25 MAY 1932

Lieut Hughes and twelve enlisted cleared Limay for half-way to Achuapa.

Lieuts McDonald and Bilbrey and fourteen enlisted cleared Yalaguina on combat mission.

Lieut Gutierrez and seventeen enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali.

Lieut Hays and nineteen enlisted cleared Apali for San Juan.

Lieut Livermore and thirteen enlisted returned Telpaneca from San Fernando.

Lieuts McDonald and Bilbrey and fourteen enlisted returned Yalaguina.

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

Three enlisted, twenty-two Auxiliares cleared Leon via train for end of Rails and El Sauce for duty.

El Sauce reports information received from Limay, that Achuapa patrol when returning from halfway to Limay on 25 May, had contact with group, firing said to have lasted one half-hour, no further details.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee, Matamoros and Fonseca with twenty-eight enlisted Co. "M" and three civil prisoners returned Jinotega from reconnaissance patrol.

Lieut Downey with fifteen enlisted patrol and three transferred cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa.

Lieuts Navarrete, Perez and twenty five enlisted, Matagalpa patrol cleared La Concordia for Colon, San Marcos and Santa Barbara.

Lieut Solorzano and six enlisted cleared San Rafael with Inspector Hacienda on police mission.

Captain Skall with eight enlisted cleared San Rafael on police mission north of San Rafael. Returned.

Lieut Solorzano and six enlisted returned San Rafael from police mission.

Lieut Leady and three enlisted arrived Navarro from Matagalpa.

Captain Davis with ten enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro and arrived.

Lieut Stanley with nine enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Managua.

#### 26 MAY 1932

Lieut Kalman, seven enlisted and 25 auxiliares arrived El Sauce from Punta Rieles.

Lieut Reid and 21 enlisted and four Auxiliares cleared Somotillo for Villa Nueva.

El Sauce reports, Lieut Atwell and Jarquin, 8 enlisted and 10 Auxiliares had contact at about 10.00 with group estimated at about fifty. Jefe unknown. Contact was about one league south of Achuapa on main road to Sauce. Group was surprised



while preparing ambush. Firing lasted twenty minutes when group scattered. Two bandits wounded. No Guardia casualties. Lieut Sanchez and patrol captured member of Umanzor group, one league north of Achuapa.

Lieuts Navarrete and Perez and Matagalpa patrol had contact at 0930 with bandit group, jefe unknown, at Chilamatal one half league south of Santa Barbara (233-306) Marine Corps Map. Bandit casualties one known killed. No Guardia casualties. Bandits dispersed in all directions.

Colonel Leech, Commanding Eastern Area reports conditions at Neptune Mine again normal. The mine has resumed operations. The large bandit group under Pedron Altamirano which has been threatening the Mine and Guardia post at that place, is withdrawing towards Casa Vieja. Lieut Curcey and strong patrol is in pursuit.

The following contact report is quoted:-

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, DEPARTMENT OF CHONTALES, NIC.  
Juigalpa, May 20, 1952.

From: Lieut Jose Antonio Tercero, GN.,  
To : The Department Commander, Dept. of Chontales.

Subject : Contact report.  
Reference: Verbal orders from the Department Commander.

1. In accordance with verbal orders from The Department Commander to relieve Lieut Barboza's patrol of Rama- La Manga-Pueblo Viejo-Santo Tomas-San Pedro-Santo Domingo Distr. cleared Juigalpa for Acoyapa at 0800 with five Guardias. Arrived Acoyapa at 12:30 that same day. We spent the rest of the day trying to get some information of the bandits whereabouts.

2. Cleared Acoyapa at 5:30 AM May 10, with three more Guardias of the District of Acoyapa, and the other five from Juigalpa. Arrived La Manga at 7:00 PM with some information that a group of 30 bandits were at a place called Arranca Barba. Camped there that night where we were informed that the bandits were near El Coral, about six leagues north east of La Manga. Cleared La Manga at 5:00 AM May 11. Arrived El Coral about 4:00 PM. On our way to El Coral we obtained information that the bandits were at Presillas, jurisdiction of Rama, Department of Bluefields. We were informed at El Coral that bandits, numbering 30, had sacked every house in that place three days before my arrival.

3. Cleared El Coral at 6:50 AM May 12, for Presillas. Arrived Presillas at 4:00 PM, having passed las Iguanas and La Batea, small towns, where people were frightened because the bandits had passed there two days before. Information was given to me at Presillas that bandits were at Camusasca in the banks of the river Mico, we cleared for said place arriving at "Soledad" at 7:00 PM. Camped there for the night. We could not continue for Camusasca due to darkness and because it is very hard to go through those mountains where there are only small roads, that are impossible to follow on dark nights.

4. Cleared "Soledad" at 5:00 AM May 13, for Camusasca. Arrived at 10:00 AM but bandits had already left that place. We were informed that had gone North in direction of "Boca de Belun". Cleared for that place. Arrived "El Caimito" at 3:00 PM. Cleared "El Caimito" and arrived "Los Angeles" at 8:00 PM. Camped there for the night. There I was informed that bandits were at "Boca de Belun". Cleared Los Angeles at 5:00 AM May 14 for "Boca de Belun" arriving at 9:00 AM but could find no bandits, they had passed there two days before after having sacked the town and then had left for Copales. We continued that direction trying to reach them, but when we arrived at "La India" we were informed that the bandits were

not at "Copala" and that had left in direction of "Cerro Chato", jurisdiction of Santo Domingo. I decided to clear for Santo Tomas in order to make the way shorter. Arrived Santo Tomas at 11:30 PM that same day May 14.

5. May 15. Patrol rested at Santo Tomas.

May 16 at 7:00 AM cleared for San Pedro and arrived at 10:00 AM. Proceeded for "Banadi", jurisdiction of Santo Domingo arriving at 10:30 PM after having gone through "El Cangrejal", "Tataumbia" and "Las Lajitas". Information was given to us that bandits had gone to a place called "Zanzibar".

6. Cleared "Banadi", at 5:10 AM May 17. Arrived "Zanzibar" at 12:00 AM that same day. Bandits had passed the night there and had cleared for San Jose just two hours before my arrival. We immediately proceeded to persecute the bandits. The Guardias were very tired. Arrived San Jose at 8:00 PM. We made a very cautious approach toward a shack on a hill where there were some horses tied to the trees and heard the bandits singing. We tied our horses at one side of the road and proceeded toward the bandits. The shack was located on a hill down in the valley. We could approach no further without exposing ourselves to the bandits. They saw us when we were trying to gain a better position and fire was opened against them. The bandits fled to the mountains, setting themselves behind the trees and discharging their arms against us. My patrol advanced and the bandits fled to the brush. They were pursued but no further contact could be obtained.

7. Contact lasted about ten minutes starting at 6:30 PM May 17. They were about 18 bandits armed with rifles, pistols and shot guns. Their jefe was POLICARPO FONSECA, whom the bandits called Major and who is said to be from Honduras. Bandit casualties are unknown but many bloody trails were found. The following was captured from the bandits:- 15 horses, 10 saddles, 2 Krag Rifles type 1898, 2 shot guns, six rounds Krag, half pound black powder, four dynamite sticks with their corresponding fuses, clothes of their personal use, 4 cutachas, small amount of medicines, three rain coats, five rubber sacks, six hammocks, sacks, red and black emblems, one flag red-yellow-white with a black ribbon and a white star, miscellaneous articles and correspondence.

8. Arms employed by the Guardia were:- 8 Krag Rifles, one SMG. Guardia casualties, none. The patrol consisted of the following officer and enlisted men:-

2nd Lieut Jose Antonio Tercero G.N.,

Raso ACEVEDO, Antonio	#4408
" BALTODANO, Gabriel h	1704
" MELLENDEZ, Juan	3363
" TALAVERA, Andres	2955
" SANCHEZ, Francisco	2518
" Rivera, Nicolas	4626
" GARCIA, Juan E.	4588
" JIMENEZ, Guillermo	3263

9. The conduct of all members of the patrol was excellent and worthy of highest praise.

/s/ J. A. Tercero.

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...oO- PERSONNEL -Oo...

Lieutenant Wallace transferred to 2d Marine Brigade on 21 May, 1932.

Captain Caspar from Managua to Esteli by plane on 24 May.

Lieut Johnson from GN to 2d Marine Brigade on 24 May.

Lieut. Munoz transferred to Hospital, 2d Marine Brigade on 24 May.

Major Livingston, Paymaster, G.N. transferred to Hqtrs. Marine Corps on 25 May, 1932 via U.S.S. Nitro. He has completed a very successful tour of duty and was instrumental in building up and maintaining a very efficient Pay Department.

Captain Tebbs transferred to 2d Marine Brigade on 25 May.

Lieut. Chenoweith transferred to Hospital, 2d Marine Brigade on 26 May.

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Aircraft Squadrons, 2d Marine Brigade, during this past week, has been exceptionally active. Some very efficient bombing was done in the vicinity of Neptune Mine which was instrumental in forcing the withdrawal of Pedron Altamirano and his group from the vicinity of that station. Pedron had been threatening the mines for a period of almost a week.

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Colonel L.P. Hunt, Operations Officer, GN, cleared Managua for Puerto Cabezas on 19 May and returned via plane on 21 May, 1932. Liaison trip to Eastern Area.

Captain Biebush joined the Guardia from the U.S. on 25 May, 1932.

Lieutenant Berry joined the Guardia from the U.S. on 25 May, 1932.

Major Burwell arrived Managua from Ocotal by plane on 23 May and returned to Ocotal by plane on 26 May, 1932.

Reports from Brigade Hospital indicate that Lieutenant Truesdale is recovering rapidly from wounds received from exploding hand grenade.

°THE END°