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Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Corinto on temporary duty.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Comarca Chacra Saca to investigate reported milk robberies. Returned to Leon with two civil prisoners, apprehended while stealing milk.

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

Lieut. Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal. Patrol returned to Totogalpa.

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

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for Mala de Dera. Returned to Palacaguina; nothing to report.

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

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Bigajual and returned to Daraili; nothing to report.

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Condega.

Lieut Berueffy and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Ocotal.

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

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Santo Cruz on police mission.

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

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol returned to La Trinidad with two prisoners and five firearms.

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

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Limay.

Lieut Hutchcroft and El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol arrived Esteli.

Lieut Rittman and Fundadora (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for Fundadora.

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

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

Lieut Gutierrez, Lieut Lopez and Lieut Cuadra cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived Jinotega.

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived San Rafael. Cleared San Rafael and returned to La Concordia.

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

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

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived Sebaco.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy.

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

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol returned with Hacienda Inspector from contraband patrol.

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El Viejo guardia patrol cleared El Viejo for Atoya district to make an arrest. Returned with one prisoner.

Lieut Blanco and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria for Ococona.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Blandon.

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Darili.

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for San Juan de Telpaneca.

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

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

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal. Patrol returned to Totogalpa.

Lieut Zamora and guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Yalaguina. Cleared Yalaguina and returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) for and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Vogel, Lieut Shick and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for and arrived Apali.

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

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Achuapa to escort Red Cross supplies.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Blandon escorting Red Cross supplies.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia cleared Totogalpa for point on trail about midway between Totogalpa and Palacaguina. to investigate reports of bandits in that area.

Captain Smith, Lieut Broderick and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Cocona. Met Santa Maria patrol which Captain Smith joined and accompanied to Santa Maria. Lieut Bröderick and patrol returned to Macuelizo.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol arrived from Half-way to Achuapa. Nothing to report.

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol arrived San Juan de Telpaneca. Cleared for and returned to Quilali.

Lieut Rizo and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol, with fifteen civil prisoners, cleared for aviation field. Returned to Jinotega.

Lieut, Lee, Lieut Cuadra and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field, Captain Griffin and Lieut Roberts arrived Jinotega field by plane from Managua. Lieut Cuadra cleared for Managua by plane. Captain Griffin, Lieut Roberts, Lieut Lee and guardia patrol returned to Jinotega.

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

Lieut Slattery and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

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

Lieut Atha cleared Matagalpa for and arrived San Ramon. Cleared San Ramon and returned to Matagalpa.

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

Lieut Schmierer cleared Dario (CA) for and arrived Sebaco. Cleared Sebaco and returned to Dario.

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Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol from Central Area while on patrol in vicinity of Guapotal killed three suspected bandits who fled upon approach of the patrol. Captured 1 Con Con rifle, 1 shotgun and miscellaneous stolen clothing.

Leon guardia patrol cleared for El Jicaral, but due to impassable roads and inability of animals to proceed, the patrol returned to Leon.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Abangasca in search of reported milk thieves. Returned to Leon with a horse stolen from milk driver; could not locate the robbers.

Chinandega guardia cleared Chinandega to patrol San Bonito, El relijo and Chichigalpa roads. Returned; reported all quiet.

Lieut Vogel, Lieut Shick and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Jalapa.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia with nine civicos, arrived Condega with Red Cross supplies.

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

Lieut Bil'brey and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan for and arrived Apali.

Lieut Hamas and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo. Cleared Pueblo Nuevo and returned to home station.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol returned to Totogalpa. Found abandoned bandit camp on trail leading to Totogalpa.

Captain Williams, Lieut McGorkle and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol arrived Dipilto from Ocotal.

Lieut Zavala and guardia patrol cleared La Trinidada for and arrived Esteli.

Lieut Mendoza and Lieut Centeno and Moropotente (N A) guardia patrol cleared Moropotente for and arrived Esteli.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli; nothing to report.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to Limay from San Francisco.

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

Lieut Snyder and guardia patrol arrived Jinotega (CA) from Aron Juez.

Lieut Bryson and guardia patrol arrived San Rafael (CA) from Yali.

Lieut Alezander and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

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

Lieut Uriza and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas.

Lieut Pulver, Lieut Slattery and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

Lieut Thompson and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Algovia.

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Chinandega guardia cleared Chinandega to patrol all roads leading to Chinandega. Returned; reported all quiet.

Lieut Bilbrey and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol arrived Apali.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Achuapa.

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol, with three civicos, cleared Quilali for Santa Rita to investigate report of fifteen bandits in that area. Returned; reports group heading in direction of Telpaneca.

Colonel Hunt, Captain Bach, Captain Good, Lieut Keller, Lieut De Luca and Ocotal (NA) guardia cleared Ocotal for and arrived Totogalpa. Returned to Ocotal.

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for and arrived Yalaguina. Patrol returned to Palacaguina.

Lieut Bilbrey and guardia patrol cleared Apali (NA) for and arrived Ocotal.

Captain Williams and guardia patrol cleared Dipilto (NA) for and arrived Ocotal.

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

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol returned to El Sacue from Achuapa.

Guardia patrol, escorting pack train, arrived Limay from Achuapa.

Lieut Snyder and Aron Juez (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for Aron Juez.

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for San Rafael and arrived.

Lieut Bryson, Lieut Matamoras and guardia patrol cleared San Rafael (CA) for and arrived Jinotega.

Captain Fricke and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali to the east. Patrol returned to Yali after having reconnoitered the areas Zapote, Gorron and the hills to the east of Yali.

Dario (CA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Sebaco and returned to Dario.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for and arrived La Trinidad (NA). Patrol returned to San Isidro.

Lieut Flippo and May May (CA) guardia patrol cleared May May for Matiguas. Returned to May May.

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

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Las Lajas.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarra.

Captain Elmore, Lieut Jackson and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Apali.

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Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) Guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for and arrived Santa Maria. Cleared with Captain Smith for Macuelizo.

Lieut Stanley and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for Ciudad Antigua.

Captain Holdahl and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for vicinity northeast of Cacao. Returned to Somoto, nothing to report.

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared for vicinity of San Diego; arrived Sonote, nothing to report. Cleared for and arrived Totogalpa.

Guardia patrol cleared Escotal (NA) for and arrived Dipilto.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for vicinity northeast of Cacao; returned, nothing to report.

Guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) for Moropotente.

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

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad on police mission and returned to La Trinidad.

Lieut Zaxala and guardia patrols cleared Esteli (NA) for La Trinidad.

Leon guardi patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Hacienda El Tanque. Returned to Leon with two civil prisoners.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for La Cinta district. Returned with two prisoners wanted for robbery.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Matagalpa. Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol, with Lieut Leady, cleared for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met and each returned to home stations.

Lieut Cramer and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for and arrived Sajonia. Returned to Corinto Finca.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrols cleared San Isidro for and arrived Matagalpa.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol, with inspector of hacienda, cleared on contraband patrol.

Lieut Roberts Lieut Thompson and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Las Lajas.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarre.

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Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for la Gracia, La Harquita, La Bolsa and San Pedro districts.

Guardia from El Viejo arrived Chinandega with one civil prisoner; returned to El Viejo after delivering prisoner.

Lieut Stanley and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol returned to Jicaro.

Captain Sims, Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for Jicaro. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for vicinity northeast of Palacaguina to investigate report of a bandit camp in that section. Located camp consisting of thirty two shelters and captured three men reported to be bandits. Patrol returned.

Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for Cerro Grande. Returned with one prisoner reported to be member of Jose Leon Diaz group.

Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Limay. Met Limay patrol and returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Regadillo to meet Esteli patrol.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Bell, Lieut Fox and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Regadillo to meet Limay patrol.

Captain McQueen and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for and arrived Villa Nuevo.

Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Haubensack, Lieut Striebinger and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for Aviation Field. Captain Rosecrans cleared for Managua by plane. Lieut Haubensack, Lieut Striebinger and patrol returned to Jinotega.

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

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

Lieut Pulver and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Guardia patrol cleared Dario (CA) for Matagalpa (CA).

Navarro (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Navarro.

Lieut Flippo and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda and Esquipulas. Patrol arrived Esquipulas.

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Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for Plazuela.

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

Captain Davies and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for point on trail along Rio Pueblo Nuevo towards northeast. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo, nothing to report.

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for point on trail along Rio Pueblo Nuevo towards northeast. Returned, nothing to report.

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

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

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared for point on trail along Rio Pueblo Nuevo towards northeast. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Vogel, Lieut Shick and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for and arrived Apali.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for point on trail along Rio Pueblo Nuevo towards northeast. Patrol returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Griffith and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Welsz and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Bilbrey and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal and arrived Apali.

Lieut Stanko and guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega, met Condega patrol, which Lieut Stanko joined. Condega patrol cleared Condega with Lieut Titsworth, met Pueblo Nuevo patrol which Lieut Titsworth joined. Each patrol returned to home stations.

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

Captain McQueen and guardia patrol cleared Villa Nueva (NA) for and arrived Somotillo.

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

Lieut Castrillo and Leon guardia cleared Leon on patrol to San Roque, in search of reported cattle thieves.

Major Webb and Lieut. Makus returned to Leon from inspection of Rota and El Jicaral.

Leon guardia returned to Leon from patrol to El Jicaral.

Chinandega guardia patrol returned to Chinandega after patrolling area of La Gracia, La Harquita, La Balsa and San Pedro. Returned, all quiet and no sign of bandits or ladrones.

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Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Comarca de Hato Grande. Returned to Leon with four civil prisoners, three cutachas and two firearms.

Lieut Castillo and Leon guardia patrol returned from patrol to San Roque and vicinity, unable to locate cattle thieves.

Captain E. A. Craig, Department Commander of Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for Corinto on temporary duty.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Amoya district to investigate robbery case. Returned, nothing to report.

Guardia patrol, with 1 civil prisoner, arrived Chinandega from Posoltega.

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

NOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF CHONTALES, JUNE 1951.

1st: Captain Howard, Lieut. Krebs and Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared for Boaco via Coapa and Comalapa.

8th: Lieut. Morse and Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared La Libertad after medical inspection of Acayapa, Santo Tomas, Javali Mine and Santo Domingo and arrived Juigalpa.

8th: Lieut. Tercero and guardia patrol cleared for El Morrito and San Miguclito to San Carlos to investigate report that a boat, loaded with ammunition, cleared Costa Rica for San Miguclito.

11th: Lieut. Tercero and guardia patrol cleared San Miguclito for Puerto Diaz.

Lieut. Krebs and guardia patrol cleared Boaco for San Jose on police mission. Returned June 12th.

15th: Guardia patrol arrived Juigalpa from Santo Domingo on police mission.

Lieut. Krebs and guardia patrol cleared Boaco for San Lorenzo on police mission.

18th: Captain Howard and Juigalpa guardia patrol to Piedra Colorada on police mission.

20th: Lieut. McDonald and Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Puerto Diaz on police mission and returned to Juigalpa.

GENERAL STATE OF TERRITORY: Very quiet at this time. No organized group of bandits operating in this department. Intelligence agents are stationed throughout the Rio Grande area. Murra and Betulia, and should any bandit group attempt to enter this department, this office will know exactly where they are. Frequent patrols are made to this area.

MILITARY SITUATION: At this time very quiet throughout the entire department. No bandit information received during the month. The entire department has been thoroughly patrolled continually, without glooming any bandit information.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Very bad at this time. No money in circulation, food scarce and prices high.

WEATHER: Heavy showers most every day.

ROADS AND TRAILS: Sloppy, but not heavy. Impossible to pass Quisalia Rio, except by boat, due to heavy rains. This is on main trail to Puerto Diaz.

Captain F. M. Howard, Department Commander, reports: "Jueces de Mesta and Canton are certainly working fine, under the direction of the Department Commander, to whom they report twice monthly, and whenever necessary, for instructions, or to make report of conditions in their comarcas. A total of fifty six "citaciones" were served by

the Jueces de Mesta and Comisiones during the month which was a wonderful aid to the Guardia Nacional, saving time and animals, and giving the Jueces de Mesta and Comisiones more prestige among the inhabitants of their districts.

The Department Commander invited S. M. Mr. Andres Montenegro, Jefe Politico of the Department of Chontales, to inspect the Guardia at Juigalpa on Saturday, 27 June, accompanied by the Department Commander. After the inspection, the Jefe Politico stated that he was highly pleased with everything that he had seen, especially the prison which he stated was the cleanest one he had ever entered, and complimented the Department Commander upon the excellent condition of the Guardia. Construction of the park will soon be completed, palms and trees have been planted, walls have been lined with rocks, benches have been placed under the shade trees, and the Department Commander is now engaged in building four flights of rock steps that lead up to the park. The morale of this command is excellent.

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The following is quoted from "EL LIVERNORDO", a Managua newspaper, dated July 5th, 1931, under the heading: "WHAT IS A REAL VIGILANCE IN THE POPULATION" - "With great satisfaction we have come to see that the commander of the Guardia has taken a real interest in the vigilance of the population. Municipal police and Guardias remain in duty in the roads leading into the city and in other streets as all hours during the day as well as at night in central order".

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The following is an extract from a letter received from Colonel L.P.Hunt, G.N., Commanding the Northern Area: "Told the Jefe Politico and three other prominent gente over to Totosalpa yesterday and opened their eyes a bit. They were immensely impressed with what the guardia is doing, in fact, so much so that they sent a long telegram to the President extolling the Guardia, etc. Livermore is doing some great work over there. We got the Jefe Politico to make a speech to the gathered multitudo (some 550) and when he finished, everyone from the President down was "vivaed", etc.. Games, races, etc., in the morning, a base ball game in the afternoon and fireworks at night. The people were properly impressed."

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The following interesting extract from "REPORT OF AIR MISSIONS", Aircraft Squadrons, Second Marine Brigade, Managua, Nicaragua, 6 July 1931, is quoted:

"x x x 4. Two O2U-1 airplanes, Major Mitchell, pilot, with Dr. Brown, passenger, and Lieut. Dailey, pilot, with Dr. Hernandez, passenger, took off Managua at 0830 arriving over Somotillo at 0915. Panel "Land, have message for you", displayed. No Guardia on field. Dropped message advising we had passengers, and to put guardia on field. Panel "River"

displayed, indicating river too high to ford. Three Guardia finally swam river and appeared on field. Landed Sonotillo at 0940. Major Mitchell took off Sonotillo at 1100. Lieut. Drilley took off Sonotillo at 1100 landing airplane Managua at 1200." xxvi

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The following is a report of the economic situation in the Department of Matagalpa, for June 1931, as submitted by Captain D. A. Stafford, G.N., Department Commander:

"In parts of the department it is impossible to buy corn, beans or rice, therefore causing a serious situation. Lieut. Elliott, San Isidro, received corn and beans from the American Red Cross and distributed it among the poor people of his district during the month. In other districts Dario, Terrabona and Muy Muy, help is seriously needed to feed these people for about three weeks more until the new crop comes in. Great difficulty is being encountered in all posts of the Department to secure corn and beans to feed the guardia. There have been more corn and beans planted this year than in previous years and with the abundance of rain during the past months prospects are good for a big crop this year."

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The following are extracts from the monthly "RECORD OF EVENTS" of the Department of Chinandega, commanded by Captain E. A. Craig, G.N., for the month of June, 1931:

POLICE CONDITIONS: Very good. The Police condition of this department during the past month has been better than at any time during the past two years, despite the fact that there are hundreds of unemployed touring the department at the present time.

INTELLIGENCE: State of territory occupied quiet. Active patrolling of all sections of the department has been carried out during the past month and these patrols have been unable to find any evidence of ladrones operating or robbing fincas as was the case some months ago. Information was received during the month that an escaped convict by the name of Leonardo Telloz, had landed on the Cosiguina Peninsula after having been in conference with Sandino or agents in Honduras and that he was trying to organize a group of bandits to cause trouble around Chinandega. A patrol thoroughly covered the suspected section and found no evidence to support this information, although it was found that Telloz had landed in El Chorro and at present is believed to be around El Viejo, where he has many friends.

MILITARY SITUATION: No armed group of any size or importance in this department at the present time.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Prices of foodstuffs have risen during the past month. Prices of the principal articles of food are as follows: Corn .15.00 a fanega; Beans (.21.00 a fanega; Lard .12.00 a five-gallon can; Rice .6.50 a hundred pounds; Cheese .5.00 per twenty-five pounds and coffee (.10.00 a hundred pounds.

POLITICAL SITUATION: Normal. Campaigns for the election of new Alcaldes in the various towns are being carried out and much propaganda spread in favor of the different candidates. These elections will be held in November. The propaganda meetings are carried out in an orderly way and have caused no trouble to the Guardias sent to maintain order in the different towns.

WEATHER: Warm and sultry. Heavy rains each day.

ROADS AND TRAILS: In bad condition. Heavy rains make some of the fords very dangerous to cross. Automobiles can only use the road between El Viejo and Chinandega at the present time.

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The following report covers a patrol made by Lieutenant O. C. Ledbetter, G.N., and guardia from El Consuelo (CA):

GUARDIA POST, EL CONSUELO, DEPARTMENT OF  
MATAGALPA, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
EL CONSUELO NICARAGUA, 23 June 1931.

From: First Lieut. O.C.Ledbetter, G.N.  
To: The Department Commander.

Subject: Combat patrol, report of.

1. In compliance with your radio orders of 19 June 1931, I made a patrol of the Apante-Apantillo-Rufino Lopez area in search of a bandit group reported there.

2. The patrol consisted of the following:

1st.Lt.O.C.Ledbetter, G.N.	Rosa Espinoza Rodolfo	4296
2nd.Lt.T.R.Steward, G.N.	" Gmez, Juan	4497
Sgt. Martinez, Jose M. #139	Gaitan Arturo	4229
R Aguilar Jose #3502	Monfiz Marcelo	4170
Anader Guillermo 3814	Molinares Jose M	4275
Bello Daniel 4254	Morales Santiago (CH)	3883
Blandon Pedro 4285	Pavon Jesus	1569
Cardenas Lauro 4357	Picado Alejandro	3458
Castro Esteban 3735	Rocha Ernestino	4234
Chacon Ignacio 3523	Sanchez Matilde	4549
Cabo Iglesias, Higinio 3502	Urbina Maximo	4372

3. \* The patrol in chronological order:

19 June.

- 1300 Cleared El Consuelo, with two officers, 20 mcn and 2 pack animals.  
1730 Arrived hacienda Guapotal and camped for the night. Distance 12 miles, rain all afternoon.

20 June.

- 0800 Cleared hacienda Guapotal.  
0900 Arrived Patillo Grande hacienda of the Rocha brothers. Natives had not heard of any bandits. Began to rain again.  
1600 Arrived lower Apantillo hacienda and camped for the night. No information. Distance 20 miles.

21 June .

- 0700 Cleared Lower Apantillo.  
0800 In crossing the Sabalar river lost one mule with most of the food. River much swollen by recent rains. Scoured down river for almost two hours but could find nothing of either mule or cargo. Because of the loss of food and the inability to buy any in that country, decided to return.  
1800 Arrived Patillo Grande and camped for the night.

22 June .

- 0700 Cleared Patillo Grande.  
0800 Arrived hacienda Guapotal.  
1430 Arrived El Consuelo. Distance 15 miles.

4. There was no evidence of any bandit group in this area. The people here seemed to be friendly toward the Guardia and willing to give as much information as possible about the country and the people. This information was as accurate as native information usually is but otherwise was all right.

5. The main trails in this district showed evidence of constant use and were generally in good condition, though the almost constant rain which fell during the patrol had softened them quite a bit.

6. In spite of the rain and the muddy trails the morale of the men remained high and we had no trouble of any kind with them. Each man willingly did his share of the work on the trail as well as in camp. They all behaved splendidly.

/s/ O.C.Ledbotter .

The patrol report of Captain A. R. Bourne, G.H., and Guardia from Nevarro (C.L.), covering movements from 20 June to 1 July 1931, is quoted herewith:

HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF NEVARRO,  
1 July 1931.

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

Subject: Patrol report - 20 June to 1 July 1931.

Reference: Kenyon Map of Bocay, Ocotal, Esteli, Matagalpa and Casuli.

1. In accordance with orders received on 20 June, I cleared this post with Lieut. Pulvert and twenty one enlisted.

2. OPERATIONS:

20 June.

Arrived Agua Amarilla at about 1500. No information. Camped for night.

21 June.

0700 Cleared for El-Sardinal and arrived at 1100. No information. Tuma impassable. 1130 cleared for Tuma and arrived at 1500. No information. Tuma impassable.

22 June.

Laid over here for information, having sent runners from Sardinal day before to Guasaca. Runners arrived, no information. Tuma still impassable.

23 June.

0700 Cleared for Sardinal and arrived at 1100. Ordered boats in which to cross river Tuma. No information.

24 June.

Laid over here waiting for boats and for information of possible bandit activities south of Tuma. Boats arrived.

25 June.

0700 Cleared for Guasaca and arrived at hacienda La Primavera at about 1200. Here I was greeted by a veritable deluge of rumors both of bandits and guardias. Was told that there was a bandit camp at Zapotal (about 165-254). Also that there was a patrol of fifty guardias in Bijagua (arriba) 158-166, and another guardia patrol in Carretera. Immediately despatched runners with letters for each guardia patrol, asking for information and also despatched other runners to Cacao, in vicinity of Zapotal for news.

26 June.

Laid over here waiting return of runners. They all returned this date. The Guardia patrols could not be located. The men returned from Cacao, saying that all houses there and further on toward Rancho Grande were empty, and that a woman in the trail told him 300 bandits were in Rancho Grande. All country bounded by Rancho Grande, as shown on map, Los Carpas to the N E and Cacao to the west is known to these people as Rancho Grande..

27 June.

0700 Cleared for Cacao and arrived at 1500. Found unmistakable signs of bandits in the every conceivable ambush position had been occupied, that the trail had been cleared, making it

devoid of cover. Remmants of chewed up sugar cane found in rear of trees. Camped for night in house of Dionisio Astacio, Capitan de Cañada, who was absent. The woman here informed me that 30 bandits, who said they were the rear guard of the main group column, had slept there on the night of the 25th. They had left on the 26th but she did not know where they had gone. The Jefes of this group had been one capitán Olivas and Teniente Herrera. The owner of the house returned from Matagalpa and we got busy looking up his empleados. It became apparent that all the men who lived in Cacao and the surrounding mountains had been carried off by the bandits so the woman told us. Eventually two were obtained and were sent one to Rancho Grande and one to the Bijagua arriba.

28 June .

Laid over waiting return of runners. They returned saying they could not find out anything, that all the men had either hidden themselves or been carried off. Reconnoitered surrounding country including Zapotal a huge "Cerro", flat on top, thickly wooded, where we found 75 "leantos", capable of housing 3 to 4 men each. About 2 to 3 days old judging from condition of banana leaves.

29 June .

Laid over for reconnaissance purposes and in the hope of some of the people who had been carried off would return. Finally a man Jesus Ubeda, by name, who had been picked up by the advance party of the bandits, appeared. He said that they had surprised him in his house and carried him off as far as Yoosca and then turned him loose, and that he stood in the trail and watched the entire column pass. The advance guard consisted of 50 men, commanded by one coronel Hernandez. The main group then passed of 250 and lastly the rear guard of 30. (This as he was returning to his house in Cacao. He claims that he actually counted 400 and that each man had a rifle with bulging sacks of ammunition. He counted 3 Lewis guns, 3 Thompsons and 4 Brownings. He then pointed to our rifle granados and discharges saying that they also had several of these outfits. This man is an old soldier who fought in the revolution appears very intelligent and after I had tested his intelligence in several ways, I was inclined to believe him. He says he gathered from their talking that they had been in those parts for several days waiting the arrival of another column coming from Boçay over the Golondrina rpute and that he believed that they were the big Jefes as the only Jefes he saw were apparently Colonels and below. All these men were a foot and they were carrying or driving several cows for beef.. It was my intention to clear for Rancho Grande the following morning but after a survey of my condition I did not believe it advisable as it was certain this group has arrived by that time at Yoosca enroute to the coast. I had twenty one men, half of them recruits and my two corporals were sick. At this time a journey to the coast with less than fifty guardia would have been folly as the trail is practically impassable for animals and food is not obtainable. Accordingly it was decided to return.

30 June.

0700 Cleared for Guasaca and arrived at 1400. Sent runners in to Matagalpa with information.

1 July.

0700 Cleared for Navarro and arrived at 1600.

Probable intentions of this group:

1. To raid the mines. I base this on the fact that all these men were very poorly clothed, and it is possibly a trip to el the themselves, get dynamite and raid the big commissariats. They will come out into the open from this trail n or about the 7th, 8th or 9th of July as they have to move fast, and probably be found in the vicinity of Guani at that time.

2. To raid Chontales. This they can accomplish by floating down the Yaosca and Hejica Rivers in boats and rafts. On or about the 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th they will either be on the Tuma or in a rthorn Chontales. This plan is very feasible as they had no animals and were travelling as light as possible.

3. To raid some coast town, after first raiding the mines.

I believe that prompt and thorough airplane reconnaissance of the above mentioned areas on the dates mentioned above will produce results.

/s/ A. R. BOURNE,  
Capt., G. N.

NOTES FROM RIVAS, JUNE 1931.

MILITARY OPERATIONS: Rivas: Department thoroughly patrolled during the month. Weekly inspections to all surrounding towns made by the Department Commander, Lieutenant R. E. Schnoor and monthly inspection trip made to Cardenas and San Juan del Sur. Patrols from Rivas during the month covered Tola, La Chocolata, Las Sierras, El Rosario, Bolen, Island of Ometope and Vera Cruz. Guard furnished for Paymaster of railroad on pay days.

Cardenas: Lieutenant Bello with guards covered entire frontier which included Colon, Sapoa, Peña Blanca, Sandino, Sabelos and Soto Caballo. Entire area patrolled reported quiet.

San Juan del Sur: Lieutenant Poero with guards patrolled Naranjo, La Flor, El Estinal, El Conventillo and Costa Rican border, Brito, Las Salinas, Juan Davila, and Santa Clara. Entire area report quiet.

POLICE CONDITIONS: No major crimes committed during the month. Large percentage of cattle stolen and jilted on account of lack of food in the Department.

WEATHER: Very hard rains. 14.96 inches of rain fell during month. Road from San Juan to Rivas in bad shape. Rivas-Cardenas and Rivas-Tola out of order most of the time.

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NOTES FROM GRANADA AND MASAYA  
JUNE 1931.

4th - Major O'Neill, Department Commander, cleared Granada on patrol to Mombacho and returned.

12th - Major O'Neill and Licut. Graves cleared Granada for Tisma on police mission and returned.

15th - Licut. Chenoweth and guardia patrol cleared Granada for La Punta and Guayaba on police mission and returned.

19th - Licut. Graves, Licut. Chenoweth cleared for El Paso on police mission and returned.

22nd - Granada guardia patrol cleared Granada for Santa Cruz and returned.

26th - Licut. Graves, Licut. Long, Licut. Chenoweth and Licut. Reyes cleared Granada for Masatope on temporary duty. Returned..

Granada guardia patrol cleared Granada, with Inspector of Hacienda, for Diriomo on police mission and returned..

29th - Granada guardia patrol cleared Granada for Malacatoya on police mission. Patrol returned to Granada.

30th - Licut. Long and one guardia cleared Granada for Managua. Licut. Long returned to Granada.

Licut. Reed arrived Granada from Masaya. Returned to Masaya.

Guardia patrol cleared Granada for El Guanacaste on police mission and returned.

District of Masaya was regularly patrolled during the month.

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PERSONNEL

Captain J. O. Brauer, Commanding District of Palaguina, cleared Managua by plane on July 7th for Esteli for temporary duty prior to returning to regular station.

Captain H. E. Rosserans arrived Managua by plane from Jinotega on July 7, 1931.

Lieut. R. S. Reed arrived Managua from Masaya on July 7, 1931.

Captain V. L. Horn, Jr., cleared Managua, by plane, on July 6th, 1931, for Sonotillo to investigate the accidental drowning of Lieut. Ramirez. Returned by plane the same day.

Captain W. Elmore, Commanding the District of Apali, Northern Area, arrived Managua, by plane, July 9, 1931, from Ocotal.

Captain J. M. Smith, Guardia Communication Officer returned to Managua, by plane, on July 9, 1931, from a trip through the Northern Area.

Major Horace R. Boone, (M.C., G.N.) arrived Corinto on July 9 from leave in the U. S., and cleared Corinto by plane for Managua.

Lieut. G. K. Frisbie arrived Nicaragua from the U. S. on July 9 and joined the Guardia Nacional for duty. He will be assigned duty in the Northern Area.

Captain R. E. Forsyth returned to Nicaragua from the U. S. on July 9 from leave in the U. S. and will take command of the Department of Rivers.

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