

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MANAGUA, NIC.
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THE GUARDIA NEWS LETTER No. 106 (23 to 30 JUNE 1932).

23 JUNE 1932

Lieut Kipp with fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaró for Apali and arrived.

Lieuts Bond and Montenegro patrol arrived Apali.

Lieuts Bond and Cuadra cleared Apali for vicinity of Las Puertás.

Lieut Gutierrez with twelve enlisted cleared Apali for Ciudad Antigua. Returned.

Lieut Montenegro with fifteen enlisted and three auxiliaries cleared Jalapa for point 216-403.

Lieut Aleman with five enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo and arrived.

Lieut Gutierrez with twelve enlisted arrived Apali from San Fernando.

Lieuts Keller and Gutierrez with twelve enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieut Sandino with nine enlisted returned to Daraili.

Lieuts Hamas and Kipp with fifteen enlisted arrived Jicaró.

Lieut Jarquin, eight enlisted, seven auxiliaries returned to El Sauce from half-way to Achuapa escorting Lieut Atwell.

Lieut Montenegro patrol returned Jalapa.

24 JUNE 1932

Lieut Bilbrey with six enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieut Hughes and Silva with twenty-five enlisted cleared Esteli on combat mission.

Lieut Gutierrez with twelve enlisted arrived Apali from San Fernando. Cleared for Quilali.

Lieut Aleman with five enlisted cleared Macuelizo on police mission. Returned Macuelizo.

Lieut Hays and Gutierrez with twelve enlisted cleared Quilali for half-way to San Juan.

Sgt Rojas with nine other enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieut Bilbrey with seven enlisted cleared Sonoto for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Pravia with four enlisted and six auxiliared cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Olomega, Argelia and vicinity. Returned. Reported all quiet. No information.

25 JUNE 1932

Lieut Uriza, native, and Consuelo patrol had contact at 1100 with rear guard of sixty of Pedron Altamirano group near Piedra Luna (230-301). Bandits were driven Northwest toward Maximo Rivas (264-307). Bandit casualties one killed and indications of several wounded. Three guardia patrols in pursuit.

Lieut Lopez and five police cleared Leon for Telica to escort propaganda and prevent disorder and returned.

Engine No. 16 going to Corinto alone ran down one of long line of cars returning from Telica to Leon which had stalled on the Railroad track. The engineer was saved from being mobbed by the prompt action of Lieut Lopez who mounted the engine and at the point of his pistol put off several men who had mounted the engine and were beating the engineer. Nobody was hurt.

Lieut Quintanilla and four enlisted cleared Leon for Charaseca to prevent disorder in the Sacasa propaganda.

Lieut Kipp with fourteen enlisted cleared Jicaro to meet Apali patrol.

Captain Lakso, Lieuts Bond, Cuadra, Gutierrez and Montenegro with thirty-nine enlisted cleared Apali on combat mission.

Lieut Stanko with eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega.

Esteli combat patrol operating area Moropotente-Colon Valley-La Trinidad.

Apali and Jicaro patrols were to meet and work together in operations.

Lieuts Schuler, Spart and Velez with six enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo to investigate the killing of Sgt. Coronado, who was killed on road about 600 yards out of El Viejo by outlaws. Arrived via auto. Lieut Spart cleared El Viejo with a patrol in pursuit of murders, found horse belonging to one of the murders one league from El Viejo on El Tempisque road, man was running across field would not stop when halted was fired upon and killed. Patrol returned to El Viejo. One other suspect arrested. Sgt Coronado wounded one outlaw before being killed.

26 JUNE 1932

Five enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo with Jefe Politico as escorts for Vice President of Nicaragua. Returned.

Lieut Quintanilla and four enlisted returned Leon from Chacra-seca and neighboring Comarcas with the Sacasa propaganda. Nothing to report, except very much concurrence.

. Lieuts McDonald and Lopez with ten enlisted cleared Somoto for Patate.

Lieut Saravia with eight enlisted cleared La Trinidad for El Rosi Rio. Returned.

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

Lieut Sandino with eight enlisted and one civico cleared Condega for Daraili. Arrived.

Lieut Mathewson with twelve enlisted arrived Quilali.

Lieuts Hays and Mathewson with twelve enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali. Returned.

27 JUNE 1932

Cabo Martinez, Ventura and three enlisted cleared Leon for Las Chacaras. Returned with two shot guns and two prisoners.

Lieut Quintanilla, seven enlisted and one guide, cleared Leon for Quebrada Seca. Returned with dead body of one Silva, who killed the chinaman Ernesto Chang in Leon in 1930. Silva was killed while resisting arrest and after having fired five shots from his .32 pistol at the patrol.

Lieut Castrillo, ten enlisted and five auxiliares cleared El Sauce for half-way to Achuapa escorting Lieut Atwell. Lieut Sanchez, twelve enlisted cleared Achuapa same time to meet Lieut Atwell who will proceed to Achuapa.

Lieut Hughes and Silva with combat patrol arrived San Jose.

Major Burwell with five enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto.

Sgt Acevedo with five other enlisted and six civicos cleared Apali for vicinity Los Limones. Returned.

Lieut Hamas with seven enlisted and six civicos cleared Jicaro for point 235-409.

Lieut Gutierrez with patrol returned Quilali.

Lieut Hays with sixteen enlisted and one prisoner guide cleared San Juan on combat mission.

Lieut Berry with nine enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Major Burwell patrol arrived Dipilto. Cleared with fifteen enlisted for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo with eight enlisted, one sick and eight civilians cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived. Returned to Totogalpa.

28 JUNE 1932

Lieut Gutierrez, native, and guardia patrol of Quilali attacked bandit camp of Ezequiel Zamora Zeledon, Sandino's Secretary, on the 28th of June, Northeast of Quilali. Bandit casualties six killed including Jefe Zeledon and eight wounded. Guardia casualties none. Guardia captured one rifle, one pistol, 120 detonators, quantity of dynamite and much valuable correspondence.

Lieut Quintanilla with five enlisted and civilian guide cleared Leon for Salinas Grande to investigate report that arms and contraband were hidden in that area.

Lieuts Castrillo and Atwell met Achuapa patrol at half-way to Achuapa and both patrols returned to home station.

Telegraph lineman from El Sauce was held by bandits. Escaped night before last from group of 25 under Innocente Gonzalez at point 205-272. Group well armed, rifles, no automatics. Heading East at time.

Lieut Spart with five enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and Atoya districts. Returned with one civil prisoner and a quantity of cususa.

Lieut Delgadillo patrol arrived Totogalpa.

Lieut Berry with nine enlisted and eight prisoners cleared Totogalpa for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieut Stanko with eight enlisted cleared half-way to Condega. Returned.

Lieut Kipp with fourteen- enlisted cleared Jalapa for Jicararo.

Sgt Vilchez with eight other enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Palacaguina.

Major Burwell with ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo.

Lieut Livermore with fifteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for point 219-369. Returned.

Lieuts Cuadra and Cuadra (M) with eighteen enlisted cleared Jalapa for Apali.

Lieut Gutierrez with twenty enlisted and two guides cleared Quilali for vicinity 241-372.

Lieut Stanko with nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Yalaguina. Arrived. Returned to Palacaguina.

Lieut Chavarria with twenty enlisted cleared Limay on police mission.

Lieut McDonald with ten enlisted and eleven civilian prisoners cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Lieut Lopez with eighteen enlisted cleared Condega for point 213-336 and 215-334 and vicinity.

Major Whaley, Doctor Young, Lieuts Castillo and Zeledon with twenty five enlisted arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Wriston with ten enlisted returned Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Lieuts Gutierrez P., Wriston and Slattery with five enlisted cleared Jinotega for aviation field and Corinto Finca.

Major Whaley, Doctor Young, Lieuts Castillo and Zelddon and twenty five enlisted cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Lieuts Snyder and Solorzano with fifteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieuts Snyder, Solorzano and fifteen enlisted with eight civilians carrying body of dead Guardia cleared San Rafael for Yali. Arrived.

Captain Davis, Lieuts Navarrete, Montes and thirty enlisted cleared Navarro on combat mission.

Lieut Atha with fifteen enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo.

Six enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieuts Atha, Gumaelious and twenty-five enlisted cleared Consuelo on combat mission.

Lieuts Lee and Fonseca with thirty two enlisted arrived Navarro from Matagalpa.

29 JUNE 1932

Lieut Ortiz with twenty enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to Condega.

Sgt Olivas with six enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Somoto.

Captain Lakso, Lieuts Bond, Gutierrez and Montenegro with twenty-four enlisted cleared Jalapa for Apali.

Lieuts McDonald and Cabrera with eight enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way to Yalaguina. Arrived.

Sgt Vilchez with eight other enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Esteli.

Lieut Cabrera with eight enlisted returned Somoto.

Lieut Gustavo Gutierrez with twenty-one enlisted returned Quilali.

Lieuts McDonald and Bilbrey with seven enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Totogalpa. Arrived.

Six enlisted with three prisoners cleared Telpaneca for La Loma, half league from Telpaneca wording detail.

Lieut Artola with seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half-way Yalaguina.

Lieut Bilbrey with six enlisted returned Yalaguina.

Major Burwell with fifteen enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Santa Maria and arrived.

Lieut Spart with twelve enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo, Atoya, Santa Maria and vicinity.

Lieut Quintanilla, five enlisted and one civilian guide, returned Leon from Salinas Grandes area, nothing to report.

30 JUNE 1932

Lieut Edward H. Schmierer G.N., Commanding Guardia post at San Isidro, was murdered by Lieut Roberto Gonzalez while he (Schmierer) was in bed sometime during the early morning of June thirtieth. Gonzalez then deserted with five enlisted men. The cause of the murder is unknown as no information has been received undiating any previous ill-will between the two officers. An investigation is being made.

Lieut Spart with twelve enlisted returned Chinandega from Atoya, Olanda, Santa Maria, El Jote, El Viejo and vicinity. Nothing to report.

Lieut Quintanilla with ten enlisted arrived Chinandega from Leon.

Lieut Reid, ten enlisted, cleared Somotillo for San Juan de las Pencas to receive mail from Leon. Arrived.

Lieut Quintanilla, ten enlisted, one Auxiliar and one civilian Agent, cleared Leon for San Juan de las Pencas via Chinandega on investigation.

El Sauce reports Telograph lineman reports group of 40 well armed, no automatic weapon. Jefe unknown at 182-296 on 30 June. Lieut Jarquin, twenty enlisted cleared to investigate.

Enlisted agent returned El Sauce and reports group at 182-296, cleared that place at noon 30th proceeding towards Esteli, and reliable native information stated another group of about 30 from same vicinity moved north earlier in the day. Possibly same group.

Native arriving San Juan de las Pencas from near 144-296 reports Umanzor with 500, slept there night June 29.

Lieut Cuadra and one enlisted with two auxiliares and one civilian guide cleared Leon for Quebrada Seca on police mission. Returned, reporting killing of one Lazaro Mendez companion of the late Silva killers of the Chinaman Ernesto Chang.

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THE following contact and patrol report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, WAUNI, NICARAGUA.
31 MAY, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut Leonard Curcey, G.N.
To : The Area Commander, Eastern Area, G.N.,
Bluefields, Nicaragua.
Via : The Department Commander, Southern Bluefields.
Subject : Combat mission.
Reference: (a) Orders Area Commander received via plane
drop, 23 May, 1932.
(b) 5th Regt. Special Map.

1. In compliance with above reference I and patrol of nineteen enlisted guardias, six civicos and one native guide cleared Wauni for Neptune Mines at 07424.

2. Orders for patrol were to proceed to Neptune with all possible speed, join forces with that Detachment, organize defense, patrol area working on local information and gain contact with bandit groups in the vicinity of mine.

24 MAY Patrol cleared Wauni at 0740 on Pis-Pis trail for Neptune, arrived and made camp on Fernandez Cerro at 1710. Very evident trail had been travelled by large group.

25 MAY Cleared Fernandez Cerro at 0530 arrived and made camp at Lauriano Mateos house at 1630, house unoccupied.

26 MAY Cleared Lauriano Mateos house at 0600, arrived at Neptune at 1330. Trail from this point to Neptune showed no signs of bandits having travelled over it. Rain responsible. Devoted best of day to cleaning equipment and arms.

27 MAY Cleared Neptune at 0800 and on information obtained from natives proceeded toward the Bodega from Bonanza Mine on Limon trail and about 3 miles from the Bonanza picked up a newly cut trail over two hills due East to the lone-star range, continued along the lone-star trail, see attached sketch. Trail along lone-star not shown. Myself and patrol followed trail and it was very evident bandits were ahead of us by the signs of peels and chowed sugar -cane strewn along trail. We continued along this trail for a period of about four hours and come on to the Limon trail just on the outskirts of the town and noticed that they were still ahead of us, we pushed right along for a period of an hour having passed the first house out of Limon and nearing the second one which is about one league away when our point was climbing an incline when patrol, point rather, got about one hundred yards up the side of it they were fired on from both sides by a heavy rifle fire followed by machine-gun

fire. The point immediately hit the ground for cover extended and took up fire. The Bar, with point swept both sides of bush but was unable to silence them. The guardia main body upon attack immediately took position in extended order thru bush to the right while the rear guard to the left taking up the fire. After carefully looking over the situation I directed the BAR with our rear guard to sweep bush with his fire but still the firing continued. I again noticed where the fire from the machine gun was coming and directed the Rifle Grenade man to drop a few grenades in that direction and with our automatic weapons sweeping the bush we were able to drive them away. Bandits were driven thru the bush toward the top of hill where a house was located. We now proceeded forward very cautiously until we reached house and noticed that Bandits were unable to take anything with them, (such as articles captured). Trail was on other side of hill and direction Wani. It was rather late and made camp there for night. Engagement took place at or about 4:40 PM and lasted for a period of 20 to 25 minutes.

Number of bandits engaged about 50 with Rifles, pistols and shot-guns. Also several dynamite bombs were thrown. It was rear guard of Pedron group which attacked Neptune Mine and was under the command of Jefe known as Irias.

No known bandits killed.
No Guardia casualties.

Guardia employed 2 BAR's; 1 STMG; 21 Krag Rifles and one .45 cal pistol.

Bandits employed about 40-50 rifles; Shot-guns; pistols and dynamite bombs. Also an auto weapon, Lewis or BAR.

The following was captured:

3 mules; 3 cows; 1 hog (dressed); 6 blankets wet old; 5 sticks of dynamite; 10 Lbs of Salt; 15 Lbs of Lard; 2 cutachas with seabboards; old clothing; cooking utensils; medicine; dried corn on cob; one sack and three bunches of green bananas.

Mules are now at Wani in Guardia Potrero. Cows left on trail at scene of engagement, owners will be notified thru Neptune Guardia and be permitted to get same. All other articles destroyed.

The following list of officers and Guardia participated in contact:-

2nd Lieut Leonard Curcey.	
Sgt. CHEVEZ, Alberto	# 58
Cabo PINNOCK, Levy	4821
" MORALES, Alfredo	141
Raso FLETES, Justino	3362
" CARDOZA, Jesus	3424
" CASTELLON, Simeon	3241
" VELASQUEZ, Luis	4630
" GUTIERREZ, Adolfo	4747

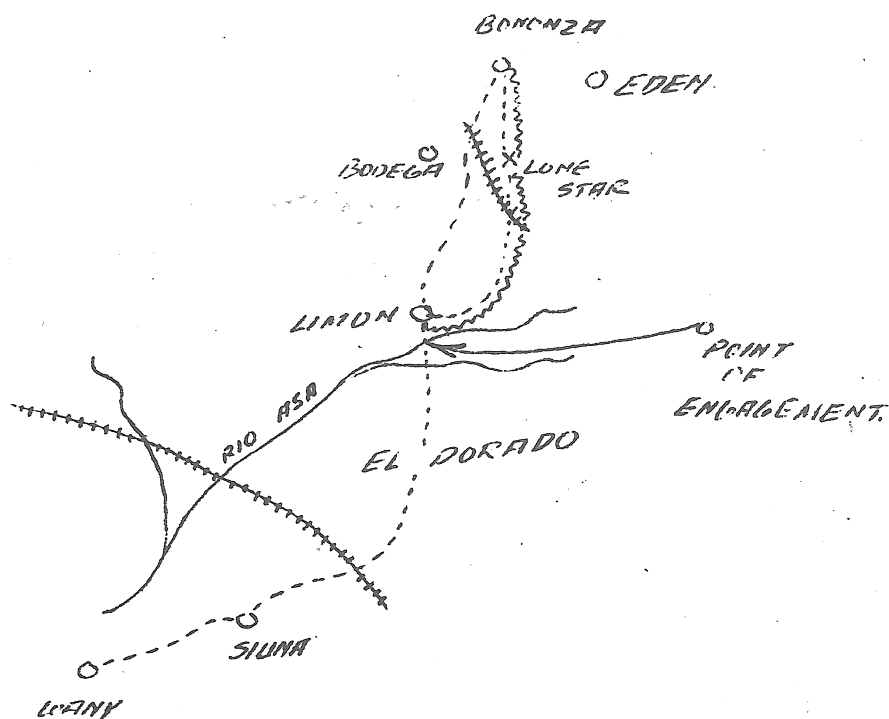
Raso	BROOK, Cecil	#2996
"	MATUTE, Santiago	4749
"	MARTINEZ, Salomon	3556
"	FLORES, Encarnacion	4756
"	DUARTE, Ceferino	4750
"	RUGAMA, Julian	4399
"	REYOS, Cipriano	3227
"	LYNCH, Willie	4732
"	VILLALOBOS, Ricardo	4808
"	AVILA, Domingo	4458
Cabo	VARGAS, Eliseo	2130

Civicos	BOGRAN, Tranquilino
"	CRUZ, Pablo
"	FLORES, Pedro
"	RODRIGUEZ, Juan
"	CENTENO, Felix
"	PADILLA, Rafael

The entire patrol including Civicos were very cool under fire and acted like veterans.

28 MAY Cleared scene of contact at 0530 and continued our chase along trail toward Wani after having covered about a league and one half, noticed a newly built bandit camp uncompleted with leaves for roofing laying aside and very evident that camp was not slept in. A cow had been slaughtered at this camp but only a small portion of the meat taken with them rest of carcass left there. A league or so further another camp similar was found to be uncompleted with another cow slaughtered and little of the meat taken. In both of the camps many articles of wet clothing were left behind along with them two pair of guardia leggins and two rubber ponchos such as issued to guardias, they were no means of identification though have reasons to believe that the Kisalaya Guardias deserted had joined Pedron. Ammunition and arms used at Neptune and our contact were some of those taken by deserters. Some of the empty shells, picked at scene of engagement in bandit position were Krag combat and casings almost new. We continued chase from scene of contact to place and outskirts of Suina and made camp there at 1940. Noticed along trail where bandits were shedding old shoes, leather leggins, articles of clothing. There were at least 30 pair of shoes which were worn so bad that they had to be cast away and hike in their bare foot. All along trail also noticed that their main diet was sugar-cane and dried corn on the cob and very evident knew we were pushing them hard. Lost bandit trail at about 1800 at Eldorado when they all trailed up creek and thru the bush to a trail to Asa. I was anxious to continue to Suina for fear they were going to enter town and murder people there because they had taken up arms against them.

29 MAY Cleared outskirts of Suina at daybreak to find Suina very quiet, When we entered it at 0550. I purchased coffee for patrol and cleared for Wani at 0730 reaching Wani at 1000. Upon my arrival dispatched Lieut Palacios ten enlisted Guardias and thirteen civicos of fresh



~~THICK~~ TRAIL CUT BY BANDITS.
 WWWW TRAIL NOT SHOWN ON
 5TH REGT. MAP.
 ----- TRAIL AS SHOWN ON AIRP.
 X SLEPT WITH PATROL
 25 MAY.

SKETCH OF CONTACT
 OF
 LIEUT. L.C. CURCEY, U.S.N.
 COMMANDING
 WATUNI PATROL
 ON
 LIMON
 TRAIL

27 MAY - 1932.

troops to Alo with a view of cutting Pedron and his group off thinking he might be forced to return that way because there are no cattle or bananas toward Casa Vieja, the only other route out of this Area. Lieut Palacios patrol covered trail travelled by bandits from Alo to a point on Wani River known as Laimus but did not make contact nor could be obtain any information of bandit whereabouts because all natives on the upper river have either stayed here at Wani or gone to the bush until bandits clear District. Lieut Palacios cleared Wani at 1100 May 29, 1932 and returned to Wani at 0930 May 31, 1932 without having seen anything of bandits.

30 MAY Myself, ten enlisted guardias, ten civicos and one native guide cleared Wani for Asa at 0730 on a combat mission on information that a group of bandits had been seen there. Arrived at Asa at 1230. No bandits nor any sign of trails as having been travelled by any group. Returned Wani at 1730. At 0330 sent native scout with two days rations on upper Wani and Uli River for the purpose of locating or picking up traces of bandits. Scout returned at 1630 May 31-32 with information that bandits were cutting now trail from point (19.7)-(E-7) over mountains to headquarters of Rio Illas, not shown on map, or else to Matagalpa trail to town of Illas thence to Bocay or Cubuli.

Since Lieut Palacios patrol arrived to-day, I have had no other patrol out.

In any event, I obtain any information of their whereabouts I will give chase with a view of destroying them.

L. CURCEY

OPERATIONS REPORT FROM RIVAS, 23 JUNE TO 29 JUNE, 1932:

23 JUNE ----- No Operations.

24 JUNE 1430 One enlisted arrived from SAN Juan del Sur.

25 JUNE 0700 Two enlisted cleared Cardenas for Colon.
1500 Two enlisted cleared Rivas for Pompoa.

26 JUNE 0830 One enlisted arrived from San Jorge with one civil prisoner.
1000 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Jorge.
1900 Two enlisted returned to Cardenas from Colon.
1920 Two enlisted returned to Rivas from Pompoa.

27 JUNE 1000 One enlisted arrived Rivas from Potosi with one civil prisoner.
1300 One enlisted cleared Rivas for Potosi.
1030 One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Jorge.
1030 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Jorge.

28 JUNE 0900 Two enlisted cleared San Jorge for Zapatera
on police mission.
1500 Two enlisted returned San Jorge from Zapatera
with two civil prisoners.

29 JUNE 0600 Lieut Bello and one enlisted cleared Cardenas
for Rivas and arrived at 1600.

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HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, DEPT OF MATAGALPA
BUENA VISTA, NICARAGUA, JUNE 20, 1932.-

From: The District Commander.
To : The Department Commander.

Subject: Contact, report of.

1. Upon receiving reliable information from the
Juez de la Cañada de San Pablo that a group of twenty-five
bandits was in that cañada I cleared Buena Vista with the
following named Guardia at 14015.

2nd Lieut Wallace D. Martin.

Cabo REYES, Francisco	#1488	TSMG
Raso ALEMAN, Blas C.	1103	BAR
" VASQUEZ, Concepcion	4488	Rifle /discharger.
" VASQUEZ, Juan	404	Rifle and Grenade-
" PERALTA, Francisco	4298	TSMG.
" ALVAREZ, Domingo	4305	Rifle
" ESPINO, Gregorio	3712	Rifle, hand grenade.
" TORREZ, Pedro	4297	"
" MARINA, Dario		Civil

2. 1600- Arrived at el Horno, received information
that bandit group had cleared San Pablo for Savana Grande,
cleared and arrived at Savana Grande at 1800. I received
information here that the bandits had a camp near the Rio
Guabule in the house of one Anna Mariana. Arrived at the house
mentioned about 1930, I placed the Guardia at either side of
the house, after waiting for five minutes more or less as there
were no signs of any movement whatsoever in the house nor any
signs of bandits, three Guardia then advanced toward the door
of the house, when the bandits opened fire from within.
The Guardia returned the fire, the bandits remained in the
house returning fire with the Guardia for approximately ten
minutes at the end of which time they fled from the house,
making their exit by breaking the side of the house out, as
the Guardia had a machine gun trained on the door and was firing
through door, two bandits were killed while trying to escape
after having made their exit from the house and one was killed
before making his exit from the house. After the bandits had
gained the outside of the house they ran for the brush in all
directions firing as they ran. The Guardia tried to pick up
trail and follow tracks but due to heavy brush and darkness it
was impossible.

3. BANDIT casualties: killed 3, wounded known 4.
GUARDIA " : " 0, " " 0.

4. The following articles were captured from the bandits.:-

- 5 Horses.
- 1 Mule.
- 6 Albardas (native saddles)
- 6 Bridles.
- 3 Spurs, prs.
- 2 Blankets, saddle.
- 8 Ponchos, rubber,
- 8 Hats with red and black hat bands.
- 4 Blankets, new.
- 2 Shot-guns.
- 2 Rifles.
- 2 Pistols.
- 5 Ammunition, rds. Cal .38 Remington, (rifles)
- 200 Cigars, native (puros).
- 300 Cigar ettes, (native).
- 3 Covers, hat, rubber.
- 3 Sacks clothing, womens and mens.
- 2 Boots, riding, new.
- 7 Ear-rings, prs. and miscellaneous articles.

5. The Jefe of the bandit group was reported as ALFREDO RIZO, with twelve followers according to my estimation and the firing that they did during the contact, natives reported the group as twenty-five, they made use of three rifles the rest using pistols and shot-guns, during the contact.

6. I made camp for the rest of the night at scene of contact and the following morning made a careful reconnaissance of scene and the articles mentioned as captured in paragraph (4) were found in a rock cave about 500 yards from the house on the bank of the river Guabule, the cave showed evidence that it had been in use for quite some time due to trails leading to and from and a large number of cigarette stubs laying around within the cave, the small pasture where the bandits had their animals in pasturage was situated about one hundred yards from the cave and well hidden from view of any passers by, the cliffs and heavy brush concealed pasture completely, while trying to catch animals four of them broke through fence and made a complete escape, it was impossible to catch them.

7. 0900- Cleared Santa Tanna for San Pablo, arrived and cleared for Savanna Grande, arrived and cleared for el Horno, here I could gain no further information, so cleared for Matagalpa. 1400-Arrived at San Ramon and received rumors that one bandit was seen in Guadalupe, I ordered a patrol to clear from Las Lajas of five Guardia and three civicos under Sgt Cruz, Sevilla to investigate the rumor. 1500-Cleared San Ramon and arrived Matagalpa at 1800.

17 JUNE- 0930-Cleared Matagalpa for Samululi to investigate reports of bandits in that sector, I met Sgt Sevilla with his patrol enroute to same sector, he reported to me that he had a contact with a group of bandits in Samululi at 1300-17 June, he reported one Guardia wounded slightly and two bandits wounded. According to reports this was a group of

three men armed with pistols,, (the Guardia was wounded in head with a rock, while he was unconscious two unarmed men tried to take his rifle away but were not successful in doing so, Juan Sanchez is reported as being the Jefe of this group. 1630-I arrived at the house of Juan Sanchez and his wife told me that he was in Managua on business, I discovered three gallons of coffee made and twenty tortillas, when woman was questioned as to how many mozos she had working on place she stated only three, I combined Sgt Sevillas patrol with mine and was working with both patrols Sgt Sevilla captured a brother of Juan Sanchez and he confessed to him that his brother (Juan Sanchez) was the jefe of that group, about ten men. Made camp for night in Samululi.

18 JUNE- 600-Cleared for Pueblo Viejo and upon arrival received information that a group had passed (number not known) in direction of San Dionisio, cleared for San Dionisio and arrived. 1400-Cleared San Dionisio for La Guara arriving at 1900. Made camp.

19 JUNE- 0600-Cleared for Piedras Colorado and arrived. No information. 0900-Cleared for San Ramon. Arrived at 1400. 1600-Cleared San Ramon for San Pablo and arrived at 2200, no information. 2230-Cleared for El Horno, arriving at 2400, camp for night. Here I received information that Lieut Uriza and Guardia patrol had captured a pistol from one of the men that was left at scene of my contact wounded and thought to be a civilian, I have an order from the Juez de Policia of San Ramon for the capture of both the wounded men as being bandits, he also captured the animals that I had left in Santa Tanna, patrol clearing this date to effect capture of the wounded to be taken to San Ramon.

20 JUNE- 0500-Cleared El Horno for Buana Vista arriving at 0900.

W. D. MARTIN
2nd Lieut G.N. de Nic.

The following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, YALI, NICARAGUA.
8 JUNE, 1932.-

From: 2nd Lieut C.D. Snyder,
To : The Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega, Nic.
Via.: The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte.
Subject: Contact, report of.

1. The following is submitted as a report of contact a Yali combat patrol had on Yali mountain at about eight thirty on the morning of six June, 1932 and a record of events to the time this patrol returned to Yali on eight June, 1932:

6 JUNE- A combat patrol consisting of Captain A. C. Small, myself, Lieut Ciro Zeledon and twenty seven enlisted cleared upon orders, for La Corcordia, at about 0600. Upon arriving at the top of the west ridge Yali Mountain, on the

Yali-Concordia road, the telegraph line was found cut in two or three places and a considerable length of wire missing. The Guardia sentries stationed on either side of the road found the trail where a small group had crossed from the west side going in the direction of "El Volcan". Captain Small ordered myself and Lieut Zeledon to follow this fresh trail, make contact with the group, if possible and then report to Concordia as soon as possible. In the meantime, the Captain continued on to Concordia with the pack animals and some Yali civilians that were accompanying the patrol as far as Concordia. Lieut Snyder, Lieut Zeledon and nineteen enlisted followed the bandit trail towards Volcan. The patrol found the cut wire about three hundred yards from the road. At about eight thirty, the patrol made contact with a group of about twenty or twenty-five bandits at an old abandoned house near Volcan. Contact lasted about five minutes, resulting in two dead bandits, capture of two pistols, one dynamite bomb, sixteen rounds Cal .45 and 44 ammunition and a few articles of clothing. The bandits fired three burst from a Thompson Machine-gun but the majority of them were armed with pistols and a few rifles.

The patrol had come in back of this group and in scattering, the bandits ran towards the Concordia road. While we were checking up on the captured articles, we heard firing in the direction of the road. In the meantime, the patrol had attempted pursuit but lost much time in trying to cross a thorn patch that the bandits had either jumped or run under. The patrol was immediately formed and continued down a trail that led to the road where we had heard the Captain and his part of the patrol firing. Upon arriving on the main trail, we found that Captain Small and the pack train had proceeded on towards Concordia. At about nine or nine thirty, Lieut Zeledon and the point fired upon four bandits that had evidently been watching the pack train going on down the mountain ahead of our patrol. This firing resulted in one dead bandit. His companions had evidently taken his arm when he fell. 1130-Arrived at Concordia and awaited further orders.

7 JUNE- Remained all day in La Concordia awaiting orders.

8 JUNE- 0800-Cleared for Yali with sufficient wire to repair telegraph line. Arrived at the place where the line was cut and sent detail to reclaim wire that the patrol had found on the bandits trail. 1300-Arrived Yali.

2. Upon arrival at La Concordia, Lieut Castillo informed me that Tomas Blandon was reported to be in the vicinity where the Yali patrol had the contact and that he had about twenty five men in his group. Outside of this information, the Jefe is not known.

3. Returning to Yali, we received information that a group of one hundred fifty well armed bandits had crossed the Concordia road at the same place where we found the trail of the small group. They were reported to have passed at about twelve o'clock noon on the seventh June. Runners to outlying valleys failed to confirm this report.

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Lieut. Ray cleared Managua for Ocotal on 25 June, 1932.

Lieut. Phillips arrived Managua from Bluefields on 25 June.

Captain J. C. McQueen, District Commander, District of El Sauce, arrived Managua from El Sauce for transfer to U.S. Tour of duty in Nicaragua completed. 27 June, 1932.

Lieut. Vogel to Northern Area from Managua on 28 June.

Captain Inman arrived Managua from leave in the U.S. on 2 July, 1932.

Lt. Edward Hall Schmierer, G.N., (Gunnery Sergeant, U.S.M.C.) was shot and killed while asleep in his bunk, June 30, by Lt. Roberto Gonzales, a native Nicaraguan officer, in San Isidro, Department of Matagalpa. Gonzales then robbed and sacked Lt. Schmierer's quarters, collected a portion of the arms and some ammunition and, accompanied by five Guardia, deserted. No reason or motive for the act has been determined. Three of the deserters have since reported into Campo de Marte with all the arms and ammunition they were carrying, having refused to accompany Gonzales further.

Lieutenant Schmierer has had an enviable record in the Marine Corps and Guardia Nacional. He has had thirteen years service in the Marine Corps, served in Nicaragua in 1924 and 1925, returned in 1927 and has served in Nicaragua continuously since that time, the last fourteen months in the Guardia Nacional. He has participated in several contacts with the bandits during his Guardia service and was always held in high esteem by his brother officers and the enlisted personnel of his various commands. Lieutenant Schmierer, while a member of the Marine Rifle Team at Camp Perry, 1930, made the highest individual rifle score for the bronze medal during the N.R.A. Grand Aggregate of that year.

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