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-----oO- 9 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Cabo Montoya and five other enlisted arrived from Matagalpa to Jinotega as escort for telegraph line repairman.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa as escort to telegraph line repairman. Matagalpa-Jinotega road.

Captain Nixon, Lieut Hodge (M) and nine enlisted reported Consuelo from Buena Vista.

-----oO- 10 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Cabo Hunguia and five other enlisted cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa on patrol.

Lieut Grieco and fourteen enlisted with one guardia prisoner cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa.

Captain Smith, Lieut Snyder and twenty enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

1st Sgt Leiva and eight more enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

Captain Puller and fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Captain Young (M), Lieut Grieco and fourteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Captain Smith, Lieut Snyder and twenty-one enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

1st Sgt Leiva and nine enlisted returned La Fundadora from Jinotega.

Captain Puller and fifteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega.

Lieut Ward and five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega. Returned.

Captain Young (M) and seven enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Six enlisted cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista.

Captain Nixon, Lieut Hodge (M) and eleven enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro. Reported.

Four enlisted and one enlisted prisoner reported Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Lieut Prado and ten enlisted returned Matagalpa from combat mission.

Cabo Montoya and five other enlisted returned Matagalpa from line repair detail to Jinotega.

Lieut Navarrete, and nine enlisted cleared Consuelo for Agua Amarilla on police patrol. Returned to Consuelo.

Captain Kelly, Lieuts Hays and Hicks with thirty enlisted arrived San Juan from patrol.

Lieuts Kipp and Beruerry with fourteen enlisted returned Apali from patrol.

-----oO- 11 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Lieut Haubensack and thirteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Captain Puller, Lieut Lee and thirty-nine enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat patrol.

Lieut Haubensack and thirteen enlisted returned Jinotega from combat patrol.

Lieut Castillo, and ten enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali, via La Concordia. Arrived.

Captain Smith, Lieut Snyder and fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali. Arrived.

Lieut Castillo and ten enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael, Lieut Castillo and Solorzano with eighteen enlisted cleared for half-way to Yali. Lieut Castillo with eighteen enlisted proceeded to Yali.

Lieut Solorzano and ten enlisted arrived La Concordia from half-way Yali via El Salto.

Lieut Zeledon with four enlisted arrived Aranjuez from patrol.

Lieut Burt with eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega.

Cabo Saravia with seven other enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Gutierrez with thirty enlisted cleared San Juan for area El Silencio-Coco River.

Lieut Burt with patrol arrived Condega.

Lieut Silva with patrol returned Esteli.

Cabo Saravia with patrol arrived Condega.

Captain Biebush, Lieuts Beans and Gutierrez with twenty-six enlisted and three civicos cleared Quilali for Chamaste-Ojoche-Coco River Area.

Lieuts Broderick and Burt with twenty one enlisted and two civicos cleared Condega for Daraili.

Lieut McCorkle with twenty enlisted cleared Limay on patrol.

Lieut Broderick with patrol arrived Daraili.

Lieuts Mahoney and Stanko with twenty-five enlisted arrived Condega.

Captain Williams and Lieut Bond with six enlisted arrived Somoto from patrol.

Lieut Ortiz with 2th Combat Patrol cleared Esteli on patrol.

-----oO- 12 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Major Baker and Lieut Tavern U.S.M.C., cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

1st Sgt Herrera with twelve enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa.

Lieut Gallardo with fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

1st Sgt Herrera with twelve enlisted returned Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Lieut Haubensack with sixteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission vicinity Apanas. Returned. No results.

1st Sgt Leiva with ten enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Castillo and Snyder with forty-one enlisted cleared Yali on combat mission.

Lieuts Martin, Bunn and seven enlisted cleared San Isidro for half-way Matagalpa.

Captain Nixon, Captain Inman, Lieut Hodge (H) and four enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas and La Cumplida. Reported Matagalpa.

Eight enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo.

Lieut Pavelko and seven enlisted reported Matagalpa from Managua.

Eight enlisted reported Matagalpa from Buena Vista.

Captain Gaspar and Lieut Silva with twenty enlisted cleared Esteli for Limay.

Lieut Stanko with nine enlisted and one civico cleared Condega for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Lieuts Broderick and Sandino with twenty-five enlisted cleared Condega on combat mission area north Daraili west of Yali river, south of Coco River.

Captain Yost with nine enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Lieut Ortiz with twenty enlisted returned Esteli from patrol.

Lieut Montenegro with fifteen enlisted cleared Jalapa on patrol.

Lieut Mahoney with four enlisted and four civicos cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo.

Sgt Lopez with seven other enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Yalaguina. Returned to Palacaguina and arrived.

Captain Yost with nine enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega.

Cabo Zelaya with seven other enlisted returned to Pueblo Nuevo from patrol.

Captain Yost with Lieut Mahoney and patrol returned to Condega.

Lieut Livermore with twelve enlisted, one civico and one GN prisoner cleared Telpaneca for Ocotal.

Eight enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo to maintain order at coming Fiesta.

Lieut Sanchez and patrol returned Sauce from Punta Rieles.

Lieut Gallardo with fourteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

-----oO- 13 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Lieut Livermore with patrol arrived Ocotal.

Lieuts Gutierrez P. and Slattery cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission for vicinity of Sisle with twenty one enlisted.

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Lieut Fonseca with fourteen enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.

Lieut Aguado with seven enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega and returned.

Captain Inman, Lieuts Atha and Hodge (M) with seventeen enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Lieut Herregodts with five enlisted cleared Esquipulas for Matagalpa and reported.

Lieut Cramer with eight enlisted cleared San Isidro for Sebaco.

1st Sgt Salamanca, fourteen enlisted arrived Sauce from Somotillo.

Sgt Salamanca, fourteen enlisted cleared Villa Nueva for Somotillo.

Lieut Atwell, six enlisted, nine auxiliares arrived El Sauce from Achuapa.

Lieuts Kalman and Sanchez, eleven enlisted, nine auxiliares cleared Sauce on patrol to operate on local information.

Lieut Atwell, seven enlisted, seven auxiliares cleared Leon on combat patrol.

Cabo Narvaez with seven other enlisted cleared Condega for half-way Palacaguina.

Lieut Montenegro with thirteen enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half-way to Condega.

Lieuts Vogel and Bond with ten enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way to Macuelizo.

Sgt Acevedo with seven other enlisted cleared Santa Maria for half-way to Macuelizo.

Lieut Montenegro with fourteen enlisted arrived Condega from Palacaguina.

Lieuts Vogel and Aleman with patrol arrived Macuelizo.

Lieut Aleman with patrol cleared Macuelizo for half-way to Somoto. No report received as to time.

Sgt Lopez with seven other enlisted returned Palacaguina.

Sgt Acevedo with patrol arrived Macuelizo from Santa Maria.

Lieuts Kipp and Whitford with twelve enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro.

Sgt Acevedo with seven other enlisted cleared Jicaro with five civicos for half-way to Apali.

Lieut Bond with patrol returned Somoto.

Lieut Kipp with twelve enlisted returned Apali from patrol.

-----oO- 14 AUGUST 1932 -oO-----

Lieut Spart with six enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo to maintain order during fiesta. Returned with three civil prisoners.

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

Lieut Vogel with eight enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Santa Maria. Arrived.

Lieut Livermore with twelve enlisted and one civico cleared Ocotal for Telpaneca. Arrived.

Lieut Montenegro with seven enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Captain Gaspar and Lieut Silva with twenty enlisted cleared Limay for Esteli. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo with patrol cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa.

Lieut Montenegro with eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega.

Sgt Peña with seven other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half-way to Palacaguina. Arrived.

Sgt Peña with patrol cleared Palacaguina for Totogalpa.

Captain Biebush and Quilali patrol had contact with small bandit group, jefe unknown near Los Panales (223-361). Bandit casualties one killed. No Guardia casualties.

Lieut Gutierrez P. and Slattery with twenty one enlisted arrived Jinotega from combat patrol.

Lieut Zeledon with thirteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora with one guardia wounded.

Lieut Solorzano with six enlisted and one guardia prisoner cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieut Solorzano with six enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

Lieut Pavelko with five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Matagalpa.

Captain Inman, Lieut Atha and forty enlisted cleared Navarro on combat mission vicinity Guapinol.

Five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Buena Vista.

Lieut Cramer with eight enlisted arrived San Isidro from Sebaco.

Sgt Peña with patrol cleared Yalaguina for Totogalpa. Arrived.

-----00- 15 AUGUST 1932 -00-----

Lieut Atwell and patrol returned to Sauce from patrol. Reports group of about twenty poorly armed passed through San Nicolas morning 14th August direction of Esteli.

Lieuts Atwell and Cipolloni (M), eight enlisted, and seven auxiliares cleared El Sauce for Villa Nueva.

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

Lieut Bond with eleven enlisted cleared Somoto for Patate.

Lieut Montenegro with seven enlisted arrived Condega from patrol.

Lieut Chavarria with fifteen enlisted and six line repairmen cleared Esteli to repair El Sauce line. Returned.

Lieut Montenegro with eighteen enlisted cleared Jalapa half-way to Apali. Returned to Jalapa.

Lieut Bernheim with seventeen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jalapa.

Lieut Delgadillo with six enlisted and six civil prisoners cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Bernheim with patrol returned to Apali.

Lieuts Grieco, Gutierrez P. and Slattery with twenty-three enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission vicinity Paso Real.

Lieuts Haubensack, Escobar and Zeledon with twelve enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Castillo and Snyder with forty one enlisted returned Yali from combat patrol area north east Yali to Coco River. Nothing to report.

Captain Inman, Lieut Atha with forty enlisted cleared Navarro on combat mission north of Tuma River.

Captain Biebush with combat patrol arrived San Juan.

Captain Kelly with combat patrol arrived San Juan.

-----oO- 16 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Cabo Pinell with six enlisted cleared Jinotega on police patrol with hacienda inspector and returned.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander Central Area, Captain Small and three enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael with halfway patrol Lieut Perez and eleven enlisted.

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

Lieut Solorzano with six enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Captain Smith, Lieut Castillo and twenty enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

Lieut Solorzano with six enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Lieut Solorzano with six enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Captain Smith, Lieut Castillo and twenty enlisted cleared Yali for San Rafael.

Lieut Bunn with twelve enlisted cleared San Isidro on combat mission vicinity La Cornita, El Naranjo and Jocomico.

Lieuts Kalman and Sanchez, nine enlisted and eleven auxiliares arrived Villa Nueva from Sauce. Nothing to report.

Lieuts Atwell and Cipolloni, eight enlisted and seven auxiliares arrived Villa Nueva from Sauce.

Lieut Sotomayor with patrol cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Los Planos and vicinity. Returned. Reported all quiet.

Lieut Delgadillo with seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Somoto. Arrived. Returned to Totogalpa.

Sgt Olivas with seven other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Garcia with nine enlisted cleared half-way to Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Blanco with eight enlisted and four civicos cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Lieut Monterrey with patrol arrived Ocotal.

Sgt Velasquez with seven other enlisted cleared Macuelizo for half-way to Santa Maria.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with seven other enlisted arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Gutierrez with thirty one enlisted cleared San Juan for Apali.

Lieut Price with sixteen enlisted cleared Apali on patrol. Returned.

Lieut Bond with eleven enlisted arrived Somoto from Pataste.

Lieut Berry and Artola with fifteen enlisted cleared Pataste for Somoto.

Eight enlisted and four civicos returned to Santa Maria.

Lieut Monterrey with patrol cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Lieut Hamas with eight enlisted and seven civicos returned to Jicaro from patrol.

Lieut Delgadillo with patrol arrived Totogalpa.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Jones with nineteen enlisted arrived Apali from patrol.

Lieut Gutierrez with twelve enlisted returned to Jicaro from patrol.

-----oO- 17 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Lieut Bunn and San Isidro patrol had contact with bandit group, jefe Juan Altamirano, at (221-299) lasting forty minutes at fifteen hundred August 17. Bandits employed two automatic weapons. Bandit casualties two known dead and indications of several wounded. No Guardia casualties. Captures miscellaneous articles.

Lieut Sotomayor with seven enlisted and eighteen auxiliares cleared San Juan de las Pencas and arrived at Chinandega. Roving patrol at San Juan discontinued.

Eight enlisted returned Chinandega from El Viejo, where they maintained order during fiesta.

Lieuts Kalman and Sanchez, nine enlisted and eleven auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva for El Sauce. Arrived.

Lieuts Atwell and Cipolloni, eight enlisted and six auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva for half-way to Somotillo.

Lieut Bryson three enlisted cleared Leon by train for Punta Rieles. Lieut Bryson for duty in El Sauce.

Lieut Castrillo, and eight enlisted cleared El Sauce for Punta Rieles.

Sgt Olivas with seven other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Somoto. Arrived and returned.

Lieut Chavarria with fifteen enlisted and line repairmen cleared Esteli along El Sauce line.

Lieut Artola with nine enlisted returned to Somoto from patrol.

Lieut Blanco with eight enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Garcia with six enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Palacaguina.

Lieut Stanko with eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half-way to Yalaguina.

Sgt Olivas with patrol returned Yalaguina.

Lieut Stanko and Lieut Garcia with patrol arrived Palacaguina.

Captain Kelly and Lieuts Kipp, Bernheim and Jones with twenty-five enlisted cleared Apali for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Berry and Artola with fourteen enlisted cleared Somoto for Patate.

1st Sgto Melendez with twelve other enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro.

Lieuts Hamas and Whitford with fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for half-way to Apali.

Lieut Broderick with combat patrol returned to Condega.

Captain Prichard and Lieut Stanley with twenty enlisted and three armed civilians cleared Ocotal on patrol. Returned to Ocotal.

-----oO- 18 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Captain Inman and Navarro patrol, Central Area, had contact with bandit group of forty, jefe unknown at Osomora, coordinates unknown at 0700 August 18. Had second contact later while crossing Tuma River. Bandit casualties unknown. No Guardia casualties. One civilian guide wounded.

Enlisted patrol from Santo Tomas (352-188) had contact with bandit group three leagues south east of Santa Domingo (352-208). Bandit casualties one known killed. No Guardia casualties. Bandits scattered.

Lieut Spart with four enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Tempisque and vicinity to make arrest. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieuts Atwell and Cipolloni, with eight enlisted and six auxiliares arrived Villa Nueva from Somotillo.

Lieuts Bryson and Castrillo, eight enlisted returned Sauce from Punta Rieles.

-----oO- 19 AUGUST 1932 -oO-----

Lieuts Atwell, Cipolloni and Frisch, eight enlisted, and six auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva for El Sauce.

Lieut Castrillo, seven enlisted, with eight auxiliares cleared El Sauce for Achuapa.

Captain Puller and Central Area patrol had five contacts with bandit groups in Pantasma Valley vicinity of point (260-350-) from August 12 to August 16. Total bandit casualties three known killed, many wounded. No Guardia casualties. Captured arms, ammunition, correspondence, cattle, food supplies, and miscellaneous articles. Jefe of one group Salgado, others unknown.

Captain Puller and Central Area patrol had contact with bandit group of eighty, jefe Juan Altamirano, one league south of Santa Fe (243-334) at 0900 August 19. Bandit casualties none. Bandits scattered in all directions after five minute fight.

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Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, TELPANECA,
1 AUGUST, 1932.

From: Station Commander.
To : The Area Commander, Northern Area,
Ocotal, Nicaragua.
Via : The District Commander #4, Quilali, Nic.
Subject : Patrol and contact report.
Reference: (a)- General Order No. 109-1929.
(b)- Dist. Commanders Radio No. 40-15325.

1. In accordance to reference (b) cleared Telpaneca 0700, 26 July with ten enlisted for Portal, where 1st Sgto Mondragon from San Juan de Telpaneca was waiting for our arrival. Combined patrols proceeded South to Rio Coco, arriving there at about 1400, patrol thence proceeded east along river until arrival at lower Alta Gracia at about 1730 where patrol camped for night.

2. On 27 July, patrolled Coco River area and Santa Ana, thoroughly combing all ravines, working from the river in a north and south direction, patrolled camped for night at a point below Santa Ana on the river.

3. On 28 July, patrol again cleared in easterly direction, working along river, at about 1000, bandits fired a bomb directly in front of patrol, immediately formed skirmish line and thoroughly combat area where found several small trails leading to camp site in deep ravine at point 223-359, patrol attacked camp from two sides, bandits returned fire and at same time fleeing into brush, firing lasted about two minutes, one bandit killed and one wounded, no Guardia casualties. This group consisted of about twenty five men, captured one red and black flag, hats and hat bands, cutachas and one dynamite bomb, destroyed camp.

4. Guardia followed bandits in easterly direction along river and at point 230-559 sighted second camp, they were preparing to kill a beef, this camp also located in deep ravine, sent one half of patrol on right flank and took the other half to the left flank, attacking the camp from two sides, bandits offered very little resistance, firing wildly as they ran into the brush. Guardia followed bandits as far as possible, when could not follow any further returned to site of the camp found one more dead bandit armed with one shot gun, captured one bull ready to butcher, two guitars, one shot-gun, two rounds .38 spec. W., hat bands. One bandit killed, no Guardia casualties. Patrol camped at scene of bandit camp.

5. On 28 July, 0600, proceeded to Portillo Anchon, where awaited arrival Quilali patrol according to orders. When Quilali patrol did arrive, cleared for San Juan de Telpaneca morning of 29, July via point 228-364.

6. Patrol returned to Telpaneca July 30, 1932.

7. Guardia casualties: None.
Bandit casualties : 2 killed, 2 wounded.

8. Patrol consisted of the following named Officer and enlisted men:

2nd Lieut Edw. L. Livermore. Commanding patrol.

-1st Sgt MONDRAGON, A.	#1544	San Juan
Cabo MONCADA, J.	3118	" "
" ZAVALA, J.	3011	Telpaneca
Raso FLORIAN, H.	4403	" "
" GONZALEZ, P.	2028	" "
" GONZALEZ, F.	3006	" "
" GARCIA, J.	3018	" "
" HERNANDEZ, G.	4108	" "
" IRIAS, N.	3014	" "
" MARTINEZ, A.	3009	" "
" PEREZ, M.	4016	" "
" MENDOZA, C.	4272	San Juan
" GUTIERREZ, J.	4349	" "
" LOPEZ, J.	4570	" "
" GOMEZ, C.	3882	" "
" VELAZQUEZ, Y.	5098	" "
" LOPEZ, S.	4044	" "
" HERNANDEZ, J.	3775	" "
" GUIDO, V.	4094	" "
" ALEGRIA, T.	3979	" "
Señor GOMEZ, Santos		Armed civilian, Telp.

9. Weapons employed by the Guardia; two BARs, three STMGs, three Rifle Grenaders, remainder of patrol armed with Krag Rifles.

Weapons employed by the bandits: Rifles, pistols and shot-guns.

10. The entire patrol were obedient during above mentioned operations, upon arrival at these two camps, patrol was forced to crawl through brush and mud, no complaints were heard from any men and everything was done in a cheerful mood.

11. The entire Area covered is an infested bandit Area. Many corn-fields along the Rio Coco. Bandits have their women working the fields, while the men are robbing from those who work honestly.

12. Patrol discovered a bandit cemetery with twenty-one freshly dug graves and further on found where they butcher cattle. It is believed that large groups visit this place enroute to their main camps, or that they split up into small groups and live in these places when they are resting.

Edw. L. Livermore

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, YALI, NIC.
28 JULY, - 1932.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Contact, report of.

1. At 0700, July 26, 1932, a combat patrol consisting of Lieuts Snyder and Wriston and twenty four enlisted cleared Yali for a point about one league from Rio Arriba where a bandit camp was reported to be. It was the intention of this patrol to find and destroy this camp and then to return to Yali. About one half league from Yali two enlisted told the patrol commander that they were sick so these two men were told to report to Lieut Gutierrez upon their return to Yali.

2. Upon arrival of the patrol at Rio Arriba Julian Rivera, the Juez de la Mesta of that district, reported to the patrol commander that Jefe Padilla and ten men had passed there at 1800 the evening before. I asked him if he had any additional information of the bandits and he told me that he had heard of many small groups proceeding in the general direction of Los Portillos, the scene of the Condega contact 14 July, 1932.

3. Believing that Jefe Padilla was in that part of the country for the purpose of joining some other group I told Lieut Wriston to proceed in that direction of Los Portillos, or Los Achotes, with the point of the patrol and see if he could pick up the trail of the ten that had passed the night before. The patrol had very little difficulty in trailing this group to Los Chilaes. Upon arrival at Los Chilaes a friend of the Guardia told me that Padilla had left the trail at his house and proceeded through the monte toward Pavona.

4. Knowing that the cerros of Los Portillos and Pavona would more than likely be chosen for bandit camps I ordered the patrol to proceed on to Los Portillos. It was my intention to arrive at Los Portillos and then circle back east and arrive Pavona via Guachipili.

5. From Los Chilaes the patrol climbed towards the three pikes forming Chipotillas (Snyder has called these three pikes Los Portillas in the original report). Upon the arrival at the house of an ex-Juez de Mesta situated in a pass between two of the pikes the patrol stopped for water and a rest after the climb. A heavy rain had started to fall at the moment. Lieut Wriston had stopped for water and had sent the point on up the trail for a short distance. Raso Arturo Blandon, number 4247, fired at two bandits armed with pistols who had crossed the trail to the

A hand-drawn map showing a winding path or road. The path is labeled "PINE COVERED CLIFFS" and "BANDITS MOVED HERE AND FORCED PATRYN. TO WITHDRAWN." An arrow points to the right along the path. A line of trees is drawn across the path, with an arrow pointing to it from the left. The path continues to the right, where an arrow points up and to the right, labeled "TO PAVONA".

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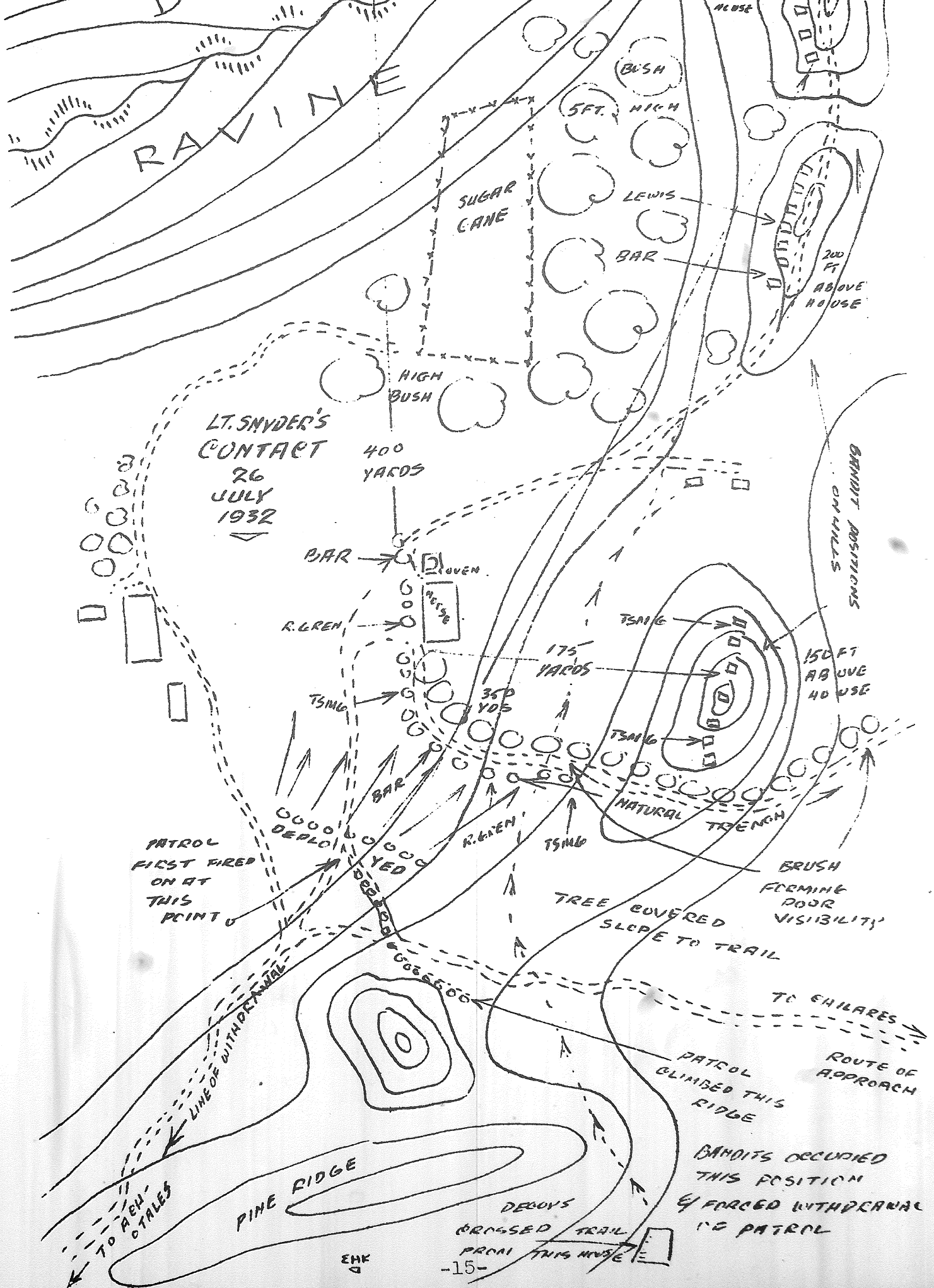
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right of the point. Upon hearing the firing Lieut Wriston and I formed the patrol on both sides of the trail advancing to the point where the two bandits had climbed the slope on our right. From that point a trail led to the right from the main trail to a house situated about one hundred yards up the side of the mountain. The deployed patrol arriving at the house and not encountering an enemy passed toward the back of this house and on both sides.

6. Back of the house directly to the east were two small cerros or lomas. The bandits had entrenched themselves on top of these two cerros and when the patrol rounded the house the bandits opened fire with their automatic weapon and rifle grenades.

7. To the left of the house forming the patrol's left flank ran a fence of long leafed cactus. To the right a ditch led off from the house and to our front. This ditch protected our main firing line. A heavy growth of vines and monte obscured our view of the two cerros, but by raising up and exposing themselves to a certain extent the patrol was able to lay down a heavy defensive fire. Lieut Wriston had formed the point into a firing line on the left flank and because of the poor visibility several members of the point had crawled through a pole gate at the left of the house and had chosen positions that offered little protection. These men were the first hit.

8. The bandits had placed two Thompson-Sub-Machine-Guns on their left flank. One Lewis Machine-gun in their center and a BAR on either flank. Lieut Wriston also reported a STMG on their right flank. Of the ten to fifteen rifle grenades the bandits fired three exploded to our rear. Lieut Wriston directed the placing of rifle grenades to the bandit's firing line to his front and left. To the right of the house facing the smaller cerro of the two and part of the larger the rifle grenadier placed his grenades to good advantage. Lieut Wriston had taken a BAR in the meantime and had prevented the bandits from firing on the patrol from the shelter of a deep ravine on our left flank. High monte and poor protection prevented my parting the patrol and attacking the bandits on their left flank. Our positions as a whole offered poor visibility and firing conditions. The bandits choosing their positions three hundred yards from the scene of the Condega patrol contact, 14 July, 1932, had greatly improved their chances even against a strong Guardia patrol.

9. During the hour and one half of fighting the bandits kept up their cheers of "Viva Umanzor", "Viva Colindres" and "Viva Jose Leon Diaz". Their number was estimated to be between two hundred and two hundred and fifty.

10. Fifteen of the twenty-five rifle grenades fired by the Yali patrol failed to explode.

The bandits gaining more courage when our grenades failed to oust them from their positions started flanking in from a high hill on our right and from the top of a mountain ridge on our left. Having four Guardia wounded and not wishing to have the patrol caught from three sides our one direction of retreat being in direct line of fire from the cerro on our right I ordered the patrol to withdraw one at a time to the slope where Lieut Sandino's patrol was ambushed, a distance of about two hundred yards. Having gained superior position on this slope it was evident that the bandits would not follow. The Guardia derived much pleasure in taunting the bandits to follow the patrol and meet us on an even footing as to positions.

11. The fight started at eleven hundred with our withdrawal to our new position at 1230. The four wounded Guardias were evacuated at 1300 to the house of one Eulogio Herrera where we commandeered a pack animal for Raso Benito Zamoran, number 4278, who was shot during the contact through the right kidney. He died at 1600 on the trail to Yali. Patrol arrived Yali 18226.

12. The following officer and men composed the patrol:

Lieutenant C. D. SNYDER.
" L. S. WRISTON.

Sgto MADRIGAL, Fermin	#1940
Cabo VALLE, Julian	1978
" ROQUE, Doroteo	2465
Raso HERRERA, Enecon	4849
" BLANDON, Arturo	4247
" BLANDON, Leandro	4553
" BORGE, Antonio	3850
" DAVILA, Dionisio	3708
" DUARTE, Baltazar	4475
" DUARTE, Perfecto	5464
" GOMEZ, Aquilino	4163
" GONZALEZ, Francisco	4308
" GONZALEZ, Pedro	4534
" GUTIERREZ, Pedro	4473
" HERNANDEZ, Rinaldo	5005
" GRANADOS, Estanislao	4898
" MENDOZA, Isabel	1193
" QUINTERO, Juan	4286
" RAMIREZ, Fernando	3293
" RIVERA, Luis	4973
" RODRIGUEZ, Santamaria	4263
" ZAMORAN, Benito	4278
" ZELEDON, Carmen	4213

Guardia casualties: KILLED: Raso ZAMORAN, Benito.
WOUNDED: Raso BLANDON, Arturo,
Raso RAMIREZ, Fernando, Raso
DUARTE, Baltazar.

Bandit casualties unknown but estimated at 10 killed and seven wounded.

Guardia employed following automatic weapons: 2 BAR's, two STMG's and two Rifle Grenade dischargers.

Bandits employed 1 Lewis Machine Gun, two BAR's, three STMG's and two Rifle Grenade dischargers.

Ammunition expended: Krag combat 1050, Springfield 540 and Cal .45 230.

13. It is estimated that the bandits expended nearly twice as much ammunition as the Yali patrol due to the fact that they kept up a heavy fire with their automatic weapons.

14. The conduct of the patrol was excellent while facing the fire of the group that outnumbered them ten to one and I especially wish to mention Raso BORCE, Antonio displayed all the qualities of a non-commissioned officer while under heavy fire. The conduct of the four wounded during the contact and evacuation merits praiseworthy mention.

C. D. SNYDER,
2nd Lieut, GN.-

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, CONDEGA.
THIRD DISTRICT, NORTHERN AREA.
AUGUST 8, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut Joseph M. Broderick GN.
To : The Area Commander, Northern Area.
Via : The District Commander, Third District.

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. (Third Combat Patrol, Northern Area).

MISSION OF THE PATROL:

To gain contact with and destroy bandit group that had attacked Yali Patrol at Achotales (234-347).

PLACE OF CONTACT:

On Rio Coco at point 235-357.

DURATION OF CONTACT:

The contact lasted about five minutes.

NAMES OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN:

2nd Lieut J. M. BRODERICK, Patrol Commander.
2nd Lieut Jacinto MONTENEGRO, Second in Comm.

Cabo	SARAVIA, Concepcion	#3601
"	ZELAYA, David	2523
Raso	LOPEZ, Aquilino	1222
"	ZELAYA, Sotero	3168
"	SERRANO, Francisco	1999
"	SOBALBARRO, Francisco	3304
"	TORREZ, Cipriano	4303
"	CASTELLON, Jose	3981
"	GOMEZ, Adrian	3096
"	GARCIA, Roberto	4068
"	HERRERA, Gabino	3243
"	SANCHEZ, Julian	744
"	BENAVIDES, Concepcion	2946
"	ROMERO, Isaias	4161
"	GONZALEZ, Benjamin	5097
"	POTOSME, Pedro	3233
"	LOPEZ, Eugenio	4863
"	MOREIRA, Jose	3110
"	MAIRENA, Horacio	3335
"	ESPINOZA, Jose	3902
"	MONTOYA, Irene	4273
"	PAGUAGA, Antonio	2620
"	ACUÑA, Eduviges	2989
"	GONZALEZ, Jesus	2371
"	PEREZ, Teofilo	4508
"	HERNANDEZ, Juan	2283
"	LOPEZ, Santiago	4025
"	SANCHEZ, Mariano	4028
"	PASTRANA, Miguel	4581
"	CRUZ, Ramiro	4989
"	IGLESIAS, Madelino	4866
"	OSORIO, Isidro	2883
"	ACUÑA, Jesus	4443
"	GONZALEZ, Venancio	4189
"	GUTIERREZ, Sixto	2070
"	VARGAS, Pastor	4533
"	RUIZ, Norberto	4067
"	RIVAS, Geronimo	4602
"	BACILIO, Florian	3220

Señor CASTELLON, Sixto, Guido.

NUMBER OF BANDITS:

Unknown (Estimated at more than sixty).

LOSSES:

Guardia Nacional: None.

Bandits - - - - : Three known killed. One known wounded.

-ARMS USED BY GUARDIA AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED:

2	BAR's	- - - - -	100 rounds.
3	STIG's	- - - - -	40 "

2 Rifle Grenade outfits - - 1 grenade.
32 Krag Rifles - - - - - 151 rounds.
3 Pistols - - - - - 15 "

ARMS USED BY BANDITS:

- 1 Lewis or BAR
Rifles and Pistols.
 - 2 Dynamite bombs.
- The bandits expended very little ammunition.

ARTICLES CAPTURED FROM THE BANDITS:

- 1 Dynamite bomb complete.
- 3 Hats.
- 1 Red and black hat band.
- 3 Rounds 1917 Springfield ammunition.
- 1 Pipante and paddles.

DATE AND HOUR OF CONTACT:

30 July 1932 at 1030 AM.

RESULTS OF CONTACT:

Bandits were dispersed to the north and south.

INCIDENTS OF THE FIGHT:

The point emerged from the brush into the bank of the Rio Coco and observed four men, one with a rifle, running to the river and immediately opened fire. Three of the bandits entered the river and began to swim for the north bank. About this time an automatic weapon opened on us and fired a few short bursts. Several rifles and pistols were fired at us and two dynamite bombs, both of which exploded in the brush on south side of river. The bandits did a lot of yelling and shouting but cheered no one. Of the three bandits in the river two were killed and one wounded. The wounded one crawled into the rocks and brush on north bank and could not be found when that bank was searched. The fourth bandit ran into the brush on south bank of river but was pursued for about one hundred yards by Raso Montoya, Irene #4273, who shot him through the head and brought body back to the beach. Of the two dead in the river one was dragged out but the other reached the rapids before we could get him.

NOTES:

Raso MONTOYA, Irene #4273, is recommended for special mention for the courage he displayed in pursuing the bandit for hundred yards into the brush where the other bandits had announced their presence by their yells and shouts.

JOSEPH M. BRODERICK
2nd Lieutenant, Guardia Nac.
de Nicaragua.

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OPERATION REPORT FROM RIVAS, 4 TO 17 AUGUST, 1932:

4 AUGUST 0600 Lieut Adams cleared Rivas for Managua.
0800 One enlisted arrived from Potosi.
1100 One enlisted cleared Potosi for Rivas.

5 AUGUST 0830 One enlisted arrived from Buenos Aires.
1100 One enlisted cleared for Buenos Aires.
0840 One enlisted arrived from Belen.
1100 One enlisted cleared for Belen.
1100 One enlisted arrived from San Juan del Sur.

6 AUGUST 0600 One enlisted cleared for San Juan del Sur.
1400 Lieuts Prieb and Rodriguez cleared for Rosario .
1630 Lieuts Prieb and Rodriguez returned from Rosario.

7 AUGUST 0930 Captain Forsyth cleared for San Antonio.
1300 Captain Forsyth returned from San Antonio.
1600 One enlisted arrived from Cardenas.

8 AUGUST ---- No Operations.

9 AUGUST 1610 Lieut Adams and one enlisted arrived from Managua.

10 AUGUST ---- No Operations.

11 AUGUST 0700 Captain Forsyth cleared for San Jorge.
0850 Captain Forsyth returned from San Jorge.
0800 Lieut Gomez and two enlisted cleared for Cardenas.
0830 Lieuts Prieb and Adams cleared for San Juan del Sur.

12 AUGUST 1100 One enlisted arrived from San Juan del Sur.

13 AUGUST 0600 One enlisted cleared for San Juan del Sur.
1530 Lieut Prieb arrived from San Juan del Sur.

14 AUGUST ---- No Operations.

15 AUGUST 0800 One enlisted arrived from Potosi.
1130 One enlisted cleared Potosi for Rivas.
0830 Lieut Bello and one enlisted cleaned Cardenas for Sapoia.

16 AUGUST 0500 Captain Forsyth and one enlisted cleared for San Juan del Sur.
1145 Lieut Adams arrived from San Juan del Sur.
1245 Lieut Bello and one enlisted arrived from Sapoia.

17 AUGUST 0800 One enlisted arrived from Buenos Aires.
1140 One enlisted cleared Buenos Aires for Rivas.

17 AUGUST 0810 One enlisted arrived from Potosi.
1140 One enlisted cleared Potosi for Rivas.
1030 One enlisted arrived from San Juan del
Sur.
1200 Captain Forsyth arrived from San Juan
del Sur.
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----- P E R S O N N E L -----

Lieutenant Maloney (MC) from Managua to Corinto on
14 August 1932, returned 15 August, 1932. Official business.

Lieutenant Ray from Northern Area to Managua on 16 Aug-
ust, 1932.

Lieutenant Martin from Central Area on 16 August, 1932,
to Managua.

Lieutenant Hughes from Brigade Hospital to duty on 16
August, 1932.

Lieutenant Berueffy from Hq. to Police (1st) Company
for duty on 16 August, 1932.

Lieutenant Lynch (MC) from Esteli to Managua on 16
August, 1932.

Lieutenant Henderson from Eastern Area to Managua on
16 August 1932.

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