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-----ooO- 15 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Gutierrez R. and Lieut Gallardo with eight enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

Lieut Kerns with nine enlisted and four auxiliares returned Matagalpa from half-way Jinotega.

-----ooO- 16 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Two enlisted and three auxiliares cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa. Telegraph line repair party.

Lieut Fonseca with fourteen enlisted and five auxiliares arrived Jinotega from combat mission. Information negative.

Captain Small, Lieut Snyder and thirty three enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission to vicinity Moropotente.

Lieut Gutierrez R. and Lieut Gallardo with eight enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Gutierrez R. and Lieut Gallardo with eight enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

-----ooO- 17 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Gutierrez P. and Cuadra with ten enlisted and five auxiliares cleared Jinotega for outpost Tomotoya. Captain Maradiaga (M) cleared for San Rafael via Tomotoya.

Lieut Downey with eleven enlisted cleared Jinotega on police mission. Made contact with group of five bandits at Zapote and returned Jinotega. Bandit casualties two wounded. Guardia casualties none.

Lieut Krawie with twelve enlisted reported San Rafael from outpost duty Tomotoya escorting Captain Maradiaga (M) from half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Castillo G. with fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Two enlisted and three auxiliares, telegraph line repair party arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Lieut Aguado with twenty enlisted and fifteen auxiliares returned Matagalpa from combat mission. Information negative.

Lieut Castillo G. with fifteen enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

-----oo0- 18 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Castillo G. with fifteen enlisted cleared La Concor-  
dia on combat mission.

Captain Small, Lieut Snyder with thirty three enlisted re-  
turned San Rafael from combat mission Colon Valley. Information  
negative.

-----oo0- 19 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Captain Smith, Lieuts Downey and Stevens with fifteen en-  
listed cleared Jinotega on combat mission outskirts Jinoteg  
and returned. Mission unsuccessful.

Three enlisted and three auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for  
Sebaco and returned.

Six enlisted cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista.

Eight enlisted reported Consuelo from Buena Vista.

Lieut Bunn with three enlisted cleared San Isidro to in-  
vestigate killing of native. Returned with one prisoner iden-  
tified as being with group who killed the man.

Five enlisted cleared Matagalpa on combat mission.

-----oo0- 20 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Livermore with eleven enlisted and four civicos  
cleared Telpaneca for Ocotal and arrived.

Sgt Peña with six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Somoto.  
Returned with Captain Williams.

Sgt Roman with five enlisted cleared Macuelizo to repair  
telegraph line Macuelizo-Ocotal and returned.

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

Lieut Lopez, Captain Williams with nine enlisted cleared  
Somoto for half-way to Totogalpa. Patrol returned with Lieut  
Lopez.

Lieut Chavarria with five enlisted cleared Dipilto for  
Ocotal. Arrived. Returned to Dipilto.

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

Captain Williams with six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for  
Ocotal. Arrived.

Captain Prichard with seven enlisted arrived Palacaguina  
from Daraili.

Lieut Fonseca with eighteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Lieut Snyder and Lieut Gutierrez R. with twenty five enlisted cleared San Rafael for Santa Fe on outpost duty.

Lieut Montes with twelve enlisted cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro on reconnaissance mission.

Two enlisted with three auxiliares cleared Matagalpa on special mission.

Lieut Aguado with three enlisted and fifteen auxiliares cleared Matagalpa on reconnaissance patrol.

-----ooO- 21 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Reid and patrol arrived Sauce from Punta Rieles with bull-cart of supplies.

Four enlisted and three auxiliares cleared Leon for Telica on police mission.

Lieuts Reid, Frisch and Sanchez with sixteen enlisted and seventeen auxiliares cleared Sauce for Somotillo via Achuapa on combat mission.

Captain Elmore, Department Commander Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa, on inspection trip. Returned.

Lieut Montenegro with fifteen enlisted cleared Jalapa to lay ambush at vicinity of 240-349 and arrived Jicaro.

Lieuts Keller, Goodwin and Cuadra with fifty enlisted cleared Quilali for Jicaro via vicinity 237-375, 237-377, 236-378, 231-384, 233-375 and 232-330. Arrived Jicaro.

Captain Prichard with seven enlisted and one civico cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

Sgt Lopez with six enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Stanko with four enlisted cleared Palacaguina for 201-354 and returned.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with seven other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega and arrived.

Captain Davis with four enlisted returned Muy Muy from La Pineda and Esquipulas.

Lieut Montes with twelve enlisted patrol returned Matagalpa from reconnaissance mission. Nothing to report.

Captain Maradiaga (M) with patrol of three enlisted and eight auxiliares arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieuts Krawie and Gallardo with twenty enlisted and one civico cleared San Rafael for outpost duty at Tomatoya. Captain Maradiaga (M) cleared for Jinotega via Tomatoya with this patrol.

-----oo0- 22 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Schuler, Lieut Spart with four enlisted cleared Chinandega for San Benito and vicinity on police mission. Returned with nothing to report.

Lieut Delgadillo y 5 alistados salieron de Totogalpa para Ocotal y llegaron.

Teniente Chavarria y 5 alistados salieron de Dipilto para Ocotal y llegaron. Sgto Nuñez y 4 otros alistados salieron para Dipilto y llegaron.

Teniente Livermore y trece alistados con tres civicos salieron de Ocotal para Telpaneca y llegaron.

1r Sgto Portocarrero y seis alistados regresaron a Pueblo Nuevo de Condega.

Captain Williams y Tenientes Kemp y Delgadillo con ocho alistados salieron de Ocotal para Totogalpa y llegaron.

Teniente Montenegro y quince alistados salieron de Apali para Jalapa.

Teniente Aleman y veinticinco alistados salieron de Esteli a componer la linea entre Esteli y Limay.

Teniente Bell y Tnte Monterrey con veinte alistados salieron de La Trinidad para Esteli.

Tnte Price y seis alistados salieron de Condega para la mitad del camino de Palacaguina escoltando al Tnte Howard, USMC. Regresó la patrulla sin Tnte Howard.

Sgto Lopez y seis alistados salieron de Palacaguina para la mitad del camino de Condega y regresaron escoltando al Tnte Howard, USMC.

Capitán Kelly, Tenientes Buechlein y Bernheim y quince alistados llegaron a Jicaró.

Capitán Monson, Lieut Foster (M) with ten enlisted and four auxiliares cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Lieut Montenegro and fifteen enlisted returned Jalapa.

-----oo0- 23 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Tnte Lopez y seis alistados salieron de Yalaguina para Somoto. Llegaron.

Sgto Lopez and seven otros alistados salieron de Palacaguina para la mitad del camino de Telpaneca escoltando al Tnte Howard, USMC. Regresaron.

Sgto Rodriguez y nueve otros alistados salieron de Somoto para la mitad del camino de Totogalpa. Capitán Williams, Tnte Kemp y dos alistados más regresaron con la patrulla



Capitán Williams, Teniente Kemp y diez alistados salieron de Totogalpa para la mitad del camino de Somoto. Ocho alistados regresaron.

Tenientes Beans y Gutierrez con veinticinco alistados salieron de Quilali en misión de combate para 242-373 y 233-373.

Tnte Livermore y diez alistados salieron de Telpaneca para la mitad del camino de Palacaguina. Regresaron escoltando al Teniente Howard, USMC.

Teniente Adams y seis alistados salieron de Somoto para Yalaguina. Llegaron.

Tenientes Keller, Goodwin y Cuadra con cincuenta alistados salieron de Jicaró en misión de combate para 233-375 y 233-373.

Capitán Kelly y Teniente Buechlein con quince alistados salieron de Jicaró para Apali. Llegaron.

Teniente Sandino y siete alistados llegaron a Condega de Daraili.

Capitán Prichard y Teniente Sandino con siete alistados salieron de Condega para Pueblo Nuevo. Llegaron.

Tenientes McDonald y Barquero con veinte alistados llegaron a Esteli de Limay.

Lieut Atwell and ten enlisted and one civilian cleared Somotillo for Villa Nueva. Arrived and returned Somotillo.

Two enlisted and three auxiliares arrived Leon from Telica with two civil prisoners.

Four enlisted and eleven auxiliares cleared Leon for Punta Rieles via train escorting government property. Arrived Punta Rieles and Returned to Leon.

Lieuts Centeno and Mendoza arrived Leon from Granada and Managua respectively. Lieut Gomez arrived from Managua, all on temporary duty.

Lieuts Reid, Frisch and Sanchez, eighteen enlisted, seventeen auxiliares arrived Villa Nueva from Sauce via Achuapa. Information received indicated large bandit concentration near Somotillo. This patrol cleared Villa Nueva for Somotillo operating on local information.

Lieut Stevens with six enlisted cleared Jinotega on police patrol outskirts Jinotega.

Lieutenant Stevens returned from police patrol.

Colonel Sheard, Area Commander Central Area, Lieutenant Stevens, 2nd Lieut Hayward, USMC, and six enlisted cleared Jinotega for Llano de la Cruz and returned.

Cabo Berrios with five other enlisted returned Jinotega from police mission outskirts Jinotega.

Lieut Solorzano with eleven enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Arrived and returned.

Lieut Castillo G. with seventeen enlisted cleared La Concordia on combat mission.

Captain Monson, Lieut Downey, Lieut Foster (M) with fourteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Lieut Downey and Lieut Haralson with nine enlisted and five auxiliares cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission.

Lieut Summerfield with four enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo.

Lieut Montes with twelve enlisted reported Matagalpa from reconnaissance mission and cleared to continue mission.

Lieut Gumaelious with ten enlisted cleared Algovia on combat mission point two leagues south Algovia.

-----ooO- 24 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Somotillo reports Lieuts Reid, Frisch, Sanchez arrived.

Julio Loaysiga, Guardia deserter and reported to have killed Guardia Sargeant in Rivas, and lately member of local bandit group was killed yesterday by Raso Pablo Aquino when Loaysiga resisted arrest.

Lieut Sotomayor with six enlisted and fourteen auxiliares cleared Chichigalpa for Bella Vista, Arguila and La Pelona and vicinity to investigate report of group seen in that vicinity early same date.

Lieuts Reid, Atwell, Frisch, Sanchez and Artola and combined El Sauce and Somotillo patrol of fifty had contact with large bandit group, jefes Colindres and Salgado at (131- 312) at 1330 October 24. Fight lasted two hours and ten minutes. Guardia captured first bandit position and successfully held it against several counter attacks. Bandit casualties seven known killed and indications of many wounded. Guardia casualties two wounded. Bandits used at least five automatic weapons and many bombs. Guardia captured seven horses with saddles, one rifle, two pistols, bombs, food, clothing and miscellaneous articles.

Captain Monson, Lieut Downey and Lieut Slattery, Lieutenant Foster (M) with nine enlisted and four auxiliares arrived Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Captain Maradiaga (M) and four prisoners cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa with half-way patrol Lieut Buckner ten enlisted and five auxiliares.

Lieut Downey and Lieut Haralson with nine enlisted and five auxiliares returned Corinto Finca from combat mission vicinity San Esteban. Mission unsuccessful as bandit trail lost due to darkness.

Eight enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Canton.

Four enlisted with two auxiliaries cleared Matagalpa for San Pablo on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Pennington with twelve enlisted and one auxiliary cleared Matagalpa on combat mission vicinity San Pablo.

Lieut Kerns with eleven enlisted and one auxiliary cleared Matagalpa for El Cacao to investigate report burning hacienda there and pursue bandit group.

Lieut Pennington with twelve enlisted and one auxiliary returned Matagalpa from San Pablo. Gained information that group of thirty passed San Pablo with 1st Sgt Velasquez patrol in close pursuit.

Teniente Delgadillo y seis alistados salieron de Totogalpa para Ocotal. Llegaron. Salió la patrulla para Totogalpa escoltando 1r Sgto Benica, USMC y llegó.

Teniente Stanko y siete alistados salieron de Palacaguina para la mitad del camino de Telpaneca y regresaron escoltando al Teniente Howard, USMC.

Teniente Livermore y 15 alistados salieron de Telpaneca para la mitad del camino de Palacaguina escoltando al Teniente Howard, USMC. La patrulla regresó.

Lieut Lopez y siete alistados salieron de Palacaguina para la mitad del camino de Condega escoltando al Teniente Howard, USMC. La Patrulla regresó.

1r Sgto Cortez y seis alistados salieron de Condega para la mitad del camino de Palacaguina y regresaron escoltando al Teniente Howard, USMC.

-----ooO- 25 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Sotomayor and Chichigalpa patrol had contact with group of twenty mounted jefe unknown in Valle de San Benito, North of Chichigalpa, coordinates unknown at 1730 October 25. Fight lasted twenty minutes. Bandit casualties unknown. No Guardia casualties. Guardia captured five horses. Bandits scattered.

Runner from Sotomayor's patrol reports 200 bandits passed vicinity of Bella Vista proceeding to attack Posoltega or Chichigalpa. Lieut Pravia with twenty five enlisted cleared for Posoltega from Chinandega.

Lieuts Reid, Sanchez and Artola with twenty five men and one civilian guide cleared Somotillo on combat mission.

Lieut Atwell and Lieut Frisch with twenty five men and one armed civilian cleared El Sauce on combat mission.

Posoltega and Guardia Chinandega reported that runner arrived Posoltega with message from Chichigalpa patrol at 130-262 stating 200 bandits were proceeding to attack Posoltega and Chichigalpa. Messages were undated.

Alcalde La Paz Centro reports information received that 75 well armed men are in the vicinity of 155-230. He is trying to check this report.

Teniente Adams con seis alistados salió de Yalaguina para Somoto. Llegaron.

Teniente Barry con 11 alistados salieron de Somoto para la mitad del camino de Pataste.

Sgto Peña con seis alistados más salió de Totogalpa para el río Coco escoltando a un miembro de la Misión Electoral. Regresaron.

Teniente Stanko con siete alistados y un cívico salieron de Palacaguina para Pueblo Nuevo a traer suplementos médicos. Llegaron.

Cabo Selva y otros cinco alistados salieron de Dipilto para Ocotal. Llegaron. Regresaron a Dipilto.

Capitán Yost y cinco alistados salieron de Ocotal a encontrar la patrulla de Totogalpa. Regresaron trayendo un miembro de la Misión Electoral.

Teniente Sandino y siete alistados salieron de Pueblo Nuevo Para Condega. Llegaron.

Teniente Monterrey con veinte alistados salieron de Esteli a escortar al Teniente Lyman a Limay. Teniente Barquero y patrulla de combate veinte alistados salieron a relevar al Teniente Alemán entregándole órdenes.

Capitán Kelly, Teniente Buechlein (M) y quince alistados salieron de Apali para San Fernando.

Teniente Artola con diez alistados salieron de Pataste para Orusí y Buena Vista. Regresaron a Pataste sin reportes. Teniente Artola y diez alistados salieron de Pataste para las Savanas. Regresaron a Pataste sin reportes.

Tenientes Adams y Artola con seis alistados salieron de Somoto para Yalaguina. Llegaron.

Teniente Artola con diez alistados salieron de Pataste para la mitad del camino de Somoto. Encontraron patrulla de Somoto en la que incorporo el Teniente Artola. Los diez enlistados a Pataste salieron del punto del encuentro. Teniente Berry con diez alistados escoltando al Teniente Artola regresaron a Somoto de medio camino de Pataste.

-----ooO- 26 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Tenientes Beans y Gutierrez con cincuenta alistados regresaron a Quilali de patrulla.

Teniente Adams y seis alistados salieron de Yalaguina a media distancia de Pueblo Nuevo. Regresaron.

Teniente Alemán y veinte alistados llegaron a Pueblo Nuevo de Limay.

Sgto Peña y seis alistados más y un prisionero civil salieron de Totogalpa para Ocotal. Llegaron. Salieron para Totogalpa. Llegaron.

Capitán Kelly, Teniente Buschlein con quince alistados llegaron a Apali de San Fernando.

Tenientes Keller, Goddwin, Cuadra, Gutierrez y treinticinco alistados llegaron a Apali de Jicaro.

Tenientes Keller, Goodwin, Cuadra y cincuenta alistados llegaron a Jicaro de Apali.

Lieutenant Ortiz y quince alistados salieron de Estelí para una legua al Norte de Estelí. Regresaron.

Capitán Prichard, Teniente Stanko, nueve alistados y un cívoco llegaron a Condega de Pueblo Nuevo.

Sgto Portocarrero y siete alistados más salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para la mitad del camino de Yalaguina. Regresaron.

Capitán Prichard y Teniente Stanko con nueve alistados salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para Condega. Llegaron.

Teniente Stanko, siete alistados y un cívico salieron de Condega para Palacaguina. Llegaron.

Tenientes Keller, Cuadra y treinta alistados salieron de Apali para San Fernando.

Sauce reports Juez de Mesta at 183-298 ordered to prepare food for 200 bandits due to arrive that point on the 26th.

Villa Nueva reports group size unknown at 150-230 also reports at 21326 expecting attack as all inhabitants had left town.

Sauce reports reliable information received that Umanzor with 150 on Sunday passed at 150-230 intending to attack Chinandega or Chichigalpa within a few days.

Guardia agent between Villa Nueva and Sauce held up by four men armed with rifles at 155-300.

Esteli reports from La Trinidad large group jefe unknown killed two men at 189-295 and proceeded south on the 26th.

Somotillo reports Colindres has three camps at 123-319 and retreated there after combat with Reid's patrol on the 25. Somotillo cleared patrol the 27th.

-----ooO- 27 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Hamas and Quintanilla, twelve enlisted and eighteen auxiliares cleared Leon for Punta Rieles, four enlisted for duty El Sauce, one enlisted for duty Punta Rieles, the remainder combat patrol.



Sauce reports reliable native reports Altamirano with 300 at 183-277 at 12024.

Lieut Blanco with two enlisted and eight civicos accompanied by Captain Elmore and Jefe Político cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa, where Lieut Blanco cleared for La Pelona to join Lieut Sotomayor's patrol. Captain Elmore and Jefe Político returned. This trip was made in gasoline.

Lieut Sotomayor reports by runner from point 121-261 that Umanzor with 200 is at point 125-262 and requested reinforcements. Lieut Blanco with ten men, with one automatic rifle and grenade discharger was sent from Chichigalpa to reenforce Sotomayor's patrol, which will total now two officers and thirty five men with four automatic weapons and two grenade dischargers.

Lieuts Hamas and Quintanilla, twelve enlisted, eighteen aux-combat patrol arrived Punta Rieles and cleared for Valle Ocotal. Information twenty well armed men foraging. Party proceeded that direction on 26th.

Seven enlisted, five auxiliares cleared Sauce for half-way to Punta Rieles and returned to Sauce with three other enlisted received from Punta Rieles patrol.

Lieuts Reid and Frisch, thirteen enlisted and fifteen auxiliares cleared Somotillo for Villa Nueva via Jiñocuso and El Danto. Arrived Villa Nueva.

Lieuts Gomez and Zamora, Centeno and Mendoza cleared Leon via train for Managua. Duty completed.

Report received Leon from source believed reliable that about 40 persons held meeting in afternoon of 26th near 147-249 for purpose of uniting with Sandino.

Agent from Leon returned from vicinity 155-230 to Leon and reported 40 well armed men, all mounted remained in that area for four days and cleared on the 25th direction north.

Two enlisted and three auxiliares cleared Leon for Telica and from Telica with three more enlisted cleared at 23027 for vicinity of 150-250 on information that a reunion was being held to devise ways and means to assist the bandits in keeping people away from the polls on election day.

Villa Nueva reports reliable native information received that Pedron Altamirano with 300 in area 143-293.

Nine enlisted cleared Villa Nueva for Somotillo.

Following Patrol report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MANAGUA & CARAZO.  
20 October 1932

From: 2nd Lieut George E. Gardner, GN.  
To : The Department Commander, Department of  
Managua and Carazo.

Subject: Report of Patrol.

Reference: Verbal Orders from the Department Commander.

1. In compliance with orders received from the Department Commander a patrol consisting of Lieut G. E. Gardner, Lieut Francisco Montenegro and 19 Guardias cleared Managua by motor launch to SAN FRANCISCO DEL CARNICERO on the 7th. inst. with orders to pursue group of bandits who sacked the town on 30 September, 1932 and who were reported to be camped near LOS SARSALES about nine leagues northwest of SAN FRANCISCO.

12007 Cleared MANAGUA and arrived SAN FRANCISCO at 16007, picked up three Guardias and cleared immediately for hacienda RIO GRANDE and arrived at 20007. Cleared RIO GRANDE at 07008 and arrived LAS MOJARRAS at 15303. Due to rains and rising rivers remained at that place and cleared at 06309 for COYOTEPE. Bandits slept at this place on the night of 1-2 October. A book was shown me where bandits had scribbled the name of JUAN PABLO UMANZOR, MORALES and one ALFONSO MONTENEGRO and also a note to the effect that anyone voting on election day would have "Corte Chaleco". Cleared COYOTEPE at 12009 and arrived LOS SARZALES at 16009. Searched all houses in SARZALES and found two burlap bags of loot taken from SAN FRANCISCO in the house of PASTOR TORUNO. Made camp in LOS SARZALES. Next morning attempted to cross river but unable to do so. Remained in SARZALES all day. At about 22310 the river rose into the houses of the town and a strong current flowed through the only street cutting off the people who lived on the south side and the women and children began to call for help so I detailed some Guardias to take lanterns and ropes to help them cross over to our side which was soon accomplished and all the people abandoned the town and took for the hills leaving the Guardia in sole possession. Next morning the river having gone down some the people came back to town. I attempted to leave and head towards PUNTA RILLES but found the whole country to the north and west so much under water that it was impossible to travel. Remained in SARZALES. At about 20011 the river again came into the houses and the performance of the previous night was repeated. That night the water came into the houses nearly breast high but without any current except in the street. The whole of the 12th was spent in town. On the 13th attempted to cross river commanding all ropes in town which were twisted together to make one big strong rope which we attempted to take across the river with a home made raft and some horses but the rope was broken by the current and we were unable to manage the raft.

While attempting to cross river planes flew overhead and I displayed pannels requesting planes to report our position. Raso ALTAMIRANO, M. #5026, while attempting to cross was carried down river and called for help. A prisoner by name of MARADIAGA who is an excellent swimmer took off after him and brought him ashore. This MARADIAGA had a revolver and a shot-gun in his possession with an old license for the revolver. All the people of that country told me that he was an honest man and that he was very often called upon to help people on the rivers. For saving the Guardia from drowning and for all the help he was to the patrol I left him at liberty. Gave up attempt to cross that day and returned to SARZALES. On the morning of the 14th again attempted river crossing. Found a place about one league South of SARZALES where river was devided into three passes by some islands. There with the help of ropes, horses, mules and MARADIAGA we finally managed to cross in about five hours time losing one BAR magazine carrier in the crossing. Arrived in LAS MOJARRAS at 17314 where we camped for the night. Sent MARADIAGA to RIO GRANDE to inquire if any boats were there and if anyone had remained there as I was told that the hacienda had been flooded and abandoned. Next morning attempted to cross RIO VIEJO but found it impossible so proceeded overland towards RIO GRANDE. About one league on our way we met MARADIAGA coming back. He reported that the road had been completely washed out by the river and we had to go about two leagues out of the way; that we had to pass two "esteros" "swiming. We proceeded on our way. The first "estero" had gone down during the day and we were able to cross with the water only up to the neck. After that it began to rain as if the seas had been turned up side down. About half of the Guardias were without shoes, some were sick and others just could not walk any more and we were obliged to stop about every 500 yards or so to await stragglers. MARADIAGA warned me that the "estero" we had to pass was very wide and would probably be very high if the rain continued and that if night caught us between the two "esteros" or in it we probably would be in a very difficult situation. So I stopped the patrol and told the men our situation and told them that the one who could not walk would have to be left behind and that no more stops would be made. So proceeded under forced march arriving at the "estero" at about 1700. Luckily for us the water did not go higher than our necks but I noticed by the refuse that had been left in the trees that had been about 20 feet high.. The crossing was about 300 yards wide and there is no doubt that if we had been caught in there with the water rising we probably would still be there. (Next morning I was told that the water had risen during the night). We arrived at the hacienda RIO GRANDE at 20015 with the good news that the motor launch had left for MANAGUA half an hour before our arrival. The administrator of the hacienda told us that the launch had left to bring Genral CHAMORRO and would be back next morning so we remained there. Next day, no launch. Monday 17th. still no launch. On Tuesday morning we cleared for SAN FRANCISCO DEL CARNICERO at 09018 a distance of a little more than one league. We crossed RIO VIEJO in a canoa which is used to make cheese. On the way we had to cross four lagoons by going from one tree to another with the help of ropes. There we saw where some people had lived in the tops of trees for about three days. I heard of only one man drowning which was on the 17th. But the number of cattle and horses and mules lost in that part of the country will be unknown for some time but there is no doubt that it is great. In the hacienda RIO GRANDE alone it is estimated that one thousand head of cattle were drowned and that about 600

manzanas of potrero now form part of the lake. Arrived in SAN FRANCISCO at 16013. Embarked on motor launch "Gloria" at 24018 and arrived MANAGUA at 04019.

2. No contact was obtained with bandits due to the fact that they had left that part of the country and were reported to be camped on a hill situated between EL SAUCE and VALLE DE LAS ZAPITAS. Bandits in going to SAN FRANCISCO took with them all men that could be found on the road from SARZALES in order to make their group appear very large and to prevent anyone from advising the town. These people who were forced to accompany the bandits on their raid were threatened with death at some later time when caught if they escaped during the raid. So these people helped in the raid and carried the goods for the bandits who rewarded them when they arrived at their homes by giving them some of the less valuable loot. Although these people have not been bandits there is no doubt that the threat of the bandits, the seeming ease with which the raid was carried out and the reward of some loot will later tend to make these people more willing companions and later real bandits but the arrival of the patrol and the recovery of some of this loot will in a measure counterbalance this tendency towards banditry.

3. The men composing this patrol should be commended for their willingness to march under some of the greatest difficulties encountered in patrolling, living night and day in water and mud with the threat of drowning at any moment. Also for their work in helping women and children to escape from the rising flood. During the twelve days of patrolling the morale of the patrol was of a very high order and all orders obeyed with alacrity.

The patrol was composed of the following:

2nd Lieutenant George E. Gardner, GN.

2nd Lieutenant Francisco Montenegro, GN.

Sgto	SANCHEZ, Pablo	- - -	#1962
"	SERRANO, C.	- - -	1354
Cabo	FUENTES, B.	- - -	2319
"	GARCIA, N.	- - -	31
"	MIRENA, J.	- - -	2096
"	CASTILLO, I.	- - -	1902
Raso	VARGAS, J.	- - -	1588
"	LOPEZ, Francisco	- -	5277
"	HERNANDEZ, R.	- - -	3748
"	GONZALEZ, J.	- - -	2371
"	LOPEZ, F.O.	- - -	334
"	ALTAMIRANO, J.	- - -	4326
"	CUADRA, Gustavo	- -	4977
"	OPORTA, N.	- - -	1019
"	ALTAMIRANO, M.	- - -	5026
"	VADO, Gonzalo	- - -	5191
"	HERRERA, V.	- - -	4322
"	VALENCIANO, M.	- - -	2479
"	LARIOS, A.	- - -	5155 (MC)

From SAN FRANCISCO DEL CARNICERO:

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Following letter is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, BLUEFIELDS, NIC.  
21 October 1932.

From: The Area Commander, Eastern Area.  
To : The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional de Nic.  
Subject: Conditions in Northern Bluefields.

1. On Sunday October 16th, I proceeded by Marine Corps plane to PUERTO CABEZAS for the purpose of observing conditions in the Department of Northern BLUEFIELDS. Confering with Mr. Scott, who recently took over management of the STANDARD FRUIT COMPANY established there, and to, from personal observation, note what improvement has been made in morale of both civilians and Guardia, and in conditions in general.
2. I found the Department being admirably administered, the morale of both civilians and guardia in a high state. There is the very fullest cooperation between Marines and Guardia, the Fruit Company Officials and the local government. All are pulling together, with the result that conditions are much improved and more secure feeling prevalent throughout the Department. The non activity of the bandits for some time has been instrumental in the feeling of security which now exists. However, this non activity has been caused by the decisive results of Lieutenant PETERSONS' last contact at LECUS CREEK, on July 6th., by the enlarged secret service instituted by the Fruit Company and by active patrolling upward the WANKS RIVER from MOSS FARM and up the river from CABO GRACIAS.
3. The condition of Guardia, material, clothing, storerooms, barracks and grounds, is especially gratifying and reflects great credit on Captain Davies, Department Commander, Lieutenant PETERSON, Department Quartermaster and Disbursing Officer, and the officers assisting them. Conditions are more than 100% better than this time last year, and the Department is in excellent shape for transfer to native control.
4. Lieutenant ZEPEDA to whom the Quartermaster duties were to be turned over, has been sick in the hospital, and transfer has not yet been effected. However, it is expected to be completed before the end of the month.
5. Mr. SCOTT, the new manager, accompanied us on the inspection of the Guardia activities along the railroad, and expressed his gratification and approval of the Guardia efforts to defend the Line, and of the plans and organization for prompt offensive efforts.
6. My anticipation for improvement throughout the Department has been more than justified.

/s/ L. L. LEECH.



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Lieutenant Bond from Chinandega to Managua for duty in Law Office. October 22, 1932

Lieutenant Vogel from Diriamba to Department of Chinandega. October 22, 1932.

Lieutenant Bilbrey from Managua to Diriamba. October 22, 1932.

Lieutenant Buckner from Managua to Central Area on October 24, 1932.

Lieutenant Rabberman from Managua to Ocotal on October 22, 1932.

Lieutenant Mahoney to 2nd Brigade Hospital on October 22, 1932.

Captain Smith to 2nd Brigade Hospital on 22 October, 1932.

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LAST MINUTE INFORMATION:

LIEUTENANTS BLANCO AND SOTOMAYOR BOTH NATIVE OFFICERS AND COMBINED PATROL OF GUARDIA AUXILIARES AND CIVICOS TALLING THIRTY EIGHT MEN HAD CONTACT WITH WELL ARMED GROUP - JEFE UMANZOR ESTIMATED AT 200 OR MORE AT "LA PELONA" (128-264). FIGHT VERY INTENSE AND LASTED FROM 6 TO 11 A.M. OCTOBER 28 UNTIL GUARDIA AMMUNITION EXPENDED. BANDIT CASUALTIES UNKNOWN BUT LIEUTENANT BLANCO ESTIMATES AT LEAST 50 KILLED AND WOUNDED. GUARDIA CASUALTIES UNKNOWN BUT LIEUTENANT SOTOMAYOR AND ABOUT 20 MEN STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. NO MORE DETAILS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT TIME - 10329.

The MILITARY ACADEMY HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO CHICHIGALPA AND CLEARED THAT POINT AT 0700 OCTOBER 29 IN PURSUIT OF UMANZOR GROUP.

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3. The men composing this patrol should be commended for their willingness to march under some of the greatest difficulties encountered in patrolling, living night and day in water and mud with the threat of drowning at any moment. Also for their work in helping women and children to escape from the rising flood. During the twelve days of patrolling the morale of the patrol was of a very high order and all orders obeyed with alacrity.

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