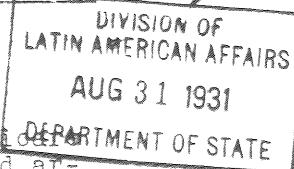


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16 JULY 1931

Captain Kelly, Lieut Covington and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Apali. Captain Kelly, Captain Frisbe, Lt. Smith and Jicaro patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Jicaro.

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

Lieut Gedney, Lieut Delgadillo and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for and arrived San Juan.

Captain Davies, Lieut Titsworth and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Palacaguina. Captain Davies and the patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for Zapote. Returned to Totogalpa; nothing to report.

Lieut Mendoza and Moropotente (NA) guardia patrol arrived Esteli from Moropotente.

Captain Burwell, Captain Arnett and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol arrived El Sauce from Esteli.

Lieut Moreina and guardia patrol arrived Villa Nueva (NA) from Somotillo.

Lieut Brown, Lieut Jackson and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) for and arrived Yalaguina.

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

Captain Griffin, Lieut Rizo and Central Area guardia patrol returned from combat patrol.

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

Lieut Ashbrook and Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Cleared for Jinotega and arrived.

Captain Fricke and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali to investigate some firing north of Yali. Returned; unable to obtain any information.

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Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali on reconnaissance patrol to the north. Returned to Yali; covered the areas El Tigre, Bromadero and Laguna. Patrol cleared for San Rafael.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for and arrived Sebaco. Patrol returned to San Isidro.

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

17 JULY 1931

Lieut M. H. Bell and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (Dept. Chontales) from Granada. Cleared with strong combat patrol in direction of Santo Domingo and Javali Mines. Support patrol following. This movement in connection with report of bandit operations in that section.

Captain Inman, Lieut Stephenson, Lieut Montenegro and Puerto Cabezas (EA) guardia patrol had contact with a group of bandits under CARASCA two miles below Kisalaya. There were three successive engagements from 2 p.m. until dark when the bandits scattered badly. Lieut Montenegro was wounded in both arms. No other guardia casualties. Bandits casualties three killed and an unknown number wounded. Marine planes left Puerto Cabezas for Cape Gracias to evacuate Lieut. Montenegro.

Four Leon guardia patrols cleared Leon for North, south and East of city to search for milk robbers. Returned, unable to locate any.

Lieut Blanco and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Santa Maria via Macuelizo.

Lieut Coffman and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste for southwest Segovia. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Klein, Lieut Jackson and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Smith and guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for Quilali.

Lieut Johnson and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Jalapa.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for halfway to Villa Nuevo.

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

C. O. Jicaro reports; Reports received that several families formerly of Quilali, Guapinol and Zapotilla are now living south of the Coco river at a place called Tamalague between Las Puertas and Constancia and that Pedron Altamirano spent one week there starting about July 6.

Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol returned to Corinto Finca from police mission.

Lieut Alexander, Lieut Escobar and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael on Combat patrol.

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

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

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarre.

18 JULY 1931

The small village of Santo Domingo (Dept Chontales) with a police force of only six men, was entered by a group of 250 bandit robbers under the leadership of Pedron Altamirano, and ransacked. The police force took a position west of town in a good location and opened fire for fifteen minutes killing one bandit and wounding an unknown number. The bandits' entrance into town could not be stopped due to their large number. After they entered the village, the police force ceased to fire to avoid endangering the lives of the inhabitants. After sacking the place, the bandits retreated. A guardia patrol arrived and took charge, then took up pursuit of the group. No guardia casualties.

Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Corinto on temporary duty.

El Tempisque guardia patrol arrived Chinandega from El Tempisque.

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from Comarca de Abangazca having captured one man wanted for murder and two accomplices.

Four Leon guardia patrols cleared Leon on patrol to North, South, East and West outskirts of city in endeavor to locate and apprehend milk robbers. Returned to Leon, unable to locate any.

Leon guardia patrol cleared on patrol to El Povosity, and Abangazca districts.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for Finca San Francisco. Returned to Chinandega, nothing to report.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared to patrol El Viejo road and La Cinta road. Returned to Chinandega and reported all quiet.

Lieut Stevens, Lieut Castrillo and Leon guardia patrol cleared on patrol to Santa Rosa and vicinities.

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

Lieut Cuadra and guardia patrol cleared Limay (NA) for San Francisco.

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for Tierra Blanco. Returned to Totogalpa with three prisoners.

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

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

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

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

Lieut Bilbrey and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan for and arrived Jicarol

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for area north of Daraili. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Alexander, Lieut Escobar and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol, returned from combat mission. Covered the areas Pencial, San Antonio, Rio Grande, Hanado, San Francisco, La Fortuna, Montanita and Rinconada. At San Antonio four bandits of the Rosa Irias group, three armed with pistols and one unarmed, attempted to flee on approach of patrol and one was killed. He was identified by the guide as Montoya, alias Gato Negro, a former member of the Pedro Blandon group.

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

Lieut Navarette and Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol returned to Esquipulas from Tierra Blanca.

19 JULY 1931

The town of Rama (EA) was attacked by a large group (believed to be disgruntled laborers on the rama Managua road) armed with pistols and machettes. Fighting lasted 20 minutes. One guardia killed. Three bandits killed.

Guardia patrol cleared San Antonio for Poseltega with one prisoner, wanted in Chinandega for robbery. All stolen property recovered.

El Viejo guardia patrol arrived Chinandega with two civil prisoners. Returned to El Viejo after delivering prisoners.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to the Comarca of El Convento. Returned, nothing to report.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to El Guapinol area, on the outskirts of town. Returned to Leon, nothing to report.

Major Webb, Department Commander, cleared Leon on inspection trip to Rota and returned to Leon.

Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Pataste.

Lieut Coffman, Lieut Stanko and guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Condega.

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

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for vicinity north of Pueblo Nuevo. Returned to Yalaguina with one prisoner.

Lieut Griffith, Lieut Wysaski and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for CUIDAD ANTIGUA. Met Ocotal and Apali patrols, then returned to Telpaneca.

Lieut Berueffy and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Ciudad Antigua. Met Telpaneca and Apali patrols, then returned to Ocotal.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Ciudad Antigua. Met Telpaneca and Ocotal patrols, then returned to Apali.

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol arrived Condega from Daraili. Cleared Condega for home station.

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

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from halfway patrol to Villa Nueva.

Captain Burwell, Captain Arnett and guardia patrol cleared El Sauce (NA) for Limay.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for Santa Rosa to investigate report of bandits in that area.

Lieut Hall, Lieut Escobar and aguardia patrol cleared San Rafael (CA) for Yali.

A guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Isidro, and arrived.

Lieut Schmierer and Dario guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Real de la Cruz.

Lieut Elliott and aguardia patrol cleared San Isidro (CA) for Real de La Cruz.

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

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy to the east on a special mission.

20 JULY 1931

Lieut Kipp, attached to the Northern Area but temporarily in Managua, Lieut Sandino and guardia patrol from Managua cleared for Granada where upon arrival they will clear by schooner for pureto Diaz to report to Department of Chontales, Juigalpa, as reinforcements for that department during the present bandit activities there.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for vicinity of La Palma.

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

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

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali on police mission. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Livermore and totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa to clear the Totogalpa - Ocotal trail.

Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Calpules and Motolin. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Blandon (town of) to meet Esteli patrol. Returned to Condega.

Captain Arnett, Captain Burwell and guardia patrol arrived Limay (NA) from El Sauce.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Blandon (town of) to meet Condega patrol. Returned to Esteli.

Captain McQueen and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for San Francisco.

El Viejo guardia patrol arrived Chinandega with one prisoner wanted for robbery. All stolen articles recovered by guardia patrol.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Amayo and vicinity to make arrest. Returned to Chinandega with one prisoner wanted for a criminal offense.

Two Leon guardia patrols cleared Leon for the North, and South outskirts of town in search of milk robbers. Patrols returned; unable to locate any report areas patrolled quiet.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to vicinity of Comarca de Chacra Seca. Returned to Leon with one civil prisoner.

Combined guardia patrols from Dario (CA) and San Isidro (CA) with Lieut Schmierer and Lieut Elliott had contact with a group of ten bandits about three miles west of Real de La Cruz at 6.00 a.m. No casualties on either side. Guardia captured one rifle and two mules.

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol had contact with a group of forty bandits at Zapiscan, about nine miles west of Real de La Cruz at 4 p.m. Contact lasted twenty minutes Bandit casualties 8 killed and several believed to be wounded. Guardia casualties one wounded. The guardia captured two mules with equipment, one rifle and several rounds of ammunition.

Lieut Griffith, Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Curié area. Returned, nothing to report.

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

Captain Fricke, Lieut Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol arrived San Rafael from Yali.

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

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

Captain Bourne and Navarro (CA) guardia patrol cleared Managalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Guardia Patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Las Lajas.

Lieut Schmierer and Dario (CA) guardia patrol returned to Dario from combat patrol.

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Lieut Bell and Juigalpa (Dept Chontales) guardia patrol cleared La Libertad on combat mission to act on information received.

Lieut Kipp and Juigalpa (Dept Chontales) guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa on combat mission to act on information received.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Comarca El Flatanar. Returned to Leon with 1 civil prisoner.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Telica. Returned to Leon with 3 prisoners.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon to lay ambush for cattle thieves at Buenos Aires Hacienda on the Poneloya road.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega on patrol to El Tempisque and vicinity.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Cocal and vicinity to make an arrest. Returned to Chinandega with two prisoners wanted for murder.

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

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal. Cleared Ocotal and arrived Totogalpa.

Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria for Ococona. Returned to Santa Maria.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli from Blan-

don.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Regadillo.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Regadillo.

Captain Arnett, Captain Burwell and guardia patrol cleared Limay (NA) for San Francisco.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol returned from vicinity of La Palma. Nothing to report.

Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Ococona. Re-

turneed to Macuelizo; nothing to report.

Captain Rea and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Lieut Lee arrived by plane from Managua. Captain Rea, Lieut Lee and patrol cleared for and arrived Jinotega.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega on police mission to La Pita.

Lieut Ashbrook and Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia. Lieut Cramer and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia. Lieut Cramer, Lieut Ashbrook and guardia patrol cleared Sajonia on combat patrol to the Coyolar sector.

La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for Colon.

* Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cl-
eared La Concordia on combat patrol.

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for and arriv-
ed Matagalpa.

Captain Bonrue and Navarro (CA) guardia patrol cleared Navarro on combat patrol to Tuma.

Las Lajas (CA) guardia patrol claared Matagalpa for Las Lajas. Gua

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Algovia.

22 JULY 1931

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol had contact near Boqueron de Santa Rosa del Penon with a bandit group under Juan Castillo. Bandits armed with rifles, shot guns and revolvers. One bandit killed. Captured one revolver and several shotguns. No guardia casualties.

Lieut Palacio and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for Apali.

Lieut Stanley and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for halfway to Quilali.

Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared pueblo Nuevo to operate in vicinity of Consuelo.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega to operate southeast of Condega.

Lieut Griffith, Lieut Collins and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared for San Juan de Telpaneca.

Lieut Clark, Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared for area south of Daraili; returned with one prisoner.

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for area Southeast of Daraili.

Captain Holdahl and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Yalaguina via Guasuyuca. Returned to Somoto.

Lieut Titsworth and guardia patrol cleared Palacaguinal (NA) for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for halfway to Jicaro. Returned to Quilali.

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for halfway to Jicaro. Returned to Quilali.

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

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli from Regadillo.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to Limay from Regadillo.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Santule.

Lieut Bell and Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay to operate to area east of Limay.

Lieut Hutchcroft and guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) for halfway to El Sauce.

Chinandega guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from patrol to El Tempisque and vicinity. Reports all quiet.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for La Faz Centro. Returned to Leon with 2 civil prisoners.

Municipal guardia patrol arrived Leon from Quezalguaque with one civil prisoner.

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from Hacienda Buenos Aires with two civil prisoners. Captured two pistols, two shotguns, two cutachas.

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

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for La Pita on police mission. Returned to Jinotega with one prisoner.

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol returned to La Concordia from combat patrol.

Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali on combat patrol to the northwest.

Lieut Leadgy and Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for and arrived Sebaco. Returned to Matagalpa.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algevia. A patrol arrived Matagalpa from Algevia.

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for and arrived Sebaco. Cleared Sebaco and returned to San Isidro.

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

23 JULY 1931

Captain Craig, Department Commander of Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for Corinto on temporary duty. Returned to Chinandega.

Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Chinghalpa on temporary duty.

Leon Municipal guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to El Guapinol, on outskirts of Leon. Returned to Leon with one civil prisoner.

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

The Commanding Officer, Department of Chontales,
reports the following articles captured from bandits by
Corporal Castillo patrol (in command of the Javali station):

3 Red and black flags
8 Hat bands
48 Cartridges, rifle, cal. 30
44 Cartridges, pistol, cal. 32
50 Cartridges, rifle, cal. 22
9 Pairs trousers
4 Pairs shoes
4 Shirts
200 yards Women's dress goods
10 yards shirting material
1 Book entitled "The Bankers and the
Intervention in Nicaragua" (Bandit
propaganda).
Papers stolen from Municipal office
in Santo Domingo.

Part of the above represents some of the things taken
during the bandits raid on the village of Santo Domingo.
Merchandise will be returned to rightful owners.

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The Area Commander of the Central Area has congratulated Lieut. Stewart and members of his patrol for the fine work in ridding the country of the three bandits on July 4, 1931, and states that such work as this by rural police patrols is gradually ridding the Central Area of the "Chicken thief" type of local bandits who follow such leaders as Villegas and Sequeira.

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The Commanding Officer of San Rafael, Captain J. ... Mixson, reports that Eugenio Arauz, the leader of a small group of bandits, operating in the Colon Valley, Sabana Grande, Suni and Los Horcones, surrendered to him on 14 July 1931, turning in a cal. 38 special revolver with no ammunition.

Captain Mixson reports that on 27 May 1931 fifteen hundred pounds of beans and five hundred pounds of corn were received from the Jefe Politico in Jinotega by the Alcalde of San Rafael to be distributed among the poor people of San Rafael and surrounding country. A committee for supervision of the distribution of the food supplies was appointed consisting of the following:

Lieut. Fred. C. Hall,	G. N. de Nic.
Alcalde Jose Pinoda,	Liberal
Binoco Uboda,	Conservative.
Francisco Rodriguez,	Liberal.

The committee notified all Jueces de Mesta and Jefes de Canton in the jurisdiction of San Rafael to submit the names of all the poor people in their territory together with the number in each family. They were also notified of the date of distribution of the food. After this arrangement was completed the food was distributed in the following manner: On the distribution dates the fifteen hundred pounds of beans and five hundred pounds of corn were rationed out to the people in the presence of the committee in various amounts from four to eight pounds of beans and corn to each family depending on the size of the families. A few of the poor families with ten and twelve in their family were given as much as twelve pounds of beans and twelve pounds of corn. They were also notified of the second and third issue dates of the food so that they would know when to return. The dates of issue were 29 May, 2 June and 9 June. All the people were very grateful for the supplies. Some of the corn and beans for seed in planting their crops as they were too poor to buy seed. During the period covered by this distribution food has been very scarce in this district and undoubtedly much suffering has been prevented. At present corn and beans are very high and almost impossible to obtain. On 2 July thirty six arrobas of flour was obtained. This was distributed by the same committee in the same manner.

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Lieut. Ashbrook, Commanding Officer of Sajonia, reports that on 11 July 1931, while on police patrol, in the Coyolar District, he discovered a still used for making cususa in the house of one Gregorio Arduz Lopez. Captured Arduz, who admitted ownership of the still, and Luis Chavarria and Insclmo Gonzalez who were operating it. Juan Rodriguez was at the house and taken prisoner for failure to have a constancia. All four were taken to Jinotega and placed to the order of the police judge.

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Captain A. H. Fricke, Commanding Officer of Yali, reports no bandit activities have been reported to this office. The bridge over Naranjita has been completed and formally open by a delegation of citizens from the town of Yali. On July 4th the guardia suggested a celebration to observe the holiday, this was carried out. Ball games played in the morning and afternoon and big meal prepared in the middle of the day. At twelve noon a salute of twenty one rifles was fired and in the evening Victrola music was furnished.

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The following covers report of contact had by Lieut. C. H. Clark, G.N., and Daraili guardia patrol, on July 9, 1931:

DARAILI, July 11, 1931.

From: Lieut. C. H. Clark, G.N.
To : Area Commander, Northern Area, Ocotal.
Subject: Contact report.

Upon receiving information that a small group of bandits were in Jocote about a league and one half from Daraili, I cleared immediately with Lieut. Martinez and eleven enlisted. Upon arrival at the house of Antonio Moreno I learned that the bandits had left in the direction of Guayucali about two hours before (it then being six o'clock P.M.), these people informed me that it was the same group that robbed a merchant of Condoga a short time ago and that they undoubtedly would be at the house of Mateo Centeno about five miles further on.

Taking a guide from this house I proceeded in direction of Guayucali; it being dark, progress was very slow as we traveled without lights.

As we arrived near the house of Mateo Centeno I divided the patrol, Lt Martinez taking five men to the right of the house, myself and six advancing to the front and left of the house. We were within fifteen yards of the house when one of the men fell over a log in the dark. The bandits opened fire at once and the guardia returned the fire immediately. I ordered an advance and we rushed the house trying to surround it but Lieut. Martinez's men ran into a finca leaving one side of the house open for escape, my men firing as they ran went around the left side of the house, killing one that tried to escape in that direction and wounding others who ran into brush in back of the house. Lieut. Martinez showed good judgement as well as leadership as he took his men further down the finca and laid a cross fire in back of the house, but not knowing the position of the ground we fired straight out in front, later finding that the ground slopes off in a steep grade.

The bandits seeing that they were nearly surrounded scattered into the brush in back of the house, going down and turning to the left as they ran into the fire laid down by Lieut. Martinez.

I left three men to guard the house as there was a man and a woman there. Taking the rest I pursued bandits into the brush for about ten minutes when we lost the trail entirely, using flashlights we returned to the house where we found one bandit dead unidentified and the woman wounded in the right ankle. The man was Mateo Centeno, owner of the house; he stated that the bandits had just arrived and were going to stay all night, also that once before the same group had stayed there or slept there (and he failed to inform this post of it). I dressed the woman's ankle as best I could and ordered the man to evacuate her to Condoga in the morning.

I then proceeded following blood trail from the house down the hill, found where two others had fallen as they ran into cross fire laid down by Lt Martinez, from there trail indicated that at least two were being dragged by others; the trail was followed to the river where we lost all signs of the bandits.

I then split the patrol sending Lt Martinez down the river, myself and six enlisted going up the river. At day light I started back down the river as I had told Lt Martinez to do. We met about seven hundred yards above the house we then patrolled the entire valley as far as Gucyucali, but found no further sign of the bandits. Returned in the direction of Gamalote.

Patrol returned to Darili at 1600, 10 July 1931, after burying dead bandit.

Guardia casualties: None.
Bandit casualties : One dead, three wounded.

Captured the following: One pistol 32 Colt, 6 rds. ammunition, Rem. U.M.C., four machetes, two cutachas, miscellaneous articles; note - one John B. Stetson Hat with stamp of Puerto Cabezas Lumber Company.

The patrol consisted of the following members:

Lt C. H. Clark, G.N.	Lt Martinez, G.N.
Cabo Panfilo Mendez	Raso Benedicto Castillo #5386
Raso Justo Castillo	Ramon Diaz 4022
Tomas Gonzalez	Ignacio Hernandez 4029
Humberto Martinez	Dionisio Quiñonez 4025
Higinio Roncero	Antonio Ruzana 4005
Francisco Sobalvarro	
	3304.

Weapons employed by Guardia: One B.M.R., One TSMG., One Springfield rifle and eight Krag rifles. Weapons employed by bandits: Unknown, but no automatic fire was heard. Jefe unknown. Bandits identified: Gregorio Olivas, Humberto Rodriguez, Santos Rodriguez, Antonio Rodriguez, Gilberto Ruzana and Marcos Olivas.

/s/ Cecil H. Clark, 2nd Lt.,
G.N. de Nic.,
Company of Daraili, G.N.

The following is the report of a patrol made by Capt. R. L. Griffin, Jr., G.N., and Central Area patrol, July 15-16, 1931:

COMPANY "M" GUARDIA NACIONAL, JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA,

16 July 1931.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Patrol report, 15 July 1931 - 16 July 1931.

1. In obedience to verbal orders received on 15 July 1931, patrol consisting of Captain R. L. Griffin, Jr., G.N., second Lieutenant F. D. G., G.N., and twenty-two (22) enlisted cleared Jinotega at 1315, 15 July, 1931, Mission: to gain contact with bandit group reported to be in the vicinity of Datani. Patrol proceeded north past aviation field about two miles and then east over trail to Datani. Civilians questioned enroute to Datani had no information of recent bandit activity in district. Arrived at Datani at 1620. One man amongst people questioned by us in Datani reported that he had seen about fifty bandits at a dis-

tance at about noon on 14 July 1931 headed in a general westernly direction. He could not describe clothing of bandits nor could he show us definitely where the bandits were supposed to have passed. We immediately proceeded south-west from Datani, closely examining main trail and all side trails en route for evidence of bandits. No evidence of bandit activity and no further information were obtained. Arrived Hacienda El Palacio at 1800 after diligent search of district en route, 1830 obtained food and made camp at El Palacio for the night. Juan B. Esquivel, in charge of hacienda, a man of middle age and of apparent intelligence and honesty stated that he had seen no bandits in the district since last month. Men with bull carts from Jinotega arriving at hacienda over southern mountain trail at 1830 stated nothing seen or heard of bandits on route.

July 16, 1931:

Patrol cleared El Palacio at 0700 to north-west over hill trail striking Jinotega-Aviation road two miles from Jinotega. No signs of bandits and no information. Returned to Jinotega at 1130.

2. The undersigned is of the opinion that no organized bandit group has been in the vicinity of Datani with in the last few days and is convinced that if bandits have been in Datani vicinity that they have broken up and scattered and are not now present as an organized group in the district covered.

/s/ Rob't. L. Griffin, Jr.,

The following, with accompanying sketch, covers Captain McQueen's report of the attack on Limay, 1 July 1931:

GUARDIA NACIONAL, DISTRICT OF SAN JUAN DE LIMAY,
Department of Esteli,
4 July 1931.

From: The District Commandor, Capt. J. C. McQueen, GN.
To : The Department Commander, Department of Esteli.

Subject: Attack on Limay by bandits, 1 July 1931.

1. During the night of 1 July 1931, Limay was attacked by bandits, Jefe Jose Leon Diaz and a sub-jefe named Juan Castillo with combined groups estimated to be about 75 men. The first phase of the attack began at 9.50 P.M. and ended at 10.00 P.M. The second phase of the attack, a short demonstration of about seven minutes, began at about 11.00 P.M. At the beginning of the attack there were 25 of the 51 guardias in the cuartel, with 3 still on liberty. There was a moon, and although somewhat overcast, the visibility was fairly good.

2. The mission of the bandits, evidently, was to hold the guardias in the cuartel by their fire, and sack the town. From reliable native reports obtained after the fight, the Castillo group arrived at the SE edge of the

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town at about 9.00 P.M. and halted, having come via La Flor trail from the south. A small part of this group circled the east and north outskirts of town and joined the Diaz group at the NW edge of town. Two mounted men of the Castillo group rode through the streets to look things over. They found everything quiet and saw only two guardias of the night police patrol on the streets whom they avoided. At about 9.30 p.m., the Diaz group with some of the Castillo group had taken positions to the rear of the cuartel (see attached sketch), 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. For a few minutes after the attack began, fire came from these positions only. Also at this time the remainder of the Castillo group, composed mainly of machete men, had entered various patios in the eastern half of the town searching for mules and pack-saddles with which to carry away the prospective loot. Many of the townspeople were aware of this, but were afraid to leave their houses to report the matter.

3. It is believed that the bandits were not entirely in position and not ready for the attack when it began; that it was precipitated due to a guardia turning back to the cuartel after having started for the outhouse near bandit position 2, causing suspicion on the part of the bandits there. Fire opened up from this point as the guardia neared the cuartel. The electric lights of the town were burning. The customary hour for extinguishing lights is 11.00 p.m.

4. 2nd Lt. James R. Bell, second in command, and I were in the officer's quarters when firing began. We closed and bolted the doors of the quarters and took position in the trinchera in front of the quarters preparatory to making a dash for the cuartel. No sooner had we occupied this position than machine gun fire from bandit position (3) was directed at the trinchera and up street A in front of the officer's quarters, and rifle fire directed at the trinchera from (6). At the first lull in the machine gun fire, we ran across the plaza and gained the cuartel.

5. At the cuartel we found all the guardias (with exception of 3 on liberty) manning their assigned attack station, fighting calmly, and in high spirits. Firing was heavy on the part of both the guardia and the bandits. Lt. Bell was assigned to command the firing line in front (plaza side) of the cuartel. Machine gun fire by this time had opened up also from (7). In the rear of the cuartel I found the heavy Browning out of action due to a jam. The gun was put into action and performed perfectly with the exception of occasional misfires due to poor ammunition. Bandit fire was silenced from the rear. On the plaza side of the cuartel, Lt Bell and his men were firing on targets (6), (7) and now target (8). Target (7) was silenced, also target six, and rifle grenades were laid on target (8). This group had formed along sides and rear of the church. The first three grenades fired failed to explode and the group scattered to the east before the fourth grenade burst. A patrol consisting of 13 men under my command left the cuartel and covered the vicinity in rear of the church to the edge of the town. The patrol then headed south down street B and fired into a group of about 10 men at position (9). Apparently they were taken by surprise.

We heard several cries of "Ay, manita" as they scattered into the brush and disappeared. While on the run they fired a hurried short burst of Thompson fire and a few poorly directed rifle shots. The patrol searched through this vicinity, found nothing, and thence continued along the east and south outskirts of the town, entered the town to see if the various stores were secure, searched patios and possible hiding places, and then went back to the cuartel to report the town quiet preparatory to searching the vicinity in rear of the cuartel. The three guardias who had been on liberty had returned to join the others. Several civicos had reported and volunteered their services (these names given in last paragraph). Two of the guardias who had been on liberty had made an attempt to get to the cuartel during the fight, but were driven back by bandit fire, one of them receiving a bullet hole through one knee of his trousers..

6. At 10.55 p.m. the bandits again opened fire from the rear of the cuartel before the patrol had cleared to search through this section. Firing was not severe and of short duration. During the time the first patrol had been out, Lt Bell had kept the defense positions in readiness and fire was returned by the guardia immediately. After sweeping this section with machine gun fire the patrol cleared in the direction of the bandit firing line and found it abandoned. The cemetery and the petrero were thoroughly covered and the patrol continued on west to investigate the trails and houses. We learned that the Diaz group had entered the petrero from the NW corner before taking positions, but had not departed in that direction. It is believed that the group scattered and formed later on in the night, and headed toward Chilamate. Reliable natives reported that the group sacked Chilamate on July 2nd and headed NW toward the Honduran border; that they carried four seriously wounded; that two dead had been buried the morning of the 2nd of July near a river at Chilamate; that Diaz believed a large patrol was absent from the garrison at the time of his attack. It was reported later also by natives living on the La Flor Trail, that the Castillo group on morning of July 2nd was seen to pass in small bunches of four and five heading south east in the general direction of Legartillo.

7. Casualties: Guardia 1 (two slight bomb wounds in face).

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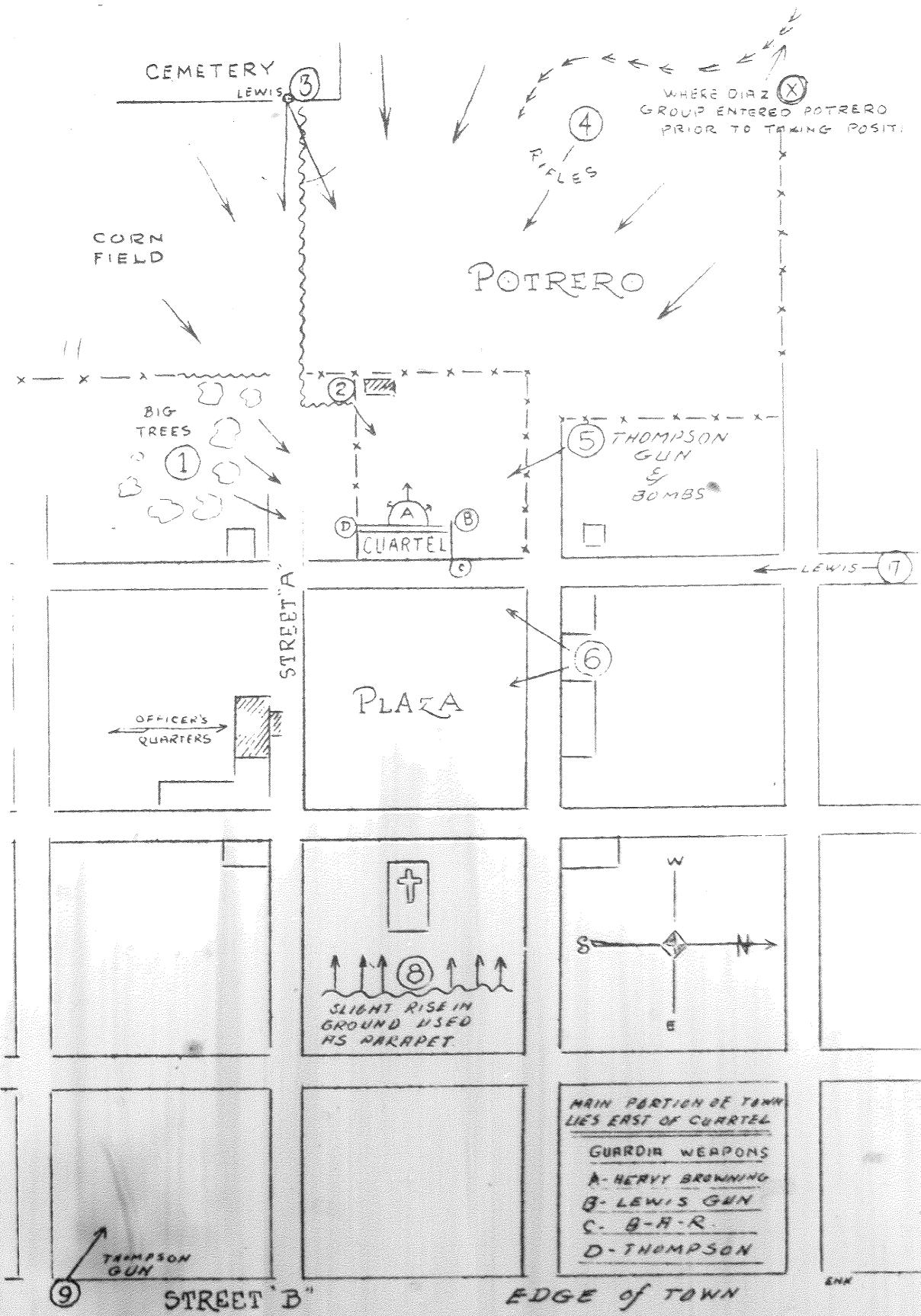
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SKETCH ACCOMPANYING CONTACT REPORT OF ATTACK ON LIMAY

1 JULY, 1931.

9. The conduct of the guardias was splendid. They quickly took their assigned attack stations, picked up the target and used good judgement in the volume and direction of their fire. In the early part of the attack there were several recruits not as attentive to orders as they might have been, due probably to their eagerness to fight. Lt. Bell handled his men with precision and I felt confident of the safety of the cuartel left in his charge when the patrol cleared to protect the town.

Diputado Señor Fernando Morales L., voluntarily accompanied the patrol in its search of the vicinity in rear of the cuartel. He went with the point and with his whole-hearted cooperation was of great assistance to us.

The following civilians reported at the cuartel at 10.45 P.M., and offered their assistance. They also formed part of the patrol covering the town during the remainder of the night.

Señor Marcial Lopez y Lopez, The Alcalde.
Señor Arnold Pinoda.
Señor Teodoro Castellon.
Señor Pastor Prado.
Señor Adan Vindel.
Señor Ramon Gonzalez.

/s/ J. C. McQUEEN

The following are extracts from the "REPORT OF AIR MISSIONS", aircraft Squadrons, Second Marine Brigade, Managua, Nicaragua, 20 July 1931:

" x x 5. Two O2U-1 airplanes, Lieut. Henderson, pilot, with Gy-Sgt. Cole, observer and Lieut. Patmelee, pilot, with Gy-Sgt. Johnson, observer, took off Managua and carried out a reconnaissance and liaison mission to the area of Santo Domingo and return.

0720 - MANAGUA: Took off.

0810 - CAMAPA: Nothing to report.

Followed the Rio Carca for a short distance. Nothing observed. Low clouds and fog prevented further patrolling of area toward Santo Domingo. Returned, due to bad weather conditions.

0955 - MANAGUA: Landed airdrome.

6. One O2U-1 airplane, Lieut. Shrider, pilot, with Gy-Sgt. Ggrey, observer, and Lieut. Wirsig in one O2C-1 airplane with Cpl. Wallace, observer, took off Managua and carried out a reconnaissance and liaison mission to the area about La Libertad and return Managua.

0720 - MANAGUA: Took off.

0820 - LA LIBERTAD: Nothing to report. Area to the south also quiet. Due to low clouds and fog, could not get to Santo Domingo, or area to the north of same. Nothing suspicious observed in area patrolled. Returned to Managua due to inclement weather conditions.

0930 - MANAGUA: Landed airdrome.

7. Two O2U-1 airplanes, Lieut. Young, pilot, with Gy-Sgt. Cole, observer, and Lieut. Dailey, pilot, with Gy-Sgt. Johnson, observer, took off Managua and carried out a reconnaissance and liaison mission to the area about Santo Domingo and return Managua.

1110 - MANAGUA: Took off.

1210 - LA LIBERTAD: Picked up patrol. Dropped message requesting information regarding other patrols. Was waved northeasterly direction.

1215 - Picked up patrol on trail. Patrol signaled "bandits, northeast". Dropped note requesting information as to whether bandits were still in Santo Domingo. Patrol replied: "No" - "Yesterdya", Guardia Nacional". Dropped note requesting general direction and approximate distance to bandits. Patrol replied by an arrow and the number "eight".

1230 - SANTO DOMINGO: Circled town for ten minutes. Unable to see any trace of Guardia. Town seemed quiet and free of bandits. Patrolled country to east, northeast and north of Santo Domingo for over an hour and then returned to Managua.

Unable to find trace of bandits.

1355 - MANAGUA: Landed airdrome.

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The following letter from the Guardia post at Dipilto is a good indication that the Northern Area is becoming pacified and gradually approaching normal:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
DIPILTO, NICARAGUA.
20 July 1931.

From: District Commander.
To : Area Commander, Northern Area.
Subject: Traffic.

1. The actual count of travelers who passed through Dipilto during the week of 13 July to 19 July inclusive, to or from the border, is herewith submitted:

North bound 118. South bound 107.

2. This number does not include traffic of a local nature, such as from Ocotal to Dipilto or vice versa.

/s/ F. M. McGORKLE.

The following covers report of patrol made by Lieut. Alexander, Lieut. Escobar and San Rafael (CA) guardia on July 17, 1931:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
SAN RAFAEL DEL NORTE, NICARAGUA.
19 July 1931.

From: 1st Lt. Murphy B. Alexander, G.N.
To : The Commanding Officer, Company "B".

Subject: Patrol and contact, report of, 17-18 July, '31.

Reference: (a) Your verbal orders of 17 July 1931.
(b) General Order 107-1929.

Enclosure: (1) List of Patrol.

1. In compliance with reference (a) a patrol consisting of 30 enlisted men, one civilian guide, L. Esparza and myself cleared San Rafael at 0615 July 17, 1931, with the mission of operating in the area of Rio Grande where, according to reports, a large group of bandits were operating under Jefes Rosa Irias, Rosalio and Felix Cavarría.

2. Patrol arrived at Pinal at 0715 but could not get any information from the "gente" of the bandit group.

3. Patrol arrived at San Antonio at 0930 surprised a group of 4 bandits, under Rosa Irias, 3 armed with revolvers and one unarmed, patrol opened fire killed one bandit, recognized by the civilian guide and the Juez de Hasta of San Antonio as one Montoya (alias Gato Negro) formerly of Pedro Blandon's group, the Juez de Hasta of San Antonio later reported two bandits wounded in contact.

4. Guardia casualties: None.
Bandit casualties: killed (1)
wounded (2)

5. Guardia weapons employed one light Browning, one Sub-Thompson and Krag rifles. No arms or supplies were captured.

6. Due to the fact that previous reports indicated a large group operating in this area, it is believed by the patrol commander that the band fired on were the advanced guard and the main body took to the brush upon hearing the firing.

7. After a thorough reconnaissance of the scene of the contact the patrol cleared at 1000, patrolled the area of Rio Grande, arrived San Francisco at 1500 and camped for the night.

8. Cleared San Francisco at 0600, 18 July, patrolled the areas of La Fortuna and Rinconada, arrived San Rafael at 1200, 18 July 1931.

9. Special incident of contact: None. Behavior of men: Excellent.

/ / Murphy B. Alexander.

PERSONNEL

Captain G.F.Good arrived Managua, by plane, on July 20, from Ocotal.

Licut. J.H.Coffman, Commanding District of Patoto, Northern Loc., arrived Managua, by plane, from Ocotal, on July 20.

Lieut. Firth arrived Managua, by plane from Ocotal on July 20.

Major S.B.O'Noill, Commanding Department of Granada and Masaya, arrived Managua July 22, 1931 on temporary duty.

Captain J. A. Tibbs arrived Managua from the U.S. on July 23. Will be assigned station at a later date.

Lieut. Heinrich cleared Managua for Ocotal by plane on July 23.

Captain W. H. Fricke, Commanding the District of Yali, arrived Managua by plane, from Jinotega on July 24.

Captain E. L. Burwell, Executive Officer of the Northern Area, arrived Managua, by plane, from Somotillo, on July 24.

Captain R. Bennett, Commanding the Department of Esteli, arrived Managua, by plane, from Somotillo, on July 24.

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