

LEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

NOV 21 1932

MANAGUA

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MANAGUA, NIC.

5-LPH

Enk-aszp.

THE GUARDIA NEWS LETTER No. 126 (7 TO 18 NOVEMBER, 1932)

-----000- 7 NOVEMBER 1932 -000-----

Lieut Castillo G., with fourteen enlisted arrived La Concordia from combat mission vicinity Mesa del Cantón Yupiter. Nothing to report.

-----000- 8 NOVEMBER 1932 -000-----

Lieut Castillo G. with fourteen enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael escorting Cpl Williams USMC.

Captain Small, Lieuts Krawie and Foster (MC) with 17 enlisted accompanied by 2nd Lieutenant Hayward, USMC, and two enlisted Marines arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Captain Naradiaga (MC) with twenty five auxiliares arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieut Haubensack with fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieut Krawie with eighteen enlisted arrived from combat patrol to San Rafael. Nothing to report.

Lieut Castillo G. with fourteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia accompanied by Cpl. Williams, USMC..

Lieut Wriston and twenty-five enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali accompanied by 2nd Lieut Hayward, USMC.

YALI reports by telegram: (delayed)
Lieuts Snyder and Gutierrez R. with twenty five enlisted cleared Yali on combat patrol.

Lieuts Barnes and Summerfield with twelve enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Navarro via Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieuts Herregodts and Hodge (MC) with 11 enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo.

Nine enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Esquipulas.

Lieut Bunn with twenty three enlisted cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa and arrived.

One enlisted and nine auxiliares cleared Dario for Matagalpa and arrived.

Five enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Buena Vista.

-----oo0- 9 NOVEMBER 1932 -0oo-----

Captain Small, Lieuts Krawie and Foster (MC) with seventeen enlisted and accompanied by 2nd Lieut Hayward USMC, and two enlisted Marines cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Captain Maradiaga (MC) with twenty-five auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieuts Herregodts and Hodge (MC) with eleven enlisted arrived Consuelo from Navarro.

-----oo0- 10 NOVEMBER 1932 -0oo-----

Lieuts Grieco and Downey with fifteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Grieco and seventeen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from half-way Jinotega.

Tntes Hammond y Gutierrez con 8 alistados y 1 cívico salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para Condega. Llegaron.

Cabo Vallejos y nueve alistados salieron de Condega para medio camino a Pueblo Nuevo.

Tnte Price y quince alistados salieron de Palacaguina para Condega. Llegaron.

Tnte Ragsdale y diez y siete alistados salieron de Apali para Jalapa. Llegaron.

Captain Biebush y diez alistados salieron de Quilali en reconocimiento. Regresaron sin reportes.

Tnte Livermore y 12 alistados salieron de Telpaneca para medio camino a San Juan. Regresaron.

Tnte Beans con veinte alistados y cinco cívicos salieron de San Juan para la vecindad de (205-378). Continuaron para Telpaneca y llegaron.

Cabo Reyes y quince alistados salieron de La Trinidad para Esteli.

Tnte Sinkule y nueve alistados salieron de Patate para medio camino a Somoto. Tnte Berry y diez alistados salieron para medio camino a Patate custodiando al Capitán Kilbury (CM). Tnte Sinkule y patrulla regresó a Patate con el Dr. Kilbury. Tnte Berry y patrulla regresaron a Somoto.

Tntes Raberman y Velez con veinte alistados salieron de Apali a patrullar conforme órdenes.

Tntes Hammond, Price y Gutierrez con siete alistados salieron de Condega para Pueblo Nuevo. Llegaron.

Capitán Williams y cinco alistados salieron de Somoto para Yalaguina. Llegaron.

-----oo0- 11 NOVEMBER 1932 -0oo-----

Lieut Vogel, Lieut Pravia with patrol returned to Chigalpa from La Pelona-Olomega-Valle de las Zapatas, returning via Leon. Reports all quiet. No bandit information.

Sauce reports Lieut Roman and patrol returned Sauce from Punta Rieles. Nothing to report.

Captain Brauer at Valle de las Zapatas reports that thirty five cadets and two officers will arrived Leon that day.

La Paz Centro reports information received group of bandits at El Cacao, number and exact location not given. Patrol clearing to investigate.

Six enlisted and six auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva for Somotillo with sick auxiliar and arrived.

Captain Brauer, thirty-five cadets and two officers arrived Leon via train from Malpaisillo.

Cabo Saravia, five enlisted and six auxiliares arrived Villa Nueva from patrol.

Lieuts Hamas, Lopez and Quintanilla, thirteen enlisted, twenty seven auxiliares arrived Leon from combat mission.

Patrol of auxiliares from Jinotega had contact with bandit group of twenty-five, jefe Jose Chavarria near (233-304), November 11. Bandit casualties one known killed and indications of several wounded. No auxiliares casualties. Auxiliares captured one pistol, four bombs and miscellaneous articles, also one prisoner.

Nine enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa bull-cart escort.

Lieut Uriza cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa with half-way patrol Lieut Perez and seven enlisted.

Lieut Perez with fourteen enlisted returned Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Lieut Stevens with seventeen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission to outskirts Jinotega (south) and returned. Mission unsuccessful.

Major Whaley, Captain Small, Lieuts Krawie and Foster (MC) with twenty enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael. Arrived.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Sebaco and returned.

Lieut Flippo with six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy.

Lieut Bunn with four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro.

Lieut Marnes with seven enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Cuatro Esquinas.

One enlisted and ten auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for La Lucia-La Providencia.

Lieut Bunn with fourteen enlisted cleared San Isidro on combat patrol for vicinity (189-275).

Tnte Beans y Montenegro con diez y nueve alistados y cuatro civicos salieron de Telpaneca para la vecindad de (205-378).

Sgt Primero Fortocarrero con diez alistados más salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para medio camino a Pataste. Regresaron con Dr. Kilbury.

Tnte Chavarria y cuatro alistados salieron de Dipilto para Ocotal. Llegaron. Regresaron a Dipilto.

Tntes Goodwin y Montenegro con quince alistados salieron de Jalapa para la vecindad de (217-415) y (214-215).

Tnte Sinkule y diez alistados salieron de Pataste para medio camino a Pueblo Nuevo escoltando al Dr. Kilbury. Regresó la patrulla de Pataste.

Capitán Williams y seis alistados salieron de Yalaquina para Totogalpa. Llegaron.

-----oo0- 12 NOVEMBER 1932 -0oo-----

Thirteen auxiliares cleared Jinotega on special mission direction Santa Barbara and returned. Mission unsuccessful.

Lieut Wriston with twenty five enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Captain Fuller, Lieut Lee and Company "H", thirty-two enlisted, six auxiliares and one civil prisoner arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Lieuts Snyder and Gutierrez R. with twenty-five enlisted and one armed cívico arrived Yali from combat patrol. No information gained.

Lieut Wriston and twenty-five enlisted cleared Yali for San Rafael escorting 2nd Lieut Hayward USMC.

Lieut Wriston and twenty-five enlisted arrived Yali from San Rafael.

Lieuts Weeks and Grieco with eighteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia and returned with twelve enlisted.

Lieut Cuadra with twelve enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission to vicinity Iguina crossing.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega and returned.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Sebaco.

Two enlisted with five armed civicos cleared Matagalpa for hacienda La Salvadoria.

Lieut Bunn with fourteen enlisted cleared San Isidro for vicinity Santa Rosa, on combat mission.

Lieut Hodge (MC) with five enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro.

Lieut Kerns with ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa on combat mission for vicinity (231-294).

Parade and review held at San Rafael and Cruz de Valor presented Lieutenant Castillo G. Leading citizens of San Rafael and large crowd witnessed this ceremony.

Lieut Reid and patrol returned Sauce, captured six horses, one mule, two saddles from small group. Also captured six bandits suspects.

Eight auxiliares arrived Leon via train from La Paz Centro.

Lieut Román cleared El Sauce for Leon with General Escamilla and thirteen armed men. Arrived Leon. Cleared for Managua.

Lieut Pravia with five enlisted and twenty seven auxiliares arrived Chinandega from Chichigalpa.

Tnte Cuadra y siete alistados salieron de Macuelizo para Ocotal. Llegaron. Regresaron a Macualizo.

Tnte Livermore y doce alistados salieron de Telpaneca para Monte Grande (209-358). Regresaron.

Tnte Montenegro y Tnte Beans con veinte alistados salieron de San Juan a investigar el area (205-378), también eran acompañados por cinco civicos. Llegaron a Apali.

Patrulla de veinte alistados salió de Esteli para medio camino a Limay. Regresó con los Tntes McCorkle y Lynch.

Tnte Keller y quince alistados llegó a Apali de Jicaro.

Tnte Price y ocho alistados salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para Palacaguina escortando al Capitán Kilbury (CM). Llegó.

Tnte Artola con siete alistados salieron de Totogalpa para media distancia a Yalaguina. Regresaron.

Sgto Olivas con seis alistados más salieron de Yalaguina para medio camino a Totogalpa. Regresaron.

Tnte Keller y diez y seis alistados salieron de Apali para El Jicaro. Llegaron.

Capitán Williams con seis alistados salieron de Totogalpa para Ocotal. Llegaron.

Tntes Goodwin y Montenegro con quince alistados regresaron a Jalapa.

-----oo0----- 13 NOVEMBER 1932 -----oo0-----

Lieut Bunn and Central Area patrol in contact with small group of bandits, jefe unknown at (18)-283). No known bandit casualties. No Guardia casualties.

Captain Smith, Lieut Downey and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission direction Yuacuca.

Captain Puller, Lieut Lee and Company "H", thirty two enlisted, six auxiliares and one civil prisoner cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Captain Puller, Lieut Lee and Company "H" thirty two enlisted, five auxiliares and one prisoner arrived Yali.

Lieut Cuadra and twelve enlisted returned Corinto Finca from combat patrol vicinity Iguina crossing. Captured one prisoner.

Lieut Herregodts with twelve enlisted cleared Consuelo on combat mission.

Sgt Peralta with fourteen other enlisted cleared Navarro on combat mission.

Five enlisted returned Consuelo from Buena Vista.

Captain Davis, Lieut Escobar and two enlisted cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas.

Tntes Beans y Montenegro con diez y nueve alistados y cinco civicos salieron de Apali para San Juan. Llegaron.

Captain Kilbury (CM) y ocho alistados salieron de Pala-caguina para Sondega. Llegaron.

Tntes Rabberman y Velez con veintidos alistados regresaron a Apali habiendo recorrido el area indicada. Nada para reportar.

-----ooo----- 14 NOVEMBER 1932 -----ooo-----

Lieut Schuh, fourteen enlisted, seven auxiliares cleared Somotillo for San Francisco de Cuajiniquilapa.

Fifteen enlisted cleared El Sauce for Achuapa.

Lieut Vogle arrived Chinandega from Chichigalpa. Returned on special temporary duty.

Captain Small, Lieuts Castillo G. and Krawie with thirty enlisted and one armed civico cleared San Rafael on combat mission direction Santa Fe.

Major Whaley, Lieut Haralson and eight enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Captain Small, Lieuts Castillo G. and Krawie with thirty enlisted and one armed civico and one civil prisoner returned San Rafael from combat patrol.

Major Whaley and eight enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Major Whaley with eight enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieut Gireco and fifteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for outpost duty at Paso Real.

Lieut Herregodts with twelve enlisted returned Consuelo from combat mission. Gained information.

Sgt Roman con cinco alistados más salió de Macuelizo para Corral Falso en mision de policía. Regresó a Macuelizo.

Captain Williams con seis alistados salió de Ocotal para Totogalpa. Llegó. Salio para Somoto, llevando al Tnte Delgadillo. Llegó.

Tntes Goodwin y Montenegro con veintidos alistados salieron de Jalapa a investigar en (282-393).

Tnte Livermore y patrulla regresaron a Telpaneca. Nada para reportar.

Capitan Yost, Tnte Gray y diez alistados salieron de Ocotal para Dipilto. Llegaron. Salieron para Ocotal. Llegaron.

Tntes Goodwin y Montenegro con veintidos alistados regresaron a Jalapa.

-----ooO- 15 NOVEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

1st Sgt Leiva with twelve enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way Corinto Finca and returned, accompanied by Lieut Cuadra.

Two enlisted and auxiliar patrol fifty two auxiliares cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Auxiliar patrol twenty auxiliares cleared Jinotega on reconnaissance and combat mission direction Santa Barbara.

Sgt Mendoza with fourteen other enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Sgt Mendoza with fourteen other enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael. Lieut Gallardo with fifteen enlisted cleared on combat mission direction Colon.

Lieut Cuadra with nine enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Escobar with six enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Muy Muy.

Lieut Aguado and Lieut Summerfield with two enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Lieut Solorzano with four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Consuelo via Navarro.

Lieut Herregodts with fifteen enlisted cleared Consuelo on combat mission.

Six enlisted returned Matagalpa from Sebaco.

Lieuts Aguado, Solorzano and Summerfield with six enlisted arrived Navarro from Matagalpa.

Sgt Peralta and fourteen other enlisted returned Navarro from combat mission. Gained information.

Sgt Melendez, fifteen other enlisted returned to El Sauce from Achuapa.

Lieut Martinez, fourteen enlisted, seven auxiliares arrived Somotillo.

Major Arnett, Lieut Hamas cleared Leon for Quezalguaque and returned.

Sgt Rodriguez, thirteen enlisted and two auxiliares cleared Sauce for Santa Lucia.

Major Arnett cleared Leon via train for La Paz Centro and Nagarote to pay and inspect.

Tnte Montenegro y patrulla regresaron a San Juan de medio camino a Quilali.

Tnte Gutierrez y quince alistados salieron de Quilali para medio camino a San Juan. Regresaron.

Tnte McCorkle y trece alistados salieron de Esteli para medio camino a La Trinidad. Regresaron con los Tntes Bell y Saravia.

Tnte Beans, Tnte Montenegro y veintisiete alistados salieron de San Juan para medio camino a Quilali.

Tnte Cuadra G., y cinco alistados salieron de Macuelizo para medio camino a Ocotal.

Tnte Kipp y diez alistados salieron de Ocotal para medio camino a Macuelizo. Tnte Kipp con cinco alistados siguió para Macuelizo y llegó. Tnte Cuadra y diez alistados continuó para Ocotal y llegó.

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

-----oo0- 16 NOVEMBER 1932 -00o-----

Five enlisted, ten auxiliares arrived El Sauce from Santa Lucia and cleared again for Santa Lucia.

Lieut Griffin, nine enlisted, one auxiliar arrived Villa Nueva.

Major Arnett returned Leon from La Paz and Nagarote.

Five enlisted arrived Leon via train from Punta Rieles for duty Leon.

Lieuts Gamas, Buitrago and Quintanilla, five enlisted cleared Leon via train for Punta Rieles for duty District of El Sauce.

Lieut Griffin, ten enlisted, two auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva for Somotillo.

Major Burwell, Tnte aleman y quince alistados salieron de Condega para Daraili y Palacaguina.

Tnte Artola con siete alistados salieron de Totogalpa para Ocotal. Llegaron. Salieron para Totogalpa y llegaron.

Tnte Adams y seis alistados salieron de Yalaguina para Pueblo Nuevo y llegaron. Salieron para Yalaguina y llegaron.

Tnte McCorkle y veinte alistados salieron de Esteli y el Tnte Monterrey con veinte alistados salieron de Limay para encontrarse a medio camino. Tnte Bell, Tnte Saravia con quince alistados salieron de Esteli para encontrarse a medio camino con el Sgto Gonzalez y doce alistados de La Trinidad. Tntes Bell Y Saravia y doce alistados regresaron a La Trinidad. Sgto Rodriguez y catorce alistados más regresaron de medio camino a Limay habiéndose juntado con la patrulla de Limay. Teniente McCorkle incorporó en la patrulla de Limay. La Patrulla de Esteli regresó. La de Limay no se sabe todavía si llegó.

-----o0- 17 NOVEMBER 1932 -0o-----

Tntes Kloth y Ortiz con quince alistados y dos civicos salieron de Esteli para La Trinidad a investigar ciertas irregularidades cometidas por patrulla de esa estación.

Major Burwell, Tnte Alemás y quince alistados llegaron a Daraili. Major Burwell y quince alistados salieron para Palacaguina. Llegaron.

Tnte Gutierrez y quince alistados salieron de Quilali en reconocimiento.

Tntes Hays y Mathewson con doce alistados salieron de San Juan para Telpaneca. Llegaron.

Sgto lo. Portocarrero con seis otros alistados y un guía salieron de Pueblo Nuevo para (178-337) en misión de policía. Regresaron. Nada para reportar.

Cabo Perez con trece alistados más y dos civicos regresaron de medio camino de la Trinidad a Esteli.

-----000- MISCELLANEOUS -000-----

Following report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, CORINTO FINCA.
8 November, 1932

From: The Patrol Commander.
To : The Area Commander.
Via : The District Commander.

Subject: Patrol report.
Reference: Area Operations Order #1031-32.

1. On 2 November, 1932, the Corinto Finca combat patrol composed of Lieut Abelardo Cuadra GN., myself and thirty enlisted was designated by the District Commander to operate on the general plan outlined in the above reference. At 0730 the same date Lieut Cuadra together with 16 enlisted men were dispatched to Paso Real to establish outposts and take up reconnaissance duty in that vicinity. At 0640 the 3rd, myself, together with 14 enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Paso Real, via the aviation field, Jinotega, and I arrived at my destination at 1300, joining Lieut Cuadra and assuming command of Patrol. An active reconnaissance was conducted in this area during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of November, but no bandit information could be ascertained. At 2300, 4 November, I gave orders to Lieut Cuadra to proceed with 16 men the following morning at 0700 to the Yanqui-Sisile area and take up the same duties thereat; I left with 14 men at 2300, 4 November 1932, to Las Robles, via Lechosa, Cuyali and Iguina, arriving at Los Robles at 0545, 5 November 1932. Nothing could be obtained enroute. At all places visited the people were informed that numerous Guardia patrols were in the vicinity and that their safety in going to and from the election polls was assured. At 1600 the 5th I received word from Headquarters that small bandit groups were in the Chaguite Grande-Tomatoya area. This information was immediately dispatched to Lieut Cuadra at Yanqui, ordering his departure from that place to the area mentioned to ascertain information, destroy groups if located, and to assure people in that area of their safety in going to and from election polls. At 0500 the 6th, I cleared with my patrol to Datanli area covering this entire area thoroughly and returned to Los Robles at 0900 the 7th. At 1300 same date I sent word to Lieut Cuadra to join me at Los Robles the night of 7 November in order that we could return to home station on the 8th. Entire patrol returned to Corinto Finca 0900, 8 November, 1932.

2. I wish to call the Area Commander's attention to the difference in the areas covered by myself and that area covered by Lieut Cuadra. In the area covered by myself i.e., Paso Real-Lechosa-Cuyali-Iguina-Las Robles-Datanli and surroundings country, everything was extremely quiet and hundreds of men passed going to the election polls in Jinotega.

Practically all were pleased with the presence of Guardias in vicinity and realized the safety accorded them. Not one stated of being intimidated in any way or form by bandits. I covered this same area during the registrations and have never seen the gathering of so many men as I did during the 5th and 6th of November. In fact during my numerous patrols through area covered in the past

I never realized that the number of men encountered going to the polls lived in this area. The majority of these people which had gone to the polls returned the evening of the 6th and all day the 7th and seemed well pleased and contented of having gone to Jinotega for the purpose of casting their votes.

/s/ N. M. Grieco.
1st Lieut GN.

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, Leon, N.C.,
25 October 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut James F. Atwell, GN.
To : The Department Commander, Leon.
Via : The District Commander, District of El Sauce.
Subject: Contact report of.

1. In accordance with orders received from the District Commander the undersigned with the below named officer, enlisted men and auxiliares combined with a combat patrol from El Sauce under the command of 2nd Lieut G.G. Reid, cleared Somotillo at 08025 to gain contact with a group of bandits reported at La Danta, (136-306).

Lieut Reid and the El Sauce patrol cleared first and the Somotillo combat patrol cleared fifteen minutes later. About one mile outside Somotillo I stopped a man who was going in the direction of Somotillo. I asked him if he knew the location of the bandit camp. He stated he knew the exact hill and that he would lead us there. He also stated that the bandit group was under the leadership of Colindres and numbered 300 men. At the first opportunity this man was turned over to Lieut Reid as his patrol was in the lead. I am certain Lieut Reid patrol would have been ambushed had it not been for this man pointing out the exact location of the bandits, this making it possible for the Guardia to attack first.

Both patrols proceeded to La Danta where Lieut Reids point captured one known bandit and three suspects. Both patrols then advanced in the direction of the bandit camp, the rear of Lieut Reids patrol and the point of the Somotillo patrol in sight of each other. After advancing about half a league along the bottom of range of hills, the

El Sauce patrol opened fire on the top of the hill. The Somotillo patrol advanced fifty yards farther up the trail then flanked left advancing up the hill in order to come in line on the left of the El Sauce patrol.

The bandit group at this time was directing a heavy fire down the hill.

The Somotillo patrol then opened fire on a group of bandits who were attempting to flank Lieut Raids patrol on his left. The attempt failed and this group retreated and joined the main body of bandits who were on a near by hill.

The Somotillo patrol then continued up the hill and came into firing position on the left of the El Sauce patrol.

The bandit fire was very heavy especially during the two times they tried to retake the camp the two patrols had occupied. The well placed rifle grenades and the accurate firing of both patrols was too much for the bandits and they fled in all directions, leaving their dead.

It was decided not to pursue the group due to the fact that the El Sauce patrol had two wounded men and that two BARs and one STMG were out of commission. The patrol proceeded to Somotillo where they arrived at 21025.

Lieut Reid and his entire patrol are to be especially commended for their aggressiveness and spirit in attacking a large group of bandits that was firmly entrenched behind rocks and trees. The Somotillo patrol was equally aggressive and I wish especially to commend 1st Sgt. Galanaca, Justo #245 for his absolute fearlessness under fire, raso Flores, Fernando #3700 for his work with the BAR in repulsing almost single handed an attack on his immediate front and raso Rodriguez, Emeterio #5223 for his accurate firing of the STMG while under heavy fire.

The following weapons were used by the Somotillo patrol:

- 2 BARs
- 2 STMGs
- 1 Rifle Grenade Discharger
- 20 Rifles Krag
- 2 Pistols

The following weapons were used by the bandits:

- 1 Lewis
- 2 BARs
- 2 STMGs
- Rifles
- Pistols
- Bombs.

The following articles were captured from
the bandits:

7 Horses with saddles
1 Rifle Concon
2 Pistols Cal .38 S&W
Food stuffs
5 Rounds Krag ammunition
Clothing.

The patrol consisted of the below listed
officers and men:

2nd Lieut James F. Atwell
2nd Lieut Frisch.

1st Sgt SALAMANCA, Justo	#245-
Cabo VILLAGRA, A.	2568
" ZAMBRANA, A.	1493
Raso CALPOS, E.	4027
" CENTENO, L.	2103
" FLORES, F.	3700
" OBANDO, A.	2813
" PAIZ, H.	4830
" PANIAGUA, C.	1290
" ROSALES, I.	1306
" RODRIGUEZ, E.	3228
" VELASQUEZ, G.	3020

Auxiliares:-

ANDINO, S.	- - - - -	MARADIAGA, R.
HERRERA, L.	- - - - -	MEZA, C.
JUAREZ, J.	- - - - -	VEGA, J.
RUGAMA, A.	- - - - -	AGUILAR, A.
ARGENAL, A.	- - - - -	CASTELLON, L.
MUNGUILA, A.	- - - - -	HERNANDEZ, J.

/s/ James F. Atwell.

The following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, EL SAUCE, NIC.
30 October, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut Gus. G. Reid.
To : The Department Commander.
Via : The District Commander.

Subject: Patrol and contact report.

1. On October 22, 1932, a patrol consisting of myself, Lieut Frisch, Lieut Sanchez, 17 enlisted, and 18 auxiliares, cleared El Sauce for Somotillo via Achuapa. The patrol arrived at Achuapa the same day without incident and cleared for Villa Nueva, via Jocote the morning of the 23rd. Passing through Jocote an ambush that the bandits had

left not more than 24 hours before was seen at the point where Lieut Clark was ambushed last February, and for about five hundred yards farther on towards Villa Nueva. The bandits had three machine gun nests well constructed of logs with rain shed built over them. These were destroyed. From banana skins, orange peels and the like, I deduced that the bandits had left about 24 hours before. Apparently there had been from 75 to 100 bandits lying in wait, probably for this very patrol. The patrol arrived in Villa Nueva without further incident, cleared for Somotillo on the 24th and arrived. There I have Lieut Atwell 9 of my men together with Lieut Frisch. Lieut Artola joined my patrol in exchange for Lieut Frisch.

2. At 03025 my patrol cleared Somotillo on information, that a strong group of bandits was at La Danta. On arrival at that place we found traces showing that two cows had been killed and in fact some of the meat left by the bandits. About a half league further on (131-312) a guide that I had picked up in La Danta told me the bandits were camped on three hills which he pointed out. The leaders he said were Colindres and Salgado. When the point had almost reached the top of the first hill, Lieut Artola halted his point, and informed me that he had seen a few bandits on the hill. I instructed him to move his point up the hill but while we were talking the bandits opened fire on the rear of the patrol. The point and the rest of the patrol opened out and began returning the fire, and after about 15 minutes we were able to start moving up the hill. After a few minutes advance, we were again stopped by heavy automatic fire from higher up the hill. These bandits were dislodged with a few Rifle Grenades and we continued on to the top of the hill. In this first action the bandits lost their 7 killed, also the other articles and the horses. The bandits scattered after being driven off the first hill but a few minutes later had reformed and organized firing lines on three sides of us. Lieut Atwell and the Somotillo patrol had by this time come up on my left flank and successfully repulsed a strong attack on that flank. After pushing the bandits back he sent some men up to assist me in pushing back the attacks on the center and right of my position. These men were repulsed and went back to the second hill. They continued firing heavily for about an hour then split up into three groups and withdrew. The entire firing lasted two hours and nine minutes. The bandits were not pursued because of the two wounded. Lieut Sanchez loocked to be seriously wounded and the auxiliar Leonidas Castellon was also weak from loss of blood. It was decided to return to Somotillo.

3. During the fight the bandits used five automatic weapons also some type of rifle grenades. This grenade does not explode as loudly as does ours and breaks up into very small fragments. Lieut Sanchez was knocked down by the explosion of one but not hurt much as he picked himself up immediately. The auxiliar wounds were all from a grenade of this kind. He had one cut on his chin and many

flesh wounds in his right forearm, right side of his face and right shoulder, none of them deep and from which the Doctor later duged out many small fragments of iron or steel.

4. Seven horses and saddles, one rifle Concon, two pistols, food, cloth and miscellaneous articles were captured.

5. The conduct of both patrols during the fight was excellent, The following are especially commended:

Lieut ARTOLA, for exceptional coolness and handling of men under fire.

Lieut SANCHEZ, because after being knocked down by a grenade and after being wounded, continued to fight with utter disregard for his personal safety.

Lieut ATWELL for his grasp of the situation and quick action in bringing up his patrol on my left flank in time to repel a dangerous attack of the bandits.

1st Sgt SALAMANCA, Justo #245, for his coolness and handling of men under fire.

Sgt RODRIGUEZ, Angel #1553; Cabo MARTINEZ, Ventura #933 and raso FLORES, Fernando #3700 for their excellent handling of B.I.Rs.

Raso RODRIGUEZ, Vicente #4649, is commended for his coolness and the skill displayed in placing rifle grenades.

6. The following personnel composed the patrol taking part in the contact:

2nd Lieut Gus. G. Reid.
2nd Lieut Ernesto Artola.
2nd Lieut Guillermo Sanchez.

Sgt RODRIGUEZ, Angel	#1533
Cabo MARTINEZ, Ventura	933
Raso CAMAS, Francisco	4081
" CORRALES, Esteban	2254
" HERNANDEZ, Inocencio	4635
" HERRERA, Rigoberto	3585
" MARENCO, Juan	1649
" MEJIA, Anselmo	3810
" ORTEGA, Adan	3749
" PASTORA, Inocente	2911
" PEREZ, Manuel	1766
" RODRIGUEZ, Vicente	4649
" RUGAMA, Juan	3320
" VELASQUEZ, Gilberto	3023

AUXILIARIES:-

CHAVEZ, Felix - - - - - ESPINOZA, Arcadio
FLORES, Juan - - - - - GARCIA, Gonzalo
MONTES, Miguel - - - - - MORA, Santiago
MORALES, Jose - - - - - RAMIREZ, Santiago
VASQUEZ, Avelino - - - - - VEGA, Juan.

7. The patrol arrived in Somotillo about 1930 the same day, on October 27, 1932, I cleared with my original patrol for Villa Nueva investigating points (132-307) and (136-306) en route, arriving in Villa Nueva the same night. On 28 October, the patrol operated south of Villa Nueva covering points (153-298), (148-297) and (147-294), returning to Villa Nueva that night. Nothing was encountered but information indicated that a large group was in the vicinity of Mayocunda. The patrol returned to El Sauce on 30 October, 1932.

/s/ Gus G. Reid.

Following report is quoted:-

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

From: The Area Intelligence Officer.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega.
Subject: -Patrol and contact made by Auxiliares,
report of.

1. The following patrol of auxiliares was sent to Valle of Las Mesitas and vicinity to gather information of bandit movements in that section:

Juan Jose Pineda. (Leader)
Alberto Picado
Francisco Pastrana
Tomas Alaniz
Esteban Pineda
Sixto Lopez Lezama
Rafael Hernandez
Cipriano Hernandez
Mateo Pineda
Francisco Picado
Antonio Ortiz.

2. Patrol cleared Jinotega 21009 November, 1932. Patrolled Valles of La Montañita, Las Mesitas during night. Night of 10th November, 1932, cleared Las Mesitas for El Cacao. About noon 11th November, 1932, patrol captured Manuel Bustos, civilian of Granada, Nicaragua, in El Cacao. He was wearing red and black hat-band and a pistol. He then promised patrol to lead them to bandit camp of Jose Chavarria and Martin Muñoz. Patrol while traveling through brush in direction of bandit camp discovered group of about twenty-five on hill-side. Patrol then signalled to bandits to come to them, but bandits only advanced about five hundred yards in direction of auxiliares, and then fled into brush without firing a single shot. Patrol then moved on to bandit camp,

and found about twenty-five men in a corral of rock fences. Patrol advanced on the bandits through brush, and opened fire on bandits. Martin Muñoz, second jefe of groups, was killed. After about fifteen minutes firing, the bandits fled into the brush. Contact took place 16011 November, 1932.

The following articles were captured from the bandits:-

1 Pistol, cal. .32
4 Dynamite bombs
8 Blankets
1 Butchered cow
Various red and black hat-bands.

CASUALTIES:

Auxiliares: None.
Bandits - : 1 killed,
1 captured,
Several wounded.

WEAPONS EMPLOYED:

Auxiliares: 11 Rifles.
Bandits - : Rifles, Pistols, bombs.

MUNITION EXPENDED BY AUXILIARES:

156 rounds Krag.

3. Patrol returned to Jinotega 03012 after covering Las Lomas and Saraguasca areas.

/s/ W. W. Stevens.

Following report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, JINOTEGA, NIC.
9 Noviembre 1932.

From: 1st Sgt Alejandro Leiva #1108, GN.
To : Capitán, Lewis B. Puller, GN.
Subject: Reporte de patrulla.

1. Habiendo recibido órdenes verbales del Capitán Lewis B. Puller, GN. de Nicaragua., el día 14 de Octubre, 1932, de conducir bajo mi mando una patrulla de diez y seis (16) alistados llevando al Raso Rodolfo Mayorga #3144, GN., de Paso Real a esta ciudad quien estaba enfermo, procedí de dicho Valle saliendo a las 4:00 PM del día 14 de Octubre de 1932.

2. Viniendo al comando de dicha patrulla y al pasar por el lugar llamado Las Trincheras, una milla al

Norte de esta ciudad, vimos en el patio de una casa que se encuentra a orillas del camino hacia el occidente del mismo, algunos individuos a quienes no distinguimos que clase de gente era por ser la oscuridad demasiado densa, al momento de haber notado tales acontecimientos, requerimos a los individuos que en dicho lugar se encontraban los cuales no contestaron emprendiendo la fuga con dirección hacia Chirinagua. Avanzamos rápidamente a la casa en mención y preguntamos qué clase de gente era aquella averiguando que eran los bandoleros que hacía pocos minutos tenían de haber llegado.

3. Acto continuo procedí a dar órdenes de disparar contra ellos, quienes contestaron con varios disparos los cuales no dieron ningun efecto en nosotros, continuando endirección del camino de Chirinagua.

4. Habiendo emprendido ellos la fuga, y no teniendo medios de perseguirlos, dispuse regresar al Cuartel General de esta ciudad, a donde a mi llegada di el reporte de lo ocurrido ante esto comando.

5. Individuos que componían esta patrulla son los siguientes:

Sgt LEIVA, Alejandro	#1103
Cabo LOPEZ, Leoncio M.	1879
Raso GUTIERREZ, Tiburcio	3965
" ROMERO, Santos	2920
" DORMUS, Fernando	3543
" MAYORGA, Rodolfo	3144
" DIAZ, Guillermo C.	2113
" CHAVARRIA, Juan J.	4287
" ZAVALA, Manuel Z.	3644
" RIZO, Rosa L.	4915
" CASTILLO, Jose del C.	4217
" ZAIORA, Francisco	4571
" ZEAS, Gabriel	4567
" RUGAMA, Domingo	3329
" GUTIERREZ, Pedro C.	4922
" VALLE, Carmen G.	4080

/s/ Alejandro Leiva.

LA ORACION DE GETTYSBURG.

por Abraham Lincoln.

La Batalla de Gettysburg (Julio 1-3 de 1863) fué una de las mayores de la guerra civil entre los Estados libres y esclavos de la América del Norte. Pocos meses después de ella (19 de Noviembre de 1863) se dedicó un Cementerio Nacional a los que sucumbieron en la lucha, y en la ceremonia, Abraham Lincoln, el gran Presidente antiesclavista, pronunció la oración inmortal que ponemos a continuación.

Esta oración es una joya de la Literatura Inglesa y puede ponerse como ejemplo en la lengua de ese gran país. El Presidente Lincoln, uno de los más grandes, junto con Washington y Jefferson, que han tenido los Estados Unidos, era de descendencia más que humilde. Hijo de campesinos, se quemó las pestañas con la luz de los ocotes, modo que tenía de alumbrar sus libros para instruirse durante la noche, después de su trabajo cotidiano.

El es un ejemplo evidente para la humanidad de todos los siglos: la voluntad unida al esfuerzo, encaminados a hacer el bien a sus semejantes. La oración es la siguiente:

"Ochenta y siete años ha, nuestros padres dieron vida en este continente a una nueva nación, concebida en la Libertad, y sustentada en el principio de que todos los hombres han nacido iguales.

Estamos ahora sumidos en una gran guerra civil, poniendo a prueba si esta nación o cualquiera otra así concebida y sustentada, puede perdurar. Nos encontramos reunidos en un vasto campo de batalla de esa guerra. Nos hemos congregado para dedicar parte de él a lugar de eterno descanso de aquellos que dieron su vida para que la nación viviera. Es de todo punto justo y natural que así lo hagamos.

Pero, en un sentido más amplio, no podemos dedicar, no podemos consagrar, no podemos bendecir esta tierra. Los valientes vivos y muertos, que aquí lucharon, la consagraron ya con su esfuerzo, sin que esté en nuestra mano añadir ni quitar nada a tal consagración. El mundo poco notará de lo que aquí digamos, ni lo recordará durante mucho tiempo; pero jamás olvidará lo que ellos aquí hicieron. A nosotros, los vivos, tócanos el deber de dedicarnos a la obra inacabada que ellos con tanta nobleza empezaron y continuaron. Tócanos a nosotros consagrarnos a la tarea inmensa que tenemos delante: honrar estos muertos, y con su ejemplo acrecentar nuestro entusiasmo por la causa a que ellos dieron todo su esfuerzo; mostrarnos decididamente resueltos a que los caídos en la contienda no hayan perecido en vano; hacer que la nación, con la ayuda de Dios, reciba un nuevo bautismo de libertad, y que el gobierno del pueblo, por el pueblo, y para el pueblo, no desaparezca de la tierra."

- - - - -

-----oo0- P E R S O N N E L -00o-----

Captain Howard to Managua from Juigalpa on 14 November, 1932.

Licut Haubensack to Managua from Jinotega on November 14, 1932.

Licut Firth to Managua from Northern Area for duty at the Depot of Supplies GN., Managua, on November 14, 1932.

Licut Earl T. Gray*, GN., has been awarded the NAVY CROSS by the President of the United States for extraordinary heroism in the line of duty in connection with operations against armed bandit forces near Nop tune Mine, 22-24 May, 1932.

***** FILE - END *****