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-----oO- 31 AUGUST 1932 -Oo-----

Sgt Peña with six other enlisted cleared Ocotal and arrived Totogalpa.

Lieut Bilbrey with eight enlisted and 1 civico cleared Yalaguina and arrived Sonoto. Returned to Yalaguina.

Lieuts Hays and Montenegro with fourteen enlisted, 2 civicos and 1 bandit cleared on reconnaissance patrol from San Juan.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with nine other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Condega and returned with Lieutenant Whitford.

Lieutenant Whitford with nine enlisted cleared Condega to Pueblo Nuevo. Nine enlisted returned.

Lieut Barquero with twenty enlisted cleared Esteli to repair telegraph line to El Sauce.

Captain Prichard and Lieut Burt with twelve enlisted cleared Ocotal for Santa Maria via Macuelizo.

Lieuts Stanley and Montenegro with twenty-five enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili and arrived.

Lieut Lopez with nine enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Sonoto and arrived.

Lieut Sandino with eight enlisted arrived Condega from Daraili.

Captain Kelly with fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando..

Lieut Bell with seventeen enlisted cleared Esteli on patrol.

Lieut McKelvy and U.S. Marine patrol arrived Dario.

Lieut Mahoney and Lieut Silva with twenty five enlisted cleared La Concordia on combat mission.

Lieuts Pennington and Aguado with thirty enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission.

Lieut Rocha with seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca From Sajonia.

Lieuts Weeks and Grieco with thirty enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sisle on combat mission.

Lieuts Haubensack and Rocha with twenty enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for San Ramon.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Sebaco telegraph line repair party.

Captain Biebush and Lieuts Smith and Gutierrez with twenty six enlisted returned Quilali from patrol.

Lieuts Hays and Montenegro with patrol returned San Juan.

Captain Prichard and Lieut Burt with twelve enlisted arrived Macuelizo.

Lieut Bell with patrol returned Esteli .

-----oO- 1 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Oo-----

Lieut Keller with fifteen enlisted arrived Ocotal from San Fernando. Returned.

Captain Biebush and Lieuts Smith, Mathewson and Gutierrez with twnty-four enlisted arrived San Juan.

Captain Prichard and Lieuts Burt and Jones with patrol arrived Macuelizo. Cleared for Sta. Maria.. Arrived.

Lieut Monterrey with seven enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal and arrived. Returned to Dipilto and arrived.

Lieut Sandino with eight enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili and arrived.

Lieuts Stanley and Montenegro with twenty five enlisted cleared Condega for operations north Daraili to Coco River.

Lieut Whitford with eleven enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega.

Lieut Gutierrez with fourteen enlisted arrived Apali.

Captain Biebush and Lieuts Smith, Mathewson and Gutierrez with twenty four enlisted cleared Quilali for San Juan.

Captain Kelly with fifteen enlisted arrived Apali from San Fernando.

Captain Prichard and Lieut Burt with twelve enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Santa Maria.

1st Sgto Portocarrero with nine other enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Monterrey with seven enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto and arrived.

Lieut Ortiz with twenty enlisted cleared Esteli to repair telegraph line between Esteli and Condega. Returned.

Lieuts Stevens, Summerfield and Gallardo with six enlisted and two armed civicos cleared Jinotega on police mission to Apanas and returned. Mission unsuccessful.

Lieut Zeledon with fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for Sisle.

Two enlisted from Fundadora and three enlisted from Aranjuez cleared La Fundadora to repair buzzer line to Matagalpa.

Six enlisted returned Matagalpa from Sebaco telegraph line repair party.

Lieut Warden (MC) with four enlisted reported Matagalpa from Muy Muy.

-----oO- 2 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Co-----

Captain Biebush with patrol arrive Apali.

Lieut Gutierrez with fourteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Sabana Grande.

Lieut Gutierrez with patrol returned Jicaro.

Lieut Livermore with patrol returned Telpaneca.

Lieut Frisch and patrol returned Sauce with repairmen, break in line repaired.

Major Arnett, Department Commander Leon, cleared for Quezalguaque from Leon to pay and inspect. Returned Leon.

Lieuts Frisch and Sanchez with fifteen enlisted and nine auxiliaries cleared El Sauce on combat mission.

Lieut Spart cleared Chinandega for Leon on special temporary duty. Returned.

Captain Elmore, Department Commander Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for El Viejo on pay and inspection trip. Returned.

Lieut Gutierrez with fourteen enlisted arrived Jicaro.

Captain Prichard and Lieuts Vogel and Wysaski with twelve enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo enroute Ocotal.

Lieut Delgadillo with six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal and arrived. Returned.

Lieut Stanko with nine enlisted arrived Condega from Palacaguina.

Lieuts Bell and Barquero with 7th Combat patrol cleared Esteli on patrol.

Captain Biebusch, Lieuts Smith, Hays, Gutierrez and Mathewson with thirty enlisted cleared San Juan for Apali.

Lieut Livermore with fifteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca on patrol.

Lieut Stanko with nine enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina.

Lieuts Mahoney and Silva with patrol arrived La Trinidad with fourteen prisoners.

Lieut Sinkule with fifteen enlisted cleared Somoto on patrol.

Lieut Zeledon with fourteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from Sisle.

1st Sgt Leiva with six other enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa, bull cart escort.

Lieut Muñoz cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa with half-way patrol Lieut Gallardo and six enlisted.

Lieut Bunn with twelve enlisted returned San Isidro from combat patrol vicinity Jocomico and Naranjo. No further information obtained.

Lieuts Mahoney and Silva with twenty five enlisted arrived La Trinidad from combat mission Colon Valley.

Lieuts Haubensack with twelve enlisted arrived La Fundadora from combat patrol via Sajonia.

Captain Smith, Lieut Wriston and twenty five enlisted cleared La Concordia on combat mission.

Lieut Elliott with fourteen enlisted reported Consuelo from Muy Muy.

Lieut Livermore and Telpaneca patrol had contact with group of 30 jefe Santiago Muñoz, near 206-362 September 2. Bandits were surprised making camp and fled all directions. Two bandits wounded. No Guardia casualties.

-----oO- 3 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Oo-----

Lieut Bilbrey with nine enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Somoto and returned escorting civilian party.

Lieut Lopez with ten enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way Yalaguina escorting civilian party and returned.

Lieut Delgadillo with eight enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half-way Somoto. Returned.

Lieut Bilbrey with nine enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Palacaguina. Arrived and returned. Patrol escort civilian party.

Captain Prichard and Lieuts Vogel and Wysaski with twelve enlisted arrived Ocotal from Macuelizo.

Lieuts Stanley and Montenegro with 3rd combat patrol cleared Condega.

Lieuts Price and Schick and Garcia with twenty enlisted and one civilian cleared Apali for Jalapa and arrived.

Lieut Livermore with ten enlisted cleared Telpaneca direction Palacaguina. Arrived Palacaguina and returned.

Lieuts Vogel and Chavarria with twenty five enlisted cleared Ocotal on patrol.

Captain Kelly, Lieuts Mays, Cuadra with seventeen enlisted cleared Apali for vicinity San Fernando, where fifteen enlisted will be picked up.

Lieut Sinkule with patrol returned Somoto.

Lieuts Mahoney and Silva with 6th Combat Patrol returned Esteli with fifteen prisoners.

Lieut Bilbray with seven enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way Somoto escorting civilian party. Patrol returned.

Lieut Lopez with eight enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way Yalaguina to receive civilian party and returned with same.

Lieut Fonseca with twelve enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieut Gallardo with fourteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Six Marines Electoral Mission detail arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieuts Stevens and Zeledon with twelve enlisted and two armed civilians cleared Jinotega on combat mission for vicinity Apanas.

Lieut Derrah with fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on reconnaissance mission north of Jinotega.

Lieut Stevens and Lieut Zeledon with twelve enlisted and two armed civilians returned Jinotega. Mission unsuccessful.

Lieut Darrah and fourteen enlisted returned Jinotega.

Five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

Lieut Fonseca with six enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez.

Lieut Fonseca with twelve enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega.

Captain Small, Lieut Castillo and thirty eight enlisted arrived San Rafael from combat patrol Pantasma Valley. Information negative.

Four enlisted with electoral mission detail of six Marines cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Elliott with fourteen enlisted cleared Consuelo for Sardinal.

Lieut Muñoz arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega with Matagalpa half-way patrol eight enlisted.

-----oO- 4 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Oo-----

Lieuts Bell and Barquero with combat patrol returned Esteli.

Lieut Atweel with fifteen enlisted cleared Somotillo on police mission. Returned Somotillo with three prisoners after destroying two cususa stills.

Lieut Delgadillo with eight enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Somoto.

Sgt Matus with twelve other enlisted and two civicos cleared San Juan for San Juan-Telpaneca trail. Returned.

Lieuts Price and Schick with twenty one enlisted and one civico cleared Jalapa for Apali.

Lieut Sinkule with fifteen enlisted cleared Somoto on patrol to ambush trail.

Lieuts Stevens and Fonseca with six enlisted cleared Jinotega for vicinity Apalas on reconnaissance mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Haubensack with five enlisted returned La Fundadora from combat mission. No results.

Captain Smith, Lieut Wriston and twenty four enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieuts Weeks and Grieco with Corinto Finca patrol of thirty enlisted; arrived San Rafael from combat mission.

Lieuts Weeks and Grieco with thirty enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Captain Smith, Lieut Castillo and twenty five enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat patrol

Captain Smith, Lieut Wriston and twenty four enlisted cleared La Condordia for San Rafael.

-----oO- 5 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Oo-----

Captain Max Smith, Lieut Castillo and San Rafael patrol Central Area had contact 8:00 AM September 5 in vicinity of 235-318 with bandit group, jefe Juan Altamirano. Bandit casualties two known killed and indicationa of wounded. No guardia casualties. Guardia captured one rifle, one pistol and quantity of supplies, clothing and small amount of ammunition.

Lieut Hammond with nine enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega and arrived. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo with Lieut Whitford, and seven enlisted.

Lieut Sinkule with patrol arrived Yalaguina.

Lieut Delgadillo with eight enlisted arrived Somoto from Totogalpa. Returned.

Lieuts Vogel and Chavarria with patrol returned Ocotal.

Lieut Aleman with five enlisted arrived Ocotal from Macuelizo.

Lieut Bilbrey with thirteen enlisted and two civicos cleared Yalaguina on patrol.

Sgt Nuñez with ten other enlisted cleared Dipilto for Las Manos.

Lieut Wysaski with ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto and arrived.

Captain Kelly, Lieuts Hays and Cuadra with patrol returned Apali.

Lieuts Stanley and Montenegro with patrol returned Condega.

Lieut Monterrey with six enlisted cleared Dipilto for Las Manos.

Lieuts Price and Schick with twenty one enlisted and one civico arrived Apali from patrol.

Lieut Monterrey with seventeen enlisted returned Dipilto.

Lieuts Frisch and Sanches, with fourteen enlisted and ten auxiliares returned Sauce from patrol. No trace of bandit groups found.

Native report, reliability unknown, Umanzor's group nearing Cinco Pinos from the East.

Lieut Zeledon with thirteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

Lieut Zeledon with thirteen enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega.

-----oO-- 6 SEPTEMBER 1932 -oO-----

Lieut Bell and Silva with twenty enlisted cleared Esteli for La Trinidad.

Lieut McDonald and Barquero with 7th combat patrol cleared Esteli for area Colon Valley.

Lieut Chavarria with ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto and arrived.

Lieuts Wasaski and Monterrey with twenty five enlisted cleared Dipilto for Las Manos and Las Champas vicinity.

Lieut Bilbrey with patrol returned Yalaguina.

Captain Biobush, Lieuts Hays, Gutierrez and Mathewson cleared Apali for San Juan.

Lieut Aleman with five enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with eight other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Condega and returned escorting Major Burt and Lieut Lyman.

Captain Yost with ten enlisted cleared Condega for half-way Pueblo Nuevo escorting Major Burt and Lieut Lyman. Returned.

Achuapa reports to Sauce by runner, one auxiliar wounded by group of 23 bandits with one automatic weapon remainder with rifle and pistols in immediate vicinity of city. No further details received.

Captain Smith, Lieut Castillo and twenty five enlisted arrived Jinotega from combat patrol Colon Valley.

Native information given Sauce and Esteli indicates Umanzor, Salgado and Paredes with 100 to 150 bandits, approximately half of them well armed and mounted and with 4 automatic weapons operating around Achuapa, Villa Nueva, San Francisco area. Patrol to date unable to confirm. Planes on 6 September reported no signs of bandits. Agents and patrol attempting to make contact.

Lieut Darrah and Lieut Fonseca with twenty enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission to the north.

Lieut Zeledon with four enlisted cleared La Fundadora for half-way Matagalpa.

Seven enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camalias.

Captain Small with twenty five enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Lieuts Pennington, Aguado and combat patrol arrived Navarro from combat mission north of Tuna river. Mission unsuccessful.

Lieuts Leady and Uriza with six enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Cramer with twelve enlisted cleared San Isidro on reconnaissance patrol.

Lieut Zeledon arrived Matagalpa from La Fundadora.

-----oO- 7 SEPTEMBER 1938 -Oo-----

Lieuts Wysaski and Monterrey and Northern Area patrol had contact lasting half-hour with group of one hundred. Jefe Coindres on Ayote mountain (180-408) at 9:00 AM September 7. Bandits had large camp on mountain. Bandit casualties unknown. No guardia casualties.

Lieut Sinkule with fifteen enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Sonoto and arrived.

Captain Biebusch with patrol arrived San Juan.

Lieut Stanko with eleven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega and arrived.

Lieut Sandino arrived Condega from Daraili. Returned.

Lieut Stanko with nine enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina and arrived.

Lieut Montenegro with ten enlisted cleared Condega for half-way Pueblo Nuevo and returned escorting Major Burke and Lieut Lyman.

Ist Sgt Portocarrero with ten other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Condega escorting Major Burke and Lieut Lyman. Ist Sgt Portocarrero with ten other enlisted returned.

Captain Prichard and Lieut Cabrera with fifteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto and arrived.

Lieuts Stanley, Broderick and Montenegro with 3rd combat patrol cleared Condega for Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieuts Wysaski and Monterrey with patrol returned Dipilto.

Lieuts Reid, Jarquin and Griffin (M), sixteen enlisted and seven auxiliares and one wounded auxiliar arrived El Sauce from Achuapa.

Two enlisted with three civil prisoners arrived Leon from Telica.

Lieuts Reid and Jarquin, eleven enlisted and nine auxiliares cleared Sauce on combat patrol.

-----00- 8 SEPTEMBER 1932 -0-----

Three enlisted cleared Guinandega for finca north of Chinandega on police mission. Returned with one prisoner and a large quantity of contraband.

Lieut Quintanilla, four enlisted, two civil prisoners cleared Leon by train for Posoltega on police mission.

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, SAN ISIDRO.
23 AUGUST 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut B. M. Bunn, GN.
To : The Department Commander, GN.
Via : The District Commander.

Subject : Patrol and combat report.
Reference: Your 217.

1. In compliance with reference, I cleared with twelve enlisted for point 225-284 arriving at 15016 upon the receipt of information that all groups from that vicinity were concentrating near Esteli, and that there was a permanent camp in cerro de la Quecera, point 231-297. I immediately cleared for this point and when passing through point 229-291, at 09016, information was received that group of approximately 75 well armed passed heading north under the leadership of Perfecto Gutierrez and Juan Altamirano at 12015. I immediately picked up trails and followed in pursuit, which took me through the following points. North to point 225-295, to 229-302, where it was learned that the group had split; one group going north and one going west. I took up the trail of the larger group which went west under Juan Altamirano and followed to point 221-299, arriving in down pour of rain at 17217, where natives gave information that the group had passed five hours ahead of me. Upon clearing contact was gained less than 200 yds. from the house. Contact lasted from 30 th 40 minutes; after being driven out the bandits took new position directly in rear. Here they employed two automatic weapons which were to my knowledge Sub-Thompson machine guns. Both bandits and Guardia expended considerable ammunition at this point. Later the bandits were driven in all directions, and was unable to follow any particular group. Two were killed in our initial firing and three more were seen to fall, but firing prevented us from reaching them. One bandit that was killed, had several rounds of empty Rem. U.M.C. Cal 30 by his body, the other was armed with cutacha. Several blood stains were seen but was unable to find any wounded. Captured two bandit prisoners, one cutacha, two blankets, one hat with red hat band, two haversacks, one of which was property of the Guardia Nacional and small quantity of provisions.

2. After contact, cleared for La Trinidad to replenish supply of ammunition, arriving at 10118, and cleared for San Isidro at 13318, arrived San Isidro 15118, and cleared 17318 for point 225-284, arriving at point 212-284, and spent night; cleared 07019, and patrolled points 225-284, 229-291, 226-293, 231-294, 231-297, 237-299, 235-289 and 225-284, where no information was received and returned to point 225-280, where we spent night and returned to San Isidro arriving 13322.

B. M. BUNN.

Following patrol report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, CORINTO FINCA.
21 AUGUST, 1932.

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

Subject : Patrol report.
Reference: Area Operations Order.

1. At 0630 August 1932, the Corinto Finca Combat Patrol consisting of 30 enlisted, Lieut Grieco and myself cleared Corinto Finca for Blandon crossing, impossible to cross river at this point and patrol then proceeded to Constanca to ascertain whether crossing could be made thereat. Arrived Constanca at 1330, could not cross river at this point. A reconnaissance patrol was sent south of Ceiba, Patrol returned and reported river high and swift and crossing impossible. Dispatched native runner to Area Headquarters with information as to whereabouts of patrol and requested additional instructions. Waited at Constanca until 1100, 23 August, 1932, for return of runner and cleared for Robles where crossing could be made. On the trail to Robles, dispatched a reconnaissance patrol to Asturias to apprehend Inez Gonzalez, in accordance with instructions received from Area Headquarters. Gonzalez was apprehended and accompanied patrol until he was turned over in Jinotega. Arrived at Los Robles 1800 and camped. At 0700, 24 August 1932, cleared Robles for the north river here was chest high but passable, arrived at Paso Real at 1000, river here was impassable. A barbed wire bridge was constructed for the men to cross. Animals were swum across and food supplies, etc, swung across by means of rope and trees. Crossing completed at 1800. Camped here for night. At 0600 25 August 1932, cleared for Cerro Grande, valle de Mancotal and Embocaderos. Destroyed a bandit camp on Cerro Grande, and a bandit camp at Simarron where many supplies were destroyed. Camped at Embocaderos at 1530. While passing thru the valley of Mancotal I had received information that Petronilio Chavarria had killed a beef at the foot of Cerro Grande just a few hours before. We picked up his trail which led us to Simarron. 0600 August 26 cleared Embocaderos for Los Cedros and arrived at 1100. Company "M" joined us at 1300. In conversation with Co. "M" we planned to take their trail to Pantasma Valley the following day. At 0800 27 August I cleared Los Cedros for the Pantasma Valley arriving first at Guale and then to Loma Alta which is situated almost due west of Guale between the Guale and Mancotal passes. Upon arrival at Loma Alta (1500) and approaching house situated a top this hill a man and woman ran from this house. Patrol camped here for the night. Reconnaissance patrol sent out returned at 1730 and reported a plentiful supply of foodstuffs, many cattle, chickens, hogs, etc., but a total absence of inhabitants. Evidently people in the valley had fled upon

the arrival of patrol. At 0300 29 August 1932, the patrol cleared Loma Alta in the direction of Sta Maria to gather a few mules which were noted by reconnaissance patrol the day before. These mules were situated in a position at the foot of a high hill, here it was learned that the mules were a little wily and the only means of capturing them was to circle around them and close in. As the patrol neared the mules, two bombs were thrown at us from hill top. The patrol immediately took the hill-top but contact could not be gained with anyone. Upon the explosion of bombs mules had fled. We followed a well beaten path up the Mancotal pass and learned that Juan Altamirano with a group of 50-60 had passed there the night before. A runner had preceded us out and he left his mount on the side of the trail for fear of being caught. We arrived at Guadalupe at 1500. Here the trails taken by Juan Altamirano split up in several small trails. One headed for the south, one towards Mojon and the other towards Simarron. At Guadalupe we were informed that a small group had passed the hacienda house on the 25th August and had stolen practically all the mens clothing encountered thereat. It is my opinion that the owner of Guadalupe pays contributions regularly to the bandits in order not to be molested nor have his sons molested by the bandits. At 0600 29 August, 1932, patrol cleared for the mountain of Jalacate where persistent reports pointed to bandits thereat. We arrived at Jalacate mountain at 0800. A group of about 15 were noted 450 yds to over south. Several were armed with pistols and the remainder with machetes. At 0850 not being able to close in further on the group without being seen fire was opened up on them with a BAR and 3 were seen to fall. Their position was immediately rushed and 1 was found dead and 1 wounded. We followed a blood stained trail about 200 yds and found 3 in the brush trying to hide out, these were killed by fire from the STMG. We followed trail to Yanqui and Sisle but further contact could not be made. We learned that the leader was Alejandro Lumbi. At Sisle we again encountered Co. "M" where additional information was furnished me. I dispatched a runner to Area Headquarters requesting foodstuffs and medical supplies in order that I remain in the field longer and requested instructions. In the meantime I took a position south of the bridge at Sisle. At 1800 I received orders from the Area Commander to clear for Corinto Finca the following morning refit the patrol and be in readiness at a moments notice. The following morning 0600 30 August, 1932 I dispatched Lieut Grieco with fifteen men to Jinotega for medical supplies and clothes as none were available at Corinto Finca, and I cleared with the remainder of patrol to aviation field awaiting the return of the patrol to Jinotega. At 1000 Lieutenant Grieco and patrol returned to Aviation field together with Lieutenant Haubensack and La Fundadora patrol and we all proceeded to Corinto Finca arriving thereat at 1530.

2. The trails covered by the patrol during these operations were very bad due to the heavy rains, on several occasions we had to cut trails because they were covered

over. The mountain trail to the Pantasma Valley is terrible and pack animals going over. This trails are easily worn out. I have learned that pack animals hinder the progress of a patrol considerably and had it not been for our animals we could have covered the same routes in much less time. The Pantasma Valley is very fertile and one sees nothing but fields of corn and rice besides many cattle. This valley is the domain of Pedron Altamirano. Several months ago all the natives of Sisle, Yanque, Mancotal, Embocaderos, Simarron, etc., were ordered to the Valley to work on these fields which are known as the "National Field". The cattle stolen south are run over into the valley by either the Guale or Mancotal pass. Pedro Pablo Barrera and Emilio Blandon are entrusted with the duty of rustling cattle into the valley. There is a larger supply of foodstuffs in the Pantasma than there is south. It would take considerable time to destroy all these fields and drive the cattle back over to their right owners.

3. The morale and health of patrol has been excellent and too much praise cannot be given the members of my patrol for the cheerful manner in which they have performed all their duties.

4. A separate report of contact at Jalacate mountain is being submitted.

/s/ G. R. WEEKS.
1st Lieut. GN de Nic.
Cmdg. Corinto Finca.

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Following letters are quoted:

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
SECOND BRIGADE, MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.
2 September, 1932.

From: The Commanding General.
To : The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional.
Subject: Appreciation of services rendered by the Guardia Nacional in recent airplane crashes.

1. On behalf of myself, the officers and men of the Second Marine Brigade, and especially the Aircraft Squadrons, will you please convey to the Officers and enlisted men of the Guardia Nacional stationed in Bluefields and Rama our deep appreciation for their excellent services and co-operation in the two recent airplane crashes. Without the wonderful co-operation and assistance rendered by your organization, these two crashes would probably have had more disastrous results.

2. The Aircraft Squadrons deeply appreciate the co-operation and assistance rendered to them by the

Commanding Officer, Eastern Area and his officers. If consistent with your policy, I would appreciate if some recognition could be given to the Guardia patrol from Rama and especially to Lieutenant Theodore M. Stephenson, Guardia Nacional, who rendered most exceptional and distinguished service under such trying conditions.

/s/ R. C. Berkeley
R. C. BERKELEY

Copy to: CO., Aircraft Squadrons.
Major General Commandant.
Commander, Special Service Squadron.

HEADQUARTERS NICARAGUAN NATIONAL GUARD DETACHMENT, MANAGUA.
NICARAGUA.

5 September, 1932.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Commanding General, Second Marine
Brigade, Managua, Nicaragua.

Subject: Operations of Guardia Nacional in connection
with recent airplane crashes.

1. On behalf of myself, the officers, and the men of the Guardia Nacional I wish to express my appreciation of your letter of September 2nd regarding the cooperation of the Guardia in the two recent airplane crashes, and shall take pleasure in communicating its contents to the officers and men concerned. As soon as the complete reports are received from the Commanding Officer of the Eastern Area, I am planning to reward the officers and men who rendered the assistance by suitable citations and decorations.

/s/ C. B. Matthews
C. B. MATTHEWS

HEADQUARTERS, AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, 2d MARINE BRIGADE,
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.

2 September, 1932.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional de Nic.
Via : The Commanding General, 2d Marine Brigade.
Subject: Appreciation for service rendered.

1. Aircraft Squadrons heartily appreciate the work of the officers and men of your command who, under the most trying conditions, effected the rescue of three members of these Squadrons who were stranded in the jungle country of the Department of Sequia.

2. The work of the following has been especially noteworthy: Colonel Leech, whose direction of the rescue was characterized by his energy and willingness to leave nothing undone that would contribute to the return of the stranded personnel and to their welfare until they could be brought in; Lieutenant Stephenson, who cheerfully suffered terrific hardships for ten days in reaching the stranded personnel; and Captain Smith, the Guardia Communications Officer, whose work in keeping in touch with the situation in the Eastern Area was invaluable.

3. It is recommended that the names of such personnel are recommended by Colonel Leech be brought to the attention of higher authority with the view that they receive such official commendation for their splendid work as will become a permanent part of their military records.

4. I believe that the work of Lieutenant Stephenson merits the award of the Navy Cross.

5. Please accept the thanks of Aircraft Squadrons for the assistance rendered our personnel by the Guardia.

/s/ Francis P. Mulcahy
FRANCIS P. MULCAHY

First Endorsement.
HEADQUARTERS 2D MARINE BRIGADE
Managua Nicaragua.
-- 3 September 1932.

From: The Commanding General.
To : The Jefe Director.

Subject: Appreciation for service rendered.

1. Forwarded.

2. I heartily concur in the contents of the basic letter and would like to add my appreciation to that already expressed by the Commanding Officer, Aircraft Squadrons.

/s/ R. C. Berkeley
R. C. BERKELEY

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Following letter is quoted for general information:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, CORINTO, NIC.
7 September, 1932.

From: The District Commander, Guardia Nacional
de Nicaragua, Corinto Nic.
To : The Department Commander, GN, Chinandega.
Subject: Report robbery Box Car Ferrocarril at
Corinto, Nicaragua. Investigation of same.
Capture of robbers, recovery of property
and completion of case.

I have to report that on the night of Saturday August 20th 1932 in the station grounds of the Railroad at Corinto, Nicaragua, there occurred a robbery which was committed in the following manner: The car was robbed by opening lock with key and the seal was broken, the robbery was not discovered until car reached Leon, Nicaragua where upon being opened it was found to have the following consigned articles missing: three cases of cigarettes consigned to Delgadillo at that place, the car was then immediately sealed and locked and the railroad notified their authorities at Managua, these authorities immediately began their investigation and traced the robbery from Corinto to Leon. The station agent at Corinto upon being approached by the undersigned was suspicious of certain people, the names were given and with the Director of Police I began search, which revealed that one Juan Reyes (better known as "Chimbomba") with Luis Alberto Garcia had left town early in the morning and were seen by a boy between Corinto and Paso Caballo and had offered cigarettes Chesterfield for sale, Chinandega was notified and a few hours later "Chimbomba" was captured and returned to Corinto. The railroad authorities were present in Chinandega at the capture, and about one third of the cigarettes were recovered in that town. Luis Alberto Garcia, the one who had the key to the cars was missing, Railroad town were notified but it was not until the 4th of September that he was captured in Corinto by local police. Garcia was immediately confined and at the request of the Manager of the railroad Mr. Townsend he was held incommunicado. On the 6th of September, Sergeant Zuniga and raso Medrano accompanied by the Director of Police and the prisoners Juan Reyes and Luis Alberto Garcia and Valentin Lopez who had been a purchaser of the cigarettes were escorted to Chinandega. Luis Alberto Garcia then gave a demonstration of how the job was done, the key to the secret was turned over to the rail road authorities namely Señor Ramirez, director of transportation for the Railroad. The two men namely Reyes and Garcia are now confined in Chinandega and the case has been turned over to civilian authorities.

In my mind, this was a mighty nice piece of co-operation upon the part of Civilian Authorities,

the Rail-road Authorities, Guardia Nacional and Police of Corinto and Chinandega. The whole affair was closed up in less than fifteen days and the culprits manded to jail. The Director of Police Señor Satres is a hard worker and deserves the commendation which is here given.

/s/ William S. Fellers
Captain Guardia Nacional de Nic.
Comdg Guardia Corinto Nic.
Chief of Police.

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OPERATIONS REPORT FROM RIVAS 1 TO 7 SEPTEMBER 1932:-

1 SEPT 0600 One enlisted cleared for Sn Jorge and returned at 0830.
1630 Lieut Bello and two enlisted cleared for Tola.

2 SEPT 0930 Lieut Bello and two enlisted returned from Tola.
0800 One enlisted arrived from Potosi; 1130 cleared to return.
0820 One enlisted arrived from Buenos Aires; 1130 cleared to return.

3 SEPT 0730 Lieut Gomez and one enlisted cleared for Sapoa and returned at 1730.
0940 One enlisted arrived from Tola; 1230 cleared to return.

4 SEPT 1100 Lieut Bello cleared for Buenos Aires and San Jorge and returned at 1950.

5 SEPT 0900 One enlisted cleared Rivas for Belen.
1030 One enlisted arrived from Buenos Aires; 1130 cleared to return.
1310 One enlisted arrived from Belen.

6 SEPT 1300 Lieuts Frieb and Rodriguez cleared for Buenos Aires and San Jorge and returned at 1700.
1500 Captain Forsyth cleared for San Jorge and returned at 1720.

7 SEPT 0830 One enlisted arrived from Potosi; 1100 cleared to return.
0830 One enlisted arrived from Buenos Aires; 1120 cleared to return.
0830 One enlisted arrived from San Jorge; 1120 cleared to return.
1740 Two enlisted arrived from San Juan del Sur.
0830 Lieut Gomez and one enlisted cleared Cardenas for Las Zavalas and Colon.

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Lieuts Reid and Jarquin with Achuapa patrol had contact with bandit group of forty, jefe unknown morning September eight near 178-314. Running fight lasting thirty minutes. Bandit casualties unknown. No guardia casualties. Bandits scattered all directions. Captured one animal, blankets and clothing.

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Lieut Roberts to Leon from Managua on September 3, 1932.

Lieut McDonald from Managua to Northern Area on September 5, 1932.

Lieut Stephenson from Bluefields to Managua on September 5, 1932.

Lieut Vogel from Northern Area to Managua on September 6, 1932.

Lieut Vogel from Managua to Diriamba for duty on September 7, 1932.

Lieut Rosenoff to Brigade Hospital on September 7, 1932.

Lieut Cipolloni to duty 7th Company from Hospital, September 7, 1932.

Lieut Stephenson from Managua to Bluefields on September 8, 1932.

Lieut Leady from Central Area to Managua on September 9, 1932.

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