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-----oO- 19 JULY 1932 -oO-----

Lieuts Wriston, Gutierrez P. and Gutierrez R, cleared Jinotega for half-way to San Rafael via aviation field.

Lieut Matamoros with six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

Lieuts Weeks and Ashbrook with thirty enlisted returned Yali from reconnaissance mission vicinity of Pavonas. Report Jefe Robledo alive and operating that vicinity. No operating information gained.

Lieut Rocha with seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Captain Puller, Lieut Cramer and twenty three enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on combat patrol.

Lieut Rocha with seven enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Captain Puller, Lieut Cramer and eighteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Lieut Navarrete and Lieut Jimenez with seven enlisted reported Consuelo from Buena Vista.

Captain Inman, Lieut Montes and fifteen enlisted returned to Navarro from reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Herregodts with five enlisted cleared Matiguas to investigate rumors that bandit group now operating that vicinity.

-----oO- 20 JULY 1932 -oO-----

Lieut Gutierrez P. with thirteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way San Rafael.

Lieut Castillo with thirteen enlisted and four civil prisoners cleared San Rafael for half-way Jinotega.

Lieuts Flipppo and Lavadiere with ten enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro and arrived.

-----oO- 21 JULY 1932 -oO-----

Sgt. Herrera with thirteen enlisted returned Jinotega from half-way to Matagalpa.

Lieut Downey and eleven enlisted returned Jinotega from half-way to Matagalpa and Jocomico.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee, Wriston, Fonseca and Gutierrez R., with twenty eight enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

-Lieut Hall (M), Lieut Castillo and six enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Lieuts Weeks, Ashbrook, Hall (M) and seven enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee, Wriston, Fonseca and Gutierrez R. with twenty eight enlisted arrived Yali.

Captain Smith Lieuts Lee, Muñoz and Fonseca with forty enlisted cleared Yali to the north.

Lieuts Hall (M), Castillo and six enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

Lieuts Weeks, Hall (M), Ashbrook and seven enlisted and one armed civico cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Captain Puller, Lieut Cramer and twenty three enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from combat patrol.

Cabo Nuñez, and five other enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias.

Lieut Hamas and fourteen enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

-----oO- 22 JULY 1932 -oO-----

Lieut Jarquin, twenty enlisted, cleared El Sauce with telegraph linemen to repair line as far as one league north of Nacascolo.

Lieut Reid and Somotillo patrol arrived achuapa with three bandits suspects. Same patrol cleared on patrol to investigate rumor of bandit group.

Four enlisted arrived Leon from police mission with three civil prisoners.

Captain Gaspar, Lieuts McDonald and Ortiz and fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for La Trinidad. Arrived. Returned to Esteli. Arrived.

Lieut Schoning (R) and fifteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to San Juan.

Lieut Keller and ten enlisted cleared San Fernando for Ciudad Antigua. Returned to San Fernando. Cleared for Apali. Arrived. Cleared for San Fernando.

Lieut Burt and ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Pueblo Nuevo.

Cabo Zavala and fourteen other enlisted returned Telpaneca from half-way to San Juan. Lieut Schoning (R) having proceeded with San Juan patrol.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Mahoney and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali on combat mission.

Five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way to Jinotega and returned.

Lieut Pennington and six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way to Jinotega and returned.

Lieut Martin and six enlisted cleared San Isidro on combat patrol. Returned.

Five enlisted cleared Navarro for La Corona. Returned.

Lieut Uriza and nine enlisted cleared Cuatro Esquinas on combat mission.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander, Central Area, Captain Monson, Lieut Grieco reported Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Lieut Montes with nine enlisted cleared Navarro on secret mission.

Lieut Martin, Lieut Bunn and seventeen enlisted cleared San Isidro on combat mission.

Captain Small, Lieuts Weeks, Ashbrook and thirteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for half-way to Jinotega.

Captain Small, and twelve enlisted returned San Rafael from half-way to Jinotega.

Lieut Montes, and nine enlisted returned Navarro from secret mission.

Lieut Stanly and twelve enlisted reported Matagalpa from Managua.

Lieut Uriza and nine enlisted returned Cuatro Esquinas from mission.

Captain Davis, Lieut Stevens and four enlisted reported Muy Muy from La Pineda and Esquipulas.

Sgt Montenegro and twelve other enlisted cleared San Juan for half-way to Telpaneca. Returned escorting Lieut Schoning (R).

Capt Biebush, Lieut Gutierrez and nine enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali.

-----oO- 23 JULY 1932 -Oo-----

Fifteen enlisted cleared Sauce for half-way to Achuapa to meet patrol from there and escort Lieut Sanchez to Sauce for duty.

Lieut Alonzo and two witnesses for investigation arrived Leon from Nagarote.

Lieut Jarquin, twenty enlisted returned Leon from vicinity Nacascolo with telegraph line repairman.

Lieut Bernheim and twelve enlisted cleared Ocotal for half-way to Telpaneca.

Captain Rowan, Lieuts Burns, Berueffy, Pallais and Buechlein (M) and ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Somoto. Arrived.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Mahoney and fifteen enlisted arrived San Fernando. Cleared for Apali and arrived.

Major Burwell, Lieut Hays and eighteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to Ocotal.

Lieut Stanko, eight enlisted and two civil prisoners cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived. Returned to Palacaguina and arrived.

Lieut Burt and ten enlisted arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Ocotal.

Lieut Lynch (I) and ten enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to La Trinidad to meet Lieut Saravia and eight enlisted which cleared La Trinidad at same time.

Lieuts Cuadra and Boswell (R) and fourteen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jalapa.

Major Burwell, Lieuts Hays and Bernheim and fifteen enlisted arrived Ocotal, Major Burwell, Lieuts Hays and three enlisted having joined from Telpaneca patrol.

Lieuts Broderick and Montenegro and thirty enlisted cleared Daraili for Condega and arrived.

Lieut Gutierrez and fourteen enlisted cleared Jicaro to repair buzzer line. Returned.

Sgt Acevedo and fifteen enlisted returned Telpaneca from half-way to Ocotal.

Lieut Cramer with twelve enlisted arrived Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieut Krawie and nine enlisted cleared Jinotega to repair telegraph line via Apanas. Returned.

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

Lieut Castillo and twenty enlisted cleared San Rafael on mission ordered from Jinotega.

Lieut Cuadra and fourteen enlisted returned Apali from half-way to Jalapa, Lieut Boswell (R) having proceeded with Jalapa patrol.

Lieut Montenegro and sixteen enlisted cleared Jalapa for half-way to Apali.

Lieuts Montengro and Boswell (R) and sixteen enlisted returned Jalapa from half-way to Apali.

-----o0- 24 JULY 1932 -0o-----

Lieut Sanchez with twenty enlisted cleared Sauce for Punta Rieles to meet prominent citizens from Leon, Returned Sauce with citizens.

Lieuts Reid and Artola, seventeen enlisted, and eight auxiliares returned Somotillo from patrolling area to east. Captured two cantrabandist, one bandit suspect and one pistol.

Lieut Surprenant with four enlisted cleared Chinandega for Valle de San Benito and vicinity to make arrest. Arrived Chichigalpa with one prisoner. Lieut Surprenant remained in Chichigalpa, four enlisted cleared for Chinandega and arrived.

Lieuts McDonald and Barquero and twenty six enlisted cleared Esteli for Limay.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Balacaguina for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Lieut Montenegro and ten enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Pueblo Nuevo.

Cabo Robleto and nine other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Condega.

Lieut Delgadillo and eight enlisted arrived Somoto from Totogalpa.

Sgt Acevedo and thirteen other enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to San Juan.

Cabo Robleto and nine other enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from half-way to Condega.

Lieut Schoning (R), thirteen enlisted and five divicos cleared San Juan for half-way to Telpaneca.

Lieut Montengro and ten enlisted returned Condega from half-way to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Delgadillo and seven enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieuts Hughes and Silva and Sixth Combat patrol combined with Lieuts Martin and Burns and San Isidro patrol arrived La Trinidad from combat mission.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted arrived Palacaguina from Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Schoning (R) and fourteen enlisted returned Telpaneca from half-way to San Juan, Lieut Schoning having joined from San Juan patrol.

Lieuts Hamas and Kipp and fourteen enlisted cleared Jicaró on combat mission to investigate report of bandits.

Five enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa. Reported.

Captain Inman and fifteen enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas and reported.

-----oO- 25 JULY 1932 -Oo-----

Lieuts Hughes, Silva, Lynch and Saravia and Esteli patrol had contact of fifteen minutes at 1600, July 25, near Santa Cruz (201-302) with bandit group of thirty five under Jose Leon Diaz. Bandit casualties two known killed and indications of several wounded. Guardia casualties none. Guardia captured two shot-guns. Bandits scattered in all directions.

Captain Rowan, Lieuts Burns, Berueffy, Pallais and Buechlein (M) and ten enlisted cleared Somoto for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Montenegro, eleven enlisted and seven civicos, cleared Jalapa on combat mission.

Captain Lakso and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for Ciudad Antigua.

Lieuts McDonald and Barquero and twenty-eight enlisted arrived La Trinidad from patrol.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Yalaguina.

Lieuts Hughes, Silva, Saravia and Lynch (M) and Sixth Combat Patrol cleared La Trinidad on patrol. Arrived Esteli.

Lieuts Quintanilla and Sanchez with four Municipal police cleared Leon for outskirts of city on police mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Barillas and Fundadora patrol had contact at 2200 July 25th at Datanti, northwest of Fundadora (246-303) with group of forty, jefe unknown. Bandit casualties one known killed. No Guardia casualties. Guardia captured one pistol, small quantity of ammunition and correspondence.

Lieuts Ashbrook, Montenegro and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission. Returned.

Lieut Barillas and eighteen enlisted reported Jinotega from La Fundadora, and combat mission on Matagalpa-Jinotega road.

Lieut Pennington, fifteen enlisted cleared Matagalpa for La Corona. Returned.

Captain Inman and fifteen enlisted cleared Cuatro Esquinas for La Corona and Navarro. Reported Navarro.

Lieut Krawie with fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee, Muñoz and Fonseca with forty enlisted arrived Jinotega from combat patrol.

Lieut Barillas with eighteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat patrol.

Lieut Castillo with twenty enlisted arrived La Concordia from Jecollal, Palo de Arco, Guanabana and San Jose. Nothing to report.

Lieut Krawie with fourteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from patrol.

Lieuts Matamoros, Zeledon with four enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

Lieut Matamoros and four enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez.

-----oO- 26 JULY 1932 -Oo-----

Colonel Watson, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., Captain Monson, Captain Mixon, Lieut Grieco cleared Matagalpa for Navarro. Reported.

Lieut Leady with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro. Reported.

Lieut Stanley and six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

Lieut Montes and five enlisted cleared Navarro for Las Lajas. Returned Navarro.

Lieut Martin, Lieut Bunn and seventeen enlisted returned San Isidro from La Trinidad.

Lieut Navarrete with six enlisted reported Navarro from Consuelo.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander Central Area, GN., Captain Monson, Captain Mixon, Lieut Grieco cleared Navarro for Matagalpa. Reported.

Lieuts Snyder, Wriston and Yali patrol had contact at 1100 July twenty six lasting over one half hour with group under Colindres and Umanzor estimated at over two hundred at Los Achotes near Pavona (237-345). Fighting very tense. Bandits used six automatic weapons, rifle grenades, bombs, rifles and pistols from entrenched positions. Guardia patrol forced to return Yali for more ammunition. Bandit casualties unknown. Guardia casualties one killed, three wounded. Other Guardia patrol in pursuit.

Major Arnett and Director de Policia cleared Leon for Telica on investigation. Returned.

Four enlisted with five auxiliares cleared Chichigalpa for La Cruz and vicinity. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Velez with three enlisted and five Auxiliares cleared San Juan de las Encinas for Olomega, Santa Anita, Los Planes, Las Marias and San Lucas and vicinity, in search of three armed men. Returned with two captured horses and saddles.

Lieut Durt and eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Montenegro and ten enlisted cleared San Juan on combat mission.

Lieut Livermore, ten enlisted and one civico cleared Telpaneca on combat mission.

Lieuts Hamas and Kipp and fifteen enlisted returned Jicaro from combat mission.

Lieut Ortiz and twenty enlisted cleared Esteli for Santa Cruz, to meet Lieut Bell and eight enlisted who cleared La Trinidad at the same time.

Lieuts Broderick and Montenegro and thirty enlisted cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieut Blanco and seven enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo.

Captain Biebusch, Lieuts Beans and Gutierrez and twenty-two enlisted cleared Quilali on combat mission.

Lieut Montenegro and patrol returned Jalapa from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Ortiz and twenty enlisted returned Esteli from half-way to La Trinidad.

Lieut Bell and eight enlisted returned to La Trinidad from half-way to Esteli.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted returned Palacaguina from reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Barillas and eighteen enlisted returned Jinotega from combat patrol, had contact at Datanli. One bandit killed.

Lieut Muñoz with eighteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

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

Lieuts Snyder, Wriston and twenty four enlisted cleared Yali on combat mission.

Lieut Castillo and twenty enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Muñoz and eighteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Captain Small, Lieuts Castillo, Hall(M), and twenty nine enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Captain Puller, Lieut Krawie and twenty enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on mission.

-----oO- 27 JULY 1932 -Oo-----

Lieut Velez with four enlisted and sixteen auxiliares cleared San Juan de Las Pencas for Lodo Podrido, Santa Cruz, Olomega and vicinity. Returned. Reported all quiet. No bandit information.

Captain Smith, Lieut Lee and thirty enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat patrol.

Lieut Barillas, Lieut Fonseca and seventeen enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

Lieut Downey and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael and Yali.

Lieut Downey and fourteen enlisted arrived San Rafael.

Lieut Downey, Lieut Hall(M) and fourteen enlisted and three wounded arrived San Rafael.

Captain Small arrived Yali with patrol.

Captain Small, Lieut Castillo and Gutierrez R. with forty four enlisted cleared Yali on combat mission.

Lieuts Wriston, Hall (M) and ten enlisted with armed civicos and three wounded enlisted cleared Yali for half-way San Rafael.

Sgt Leiva, five more enlisted cleared La Fundadora for half-way to Matagalpa.

Lieuts Navarrete, Leady and six enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo.

Lieut Bunn and ten enlisted cleared San Isidro for Sebaco.

-----oO- 28 JULY 1932 -Oo-----

Lieut Wriston with eighteen enlisted and ten armed civicos returned Yali from half-way San Rafael.

Captain Monson, Lieut Grieco cleared Matagalpa for Aranjuez and La Fundadora.

First Sgt Velasquez, fourteen other enlisted cleared Matagalpa on combat mission.

Lieut Bunn and ten enlisted returned San Isidro from combat mission.

Lieut Schuh, ten auxiliaries and one civil prisoner cleared Leon by train for Punta Rieles and El Sauce for duty.

Cabo Martinez, seven enlisted cleared Nagarote for neighboring comarcas on police mission.

Lieut Jarquin, fifteen enlisted cleared Sauce for Punta Rieles to escort Lieut Schuh and auxiliaries to Sauce.

Eight enlisted cleared Sauce for one league north on police mission.

Lieut Schuh and Jarquin and patrol arrived Sauce from Leon with Diputado Morales and family of Limay.

Major Wynn and Lieut Sabater (EM) arrived Leon from Managua.

Lieuts Jarquin and Sanchez, twelve enlisted, thirteen auxiliaries cleared Sauce on patrol.

Lieut Zavala and Sanchez, fifteen enlisted, five auxiliaries cleared Leon on combat mission.

Captain Craig and Lieut Hayes, U.S.M.C. arrived Chinandega from Managua, on electoral duty.

their positions, they were pursued for half an hour. There were twelve bandits killed, including Colonel Ruperto Hernandez Roblero; important correspondence from Sandino and other jefes was found on him. It is believed that the bandits had many wounded due to the many blood trails that were found.

5. Bandit casualties: 12 killed including Colonel Ruperto Hernandez Roblero.

Articles captured: correspondence, two Krag rifles in good shape, one Con-Con rifle also in good shape, fuses, six horses and many other miscellaneous articles.

6. Guardia casualties: Raso Humberto Martinez #4115 killed by the exploding of dynamite bomb thrown by the bandits; after he was seriously wounded and almost dying he fired twice against the bandits. Lieut Lopez, wounded in his face from a .32 caliber pistol shot, he was wounded at the first burst of fire from the bandits but in spite of being seriously wounded he continued fighting until the end. Raso Arcadio Castillo #3385 was wounded at the first burst of fire in his face and on one foot. Raso Gabriel Altamirano #3997 was also wounded at the beginning. Raso Sotero Zelaya #3168, who after being wounded and when his BAR jammed, stripped his Automatic Weapon, reduced the jam and continued his automatic fire until the end of the contact.

7. Arms employed by the Guardia during the contact: One BAR, Three STMGs, three rifle grenade dischargers and 19 Krag rifles.

82 The patrol consisted of the following men:

2nd Lieut ISIDRO SANDINO h,	Patrol Commander.
" " ORLANDO LOPEZ	2nd in command.

Cabo SARAVIA, Concepcion	#3601	Condega
Raso ACUNA, Jesus	4243	"
" ALTA MIRANO, Gabriel	3997	"
" ARAUZ, Pedro	3275	"
" BASQUEZ, Carlos	3967	Daraili
" BENAVIDES, Concepcion	3275	Condega
" CASTILLO, Benedicto	3386	Daraili
" CASTILLO, Justo	3384	"
" CORNEJO, Antonio	4798	"
" POLANCO, Feliz	3923	"
" RUIZ, Norberto	4067	"
" OLIVEROS, Francisco	2977	Condega
" MOREIRA, Jose	3110	"
" MARTINEZ, Humberto	4115	"
" LOPEZ, Santiago	4205	"
" LOPEZ, Eugenio	4363	"
" IGLESIA, Magdalena	4366	"
" CRUZ, Ramiro	4939	"
" CASTILLO, Arcadio	3385	"
" GONZALEZ, Benjamin	5097	"
" ZELAYA, Sotero	3168	"
" TORRES, Cipriano	4303	"
" SOVALBARRO, Francisco	3304	"
" RUIZ, Juan	4240	"
" PEREZ, Teofilo	4508	"
" OSORIO, Isidro	3883	"

9. Cleared at 08314 with the wounded and the dead Guardia for Daraili and arrived at 14314. First aid was given to the wounded. Cleared for Condega.

ISIDRO SANDINO h.
2nd Lieut G.N.,

Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, SAN JUAN DE TELP.
SAN JUAN DE TELPANECA, NICARAGUA.

July 14, 1932.

From: Station Commander.
To : The Area Commander, Northern Area.
Via : The District Commander, Fourth District.

Subject : Report of patrol.
Enclosure: Bandit correspondence.

1. Cleared this station at 0800 11 June to operate on local information of Bandit Camps in vicinity point 238-365. Informants stated that Salgado with 100 well armed was in camp of Sixto Acuña in this vicinity. Arrived at a point two hundred yards from camp at 1130 and captured correo who had just left the camp with the enclosed message which he attempted to destroy. Proceeded to the camp and attacked at 1200. Owing to the density of the under brush was unable to surround the camp or to employ more than six of the patrol in the preliminary attack. The bandits had no sentries posted and we were able to approach within fifty yards before the Bandits saw us and opened fire. We replied and rushed to the edge of the camp where we formed a firing line. When sufficient members of the patrol arrived at the firing line we rushed the camp and the bandits retreated in small groups into the brush and formed a new firing line. We rushed the new firing line and the bandits fled in all directions.

2. The camp consisted of seven shacks, total capacity about 85 men. The captured correo stated that there were 100 men in the camp when we attacked. I estimated the number at 50. The following articles were captured or destroyed:

1500 pounds Shelled corn.
800 " Beans.
800 " Coffee.
100 " Cheese.
15 new blankets, civilian.
65 number #8 dynamite caps.
20 pounds Hercules black powder.

Miscellaneous articles of clothing and small amount of medicine.

3. There were four women in the camp who stated that the bandits were preparing to clear for Acuña's, other camp at the time of the attack. I believe this accounts for the fact that no weapons or cartridges were captured.

4. We were unable to gain contact with the bandits again after the first action. Cleared Acuña's camp at 1300 and destroyed four small camps with a radius of half a mile from the main camp. Cleared for San Juan at 1900. Arrived San Juan at 1750.

5. Bandit casualties: five killed, 7 wounded.
No Guardia casualties.

6. Following is a list of patrol:

2nd Lieut VIRGIL HAYS
2nd Lieut GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ, GN.

Cabo MARTINEZ, Ignacio
" TALAVARA, Carmen
Raso BARRETO, Juan
" AVILES, Cipriano
" AVILES, Nicomedes
" CARDENAS, Ignacio
" CARRLO, Gerundo
" GONZALEZ, Natividad
" GONZALEZ, Aureliano
" GOMEZ, Arcadio
" CARRION, David
" REYES, Mauro
" RUGAMA, Antonio
" GARCIA, Olayo
" DAVILLAR, Juan
" ALDOR, Santos
" RIVERA, A.
" MARTINEZ, Isidro

7. The Guardia employed two BARs, two STMGs, and Krag rifles. The bandits replied with one TSMG and Krag rifles.

8. The conduct of the Patrol was praiseworthy and deserving of commendation. Lieut Gutierrez was especially cool under fire and gave valuable assistance in controlling the fire of the patrol.

VIRGIL HAYS.
2nd Lieut G.N.

Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, CONDEGA, NICARAGUA.
THIRD DISTRICT, NORTHERN AREA.
July 18, 1932.-

From: 2nd Lieut Joseph M. Broderick, G.N. de Nic.
To : The Area Commander, Northern Area, Ocotal.
Via : The District Commander, Third District, Condega.

Subject : Report of a contact with a group of armed bandits.
Reference: (a-) General Order #109-1929.

1. The following report of a contact is submitted in compliance with reference (a).

STATION OF PATROL:

Third District Headquarters, Condega (Combat patrol Number three)

MISSION OF THE PATROL:

To gain contact with and destroy the group of bandits that was robbing and terrorizing the people along the trail from San Luis (188-323) to Pire (201-331).

DATE AND HOUR OF THE CONTACT:

15 July 1932, at about 2100.

PLACE OF CONTACT:

Guanacasco, on the main Esteli-Condega Trail, between Cascala (202-323) and Tular (203-327).

DURATION OF CONTACT:

The contact lasted about twenty minutes.

NAMES OF OFFICER AND ENLISTED MEN THAT PARTICIPATED IN CONTACT:

2nd Lieut J. M. BRODERICK,	Patrol Commander.	
Cabo NARVAEZ,	Hipolito	#3892
"	PARRALES,	Leandro 3495
"	ZUNIGA,	Humberto 4430
"	MADRIZ,	Gonzalo 3781 (Daraili)
Raso ESPINOZA,	Jose	3900
"	MAIRENA,	Horacio 3335
"	GOMEZ,	Adrian 3996
"	BLANDON,	Fernando 3359
"	GARCIA,	Roberto 4063
"	MONTALVAN,	Remigio 3934
"	LOPEZ,	Santiago 4205
"	MOREIRA,	Jose 3110
"	MONTOYA,	Irene 4273
"	FLORES,	Nicolas 3987
"	GONZALEZ,	Venancio 1489
"	HERRERA,	Gabino 3273
"	CARDENAS,	Miguel 4073 (Palaca)
"	CRUZ,	Ramiro 4989
"	RUIZ,	Juan 4244
"	SOVALBERRO,	Francisco 3304

Señor GONZALEZ, Moises, hijo.

NUMBER OF BANDITS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE CONTACT:

It is estimated that there were about thirty five armed bandits.

LOSSES GUARDIA NACIONAL:

Raso CARDENAS, Miguel #4073, seriously wounded.

Raso FLORES, Nicolas, slightly wounded.

Raso RUIZ, Juan, painfully, but not seriously, wounded.

LOSSES BANDITS:

Captain Antonio Rodriguez, killed, body identified. (Rodriguez was 2nd Jefe of Bandit Column #8). Lieut Gregorio Olivas, very seriously wounded. Eight others were seen to fall under the concentrated fire of our five automatic weapons. It is very probable that more were killed.

ARMS USED BY THE GUARDIA AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

2	Browning Automatic Rifles	- - - - -	200 rounds.
3	Thompson Sub-machine Guns	- - - - -	120 "
1	Springfield Rifle, model 1903	- - - - -	8 "
2	Rifle Grenade outfits	- - - - -	14 grenades.
2	Hand Grenadiers	- - - - -	3 "
14	Krag Rifles	- - - - -	225 rounds.

ARMS USED BY THE BANDITS:

1 Thompson Sub-machine Gun.
1 Rifle Grenade outfit.
30 Rifles, Krag, Springfield, Con-Con and 7mm.
Natives report that every bandit had at least one pistol in addition to his rifle, some had three.
It is estimated that they expended more ammunition than we did.

ARTICLES CAPTURED FROM THE BANDITS:

1 Rifle, Krag, #177619, complete.
1 Bolt, Krag, rifle.
5 Cartridges, Cal. .45
82 Cartridges, Krag Combat (new).
1 Bomb, dynamite.
- Valuable correspondence
6 Hatbands, red and black.
8 Muchilas, G.N.,.
1 Blanket, wool, GN.
1 Raincoat, USMC.
8 Blankets, native.
3 Cutachas.
15 Saddles.
1 Carrier, 1st aid.
1 Magazine, Colt .45.
1 Manteen marked (M 405).
1 Cartridge, Springfield.
6 Cartridges, UMC 7mm.
1 Despatch Case, leather.
10 Hats.
1 Flag, red bordered black.
10 Muchilas, home-made.
2 Capotes (raincoats) native.
- Most of their toilet articles.
8 Hammocks.
25 Horses and mules.
3 Puttees, leather, prs.
1 Accordion.

RESULTS OF THE CONTACT:

The most gratifying result of the contact was that the bandits were forced to expend quite a bit of their carefully hoarded ammunition. The death of their second Jefe, the wounding of their Teniente and the wounding of the others is bound to lower their morale. The loss of their bedding, clothes, toilet articles and mounts will also be keenly felt by them.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIGHT:

When we arrived within 100 yards of the house we heard the bandits playing an accordion, singing and laughing. Several attempts were made to penetrate the heavy thorny underbrush but

could not do so without using machetes. Upon discovering this I decided to concentrate my automatic weapons in the mouth of the trail we were on and concentrate their fire on the house. We were within five yards of the sentry and could advance no farther without alarming the camp so I threw a hand grenade at the house and told the men to stand-by. The grenade hit near the sentry who watched for a second or two and then ran without saying a word. The signal to commence fire was given and the automatics and Thompsons opened up on the house and few bandits outside of the house.

Shortly after we opened fire the bandits returned our fire from their reten (see sketch) and forced us to withdraw about ten yards to a low place in the trail. From this point we gained fire superiority over the bandit reten and silenced them. About this time some of the Guardia riflemen from the main body had crashed their way through the brush and opened up on the bandits. The order to rush was given and the five automatic men and ten riflemen rushed the bandit firing line. We formed as skirmishers upon reaching the cleared place around the house and advanced on the stone wall the bandits were using as a trench. It was at this point the rifle grenades and dynamite bombs were used on us, wounding three of the men in the center of the line. The rush on the wall caused the bandits to disperse in all directions.

During the first minute of firing eight or ten bandits ran from the house directly into our line of fire. All five automatics were concentrated on them and all were knocked down, but got up again and staggered down the trail dragging one of their number. When they were opened up on they were no more than thirty yards away.

Some of the bandits crawled back through the brush and opened up on us again but were dispersed with a few bursts from the automatic weapons.

Raso Cardenas, Miguel #4073, is to be especially commended for his heroic conduct. After being seriously, if not fatally wounded, he remained on the firing line helping the others.

Cabo Narvaez, Hipolito #3892, is recommended for special mention for his coolness and the expert handling of his Browning Automatic Rifle.

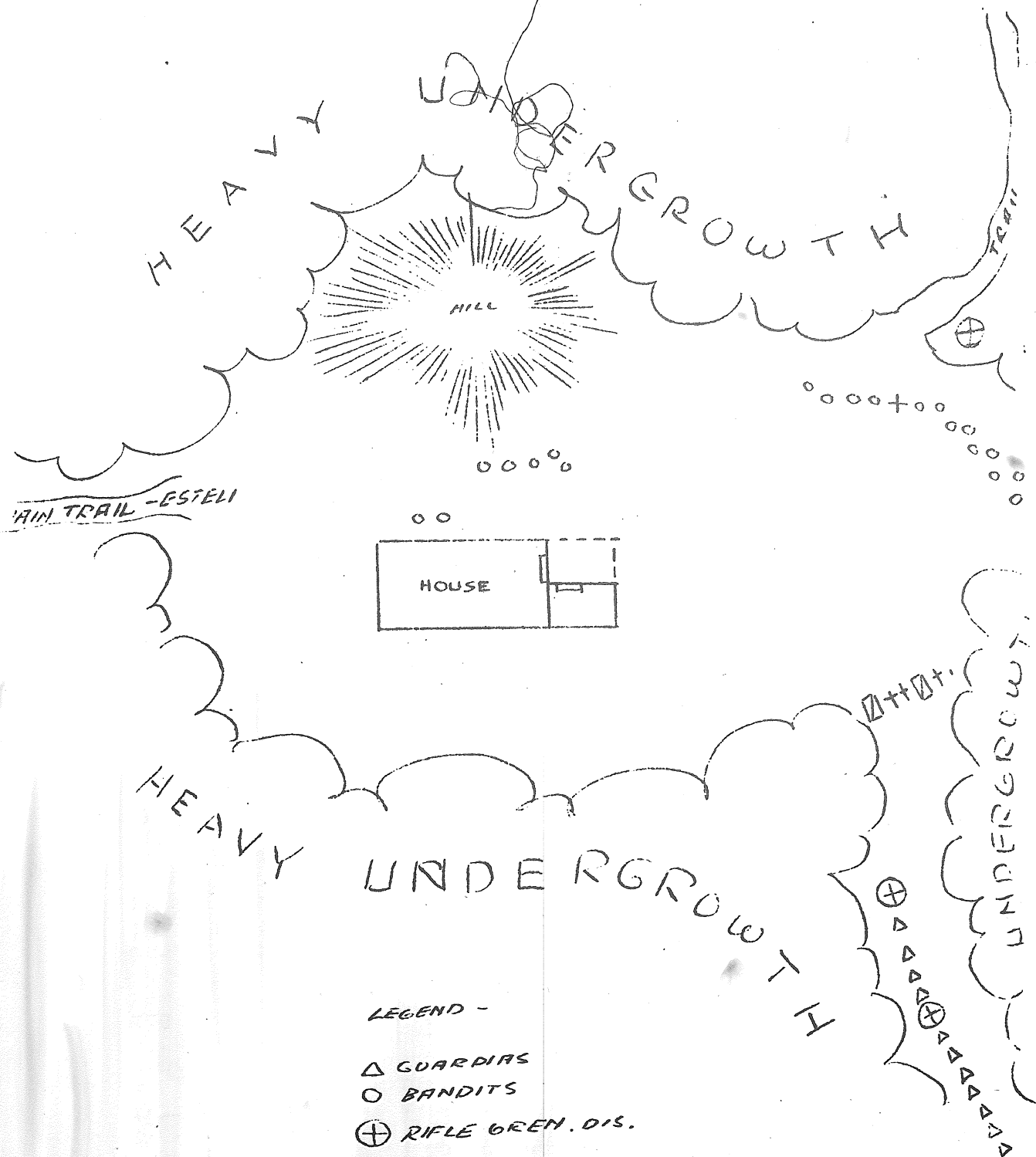
Señor Moises Gonzalez, hijo, is recommended to receive special letter of commendation from the Jefe Director for his desire to always help the Guardia Nacional. He was very cool and greatly assisted the Patrol Commander in organizing the rushes and the line of fire. Señor Gonzalez is to be remembered for his brilliant work at Daraili (where he was wounded) in 1931 and for his good work with the other patrols that he voluntarily accompanied. He was wounded once before while guiding a Marine Patrol that made contact.

NOTES:

From reports received from the people while trailing this group and from reports since received it has been clearly established that the group numbered from thirty to thirty-five, armed as mentioned above. The Jefe was ZACARIAS PADILLA, Second Jefe CAPITAN ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ (killed), third Jefe Teniente Gregorio

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(Gollo) Olivas. This group was known as "Columna numero ocho del Ejercito de los Defensores de la Soverania Nacional de la Republica de Nicaragua, bajo las ordenes del Coronel Zacarias Padilla".

Several people have reported that this group had been broken up into smaller groups by the contact and that some of these smaller groups were seen hunting animals next day to carry their wounded and heard to say that they had so many wounded that they would not carry them all.

The patrol lived up to the highest traditions of the Guardia Nacional.

J. M. BRODERICK

OPERATIONS REPORT FROM RIVAS, 14 TO 20 JULY, 1932:

JULY 14 0900 Lieut Prieb cleared for Buenos Aires and San Jorge and returned at 1630.

JULY 15 1000 Two enlisted cleared Cardenas for Los Zavalas on police mission and returned at 1630.

JULY 16 1300 Captain Forsyth cleared for Buenos Aires and San Jorge on inspection trip and returned at 1730.

JULY 17 1030 Captain Forsyth cleared Rivas for Punto Real and returned at 1450.

JULY 18 0600 Captain Forsyth cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur on inspection trip.
1900 Lieut Gomez and three enlisted cleared for Las Salinas.
1910 Lieut Rodriguez cleared for San Jorge.

JULY 19 0500 Lieut Rodriguez returned from San Jorge.
0600 Lieut Bello and one enlisted cleared Cardenas for Sapoia.

JULY 20 ---- No Operations.

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, CUATRO ESQUINAS,
DEPARTMENT OF MATAGALPA, NICARAGUA.-
July 8th, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut Sebastian Uriza G.N.
To : The Department Commander.
Subject: Report of contact with bandits.

1. On the 24th of June, 1932, at 6:00 AM, I left by order of "El Consuelo" with 2nd Lieut Montes and 30 enlisted in pursuit of a group of about 150 bandits under command of Pedron Altamirano going towards "El Sardinal" (283-309) where we arrived at 17:00 without any mishap.

2. On the 25th at 7:00 AM, we left the latter place and went towards "Tuma" (264-307), but after traveling a short distance I discovered traces of the bandits. I left the road going through the brush and came out at the road again a league and half further on, after having obtained information that the bandits were divided, that one group of about 60 was at "Agua Amarilla" and the rest behind the place where I had come out on the road again. I then ordered the men to spread in firing line along one side of the road waiting for the last group to pass, but instead of that the first group turned back and we had a contact with them that lasted five minutes, the bandits fleeing towards "Tuma" (264-307). No casualties on the side of the Guardia, one dead on the side of the bandits. Eight or ten bandits wounded, to judge by the trails of blood. Time at which the contact took place: 11:30 to 11:35. We pursued the bandits as far as Agua Amarilla, (281-302).

3. On the 26th we left for the camp of Navarro at 9:00 where I reported.

The Guardia displayed courage during the contact.

S. URIZA.
2nd Lieut G.N.

Following patrol report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, YALI, NICARAGUA.
July 19, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut C. D. Snyder.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte.
Subject : Patrol report.
Reference: Telegraphic orders from Area Headquarters.

1. In compliance with the above mentioned orders, a combat patrol consisting of Lieut Snyder and twenty five enlisted cleared Yali at 0300, 15 July, for the scene of the contact the Condega patrol had with the armed group at Los Achotes, 14 July, 1932. The following is a daily record of events of this patrol:

15 JULY- Patrol cleared for Los Achotes via El Tigre, at 0300. Arrived at Los Achotes and the scene of the contact at about 0730. The bandits had laid their ambush having been laid in a comparatively open slope. The fire from the guardia arms had literally cut all the surrounding "monte" to pieces and many blood trails led back from the bandit's positions. Some of them had constructed fortified positions from stones and fallen logs. It is believed that the bandits later returned to the slope and carried away some of their empty cartridge cases, as there were few in evidence when the Yali patrol arrived there.

This patrol also found four newly made graves, these graves appearing to be large enough to hold from two to three bodies. The bandits had buried their dead late that afternoon or early during the night. It is believed that many of the wounded had died in the surrounding valleys, as plenty of "zopilotes" were in evidence, but due to the dense "monte" and the need for haste on the part of the patrol, no thorough search was made for these bodies.

Patrol cleared scene of the contact at 0830, proceeding in the direction of Los Portillos. All the natives in the vicinity had cleared out of their homes and knowing that it would be practically impossible to capture anyone in the immediate vicinity, who could give us information, I ordered the patrol to continue on in the direction of Los Portillos. The rains the previous night had obliterated all tracks on the trails, so I knew the patrol would have to circle the surrounding mountains in order to pick up any trail that the group had taken in leaving the district. All the houses in Los Portillos were uninhabited. Patrol continued on to Lower Pavona then swinging to the right to Upper Pavona. A thorough search of the mountains of this district failed to reveal a trail, and from there, we descended into the large Valley to the northwest. Patrol camped for the night on the Coyolar River, at a small place called Guachipolin.

16 JULY- Esteban Meza, owner of a small house situated on the Coyolar River at this point, informed me that, at about ten o'clock on the morning of the 14th, a group of about thirty, carrying eight wounded, passed his house proceeding in the direction of La Rica. This was the first information that the patrol had gained. Lieut Snyder did not follow on the trail of this group for the reason that he wanted to locate the trail of the large group. Believing that this larger group had taken a trail out somewhere between "Guachipolin" and "Los Terreros", the patrol continued on towards "El Arco", searching the small valleys and the ridges for signs of the trail that we were looking for. Arrived "El Arco" at about 1400. Gained information there that a group had passed at 20014. The natives of "El Arco" could give no information as to the size of this group but stated that the day before the contact at "Los Achotes", a large group had passed in the direction of Los Achotes. Arrived at Los Terreros at 1530, the Hacienda of one Vicente Ubeda, ex-Juez de Mesta; patrol camped for the night at "Los Terreros".

17 JULY- Cleared "Los Terreros" at 0530, for "Zancudal". At "Zancudal", learned that the day before the fight at "Los Achotes", a group of about one hundred had passed there in the morning and that the same group had returned by the same trail in the evening. This is the group that later joined up with Jefe Roblero at "Los Achotes". The jueces at "Zancudal" and Pavona failed to report these movements of the bandits to this office. The Yali patrol proceeded on to Yali via "San Carlos", "Las Guayavas", "Las Lajas", and "El Tule". Arrived Yali at 1530.

3. The only definite information this patrol gained was that Jefe Roblero came into "Los Achotes" via "La Pavona" and thru "Zancudal". Roblero was reported to

have had forty men under his direct command during the fight.

C. D. SNYDER.
2nd Lieut G.N. de Nic.

Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, S. RAFAEL DEL NORTE
July 21, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut Clifford L. Ashbrook, G.N.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.
Via : The District Commander.

Subject : Patrol report.
Reference: Verbal orders received from District Commander.

1. In accordance with reference I cleared San Rafael at 0300, 15 July, 1932, with a patrol consisting of myself, Lieut Muñoz, twenty four enlisted and one armed civico, to patrol area North and West of Santa Fe. The following is a daily record of events during this operation and those which I took part in afterward operating from Yali:

15 JULY- 0300 Cleared San Rafael for El Diamante arriving there at 0830. In El Diamante received information that a small group of bandits under the Jefe Captain Perez had passed there the day before going in the direction of Loma Azul, and as the patrol's orders were to go along this route I cleared immediately for "Las Lajas" and "Loma Azul". In "Las Lajas", which is about one half league from "Loma Azul", the Juez de la Mesta reported all quiet and that there had been no bandits near there for over three months. Proceeded on to Loma Azul. Upon our arrival the advance guard saw a group of bandits in and near the house of Buenaventura Sevilla. Upon our approach they fled into the brush. We then opened fire upon them and followed their trail which we lost due to their splitting up. Returned to the house of Sevilla and there received information that the Jefe of this group was unknown to them, but was called El Santo. Cleared the house of Sevilla for Loma Azul and arrived at thirteen hundred and made camp for the night.

16 JULY- 0600 Cleared "Loma Azul" for Cerro Azul and there received information that a group of about twenty bandits under the jefe captain Real had been there the day before and in the direction of San Antonio de Yali. At about 1200, 15 July, 1932, was the time given as the bandits departure in this direction. Proceeded on to San Antonio and arrived there at ten hundred. The people of San Antonio said there had been no bandits there or near there for over a year. Cleared San Antonio on the Las Vegas trail. At Quebrada de Las Vegas found a trail to Pavona that had been recently used by about twenty five men within the last twenty four hours. Left the Las Vegas trail and followed the Pavona one and arrived on top of Pavona mountain where the tracks were following went off into the brush linglely. We then went over the top of Pavona and

formed a line and searched the underbrush finding a trail leading down the hill toward Pavona Abajo that was about one hour old. We followed this trail down into the valley and arrived at a group of three houses called "Soledad". Two of the houses were about two hundred yards apart and the other about five hundred yards away. The patrol was split and as there was brush all around the houses we were able to approach very near. Lieut Muñoz had eleven men with him and the rest of the patrol was with me. Upon me approaching closer to the house a woman yelled "run, here is the Guardia", and at this time we were fired on by about twenty men armed with rifles.

16 JULY- The Guardia returned the fire and charged. The bandits ran into the brush on the other side of the house and took up a position and held it for about three minutes and then fled. They were followed for about one thousand yards to a camp of theirs consisting of one house and five leantos. Evidence of at least one wounded was found in this camp. Various articles were found at this camp including correspondence, shotgun, ammunition and clothing. Patrol returned to the house and made camp at 1645. The hospital corpsman of the patrol reported to me that Raso Octavio Mejia had fallen and stuck a stick into his arm and that it was still in there and that Raso Julio Tellez had the mumps.

17 JULY- 0730 Cleared for Yali with the two sick men arriving there at 1230. Remained at Yali awaiting orders.

18 JULY- 0530 Cleared with a patrol under Lieut Weeks, leaving my patrol in Yali, and returned at 0240, 19 July, 1932. The events during this patrol is reported in Lieut Weeks' patrol.

20 JULY- 1600 Cleared Yali for San Rafael by way of La Concordia with ten enlisted and one armed civic. Spent night in La Concordia and proceeded to San Rafael 21 July, 1932.

CLIFFORD L. ASHBROOK.
2nd Lieut G/N of Nic.

OPERATIONS REPORT FROM RIVAS, 21 JULY TO 27 JULY 1932:

21 JULY 0630 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Jorge.
0830 One enlisted returned to Rivas from San Jorge.
0630 Lieut Pulver cleared Rivas for Managua.
1230 Lieut Bello and one enlisted returned to Cardenas from vicinity of Sapoá.

22 JULY 1400 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Jorge.
1500 Two enlisted cleared San Jorge on police mission along lake shore.
2300 Two enlisted returned to San Jorge from police mission.

23 JULY 0630 One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Jorge.
 1330 One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur.
 1350 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Jorge.
 1530 Lieut Prieb cleared Rivas for Buenos Aires and Sucuyal.
 24 JULY 0700 One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Jorge.
 1030 Lieut Prieb returned to Rivas from Buenos Aires and Sucuyal.
 25 JULY 0800 Captain Forsyth and Lieut Prieb cleared Rivas for San Jorge.
 0810 One enl cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.
 1000 Captain Forsyth and Lieut Prieb returned to Rivas from San Jorge.
 26 JULY 1430 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Jorge.
 1500 Captain Forsyth cleared Rivas for San Jorge.
 1615 Captain Forsyth returned to Rivas from San Jorge.
 1615 Colonel Sheard arrived Rivas from Managua.
 1610 One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Jorge.
 27 JULY 0830 One enlisted arrived Rivas from Potosi.
 1300 One enlisted cleared Potosi for Rivas.

 P E R S O N N E L

Lieut Stewart transferred to 2nd Marine Brigade on 23 July, 1932.

Captain Griffin and Lieut Warden (IC) from Managua to C. A. for duty on 27 July, 1932.

Captains Kelly, Prichard and Yost from Managua to N.A. for duty on 26 July, 1932.

Lieut Ashbrook from C.A. to Managua on 27 July, 1932.

Lieut Weeks from C.A. to Managua on 27 July, 1932.

Major Cheatham detached duty as Area Commander, N.A. to Law Officer, GN, August 1st, 1932.

Colonel Watson detached duty as Area Commander, C.A. to Area Commander, GN, N.A., 1 August, 1932.

Colonel Sheard detached temporary duty Managua to Jinotega to assume command of C.A., 1 August, 1932.

Captain Bales detached duty as Law Officer GN, to Electoral mission, 1 August, 1932.

Lieut Hoskins from C.A. to Managua on 28 July, 1932.

Lieut Cramer from C.A. to Managua on 28 July, 1932.