

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Las Lajas.

Lieut Zepeda and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol returned to Muy Muy from Matiguas, Vilgua and Jobo on police mission.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith and guardia patrol cleared Quilali (NA) for Jicaro.

Lieut Gedney, Lieut Delgadillo and guardia patrol cleared San Juan de Telpaneca for Telpaneca.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for La Oficina and returned with one civil prisoner.

Lieut Jackson and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for Jalapa.

Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal. Returned to Dipilto.

Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Sabana. Returned with two prisoners and one shotgun.

Lieut Berueffy, Lieut Titsworth and Somoto (NA) guardian patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Ramirez and guardia patrol cleared El Sauce to investigate report of bandits in vicinity of El Jicaral and Santa Rosa.

Lieut Smith, Lieut Mendoza, Lieut Centeno and guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) for Moropotente.

Lieut Moreira and guardia patrol arrived Somotillo from San Francisco (NA).

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad on police patrol. Lieut Zavala and guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for and arrived Esteli (NA).

27 JUNE 1931.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for San Pedro to maintain order during celebration in that hacienda.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Comarca of Marañen to investigate report of an armed band in that vicinity.

Guardia patrol arrived Chinandega from El Tempisque.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol San Benito road. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Burns cleared Chinandega for Corinto, en route to U.S. via USAT "SOME" on leave.

Captain Small and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Patrol returned to Jinotega.

Captain Mixson and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for and arrived San Rafael.

Lieut Cramer and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for and arrived Corinto Finca.

Captain Fricke and Yali (CA) guardia patrol arrived La Concordia and cleared For San Rafael. Arrived.

Lieut Alexander, Lieut Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for Sabana Grande to investigate report of a wounded bandit in that district. Patrol returned. Destroyed hideout of Arauz and his band in Sabana Grande. Arauz is reported to have been wounded in the right arm by a guardia patrol on 26th.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol returned to Matagalpa with Hacienda inspector from La Corneta.

Consuelo (CA) guardia patrol returned to Consuelo from Buena Vista.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

Matagalpa guardia cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Las Lajas.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Algovia.

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas.

Guardia patrol arrived Muy Muy (CA) from La Pineda.

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol returned to Daraili from Guayucali; nothing to report.

Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (EA) guardia patrol arrived Daraili from Telpaneca and cleared for Plazuela.

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia cleared Daraili (NA) on patrol to the area north of Daraili.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Apali.

Lieut Klein, Lieut Titsworth and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Yalaguina.

Lieut Gedney, Lieut De'gadillo and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for and arrived San Juan.



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25 JUNE 1931

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for El Horno with Juez de Pinta on police mission. Returned to Jinotega with two prisoners.

Captain Rosecrans, Captain Small, Lieut Cramer, Lieut Gutierrez, Lieut Rizo and Lieut Saenz and a Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for and arrived Jinotega.

Captain Mixson and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for and arrived Jinotega.

Lieut Ashbrook and guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca (CA) for Sajonia.

Lieut Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for Suni on police mission. Returned to San Rafael.

Lieut Bryson, Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared on combat patrol to Coyolar area.

Information having been received that a group under Valdivia was operating in the Jocote area, La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared to investigate.

Covered El Guisicanal, Quebrada Honda, Jocote, Quebrada Grande and La Pita. Returned to La Concordia. No contacts and no bandit information.

Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol made patrol to Chavarria on the Tuma River.

Captain Bourne and guardia patrol returned to Consuelo from patrol.

Lieut Zepe and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy on police patrol to Matiguas and Vilgua.

Guardia patrol cleared Consuelo (CA) for Buena Vista.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Dario (CA) guardia patrol returned to Dario from police mission in Laguna.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Lieut Truesdale and guardia patrol arrived Quilali (NA) from San Juan de Telpaneca.

Lieut Johnson, Lieut Jackson and Jlapa (NA) guardia patrol arrived Jicaro from Jalapa.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol arrived Apali from Ocotal.

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Lieut Johnson, Lieut Vogel and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for Totovasinto. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli from Moropotente.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol, returned to La Trinidad from Porterillo with two prisoners.

Lieut Moreira and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo (NA) for San Francisco.

Lieut Zavala and guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) for La Trinidad.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Achuapa.

28 JUNE 1931

Leon guardia patrols returned to Leon from San Pedro and Maroñenal. Report everything quiet.

Captain Craig cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and San Antonio. Returned to Chinandega.

Lieut Schuler cleared Chinandega for Corinto on duty.

Captain Skinner cleared Corinto for Leon on temporary duty.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol district of El Viejo. Returned to Chinandega, nothing to report.

Guardia patrol cleared San Antonio for Chinandega.

Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Conrinto Finca for and arrived Jinotega.

Captain Fricke and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for and arrived Yali. Covered the districts Real Plan, La Bolsa, El Salto, La Concordia and San Rafael. No bandit information obtained.

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Algovia (CA).

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro.

Lieut Hutchcroft and El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from El Pichacho and Santa Rosa (Dept of Leon). Reports area quiet, no bandits and no information.

Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol arrived Palacaguina from Santa Rosa, Aguacate, Zapote and Rio Grande. Shot and killed one Jose Maria Olivas, armed with a cutacha and bayonet and having in his possession bandit boletas and hat bands.

Guardia patrol arrived Esteli (NA) from El Sauce.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to Limay from halfway to Somotillo.

Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol returned to Somotillo from halfway to Limay.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for Santa Clara and Limoses to investigate reports of bandits in that area.

29 JUNE 1931

Lieut Munoz and Lieut Kipp with combined Telpaneca and Palacaguina guardia patrol had contact at 2.30 pm. near Tamarindo with a group of bandits, jefe thought to be Umanzor. Bandit casualties: two killed and several wounded. No guardia casualties. The guardia captured 2 bombs, 3 cutachas, correspondence, food, and miscellaneous articles. Also destroyed bandit camp. Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca patrol camped at Esperanza for the night. Lieut. Kipp and Palacaguina patrol returned to station.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jalapa. Patrol unable to cross Jicaro river at Jicaro and proceeded via Santa Barbara.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol arrived Jicaro from Apali and cleared for Quilali. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Johnson and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for halfway to Jicaro. Patrol unable to ford river at San Diego and returned to Jalapa.

Lieut Brown, Lieut Titsworth and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste for and arrived Limay. Nothing to report.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Achuapa and returned to Limay.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for halfway to Esteli; met halfway patrol from Esteli. Both patrols returned to home stations.

Lieut Schuler returned to Chinandega from Corinto.

Captain Skinner returned to Corinto from Leon.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol all roads leading into Chinandega. All Quiet.

Lieut Munoz and Telpanceca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpanceca for Achiote and vicinity.

Lieut Stanley, Lieut Jackson and guardia patrol cleared Jicaro (NA) for and arrived Apali. Lieut Stanley and patrol returned to Jicaro.

Lieut Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste for and arrived Sonoto.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for Rio Abajo and returned to Yalaguina with one prisoner.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Valle Ocotal on police mission.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for El Jicaral.

26 JUNE 1931

Lieut Castrillo and Leon guardia cleared Leon for Comarca de Abangazca on patrol. Returned to Leon with one civil prisoner and a captured firearm.

Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for Aviation field. Returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez, Lieut Lopez and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for Matagalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Haubensack and guardia cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Jinotega and arrived.

Lieut Bryson, Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol returned to Yali from combat patrol. Patrolled Rio Arriba, Pacayal, Laguneta, Beñaderos, El Salto, Quebrada Grande and Coyolar. Unable to obtain any bandit information.

Captain Fricke and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali for El Volcan and La Concordia.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

Lieut Slattery and Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jinotega and returned to Matagalpa.

Lieut Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Dario (CA) for Terrabona and returned to Dario.

Lieut Navarette and guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas (CA) for Matagalpa and arrived.

Guardia patrol returned to Matagalpa (CA) from Apali.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

Leon Guardia patrol cleared Leon for Comarch Chacra Saca to investigate reports of a robbery committed there. Patrol returned with 4 civil prisoners, 2 shotguns and some contraband tobacco.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Nagarote to bring in five civil prisoners. Arrived Nagarote and cleared with prisoners. Arrived Leon.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for Halfway to Matagalpa. Matagalpa guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met and returned to home stations.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for El Horno on police mission. Lieut

Lieut Gale and guardia patrol cleared Conrinto Finca (CA) on reconnaissance patrol.

Captain Fricke, Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared for Naranjita Bridge. Patrol returned to Yali.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Las Lajas. Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Lieut Ledbetter and Consuelo (CA) guardia patrol cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Zepeda and guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy (CA) for Matagalpa.

30 JUNE 1931

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon to patrol the west side of town. Patrol returned with two civil prisoners.

Guardia patrol arrived Chinandega from el Viejo with one prisoner. Returned to El Viejo.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol arrived Jalapa.

Lieut Griffith and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol with two civicos, cleared Telpaneca for Carbonal to investigate reports of bandits in that vicinity.

Lieut Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Pataste.

Lieut Ramirez and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo (NA) for and arrived Villa Nueva.

Lieut McGorkle and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal.

Colonel Smith, Captain Small, Lieut Griffin and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Lieut Griffin cleared for Managua by plane. Colonel Smith, Captain Small and patrol returned to Jinotega.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned to Jinotega from police patrol to El Horno. Nothing to report.

Lieut Alexander and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for and arrived Jinotega.

Lieut Ashbrook and Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Corinto Finca and returned to Sajonia.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Cuatro Esquinas.

Dario (CA) guardia patrol cleared Dario for and arrived Matagalpa.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared with Inspector of Hacienda on contraband patrol.

Lieut Elliott and guardia patrol cleared San Isidro (CA) for and arrived Matagalpa.

Algovia (CA) guardia patrol cleared Algovia for and arrived Matagalpa.

1 JULY 1931

Captain Craig cleared Chinandega for Leon on temporary duty and returned to Chinandega.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Comalapa to make an arrest. Returned to Chinandega with two prisoners.

Lieut Stevens cleared Leon for La Paz Centro and Nagarote and returned to Leon.

Lieut Spart and Leon guardia cleared Leon for Comarcas Chacra Saca and Leche Cuagos. Patrolled sections mentioned and returned to Leon with five civil prisoners, three wanted for murder charge.

El Jicaral (Dept Leon) guardia patrol cleared El Jicaral and arrived Leon.

Lieut Cuadra and El Jicaral guardia patrol cleared El Jicaral for Santa Rosa and vicinity to investigate report of a group of armed men but were unable to locate them. Patrol confiscated two firearms on the trip. (June 16)

Lieut Cuadra and El Jicaral guardia patrol cleared El Jicaral for Valle de Mejias and El Habra sections to make contact with a group of armed men. Patrol returned unable to locate band. (June 18)

El Jicaral guardia patrol cleared on June 21 escorting bull carts, en route to Jinotega, to the border of Las Tinajas. Returned to El Jicaral, area covered quiet.

On June 24 El Jicaral guardia patrol cleared for Santa Rosa to maintain order during fiesta there. Returned, reported all quiet.

Lieut Cuadra and El Jicaral guardia patrol cleared on June 26 for Santa Rosa. Arrived and cleared for El Picacho. Cleared there June 27 and returned to El Jicaral. No information gained.

Lieut Bilbrey and guardia patrol cleared San Juan De Telpaneca (NA) for Apali.

Lieut Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for Yalaguina. Patrol, with Lieut. Klein added, cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Ocotal.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa and arrived Apali.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for and arrived Ocotal.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Jicaro.

Lieut McGorkle and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Dipilto.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for vicinity of Santo Domingo (Segovia) to investigate report of cattle thieves operating in that vicinity. Returned with two prisoners.

A group of seventy five bandits, under Jose Leon Diaz, attacked the Town of Limay, Department of Esteli, on two different occasions. The bandits employed two Lewis machine guns, two sub thompson machine guns, bombs and rifles. In each attack the guardias successfully drove the bandits from the town. One guardia sergeant slightly wounded in the face from a fragment of a bomb, wound not serious. Bandit casualties not known, but evidence shows both killed and wounded.

Lieut Alexander and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for and arrived San Rafael.

Lieut Rittman and Fundadora (CA) guardia patrol arrived Jinotega from Fundadora.

Lieut Escobar and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali for and arrived San Rafael.

Information having been received in La Concordia (CA) that a group of bandits under Irias was operating to the west of La Concordia, a guardia patrol was cleared from La Concordia to investigate. About three miles out had a slight skirmish at the house of one Fidel Ubeda; found blood on one side of the house. Received information that a wounded bandit named Eugenio Arauz passed through Jiquilite. Patrolled the sections Santa Rosa, San Cristobal, Upali, Jiquilite, Agria, Boleria, Palo Verde and returned to La Concordia.

A senior Juan Montenegro reported to the District Commander, San Rafael, that he and one Exequiel Arauz had been captured by three bandits in a place called Vallecillo. One of the bandits hit Montenegro on the neck with a machete, causing a slight wound. On making his escape he was fired on by a bandit with a pistol but was not hit. He states that Arauz was still prisoner with the bandits. He said the group was composed of Rosalio Chavarria, Felix Chavarria and another unknown, two armed with pistols and the other with a machete. Montenegro is a personal enemy of Chavarria and states that Chavarria never travels with large groups. Licut Escobar and San Rafael guardia patrol cleared immediately to investigate. The patrol returned from Vallecillo. Received information that Exiquiel Arauz, captured by the bandits earlier in the day, made his escape, taking his riding animals with him. The bandits carried off the horse of Montenegro. The group was composed of five men but the guardia were unable to find the direction taken by the bandits and returned to San Rafael.

San Ramon (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Ramon for and arrived Matagalpa.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Fundadora. Returned to Matagalpa.

Licut Ledbetter and Consuelo (CA) guardia patrol returned to Consuelo from Buena Vista.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

A Guardia post was established on June 26, 1931, at Moropotente, Department of Esteli, Northern Area.

The following report, submitted by Colonel C. A. Wynn, G.N., Commanding the Eastern Area, is an account of the wreckage of two U.S. Army planes near Bluefields, Nicaragua, on June 19, 1931, and the Guardia activities pertaining to it:

HEADQUARTERS, EASTERN AREA,
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,

22 June 1931.

From: The Area Commander.
To : The Jefe Director.
Subject: Report of wreckage of two U.S. Army planes near Bluefields, Nicaragua, on June 19, 1931.

Enclosure: 1.

1. At 2:15 P.M. on June 19, 1931, a telephone message was received from a house known as Santa Cruz situated some forty miles west of Bluefields, advising that two airplanes had fallen near that house about 2:00 P.M.. After ten minutes of difficult conversation because of static on the line, it was ascertained that they were two U.S. Army Bombing planes commanded by Major Lyon. No other facts could be learned over the telephone.

2. I requested Mr. S. H. Baker, Manager of the United Fruit Company, to loan me his speed boat known as "The Red Devil", which he most obligingly did. Accompanied by Mr. Baker and First Sergeant Dash, G.N., I left for the scene of the accident in the Red Devil at 2:45 P.M. Instructions were given for First Lieutenant C. A. Davis, G.N., with a detail of four guardias to follow in the Guardia outboard motor boat as soon as possible.

3. The planes crashed in a most inaccessible place near a small creek which runs into Mahogany Creek which in turn runs into the Escondido River. It was necessary to leave the Red Devil about half way up Mahogany Creek and travel the remainder of the distance in a native dugout.

4. We reached Santa Cruz about 6:15 P.M., and found all personnel from the planes at that place. There were six officers and four enlisted men. Major H.B. Lyon, U.S.A., was in command. Major Grandall, Medical Corps, U.S.A., was among the passengers and had rendered first aid to the injured. I had taken a first aid kit, an improvised stretcher and a bottle of stimulant, which turned over to Major Grandall. Corporal Chessi was suffering from an injury to his back, and others had minor cuts and bruises.

5. Due to approaching darkness I did not visit the wreckage which was in a swamp about one-half mile from Santa Cruz, but secured a second native dugout and requested Mr. Baker to take six of the Army men and start back to the Red Devil, and also to turn over a guide to Lieut. Davis when he reached the mouth of the creek. I remained with the other four passengers, which included the injured man, until the arrival of Lieutenant Davis, about 9:30 P.M.

6. Mr. Baker returned to Bluefields about 1:00 P.M. with his six passengers and I returned about 3:30 A.M. with the remaining four. The creek was only about ten feet wide which, together with the darkness and heavy rain, made the going very difficult.

7. Arrangements had previously been made to care for the passengers and upon their arrival in Bluefields they were served a hot dinner at the Hotel Washington and made comfortable for the remainder of the night, after receiving additional medical treatment at the Guardia sick bay, administered by Lieutenant Lynch, U.C., G.N.

8. Major Lyon told me that the two planes had left David Field, Panama, about noon for France Field, Panama, that soon after taking off they ran into a heavy cloud bank for about thirty minutes and upon emerging found their compasses out of order, having been drained of all alcohol in some unknown way. They completely lost their way, having followed the coast line which they thought to be Panama but which in reality was Costa Rica and Nicaragua. After being in the air several hours the planes became low of gas and Major Lyon decided to look for a landing field. He left the coast somewhere between Monkey Point and Bluefields and flew northwest, making a forced landing near Santa Cruz. He stated that when the planes landed they only had about five minutes supply of gas left.

9. In accordance with request of Major Lyon (Enclosure) Lieutenants Lewis and Gasperonis with four guardias left for the scene of the wreckage in the Guardia boat on June 21st to salvage the parachutes and burn what is left of the planes. Major Lyon stated that the planes are about half submerged in mud and water in the swamp and are damaged beyond repair.

10. Two Sikorsky planes arrived Bluefields from France Field, Panama at 5:50 P.M. June 20th and left for the same place with all Army personnel at 9:50 and 11:30 A.M. June 21st.

/s/

C. A. WINN

The following letter received by Colonel L. P. Hunt, Area Commander of the Northern Area from Lieut. J. H. Broderick, commanding the District of Macuclizo, in connection with the persistent rumors of Ortiz's death in contact, is quoted:.

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,

Macuclizo, N.S., Nicaragua,
23 June 1931.

Col. LeRoy P. Hunt, G.N.,
Ocotal.

Dear sir:

I have received several unconfirmed reports from Nicaraguans now residing in Honduras. When I tried to trace the rumors to their source I have received the usual answer that "my uncle's aunt's cousin told my stepbrother and he told me" Here are the rumors:

1. Ortiz was wounded on or about 2 March, 1931. His men carried him to El Rhin (137-338) from where Hipolito Agas, french citizen, carried him to some place in Honduras and secured medical treatment for him. Ortiz died from his wounds.

2. Ortiz was wounded by the sentry who gave the alarm at Palacaguina and was carried by his men to El Rhin, where he was met by Hipolito Agas, french citizen and a doctor, and taken to some place in Honduras where he died from his wounds.

Several of Ortiz followers have returned to their homes near Las Limas, Honduras. (Confirmed).

Hipolito Agas owns property near Telpaneca, frequently visits in Ocotal and is a known Sandinista.

/s/ J. H. Broderick,
Sub-Tntc., G.N.de Nic.

The following is the final report of the contact of Captain L. E. Power, Lieut. W. E. McGhee and Corin to Finca Guardia patrol at Embocaderos on June 15, 1931:

HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL AREA,
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, JINOTEGA, NIC.,
29 June 1931.

From: The Area Commander, Central Area.
To: The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional, Managua.

Subject: Final report of contact at Embocaderos
on 15 June 1931.

Enclosures: Four (-).

1. Attached are patrol reports of Captain James A. Mixson, 1st Lieutenant Robert L. Griffin, Jr., 1st Lieutenant Mercade A. Cramer and Second Lieutenant William A. Lee, all of which contain information bearing on the contact of 15 June 1931, at Embocaderos in which Captain Lester E. Power and Lieutenant William E. McGhee lost their lives. Attention is specially invited to the report and sketch of Lieut. Lee. This sketch is undoubtedly a more accurate representation of the scene of the contact than the one submitted with the Area Commander's preliminary report. Statements have been received from all remaining members of the patrol, from Sara Lopez, the woman who was cooking tortillas and from Encarnacion Montenegro, the mulero of the Guardia. While there is doubt concerning some of the minor details of the fight the preliminary report is believed to be substantially correct except that the Guardia probably arrived about 3:00 pm. instead of 2:00 pm. and the fight started at about 4:00 pm. instead of at 3:00 pm.

I believe the following to be well established:

(1) That the firing was very heavy for twenty to thirty minutes and then dwindled down to individual rifle fire.

(2) That Captain Power and Lieut. McGhee were mortally wounded early in the combat and were dead before the Guardia withdrew from the scene of action and were not killed by the bandits after the withdrawal of the Guardia.

(3) That very heavy fire was opened at the beginning of the contact from the machine guns on the east of the house.

(4) That seven (7) bandits including one jefe were killed. Captain Mixson received a report from people who saw the bandit column that went north that there were four (4) dead with the column, the column moving to the southeast was reported by eyewitnesses as carrying three dead and Luis Perez, #4323, a wounded guardia states he heard the bandits say seven were killed. Every eyewitness reports seeing three or four bandit dead.

2. Recommendations:

That all members of the Guardia patrol be cited in Guardia Orders for fighting against overwhelming odds until their ammunition was exhausted inflicting proportionately heavy losses on the bandits and carrying three of their wounded comrades away from the field of battle. Thence proceeding with all possible speed to Jinotega and Corinto Finca to notify the Guardia garrisons of the fight. All unwounded members of the patrol returned without food or rest as guides to patrols dispatched to the scene of the contact.

That Lieutenant Policarpo Gutierrez, G.N., be cited for his bravery and loyalty in voluntarily proceeding at night with twelve enlisted guardia to the scene of the contact at Embocaderos having at the time full knowledge that he might encounter an overwhelming force of bandits and for finding enroute three of the four wounded guardia whom he returned to their post at Corinto Finca.

cited That Radio Lieutenant Daniel Rando was not to be duty in assuming command, remaining at his post at Corinto Finca with eleven men while in imminent danger of attack by superior forces and standing an almost constant radio watch for three nights and two days during the emergency created by the combat at Embocaderos on 15 June 1931.

That the Navy Cross be awarded posthumously to First Lieutenant Lester E. Power, U.S. Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism while in command of a patrol of Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua in contact with a bandit group at Embocaderos, Nicaragua on 15 June 1931. When attacked by vastly superior forces he placed his patrol in position to successfully defend itself until it's ammunition was exhausted and after being seriously wounded while attempting to relieve a stoppage in a Browning Automatic Rifle, continued to encourage the guardia until killed by a burst of machine gun fire.

That the Navy Cross be awarded posthumously to Sergeant William E. McGhee, U.S. Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism as second in command of a patrol of Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua in contact with a bandit force at Embocaderos, Nicaragua on 15 June 1931. When attacked by a vastly superior force, Sergeant McGhee seized a Thompson sub-machine gun and opened fire on the bandits, continuing to operate the gun until he fell mortally wounded.

3. The following were members of the patrol in contact with the bandits at Embocaderos on 15 June 1931:

Capt Lester E. Power		Raso Bernardino Lopez	#3552
Lieut. William E. McGhee		Humberto Morales	3202
Cabo Isaac Rivas	#2544	Justiniano Muñoz	3833
Cabo Daniel Gutierrez	3529	Silvestre Siles	4150
Raso Remigio Chavarria	4433	Cayetano Talavera	3998
Jose Blandon	4471	Luis Perez	4323
Zenon Davila	3927	Pedro Maradiaga	3225
Carmen Guerrero	4149	Santiago Talavera	4100
Inez Gonzalez	4345		

/s/ Julian C. Smith

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
Jinotega,
Nicaragua.
25 June 1931.

From: 2nd Lieut. William A. Lee, G.N. de Nic.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Patrol report.

Reference: Verbal orders received from Area Commander,
June 15, 1931.

1. In compliance with the above reference I and a patrol consisting of the following officers and enlisted men cleared Jinotega at 00316:

2nd Licut. J. Antonio Lopez	800	2nd Licut. Henry S. Lill (MC)	
1st Sgt Gutierrez Carlos		Cabo Vado Antonio	#2489
Raso Chavarria Presentacion	3815	Aguilar Humberto	3611
Osorio Juan	3380	Barrera Rosa	3243
Castro V lentin	3777	Mayorga Rodolfo	3744
Talavera Pantaleon	4101	Asencio Antonio	674
Chavarria Angel	4400	Gutierrez Basilio	2757
Gomez Justiniano	3518	Jiron Ursulo	4346
Bolaños Jesus	2906	Blandon Daniel	3713
Chavarria Juan	4287	Guerrero Carmen	4149
Muñoz Justiniano	3833	Davila Zenon	3927
Cabo Zelaya Luis	2296	Bernandez Eduardo	4505
Raso Garcia Saturnino	4525	Mura, Filiberto	4570
Vivas Francisco	3178		

2. Clearing Jinotega with designation as Jinotega patrol #1, with orders to go to the scene of Captain Power's contact and to render assistance and recover the remains of those killed in the contact we arrived at the scene of contact at 0631G.

3. We arrived at the house of Jose Valdivia located in the central part of Ambocaderos. I immediately established a firing line running north and south on crest of a hill in back of the house and then entered. I found Captain Power lying face down just inside of the west door. I found Lieutenant McGhee lying on his back in the northeast corner of the house. Both were dead. With the aid of Raso Luis Perez, #323, a member of Captain Power's patrol, whom we found in the brush about five hundred yards south of the house trying to make his way to Jinotega, we were able to make a thorough search of the bandit positions. First we found the remains of Santiago Talavera #4100, about thirty yards south of the house lying in some brush. He was dead. From Perez and the machine gun patterns on the house I was able to locate the positions of the Lewis guns and the Sub-Thompson machine guns exactly. We picked up empty shell cases from Lewis, Thompson, rifle and pistol on the bandit firing line. I believe we managed to pick up about half of these as the brush was very heavy and thick. We then went over the Guardia position and picked up approximately eight hundred to one thousand empty cartridge cases. The house is situated in a crease on a slightly rolling terrain that slopes gently toward the south. The house has a red tile roof, the north side is closed with pine boards about one inch thick, the west side has one door and was boarded up about four feet from the floor, the south side also has a door and a fire-place and is boarded up about half-way up, the east side has a porch that runs about two thirds the length of the house, and is separated from the house by a foot board about two feet high and one inch thick, the rest of the porch and house is open. To the east of the house is a road about thirty paces wide and is clear of brush. East of the road is brush about twenty of thirty feet high and very thick; this brush runs along the east side of the road north and south and is bounded by a wire fence. The west side of road has a wire fence and is clear for two hundred yards around the house.

4. On withdrawing the bandits used the main road going to the north. They concentrated on high ground six hundred yards of the contact, cut a wire fence across a pasture to dense woods in a north east direction towards Los Cedros by the way of La Santana and La Star two large fincas south west of Los Cedros.

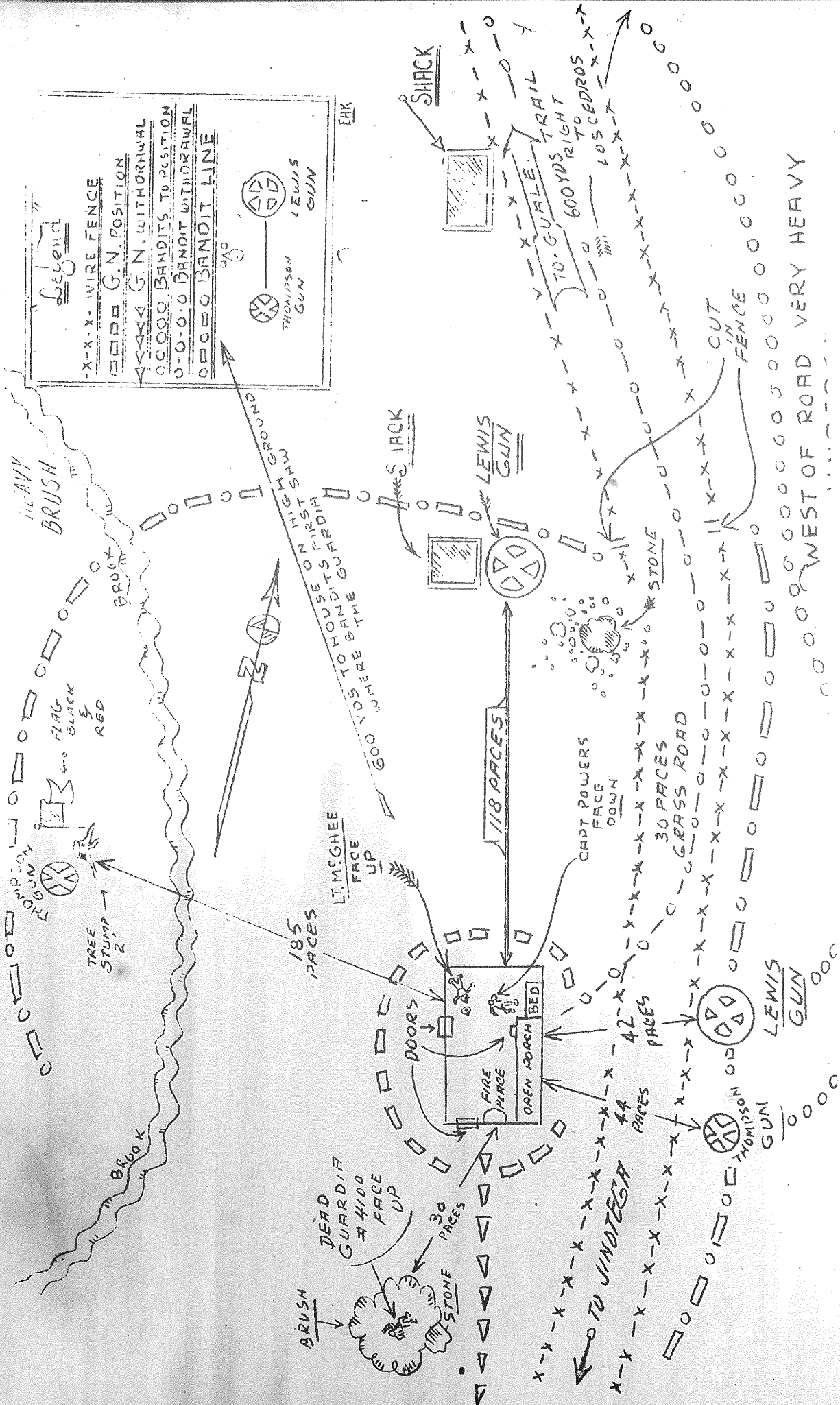
5. At 1025 Lt Gutierrez and sixteen enlisted arrived from Corinto Finca. At 1030 Lieutenants Griffin and Gale with twenty - five enlisted men arrived from Jinotega. At about 1100 two reconnaissance planes flew over and reconnoitered the area but were unable to locate the bandits. I then commanded three pack bulls, packed the remains of the three dead and cleared for Jinotega at 1155. Patrol of Lieutenant Gutierrez clearing for Corinto Finca. We arrived in Jinotega at 1830.

6. Evidence at the scene of contact showed me that the bandits came from Los Cedros and were crossing the northern end of Embocaderos. They were divided into three patrols. The second stopped at the house of Ernesto Rodriguez where a jefe (Sebastian Centeno) with a pair of field glasses sighted the guardia coming up the road and stop at the house of Jose Valdivia about six hundred yards to the south east. This was about 1400. The bandits then entered the ravine running west of the house (Valdivia's) and entered the heavy brush running east of the road working south and formed an ambush. Empty shell cases on the bandit firing line showed that they expended over fifteen hundred rounds. Bullet holes in the house and the empty shell cases show that the bandits used Lewis and Sub-Thompson machine guns and rifles and pistols. The Guardia position showed that they returned a heavy fire, and that they held their position until their ammunition was expended and then made an orderly retreat. Five men coming to Jinotega and five men going to Corinto Finca, three wounded following helping each other. One guardia with a sprained ankle was hiding in the thick brush close to the house.

From information obtained from guardia and civilians who were present during the contact I believe that both officers were mortally wounded a few minutes after the firing started and that they died in the house before the guardia surrendered their position at about 1800.

I estimate the number of bandits taking part in the contact at from one hundred and fifty to two hundred. The Jefes were Pedron Altamirano, Pedro Irias, Sebastian Centeno, Daniel Hernandez, Teofilo Ruiz and Cornelio Lopez and others unknown.

----- /s/ William A. Lee -----



CUARTEL GENERAL; COMPAÑIA "B" DEPARTAMENTO DE JINOTEGA,
CENTRAL AREA, San Rafael del Norte, Nic.,
21 June 1951.

From Captain James A. Mixson, G.N.
To : The Commanding Officer, Central Area.

Subject: Report of patrol 16-19 June 1951.

References: (a) Four verbal orders of 16 June, 1951.
(b) Kenyon Map.
(c) General Order No. 109.

Enclosure: (A) List of patrol.
(B) Sketch of Embocaderos.

1. In obedience to reference (a) a patrol of 25 enlisted men, two armed civilian muleros, Lieut. Jose H. Escobar and myself left San Rafael at 1000 to prevent the escape to the west and northwest of the bandit group which attacked Captain Lester E. Powers' patrol at Embocaderos on 15 June, 1951. The patrol arrived at Santa Fe at 1445. The people in that section said they had heard bombs toward Embocaderos about 1600 on the day before but that no bandits had been seen in Santa Fe. Travelers who came from the direction of Las Lajas and the Pantasma Valley also said they had seen no bandits.

2. After an hour rest the patrol took the Loma Azul trail and camped near Loma Azul about 1700. Information was obtained that two bandits have passed the same day going north.

3. At 0700 on 17 June 1951, the patrol moved on towards Loma Azul. Here information was obtained that four bandits had passed on the day before going in the direction of Sierra Azul. Two were armed with pistols one a rifle and one a cutacha. No one could be found who knew of the Pantasma or Embocaderos trails but one man said he could show the trail to Santa Maria. Thinking this was the Santa Maria Valley of the Pantasma I pushed on.

4. About 1030 at Sierra Azul the point fired on two men when they fled from a house on approach of the patrol. One wore a red shirt and carried a revolver, the other could not be seen well enough to see how he was armed. No fire was returned. There were no casualties.

5. About 1245 the patrol arrived at San Antonio. I saw that we were far to the northwest of where we wanted to go I could either have continued on to Guali by Las Vegas, La Rica and La Constancia or returned to Loma Azul and try to locate the trail to the Pantasma shown on the Kenyon Map. As the first alternative would have required two more days and a delay was to be avoided I decided to return to Loma Azul. There I could find no trail to the Pantasma so I continued on south for about 1/4 of an hour

and camped at 1850. At this point I found a native who knew a trail to the Pantasma..

6. At 0700 on 18 June I proceeded towards the Santa Maria Valley passed Los Sitos, through the Pantasma and camped that night at Gualli at 1750. No trace was found of any group of bandits. Very few people live in that section. It is almost deserted a few houses could be seen across the valley and on the mountain side to the south.

7. At 0630 on 19 June I proceeded to Embocaderos, arriving at 1000. Just as I came up I saw two airplanes leaving but they did not see us. About one mile away several men were seen running from a house. I learned later that they were six bandits only one armed with a pistol. We moved in their direction but no further trace of them could be found.

8. At Embocaderos the natives said that Captain Lester E. Power's patrol was ambushed about 1530 shortly after arrival from Corinto Finca, by a large group of bandits. The contact lasted about two hours. During the combat the bandits shouted "Viva Sandino" "Altairano", "Peralta", "Diaz". The fire came principally from the east across the road at a distance of sixty or seventy five yards. A sketch of the field is enclosed. A woman informed me that the bandits were mistaken for Guardia as they wore the same clothing. Most of the bullet holes in the house were on the east side. A few were on the north. I saw none on the west or south except those that had come all the way through the house. There were about fifty holes mostly by a machine gun, in the wall just across the spot where the Guardia had been cooking. Most of these were quite low below a mans waist and many below his knees. A Guardia picked a piece of metal from the north wall that appeared to be a piece of rifle grenade. The bandits left about 1900 on the same day as the fight, 15 June, and moved towards Gualli. I was informed that they had about fifty horses. Lieut. Lee's patrol had followed them on the eighteenth. Thinking that my mission had been accomplished I left Embocaderos at 1100 and proceeded to San Rafael via Mancotal, Sierra Grande, Hojon and Horecones. All these sections were quiet. I arrived at San Rafael at 1930.

9. The conduct of the patrol was excellent. The trails in the mountains and the Pantasma valley were very wet and muddy. It was raining nearly all the time, day and night. In spite of this the patrol was on the march from ten and one half to thirteen hours a day after the first day, when the time was only eight hours because of a late start. Beyond Loma Azul and in the Pantasma valley it was frequently necessary to cut out the overgrown trail to let the mules pass. On account of the condition of the men I had intended to stop in Hojon for the night on the 19th but on seeing two airplanes circling over the country I thought it best to continue directly to San Rafael.

10. The following empty cartridge cases were picked up at the position of the bandits at Embocaderos:

Quantity	Type	Marks
1	Cal. 30-06	R A - 18
3	" 30 - 06	R A - R - 18
5	" 30 - 06	U S C Co. - 18
7	" 30 - 06	F A - 27
3	" 30 - 06	P C Co. - 18
1	" 30 - 06	F A - 1 - 17
1	" 30 - 06	F A - 2 - 17
4	Krag	Ran. U.M.C. - 30 U S A.
3	Cal. 45 auto.	F A - 27
1	" 45 auto	U S C Co. - 27
4	" 38	Ran U M C - 38 Spl.
3	" 38	W R A Co. - 38-S & W-Spl
1	" 38	38 S & W - Spl.

/s/ James A. Mixson,
Captain, G.N.de Nic.

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
JINOTEGA NICARAGUA.

26 June, 1931.

From: 1st Lieut. Mercedes A. Craner, G.N.de Nic.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Patrol report.

Reference: Verbal orders received from the Area Commander,
16 June 1931.

1. In compliance with the above reference I and 2nd Lts Rizo and Saenz (MC) with sixteen enlisted cleared Jinotega at 0600 June 16, 1931 for Corinto Finca and points north of the Tuma river. Arrived in Corinto Finca at 1115 where I received orders to leave Lts Rizo and Saenz. I was then joined by 2nd Lt. Ashbrook and nine enlisted and cleared Cirinto Finca for the Tuma river arriving at La Union at 1630 and making camp for the night.

2. 17 June 1931, cleared La Union at 0730 in the direction of La Pavona, arriving in San Lucas at 1400 and making camp for the night. In this area received a great deal of native hearsay information about a group of bandits numbering about two hundred who had crossed the Tuma river in this vicinity and had camped there for the night.

18 June 1931, Cleared San Lucas for Los Angeles and arrived Los Angeles at 1600 and camped for the night.

19 June 1931, Cleared Los Angeles at 0600 for La Pavona arriving in Las Flores at 1130. Received information about the presence the night before of two hundred bandits in that vicinity. Immediately cleared north on the La Pita Paso Real de Cua trail and arrived at the house of Felipe Montenegro at 1400. Here I looked over trails made by about two hundred people and camps they had used the night before. These camps were arranged with one main camp of over twenty leantos with smaller camps of from five to ten leantos as outposts, these camps were new and the camp fires were barely cold and had not yet been soaked by the rain. Hides of beef buried there were still fresh. Made camp for the night in the main bandit camp.

20 June, 1931. Having received what was believed to be reliable information that the bandits had cleared for the north we cleared at 0700 to the north on the "coast" trail for La Pita and Cuc. This trail had been used by about fifty or sixty-five men but was the heaviest trail. We arrived at La Pita at 1400. The bandit trail faded here and after an hour of searching we decided to follow a trail going west in the direction of Santa Elena. At 1700 we arrived at another group of bandit camps apparently several days old. It had a main camp and several outposts. In the main camp several leantos had been freshened up and appeared to have been used the night before by about ten or twenty men. We camped here for the night.

21 June, 1931. At 0615 we cleared this camp on the most recently used bandit trail but about noon we lost the trail entirely. We then cleared out an old trail down to the Gasanera river but were unable to cross at this point due to the high water. We then proceeded up the east bank of the river until we arrived at an unoccupied house in Pavona -bajo at 1615 and made camp for the night.

22 June, 1931. At 0745 we proceeded to Las Flores arriving at 1000. No recent information about bandits was obtainable nor were we able to find any trails due to the heavy rains of the preceding days. We spent the day in this vicinity and camped there for the night.

23 June 1931. At 0750 we cleared to the south. We were unable to obtain any information on this route and arrived at La Union (south of the Tuma river) at 1630. Here we camped for the night.

24 June 1931. At 0600 cleared La Union for Corinto Finca and arrived Corinto Finca at 1100.

25 June 1931. Cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega at 0700 in company with Captain Rosceran's patrol and arrived Jinotega at 1145.

3. From a woman living at the house of Felipe Montenegro we received the information that our crossing of the Tuma river and our progress north had been reported to the bandit jefes by couriers from north of the Tuma river. She stated that one of these runners had come direct from San Lucas. She also told us that two bandit jefes had stayed in her house the night before our arrival. This woman has cows, pigs and chickens which have not been molested by the bandits. She stated that the bandits had told her that a jefe and four bandits had been killed in the Imbocade-ros contact and that the bandits carried two lanza bombas and were headed for the coast.

/s/

Moreado A. Craner

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
JINOTEGA NICARAGUA

23 June 1931.

From: First Lieut. Robert L. Griffin, G.N.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.
Subject: Patrol report.

Reference Verbal orders from Area Commander,
16 June 1931.

1. In obedience to the above reference I cleared Jinotega with designation as Jinotega patrol #2, at 4.20 P.M.

2. Personnel of patrol: 1st Lt. R. L. Griffin, 2nd Lt. P. Gale and twenty-two (22) enlisted.

3. The object of the patrol was to follow up patrol #1, commanded by Lt. Lee, with all possible speed, join forces with him at or north of Embocaderos, make contact with and inflict all possible damage on bandit group which had attacked Captain Power's patrol at Embocaderos on 15 June 1931.

4. Cleared Jinotega at 4.20 A.M., and arrived at Embocaderos at 9.45 A.M.. Lt Lee with Jinotega patrol #1 was at Embocaderos. Patrol from Corinto Finca arrived simultaneously with Jinotega patrol #2. Lt Lee had already found bodies of Captain Power, Lt McGhee and Raso Santiago Talavera. According to evidence gathered from guardia surviving the attack and from local civilians by Lt Lee, the bandits who attacked Captain Power's patrol had cleared Embocaderos to the northeast at about 6:00 pm. June 15. Bandit group evidently numbered about one hundred and fifty men. Lt Lee collected about eight hundred rounds of bandit ammunition of various kinds and estimated that bandits expended about twice this amount. Guardia evidently had expended practically all their ammunition before retreating from their position. One wounded guardia was picked up by Lt Lee near scene of contact. Immediately after my arrival, I with Lt Lee made an examination of guardia and bandit positions. According to the best evidence obtainable the guardia under Captain Power had been surprised at between 3:00 and 4:00 P.M. on June 15 while making camp at the house of Jose Valdivia in Embocaderos, by bandits who had then surrounded with line in horseshoe shape on the east, north and west. Bandits had at least two automatic weapons on the east at about fifty yards, one on the north at about one hundred and forty yards, and one on the west at about one hundred yards. Body of Captain Power was lying in southeast corner of house, the body of Lt. McGhee was lying in the northeast corner of the house. Both officers had been shot in the head and body. Body of guardia found outside of house to south. According to civilian witnesses seven bandits including one bandit Colonel (Daniel Hernandez) were killed by the guardia. Numerous blood stains were seen in brush along bandit line. Planes arrived at 11.30 A.M. and were informed of the recovery of the bodies and of the direction of withdrawal of the bandits. Planes after reconnaissance to north and east reported no bandits seen but bandit camp sites located five miles to the north. Having no provisions and rations and as bandits an eighteen hour start to the north east, I decided to return to Jinotega for pack train and rations in order to be able to search to the north for bandits. It is impossible at present season to subsist troops on the country north of Embocaderos. The three bodies were wrapped and packed on animals obtained locally and I with Jinotega patrols #1 and #2 cleared Embocaderos with bodies and wounded man for Jinotega at 12.55 P.M. The Corinto Finca patrol returned to Corinto Finca with the five guardia from Captain Power's patrol who had reported to Jinotega the night before. We arrived in Jinotega at 7:00 P.M. June 16.

5. On June 17, 1931 with redesignation as Jinotega patrol #1, consisting of 1st Lt. Griffin, 2nd Lt. Lee, 2nd Lt. Gale and 32 enlisted with ten days rations cleared Jinotega at 12.45 P.M. Patrol made Paso Real at 5.40 P.M. and camped for the night.

June 18, 1931 cleared Paso Real at 6.30 A.M., and made camp at Los Cedros at 2.00 P.M. Found bandit camp one league north of La Estrella. Camp evidently made Monday night while enroute to Embocaderos. Found family Rodriguez in Los Cedros who stated bandits had passed there Monday morning and noon with Sebastian Conteno as one of the jefes bandits headed south.

June 19, 1931. Cleared Los Cedros at 6.30 A.M. to Venado and thence to southern point of Guapinol. From there to Gilguero and Malacate. Made camp at Malacate at 3.30 P.M.

June 20, 1931. Cleared Malacate at 7.00 A.M.. Large bandit camp found at Soledad which appeared to have had approximately two hundred men the week previous. From Soledad we went La Virgen and Los Alpes and on to Las Cruces and Santo Domingo. Saw several old bandit camps along trail. Made camp at Santo Domingo at 4.00 P.M.

June 21, 1931. Cleared Santo Domingo at 7.00 A.M. and proceeded to San Juan east of Embocaderos to Tumayunca to Sierra Grande. Was impossible to cross the Tuma river to go to Corinto Finca. Proceeded to Paso Real where we camped at 3.30 P.M.

June 22, 1931. Cleared Paso Real for Jinotega at 7.00 A.M. and arrived Jinotega at 11:00 A.M. No contact and no casualties and no ammunition expended.

6. Evidence was found on patrol to indicate that about two hundred bandits were headed towards Embocaderos just prior to attack on Captain Power's patrol. All known bandit camps and trails along the route covered showed no evidence of bandits since the attack on Captain Power's patrol at Embocaderos on 15 June 1931.

/s/ Robert L. Griffin, Jr.,
First Lieut. G.N.de Nicaragua.

Through the courtesy of the Second Marine Brigade, Managua, the Guardia stationed in the city of Managua have been invited to participate in the Fourth of July smoker celebration to be held in Campo de Marte. Two guardia boxing bouts are on the programme:

Raso Simon Leiva #2628 vs Raso Antonio Lopez #359
Cabo Manuel Murillo #347 vs Raso Victor M. Samayoa #1997.

The programme includes several boxing matches between Marines and some vaudeville.

Brigadier General F. L. Bradman, U.S. Marine Corps, Brigade Commander of the Second Marine Brigade, Nicaragua, has received notification of his well deserved promotion to that rank. The Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua wishes to offer its hearty congratulations.

The following is a summary of the Guardia contacts for June 1931:

CONTACTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1931:

PLACE	PATROL COM- mander.	DATE	CAPTURES	BANDITS KILLED	WOUNDED
Las Cruces	Lieut. Ross	9 June			
Cuje	Lt. Livermore	14 June	1 revolver, cutachas and quantity of ammunition	1	7
Embocaderos	Capt. Power	14 June			
Tamarindo	Lt. Muñoz	29 June	2 bombs 3 cu- tachas, corres- pondence, food clothing. Des- troyed 1 camp		2

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In the above contacts 10 bandits were killed, number wounded unknown. The Guardia had 3 killed and 5 wounded. In addition to the above known number of killed bandits, many traces of others, either killed or wounded, were found at the scene of the contacts but no estimate of these has been made. In addition to the above captures the Guardia captured various miscellaneous articles. The bandits captured in the Capt Power's contact the following articles: 1 BAR (completely disabled); 12 magazines BAR; 1 drum Thompson; 1 pistol (Lieut. McGhee's) 19 blankets, 1 airplane panel and Code cards, 1 dispatch case (Capt Powers'), 1 mule and aparejo and 1 Tromblon. Capt Power and Lieut. McGhee were killed in their contact.

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The following report covers a patrol made by Lieut. S. M. Ragsdale, G.N., and Navarro guardia patrol:

HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF NAVARRO, DEPARTMENT OF MATAGALPA.
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
Navarro, Nicaragua, 23 June 1931.

From: 2nd Lieut. S. M. Ragsdale, G.N.
To : The Department Commander, Guardia Nacional,
Department of Matagalpa, Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

Subject: Patrol report.

1. In compliance with verbal orders from Captain A. R. Bourne, G.N., I cleared this station at 0615, 14 June 1931, with fifteen enlisted on reconnaissance patrol to the Coyolar - Tuna - Sardinal sections of the Tuma River. Mission: to determine whether bandits elements were present in stated sector.

2. Proceeded by marching to Tuma, arriving 0940. No information. Cleared 1015 and proceeded to La Oriental, thoroughly reconnoitering Coyolar enroute. Camped 1630. No information. Trails slick and heavy. Constant rain.

3. Hired pack animal and cleared at 0700, 15th June 1931, following overgrown indian trail in general direction of Guasaca. Crossed Rio Tuma at 1215 and found remains of two camp fires, with refuse of food apparently only a few days old. Trackling impossible due to heavy rains. Searched all indian trails and arrived at 1715 at La Primavera on Rio Guasaca. Camped. Gained following information from six men who arrived at 1900 from the Bijao and Rancho Grande. Peralta, Altamirano and Irias with three hundred bandits (300) came south from Cerro Verde on 4th June. Remained in the Bijao-La Tronca sector four days and completely stripped it of eatables, all animals and all domesticated fowls. They headed toward the coast on 9th June via the Rancho Grande route, then swung up toward Bocaicito.

4. June 16th remained in camp. One guardia down with fever, unable to travel. Sent out scouts. Sent message to Navarro.

5. June 17th cleared at 0700 and proceeded to crossing of three bandit trails in Las Vegas section. Laid ambush while awaiting return of scouts. Scouts reported all quiet in Coyolar, Guasaca and Sardinal; with G.M. patrol under Lieut. Kramer crossing Guasaca. Cleared and reconnoitered Zopilote - Barbudero - Sardinero - Los Brujos - Tres Palos sections. Arrived Zon's hacienda 2030, camped.

6. June 18th, cleared at 0700 and proceeded by indian trails to Tuma arriba. Arrived 1600, camped, continued heavy rains, river high, trails bad.

7. June 19th, cleared at 0700 and proceeded via Yaseca and Llape to Navarro, arrived 1200.

8. All natives of the Area covered who could be made to talk said they believed the bandits had an encampment between Cerro Verde and Paso Real de Cua, and another near Bocaicito.

/s/ S. M. Ragsdale

P E R S O N N A L

Captain V.B. Eiden, Area Surgeon, Eastern Area, cleared Managua by plane on June 29 for Bluefields.

First Lieut. C.J. Levonski cleared Managua by plane June 29 for Bluefields for duty in the Eastern Area.

Lieut. Griffin arrived Managua by plane on June 30 1931 from Jinotega. Will return to Jinotega July 3, 1931.

Lieut. A.E. Buckner cleared Managua on June 28 for Corinto enroute to the United States on leave.

Captain J.O. Brauer, commanding the District of Palacaguina, arrived Managua July 2nd, by plane from Ocotal.

Lt C.C. Roberts joined the Guardia Nacional from the Second Marine Brigade on June 30 and cleared Managua on July 3 for the Central Area for duty.

PERSONNEL CONTD.

It is regretfully announced that Lieutenant L. F. Ramirez, G.N., attached to the Guardia Post at Villa Nueva, Northern Chinandega, was accidentally drowned while trying to cross the Rio Negro on July 1, 1931.

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