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

Lieut Uriza arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa with half-way patrol Lieut Buckner ten enlisted and five auxiliares.

Lieut Uriza cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega with half-way patrol three enlisted and three auxiliares.

Four enlisted cleared Matagalpa direction Jinotega. Telegraph line repair party.

Captain Maradiaga (M) arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega with half-way patrol three enlisted and three auxiliares.

Four enlisted returned Matagalpa from telegraph line repair party direction Jinotega.

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

Captain Fuller, Lieuts Darrah, Martin and Navarrete; Lieut Hodge (M) and fifty four enlisted arrived Jinotega from combat patrol Peña Blanca area. Nothing to report.

Lieut Summerfield with seven enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro and arrived.

Lieuts Krawie and Gallardo with twenty enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

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

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

Lieut Martin and Lieut Navarrete with twenty two enlisted and twenty five civil prisoners cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

Six auxiliares cleared Jinotega on secret mission.

Four enlisted cleared Matagalpa direction Jinotega telegraph line repair party.

Four enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived. Cleared for Sebaco.

Four enlisted cleared Matagalpa direction Jinotega, telegraph line repair party and returned.

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Eleven enlisted and three auxiliares returned Matagalpa from combat patrol.

Four enlisted cleared Sebaco and arrived Matagalpa.

Lieut Kerns with nine enlisted and one auxiliar returned Matagalpa from combat patrol. Nothing to report.

Lieuts Martin and Navarrete and Lieut Hodge (M) with twenty two enlisted and twenty five civil prisoners arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Tnte Delgadillo con 12 alistados y 1 prisionero GN., salieron de Totogalpa a media distancia de Palacaguina. Regresó Tnte Delgadillo con siete alistados.

Sgto Lopez y siete más alistados salieron de Palacaguina para media distancia de Totogalpa. Regresaron con 12 alistados y 1 prisionero GN.

Tnte Artola con siete alistados salieron de Yalaguina para Totogalpa. Llegaron.

Sgto Olivas con seis alistados más de Yalaguina salieron de Totogalpa para Yalaguina. Llegaron.

Tnte Cuadra y veinticinco alistados salieron de San Fernando para Ocotal. Llegaron.

Tnte Aleman y veinticinco alistados salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para Condega. Llegaron.

Tnte Montenegro y cinco alistados salieron de Macuelizo para el Valle de Amatiyo en mision de policia. Regresaron.

Tnte Keller con 11 alistados llegaron a apali de San Fernando.

Tnte Barquero y patrulla de combate #6, regreso a Esteli de Limay escoltando al Tnte Lyman.

-----ooO- 28 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Two enlisted, three auxiliares returned Leon from Telica. Nothing to report.

Pastor Velasquez, a member of Cisneros group reported Leon giving up two rifles, grantes amnesty providing he stays within the city limits.

Forty civicos called in to service Leon for protection of the city.

Captain Brauer, Lieut Pulver, Lieut Roman, Lieut Moreno with 34 cadets from Military academy arrived Chinandega from Managua. Capt Elmor with officers and cadets cleared via special train for Chichigalpa and Posoltega and arrived.

Lieut Blanco, Lieut Sotomayor and patrol of 9 enlisted and 26 auxiliares had contact at 0630 at point (126-263) with group of 250, under Umanzor, Contact lasted until 1100, -when Guardia run out of ammunition and retreated best they could. Three known guardia killed, one auxiliar wounded and one guardia wounded slightly. Bandits 20 known killed and many wounded.

Sgt Zavala with one other enlisted and ten civicos together with the Jefe Politico cleared Chinandega for Valle San Benito. Arrived Chichigalpa and reported all quiet in that vicinity.

Patrol of five auxiliares returned Jinotega from El Porvenir where they had contact with Alberto Gadea, Luis Herrera group of forty lasting one half hour this morning. Bandit casualties three known dead, four known wounded and believe additional wounded including Gadea reported wounded in two places. Jefe Luis Herrera among killed. Guardia (auxiliares) casualties one killed, one wounded. Captured two pistols (unserviceable) correspondencia, miscellaneous articles.

Lieut Stevens with eight enlisted and five auxiliares cleared Jinotega for El Porvenir to investigate contact reported that place and returned. Contact verified.

Lieut Darrah with fifteen enlisted and fifteen civil prisoners returned Jinotega from aviation field.

1st Sgt Leiva with ten other enlisted cleared Jinotega in direction El Horno on combat mission.

Lieut Castillo G. with fourteen enlisted cleared San Rafael on reconnaissance mission.

Five enlisted cleared Matagalpa on secret mission.

Nine enlisted and seven auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for Sebaco enroute to San Isidro area, reconnaissance and combat mission.

Sgto Olivas con 6 alistados más salió de Yalaguina para media distancia de Somoto. Regresó.

Sgto Rojas con 10 más alistados salió de apali para San Fernando.

Tnte Kemp y 9 alistados salieron de Somoto para media distancia de Yalaguina. Regresaron.

Tntes Price y Alemán con 14 alistados salieron de Condega para Daraili. Llegaron.

Sgt Lopez con 9 alistados más salieron de Palacaguina para Daraili. Llegaron.

Tntes Rabberman y Schick con 15 alistados salieron de Apali para medio camino de Jicaró, escoltando al Tnte Keller y un alistado. La patrulla del Jicaró fue encontrada en Sabana Grande. Tntes Rabberman y Schick con 15 alistados regresaron. Tnte Keller y un alistado ingresaron en la patrulla del Jicaró y procedieron para Jicaró.

Tntes Price y Sandino con 31 alistado salieron de Condega en patrulla.

-----000- 22 OCTOBER 1932 -000-----

Lieuts Hamas and Quintanilla with 12 enlisted and 18 auxiliares arrived El Sauce from patrol.

Twelve enlisted cleared Somotillo for Villa Nueva and arrived.

Lieuts Reid and Frisch with 25 enlisted cleared Villa Nueva for El Sauce.

Captain Trumble with four officers and thirty-six cadets arrived Chichigalpa via train. Cleared on combat mission to point 123-264 to operate on local information.

Captain Braur with three officers and thirty-six cadets cleared Chichigalpa to point 123-264 from there will proceed to point 126-270 to operate on local information.

1st Sgt Leiva with ten other enlisted returned Jinotega from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Fonseca with seventeen enlisted arrived Jinotega from combat mission via La Fundadora. Gained information.

Tnte Berry y 12 alistados salieron de Somoto para Pataste.

Tnte Beans y 25 alistados salieron de Quilali para la mitad del camino de San Juan. Sgto Matus y 14 alistados regresaron. Tnte Beans y 10 alistados incorporaron en una patrulla de San Juan y regresaron con ella.

Tntes Cabrera y Cuadra con 21 alistados salieron de Ocotal para Palacaguina y llegaron.

Sgto Vilchez y 7 alistados salieron de Condega para la mitad del camino de Pueblo Nuevo.

1st Sgto Portocarrero y 5 alistados salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para la mitad del camino de Condega.

Capitan Kelly y Tntes Goodwin y Buechlein con 15 alistados salieron de Apali para Jicaró.

Captain Smith, Lieut Buckner, Lieut Cuadra and twenty-seven enlisted arrived Jinotega from combat patrol. Made contact.

Lieut Gutierrez P. with ten enlisted and four auxiliaries returned Jinotega from outpost duty Paso Real.

Lieut Fonseca with eleven enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way to Matagalpa.

Lieut Martin with twenty two enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

1st Sgt Velasquez with four other enlisted arrived Matagalpa from combat mission.

Lieut Aguado with patrol arrived Matagalpa from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieuts Hamas and Quintanilla, 12 enlisted, 18 auxiliaries cleared Sauce for Punta Rieles and arrived.

Lieuts Reid and Frisch, 25 enlisted arrived Sauce from Villa Nueva. Raso Francisco Camas #4081 deserted patrol taking rifle but leaving belt and ammunition which was brought in by patrol.

Lieuts Hamas and Quintanilla's patrol of 26 cleared Punta Rieles for Valle de las Zapatas.

Lieut Buitrago, 5 enlisted, 15 auxiliares, cleared Leon for Valle de las Zapatas to join Lieut Hamas patrol for combat mission.

Sgt Zavala with one other enlisted and 8 auxiliares returned Chinandega from Chichigalpa via San Benito. Reports all quiet.

Lieut Sotomayor with one enlisted and five auxiliares reported in Chinandega from contact that took place with Lieut Blanco's patrol on 28th. One auxiliar badly wounded and transferred to Managua.

Tntes Stanko y Cuadra con 21 alistados y 1 civico salieron de Palacaguina para los puntos 209-353, 208-353, 208-346 y area en mision de combate.

Tnte Chavarria y 3 alistados salieron de Dipilto en mision de policia para 194-394. Regresaron.

Tnte Barquero y 20 alistados salieron de Esteli para Limay.

Tnte Montenegro y 5 alistados salieron de Macuelizo para el Valle Las Oficinas en mision de policia.

Lieuts Price y Aleman con patrulla legaron a Daraili.

Tntes Bernheim y 20 alistados salieron de Jicaro para medio camino de Jalapa escoltando al Capt Kelly y Tnte Buechlein.

Tnte Montenegro y 15 alistados salieron de Jalapa para medio camino de Jicaro y regresaron escoltando al Capitan Kelly y Tnte Buechlein.

-----ooO- 31 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

From Capt Trumble at El Queso vicinity of Olomega reports Morales, Umanzor group heading north through Milpa, Mayocunda and San Pablo, about 150 all mounted, they have ten wounded, Trumble working north. He found 8 Guardias and one auxiliar dead at scene of Sotomayor contact.

Guardia Telica reported information received from several natives that large group of bandits were one half league outside city. Patrol of Lieut Lopez and 16 men ordered to Telica. Lieut Lopez reports information cannot be confirmed and believes the rumors given out for political reasons, he is investigating. Owner of hacienda San Isidro near Los Planes reports Umanzor group passed his place afternoon of 29th October taking 14 animals that some of the group had two rifles each. That group said they would return Friday or Saturday to attack Leon passing through Telica where he has lots of friends who will join him. He states Umanzor is wounded.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Reid, 28 enlisted cleared Leon for Achuapa.

Somotillo reports people there are expecting attack on 6 November. Information that a group of about 200 are at San Benito in Honduras waiting to attack.

Captain Small, Lieuts Castillo G. and Solorzano with thirty one enlisted arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieuts Weeks and Haralson with fourteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieut Fonseca with eleven enlisted returned Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Sgt Melendez with two other enlisted and six auxiliares cleared Jinotega on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Solorzano with one enlisted and twenty five auxiliares cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

One enlisted and five auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Montes with twelve enlisted reported Matagalpa from combat mission vicinity Matazano.

Lieut Martin with twenty two enlisted arrived Navarro from Matagalpa.

Captain Inman with three enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Aguado with three enlisted and twelve auxiliares reported Matagalpa from combat mission.

Lieut Flipp with five enlisted cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Cramer with one enlisted cleared Muy Muy for Esquipulas.

Lieut Cumbelius with five enlisted arrived Buena Vista.

Lieut Castillo, Captain Small and Lieut Solorzano with thirty one enlisted cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Tnte Adams y 6 alistados salieron de Yalaguina para la mitad del camino de Pueblo Nuevo. La patrulla regresó con Tnte Whitford y 1 alistado más.

Cabo Selva y 5 alistados más salieron de Dipilto para Ocotal. Llegaron. Salieron para Dipilto. Llegaron.

Tnte Schoning y 14 alistados salieron de Telpaneca para medio camino de San Juan.

Tnte Whitford y 7 alistados salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para medio camino de Yalaguina. Seis alistados regresaron.

La patrulla del Tnte Price llegó a Palacaguina. Tnte Price y 15 alistados salieron para Condega y llegaron.

Tnte Kemp y 3 alistados salieron de Somoto para Yalaguina. Llegaron. Salieron para Somoto y llegaron.

Capta Yost y 6 alistados salieron de Ocotal para Totogalpa. Llegaron. Salieron para Ocotal con Tnte Whitford, 2 alistados y 1 prisionero más y llegaron.

Tnte Sandino y Aleman con 7 alistados llegaron a Condega de Daraili.

Tnte Whitford y 7 alistados salieron de Yalaguina para la mitad del camino para Totogalpa. Regresaron 6 alistados.

Tnte Beans y 23 alistados llegaron a Telpaneca de San Juan.

Tnte Artola y 7 alistados regresaron a Totogalpa de la mitad del camino de Yalaguina con Tnte Whitford y 2 alistados más.

Tnte Berry y 12 alistados llegaron a Pataste. Salieron de Pataste para Sonoto. Llegaron.

Tnte Montenegro y 14 alistados salieron de Jalapa para la mitad del camino de Apali escoltando al capitán Kelly y Tnte Buechlein. Regresaron.

Tnte Keller y 20 alistados salieron de Jicaro para la mitad del camino de Jalapa. Regresaron con capitán Kelly y Tnte Buechlein.

Tnte Barquero y la patrulla #6 llegaron a Limay. Tnte Bell y 15 alistados salieron para la mitad del camino de la Trinidad escoltando 2 marinos de la Mission Electoral.

-----ooO- 1 NOVEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Stanko and Cuadra and combined Ocotal and Palacaguina patrol had contact with a large bandit group estimated over 100 jefes Salgado, Benavides, Chavarria and Calderon at 1100 November 1 at point 211-360. Bandits finally scattered and fled Northward. Bandit casualties four known killed and indications of many wounded. Guardia casualties none. Guardia captured two shotguns, food, supplies clothing and miscellaneous articles and destroyed two large camps.

Entire Military Academy patrol arrived Valle de las Zapatas.

Lieut Hamas, Buitrago and Quintanilla, 16 enlisted, 30 auxiliares arrived Valle de las Zapatas, cleared for Malpaisillo and arrived.

Lieut Dumas in company with Jefe Politico Chinandega and ten enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for finca north Chichigalpa. Returned with four prisoners.

Lieuts Weeks, Cuadra and Downey with fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Captain Small, Lieut Castillo G., Haralson and Foster (M) with thirty one enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael, accompanied by 2nd Lieut Hayward USMC and two enlisted Marines.

One enlisted and five auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for half-way to Jinotega and returned.

Lieut Alexander with three enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Dario.

Five enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

Tnte Bell and 8 enlisted cleared La Trinidad escorting two members electoral mission for half-way Esteli. Patrol returned. Sgt Valle and 15 enl cleared for half-way La Trinidad and returned escorting 2 Marines Electoral Mission.

Lieut Lopez, 12 enlisted cleared Telica for Leon and arrived.

Sauce reports Capt Lakso, Lieut Reid, 26 men arrived Achuapa. Cleared for Sauce and arrived.

Capt Trumble, Capt Coffman, Lieuts Hamas, Blanco, Guitrigo and Quintanilla with 40 men arrived Leon via train from Valle de las Zapatas.

Captain Trumble cleared Leon for Valle de las Zapatas. Lieut Zavala 15 enlisted cleared for Valle Zapatas on election duty. Lieut Buitrago, 15 enlisted cleared Leon for Olomeguita on election duty. Cabo Montalvan, 10 enlisted cleared Leon for Valle Real de Tolapa on election duty.

Bandit group estimated 150 jefes reported Salgado, Gonzalez, Vargas, Reyes and Garcia attacked town of Jicaro at 2100 November 2 in four groups from all sides fighting lasted two and one half hours when bandits finally driven from town. Town garrisoned at time by two officers twenty six enlisted and ten civicos. Bandits used four automatic weapons and many dynamite bombs. Bandit casualties two known killed and blood indications of many wounded. Guardia casualties one native officer slightly wounded. One store looted. Bandits driven from town in direction of San Albino Mines.

Bandit group size and jefe unknown attacked town of La Concordia night of November 2. Bandits finally driven from town to Northward. Lines cut. No more information available present time.

Tnte Artola y 9 alistados salieron de Tototalpa para Somoto. Llegaron. Salieron para Tototalpa. Llegaron.

Tnte Montenegro y 7 alistados salieron de Macuelizo para Ocotal. Llegaron. Salieron para Macuelizo. Llegaron.

Tnte Adams y 6 alistados salieron de Yalaguina para Somoto. Llegaron. Salieron para Yalaguina. Llegaron.

Cabo Silva y 4 alistados salieron de Dipilto para Ocotal. Llegaron. Salieron para Dipilto. Llegaron.

Tntes Berry, Lopez con 15 alistados salieron de Somoto para area norte y noreste de Somoto en busca de un grupo de bandoleros reportados allí. Regresaron sin novedad.

Tntes Stanko y Cuadra con 25 alistados regresaron a Palacaguina.

Tnte Price y seis alistados salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para Condega escoltando al Tnte Lyman, USMC. Llegaron.

-----ooO- 3 NOVEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Spart and Lieut Hall (M) cleared Chinandega for Leon. Returned on special temporary duty.

Information received from runner that Umanzor with large group camped at Candelaria, near San Juan de las Pencas night of November 2nd.

Lieut Barguero, 3 enlisted from Punta Nieves and Capt Brauer, three other officers and 36 cadets arrived El Sauce.

-----ooO- 4 NOVEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Captain Brauer, two other officers, 36 enlisted cleared El Sauce for Villa Nueva.

Lieut Raid, 10 enlisted, 14 auxiliares cleared Sauce for San Nicolas.

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Following contact report is quoted:

AREA HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL, JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA.
29 October 1932.

From: Lieut Ward W. Stevens, GN.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega.
Subject: Contact with bandits by Guardia auxiliares,
and patrol to point of contact, report of.
Enclosures: (3)- Sketch of place of contact.
Appointment as expeditionary chief,
Luis Herrera.
Leave papers for 15 days for soldier
Mateo Navarette.

1. On the night of 27 of October, 1932, the below named Guardia auxiliares volunteered to go the Hacienda "El Porvenir, to locate a bandit group under Alberto Gadea and report on same to this office:

JUAN JOSE PINEDA, (leader)	Rifle
MATEO HERRERA (2nd leader)	Pistol
JUAN HERRERA	Rifle
RATLEY HERNANDEZ OCHOA	Pistol
ANTONIO ORTIZ	Pistol
ALBERTO PICADO	Pistol

2. Auxiliares arrived on hill to northeast of house shown in drawing and remained there until about eight-thirty. They saw some movement around the house and thought they were the mozos of the hacienda. The auxiliares then moved through the brush into the banana patch to try to gain information on bandits from the supposed mozos of the hacienda. On entering the banana patch they discovered that the men they had seen were bandits and not mozos, but as they had only see a few men they treid to capture them. They were sitting in the banana patch at dots on scketch and waiting for one of the bandits to move down to the river for water. While sitting there, Feliciano Hernandez came through the banana patch with a pack of supplies for the bandits. Auxiliares captured him and were questioning him when Luis Herrera, (Tuerto), came through the patch with four other, enroute to the river. Herrera fired one shot at the auxiliares but was killed immediately. Two others were wounded. Then the remainder of the bandit group opened fire on auxiliares from three sides of the patch killing Mateo Herrera, auxiliar. Auxiliares then began firing on men seen, killing one and wounding another, who auxiliares claim is Alberto Gadea. Firing lasted about thirty minutes, the bandits using rifles, pistols and bombs.

Pistol carried by Rafael Ochoa jammed after the second shot, and Ochoa with Alberto Ficado advanced to the body of Mateo Herrera, obtained his pistol, and dragged him back. Juan Jose Pineda and Juan Herrera with Antonio Ortiz then held off bandits with rapid fire, and Juan Herrera advanced to the body of Luis Herrera, obtained his pistol and papers from body, and returned. On seeing that the bandits were surrounding them and cutting off all routes of escape, Juan Jose Pineda ordered the auxiliares to retreat through brush, maintaining his fire until men had withdrawn and dragged the body of Mateo Herera into brush a sufficient distance to avoid discovery by the bandits. Auxiliares then cleared for Jinotega with all ammunition expended with exception of six rounds for pistols and five rounds for rifles.

3. Lieut Stevens with seven Guardia auxiliares, six Guardias, two enlisted auxiliares, and one civilian cleared Jinotega for point of contact at 13028. Patrol was composed of the following named men:

1st Sgto	CHAVARRIA, Octavio	STMG
Cabo	CONRDO, Inocente	Rifle
Raso	GAMIZ, Jorge	BAR
"	ESCOBAR, Simeon	Rifle
"	ACUNA, Agustin	Rifle
"	GALINDO, Juan	Rifle
Auxiliar	PINEDA, Juan Jose	Rifle
"	HERRERA, Juan	Rifle
"	HERNANDEZ OCHOA, Rafael	Rifle
"	PICADO, Alberto	Rifle
"	ORTIZ, Antonio	Rifle
"	PINEDA, Nicolas	Rifle
"	MENDOZA, Francisco	Rifle
Raso	HERNANDEZ, Teodoro (aux)	Rifle
"	GONZALEZ, Rosalio (aux)	Rifle
Civilian	HERNANDEZ, Matiaz	Rifle

Patrol arrived scene of contact, about two and one-half leagues from Jinotega, (point- 241-309), 16328, and began investigation of scene of contact. Bodies of auxiliar Herrera, Luis Herrera, (Tuerto), bandit leader from Matagalpa, and Feliciano Hernandez, bandit were found at points marked on sketch. We then proceeded to look for the bodies of the other bandit wounded. At 15128 patrol made contact in heavy brush to west of banana patch with group of approximately five, wounding two and killing one that had been wounded in previous contact, and was being dragged away by the others. In this contact auxiliar Juan Jose Pineda was slightly wounded. One pistol was captured from this man. Patrol then proceeded to bandit camp on hill, and found camp in the making for about fifty men. Destroyed the camp and supply of beef. Patrol cleared "El Porvenir" at 19328 with body of Mateo Herrera. Arrived Jinotega 23328.

4. From careful investigation of scene of contact I found that bandit group was of about forty men, all armed with pistols, rifles and dynamite bombs. This same information gained from people who lived in house. Alberto Gadea and Luis Herrera were the jefes. Bandits had auxiliares surrounded on three sides and were closing in on fourth side when Juan Jose Pineda, auxiliar leader, ordered the retreat. Bandits used about twenty five bombs and about one hundred rounds of ammunition in this contact. Bandit leader Luis Herrera was killed, and body was identified by me, as I knew him personally. At point indicated by auxiliares that they had shot Alberto Gadea, I found a pool of blood, and tracks into the brush where he had been dragged away. An unknown wounded was also dragged away, and tracks followed by my patrol for about one-half mile until lost.

Guardia auxiliares captured the following articles:

- 1 pistol .32 automatic, Colt.
- 8 rounds of ammunition for same.
- 1 dynamite bomb.
- 1 roll of supplies.
- 25 pounds of salt.
- 1 round cal 7mm ammunition.
- 1 Puñal.
- Appointment of Luis Herrera as expeditionary jefe.

Patrol captured the following articles:

- 1 pistol .44 S&W single action.
- 1 round cal .44 ammunition.
- 1 cow, butchered. (Destroyed)
- 12 cuajadas, and other foodstuffs. (destroyed)
- Bandit camp for about 50 men. (destroyed)

5. It is recommended that all of the men mentioned in the first contact be awarded an appropriate decoration for services rendered in this contact, and for the unusual bravery and coolness displayed by all men in the face of heavy odds. Each man carrying a pistol only had ten rounds of ammunition each when they cleared on this patrol. They did not loose the pistol of the dead man, and dragged the body into the brush to avoid the bandits from cutting it up. They then withdrew in an orderly manner and came to Jinotega as quickly as possible, returning with the patrol to the scene of the contact. Auxilia Mateo Herrera (deceased), and Juan Jose Pineda are especially recommended for their action under fire and thereby causing the mission to be a success. (Note: Herrera was killed when he exposed himself to shoot at Alberto Gadea). I cannot recommend men too highly for their conduct on special mission. All of them have carried out all missions assigned to them successfully since the time they were engaged as Guardia auxiliares. Antonio Ortiz avoided the bandits from closing in on the fourth side while others dragged body of Mateo Herrera into brush, and Juan Jose Pineda avoided a rush from the front. This patrol was a complete success and above the call of duty.

/s/ W.W. STEVENS.

First Endorsement.
HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, JINOTEGA, NIC.
30 October 1932

From: The Area Commander.
To : The Jefe Director.
Subject: Patrol and contact report of Lieut Stevens,
29 October, 1932.

1. Forwarded, recommending that the six auxiliares named in par. 1 of basic letter be awarded the Cruz de Valor. Specimen citations will be forwarded at a later date.

2. In connection with the status of these auxiliares, it should be explained that they were enlisted as civicos for use as intelligence agents. They are not carried on the Guardia pay roll but are paid from time to time from Intelligence funds for specific services rendered. At the time of the contact which is the subject of this report they were actually in the status of civicos.

3. In view of the fact that their services have by the nature of the situation itself developed into an offensive status not contemplated at the time of their enlistment as civicos, their enlistment contracts have been changed to make them auxiliares without pay.

4. The deceased auxiliar, Mateo Herrera, was given a funeral, and about one thousand people attended.

5. The work of these men has been highly praised by the civilian population, and is doing a great deal to crystalize sentiment among the doubtful inhabitants against banditry. It also has the effect of getting the mass of the people behind the Government and against banditry.

/s / Walter G. Sheard.

Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, JINOTEGA.
29 October 1932

FROM: The Department Commander.
To : The Jefe Director, GN.

Subject: Report of contact with bandits.

1. On 24 October, 1932, Lieut Sotomayor cleared Chichigalpa with a patrol of 7 Guardias and 16 auxiliares to look for bandits in the mountains northeast of Chichigalpa. A group of 19 bandits had been reported there the day before. On the morning of the 26th, he had contact at

119-258 with a group estimated at 30, the fight lasting about twenty minutes. There were no Guardia casualties and no known bandit casualties, although there was evidence of several wounded. The patrol returned to Chichigalpa to get more ammunition and cleared again at once. At 14027 Chichigalpa received a message from Sotomayor stating that he was at Argelia, 125-263, and that he thought Umanzor and his group were in the vicinity of La Pelona, 127-265, and he asked for reinforcements. Lieut Blanco with 5 Guardias 3 auxiliares, and 3 civicos (enlisted the day before, all ex-auxiliares) cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and cleared Chichigalpa for Argelia at 1615. He met Sotomayor's patrol at 2200. This force then consisted of 12 Guardias, 21 auxiliares, and three civicos, and had three BARs and one STMG, and two rifle grenade outfits. The auxiliares will average about six months service under guardia control.

2. The patrol, under command of Lieut Blanco, cleared Argelia at 0600, for La Pelona, and about 0700, the patrol was ambushed. The fight lasted about two and a half hours and the Guardia patrol was gradually surrounded. The Guardia were on top of ridge when the fight started, and the bandits on parallel ridges on either side, coffee trees on both sides of the trail. At times the opposing forces were only a few yards apart, and from start to finish the fight covered several hundred yards, with the Guardia advancing from time to time. Planes passed overhead at about the end of the fight but could not see anything. The Guardia finally ran out of ammunition and some of them broke through, Lieut Blanco and eight men arriving in Chichigalpa and seven enlisted in Chinandega. Only one man reporting in had any ammunition. He reported here at 1600 today and had 11 rounds and from his story he seem to have been somewhat separated from the patrol. Only a few guardias appear to have been injured during the fight, but at the end, when they were out of ammunition a number were killed. All the Guardias agree that a large number of bandits were killed, Lieut Blanco estimating the number at 60 who were hit by bullets, about half of them being killed. When he broke through the bandit lines he started with 8 men, and got clear with 6 men. The rifle grenades and hand grenades functioned very poorly. One Guardia stated that two of BARs jammed but the other men did not know of it. Possibly some other members of this patrol will straggle in latter. The bandits fired freely, much more than the Guardia, and used several automatic weapons.

3. Umanzor captured two Guardias, some sub-jefe ordering the bandits not to kill them. They were captives for about half an hour. Umanzor sent a letter in by them threatening the Guardia with death and destruction. These were the only men who failed to bring in their rifles. Of the 18 men who returned three of them were wounded, none seriously. The two men taken prisoners only saw three dead Guardias, and saw many wounded bandits but no dead ones except those seen during the fight.

4. The entire personnel of the patrol fought valiantly, including the auxiliares, of whom there has been some doubt, conserved their fire and were under good control.

5. Lieut Sotomayor was reported as wounded in the head slightly. He and two other men broke through the bandit lines with the seven men who reported in to Chinandega but after about a half mile these three were either distanced or went in another direction or stopped to fight. The bandits were in pursuit of them and some of the men say that they heard firing behind them and believe that the bandits caught up with Sotomayor and the other two men.

6. Lieut Blanco cleared with Capt Trumble's patrol this morning and will send in a contact report upon his return.

/s/ Willett Elmore.

Following patrol report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, JINOTEGA, NIC.
1 November, 1932

From: The District Commander.
To : The Area Commander.
Subject: Patrol report.

1. FIRST DAY:-

Upon receipt of verbal orders from the Area Commander I cleared Jinotega at 07226 with Lieut Buckner and eighteen enlisted. Cleared the Aviation Field at 1020 for Paso Real, arriving there at 1430. Camped with Lieut Gutierrez's patrol at Paso Real for the night.

2. SECOND DAY:

Increased the patrol with one officer and eleven enlisted from Lieut Gutierrez's patrol and cleared for Cerro de Agua, point (245-329), upon information from the Area Commander that there was a bandit supply camp in this area. This information was confirmed by Lieut Gutierrez. Upon receiving at point (246-334), 6 mules and 3 head of cattle were found tied in the heavy brush. All animals were well tied and the four trails leading out showed no signs of hurried departure. An ambush was laid on each trail in hopes that the group handling these animals would return. After a wait of about an hour a group of 10 were picked up with field glassed at a house about a mile distant. Leaving ten men in the ambush the remainder of the patrol took up the pursuit. Upon arriving at the house first mentioned it was found that the group had moved about half-way up the mountain to another house, point (244-332). As the patrol approached this house a bandit sentry who was placed in a

tree above the house discovered the patrol and spread the alarm. Fire opened at about 400 yards with the bandits moving up the mountain about half of the group mounted. The patrol was in close pursuit and after traveling about a half mile up the mountain the bandits left their animals and took to the brush. Members of the group dropped off the trail one and two at a time until we had no trail to follow. With darkness approaching and being about three miles from the ten men who were left in the ambush the patrol returned to that point with the captured animals.

3. This contact was a running fight with the firing lasting about 10 minutes.

4. The bandits were poorly armed and did very little firing. The patrol arrived at the ambush position just at dark and the entire patrol moved with all captured animals to Anita, point (244-329) where camp was made for the night. One animal was lost during the night and it is not known whether it was stolen or whether it broke loose from the picket line.

(THIRD DAY:-)

5. Leaving ten men with the animals and supplies the balance of the patrol, covered Cerro de Agua and vicinity but were unable to locate a bandit camp or gain any information of one. Camped at Anita for the night.

6. Two men attempted to crawl up to the picket line at about 2200 but were discovered and fired upon by the sentry. These men took to the brush and could not be found.

7.

FOURTH DAY:-

Proceeded to Jinotega arriving at 1430.

INFORMATION:-

Padilla with 40 men was at Anita on 24 October 1932, and had 25 more men on top of Cerro de Agua.

Daniel Hernandez is in this territory with 30 men and four smaller groups of about 30 men each, operating under him as foraging parties. The jefes of these smaller groups are: Gilberto Gomez, Pedro Gomez, Tranquilino Castro and Transito Sequeira. These smaller groups have no permanent camp but move from house to house and camp in a different place every night. The camp of Daniel Hernandez is reported to be north of Cerro de Agua, some where near the Coco River and is being used at the present time as a dispersing center for animals and supplies. He is reported as having 4 automatic weapons with him (STMG's).

The people in this area are very fringly toward the Guardia but were very frank saying that their sympathies were with the bandits. The Country around Cerro de Agua is cut up with a great many trails all of which have been used a great deal in the past two weeks. The officers and men in this patrol and contact were as follows:

Captain SMITH, Max D.
1st Lieutenant BUCKNER, Arthir E.
2nd Lieutenant CUADRA, Abelardo.

1st Sgto	MEDINA, Valentin	#2052
Sgto	SANTAMARIA, Sinfonso	317
"	BLANCO, Francisco	1932
Cabo	LOPEZ, Francisco	842
Raso	GUTIERREZ, Bonifacio	4590
"	GUADAMUZ, Mercedes	709
"	BERRIOS, Manuel R.	1952
"	MORENO, Pedro B.	1271
"	ALANIZ, Carlos	5206
"	MATHAMOROS, Julian M.	5289
"	REHIREZ, Alfredo E. (HC)	5122
"	CASTRO, Manuel	4555
"	FLORES, Isidro L.	4257
"	MORA, Filiberto	4570
"	HERNANDEZ, Enemecio	3603
"	HERNANDEZ, Heliodoro	1695
"	PANIAGUA, Francisco	5224
"	HERNANDEZ, Jose	4528
"	ORTIZ, Canuto D.	3877
"	PRADO, Esteban	5690
Raso Aux	ALTAMIRANO, Braulio	
Aux	PEREZ, Cresencion	
"	HERNANDEZ, Teodoro M.	
"	CANO, Mauro A.	
"	REYES, Camilo	
"	HERRERA, Luis	
"	GUTIERREZ, Hermenegildo	
"	HERNANDEZ, Julio E.	
"	MAIRENA, Dionisio	

8. THE conduct of the members of this patrol was excellent and the moral was higher than that of any patrol I have seen in this Area.

9. The conduct of Lieut Cuadra on this patrol is deserving of special mention, he displayed quality of leadership and aggressiveness that could hardly be expected of a young officer. Raso Bonifacio Gutierrez displayed excellent marksmanship by placing two rifle grenades directly in the center of the bandit group. Braulio Altamirano, Auxiliar, showed exceptional courage and aggressiveness by being well in advance of the patrol in the pursuit of the bandits up the mountain.

10. There were no Guardia casualties in this contact and no known bandit casualties but it is believed that several bandits were wounded as two rifle grenades were seen to burst in the center of the group.

11.. The patrol captured the following:

8 Horses; 9 mules; 8 head of cattle; 5 saddles;
2 bridles.

/s/ Max D. Smith.

Following report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, CHICHIGALPA.
INGENIO SAN ANTONIO
27 October 1932

From: 2nd Lieut H. E. Dumas, GN.
To : The Department Commander, GN. Chinandega.

Subject: Contact, report of.

1. At about 0800 on the 17th of October a report was received by me that a group of armed bandits were about a mile and a half from San Antonio. I called the District Commander and made the report and obtained permission to clear on patrol as I thought perhaps that they could be overtaken in very little time.

2. I cleared San Antonio with seven men all armed with rifles and hand grenades at about 0830. About 1000 picked up trail of bandits by information that a group of about twenty five had passed about three hours ahead of us. At about 1200 we came across man in the trail who said that he had been forced by the bandits to show them the trail and to cut new ones for them. The man said he would show us the place where he had been turned loose and also the place where they might be camped. When we came within about three hundred yards of a Hacienda by the name of "Trapichon" the man said that perhaps they were there. We then got off the trail and pushed our way through the thick brush until we arrived at a river, in order to get to the houses we had to cross the river and also cross the trail. As we were crossing the trail we saw quite a movement near the houses and men were walking around with arms and some were leaving by another trail we then made a dash for the houses, firing as we went but at the same moment we were fired on and had to stop to take cover. We then moved forward with more care until we got into the clearing near the houses and was fired on again but the bandit that did the firing was in full view and one of the Guardia shot him down. We went on to the houses which were three, we began to look around and found the mandador who told us that the bandits had seen us first and were getting ready to leave when we came upon them, none of the bandits were known to him so I don't believe it was a local group. Articles left behind by the bandits were: eight horses all saddled, about ten clothing rolls with plenty of clothes, five rain coats, one telegraph set, one rifle grenade discharger, one rifle, and two shot guns. There was also one dead bandit.

3. The contact took place at about 1400. We cleared for Chinandega about a half an hour later and arrived at about 1545.

/s/ H. E. Dumas.

P E R S O N N E L

Lieutenant Gray (R) from Neptune Mine to Managua for duty on 29 October, 1932.

Lieutenants Hughes and Jones from the Guardia Nacional to the Second Marine Brigade on 1 November, 1932.

Lieutenant Garcia (MC) from Managua to Northern Area on 3 November, 1932.

Lieutenant Carvallo (MC) from Managua to Bluefields for duty on 31 October, 1932.

Lieutenant Whifford (MC) from Northern Area to Managua on 2 November, 1932.

Colonel T. P. Cheatham, Law Officer GN, from Managua to Granada on special duty on 4 November and returned to Managua on 7 November, 1932.

Lieutenant Bryson from Somotillo to Managua to 2d Brigade hospital on 6 November 1932.

LAST MINUTE NEWS:

Cabo Blandon and patrol of 10 from Cabo Gracias had one hour contact with bandit group of 60 at MOKARIN lower Coco River on November 3rd. Bandit casualties unknown but indications of several killed or wounded. Guardia casualties none. Guardia captured several boats, baggage and miscellaneous articles.

Lieutenant Hays and Northern Area patrol had contact at SANTO DOMINGO 214-371 with group of 90 on 5 November. Guardia rushed bandits and drove them south. Guardia regained contact hour later and scattered them all directions. Bandit casualties two known killed. Four known wounded. No Guardia casualties. Bandits armed with two automatic weapons.

Lieutenant Hays and Northern Area patrol had contact with bandit group of thirty-five, jefe unknown at 217-372 near CARBONAL at 0900, 6 November. Bandits scattered all directions. No known bandit casualties. No Guardia casualties.

Present reports show that the Nicaraguan National Elections throughout the republic were carried out without disorder. Returns to date (10 AM Nov 7) indicate that the Liberal candidate for president, Dr. Juan B. Sacasa, is in the lead with a majority of approximately 20,000 votes.

FOLLOWING INDICATES THE DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICERS IN MANAGUA DURING ELECTION DAY:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.
2 November 1932

MEMORANDUM: CHIEF OF STAFF:

SUBJECT: Distribution of Officers in Managua,
Election Day, 6 November, 1932.

OFFICER OF THE DAY, CAMPO DE MARTE... Lieut Rossich, GN.
STAND-BY OFFICER OF THE DAY, " ... Lieut Grato, GN.
EMERGENCY OFFICER OF THE DAY, " ... Lieut Krieger, GN.

PATROL OFFICERS FOR VICINITY OF
QUARTERS OF DEPENDENTS Lieut Rath, GN.
Lieut Ward, GN.
Lieut Maloney, (MC) GN.

EXTRA OFFICERS TO POLICE CO..... Lieut Anderson, GN.
Lieut O'Neal, GN.
Lieut Crawford, GN.
Lieut LeFrancois, GN.
Lieut Mitchell, GN.
Lieut Hoskin, GN.
Lieut Baldassarre, GN.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION..... Captain Smith, GN.
Lieut Pavelko, GN.
Lieut Phillips, GN.

OFFICERS AUGMENTING DEPT MASAYA..... Lieut Mendoza, GN.
Lieut Velez, GN.

EXTRA OFFICER DEPT MANAGUA..... Lieut Gray, GN.

DEPARTMENT MANAGUA & CARAZO..... Department Officers to be
distributed in outlying
stations by D.C.

HEADQUARTERS, GN..... With exception of those
already assigned above, all Officers to be in
waiting.

JR. OFFICERS AVAILABLE FOR DUTY
IN CASE OF EMERGENCY..... Lieut Bond, GN.
Lieut Bello, GN.
Lieut Picado, GN.
Lieut Portillo, GN.
Lieut Barrios, GN.

OFFICER ON DUTY GARAGE..... Lieut Reyes, GN.

CANTINA Lieut Bell, GN.
Lieut Lopez, GN.

Chas Davis
CHAS. DAVIS, 1st Lt. GN.,
GN-1. Officer in charge of
assignment of Jr. Officer
for duty 6 Nov.

THE END
