

Lieut Klein, Lieut Titsworth and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Totogalpa. Lieut Klein and patrol cleared Totogalpa and returned to Yalaguina.

Captain Davies and Pueblo Nuevo (NI) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

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

Lieut Trosper, Lieut Titsworth and Totogalpa (NI) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal. Lieut Trosper and patrol cleared Ocotal and returned to Totogalpa.

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

28 JULY 1931

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NI) guardia patrol had contact with a group of bandits, jefe unknown, near Chamesto. Bandit casualties three killed and several wounded. No guardia casualties. Captured four firearms, a quantity of ammunition and some miscellaneous articles.

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

El Tempisque guardia patrol arrived Chinandega with one civil prisoner.

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon en patrol to La Ceiba and vicinity. Returned, nothing to report.

Leon guardia returned to Leon from Nagarote from temporary duty in Nagarote during fiesta.

Leon guardia returned to Leon from Telica from temporary duty in Telica during fiesta.

Lieut Stevens, Lieut Castrillo and Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from El Jicaral and vicinity.

Lieut Broderick and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo, patrolled Amatillo, El Horno, San Jose, Carrizal, Cerro Marmacho and returned to Macuelizo. Nothing to report.

Captain Elmore, Lieut Rourk and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Carbonal area.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NI) guardia patrol returned to Esteli from combat patrol. Covered Achuapa, El Sauce, San Nicolas and Santa Rosa areas. Reports groups broken up in small bands; captured 6 firearms and two bandit suspects.

Captain Rea, Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field. Returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Lill and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Corinto Fincas. Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Fincas (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met, Lieut Lill joined Corinto Fincas patrol and returned with it to Corinto Fincas. Jinotega patrol returned to Jinotega.

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23 JULY 1931

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for area southeast of Condega. Patrol returned to Condega.

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

Lieut McGorkle and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for Volcan Sangara. Returned to Dipilto; nothing to report.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for vicinity of Escabadero.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for vicinity of Los Hornillos, about five miles east of Achuapa, to investigate report of bandits operating there.

Lieut Hutchcroft and El Sauce (NA) guardia returned to El Sauce from halfway patrol to Esteli.

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

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia cleared La Trinidad for Real de la Cruz to cooperate with guardia patrol from San Isidro (CA).

Captain Arnett, Captain Burwell, Lieut Cuadra and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for and arrived Villa Nueva. Returned to Somotillo.

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

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

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

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned to Jinotega from police mission in La Pita.

Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca on police mission. Returned to Corinto Finca.

Lieut Torrez and guardia patrol arrived San Rafael (CA) from Jinotega and cleared for Yali. Arrived Yali.

Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol returned to Yali from combat miss. Covered the areas Rodillito, Yuluca, Guyacual and El Volcan.

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Guardia Patrol cleared La Pineda (CA) for and arrived  
Muy Muy.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa on  
police mission to Llano Grande.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and Central Area roving pat-  
rol arrived Sequipulas (CA) and cleared for San Jose (Chon-  
tales).

29 JULY 1931

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol returned  
to condega; nothing to report.

Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway  
to Condega. Lieut Jackson and Condega (NA) guardia patrol  
cleared for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Patrols met. Lieut  
Jackson joined Pueblo Nuevo patrol and with it returned to  
Pueblo Nuevo. Condega patrol returned to home station.

Captain Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cl-  
eared for halfway to Telpaneca escorting cargo train. Patrol  
returned to Palacaguina.

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

Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for  
total with Six prisoners and arrived. Lieut Prosper and  
patrol returned to Totogalpa.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol return-  
ed to La Trinidad.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol returned to  
Apali from area southeast of Apali. Reports that bandit group  
which passed Orosi July 28 came from Honduras, probably via  
Malacate and continued to Carbona, where trail was lost by  
the patrol.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for San  
Benito and La Quinta districts. Returned, nothing to report.

30 JULY 1931

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol had  
contact with a group of bandits on trail between Totogalpa  
and Cuje Mines. One bandit, identified as Nicolas Gonzales,  
bandit Sergeant Major, was killed and one bandit wounded.  
Captured 25 cowhides, hat bands and miscellaneous articles.  
Destroyed a bandit camp. No guardia casualties.

31 JULY 1931

El Viejo, Dept. Chinandega, guardia patrol cleared El  
Viejo for Atoya and vicinity to make an arrest. Returned to  
El Viejo.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Quozalguaque to  
patrol Quozalguaque area and vicinity. Returned to Leon  
with one prisoner.

The following are extracts from the monthly "ALBUM OF EVENTS" of the Eastern Area, commanded by Colonel C. A. Wynn, G.N., for June, 1931:

GENERAL POLICE CONDITIONS: The Area Commander has pushed forward the general military police of the Area to greater activity during the period. The results of this policy have been the seizure of several hundred dollars in value of contraband tobaccos which had been smuggled into Bluefields, the closing of gambling and unlawful lottery operations in Puerto Cabezas and a marked decrease in criminal offenses of all kinds throughout the area.

GENERAL STATE OF TERRITORY OCCUPIED: Quiet. Adequate military measures to meet any bandit threat that may arise within the boundaries of the Area have been taken.

MILITARY SITUATION: There is some reason to believe that a bandit encampment and jumping-off point exists on the Coco River in the Northeastern limits of the Area. Sufficient funds, troops and river craft to undertake an expedition against this bandit base are not available. In the Neptune Mine vicinity there are possibly a few scattered, lurking bandit characters, spies, and sympathizers. The small, unsupported military garrison at Neptune Mine is not able to undertake extended patrol operations and round up these lawless elements, but the First Sergeant in charge of the Post has been given instructions to keep vigilantly on the alert, and to take aggressive military action, whenever possible.

ECONOMIC SITUATION: The economic situation is not satisfactory. Poverty, "bad times" and abnormally small sales and stock turn-over are reported everywhere. The vessels purchasing their banana cargoes from the independent planters along the Escondido river have not put in to the Port of Bluefields for over two months. The discontinuance of work on the R.M.-N.G.U highway at El Rama and the abandonment of the P.I.R.L. LAGOON canal project have both added their sum to the general depression and the low point in the economic life of the coast.

FRICITION BETWEEN GUARDIA AND CIVIL POPULATION: None, and it can be positively reported that there many evidences of increased respect for the Guardia throughout the area.

POLITICAL SITUATION. Quiet.

WEATHER: Continued rains, and increasing high temperatures.

ROADS AND TRAILS: Roads and trails, such as exist in the Eastern Area, are in very poor condition. The R.M.-N.G.U highway work has stopped, and that part of the road constructed near Rama has been seriously damaged by the rains.

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The following letter covers the activities of Lieut. Stevens and Leon guardia patrol to El Jicaral and vicinity in connection with bandit reports:

Lieut Mendoza and Guardia patrol arrived La Concordia.  
Cleared on combat patrol to the west.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Algovia (CA).

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

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

Lieut Ekberg arrived Moy Moy (CA) from La Pineda.

24 JULY 1951

Lieut Dumas and San Antonio guardia patrol cleared San Antonio for Las Playas and vicinity on police mission. Returned to San Antonio. Nothing to report.

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

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Telica to assist in maintaining order there during celebration of fiesta.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned to Yalaguina from Patrol.

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

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for halfway to palacaguina and returned to Condega.

Captain Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for halfway to Condega and returned to Palacaguina.

Lieut Griffith, Lieut Collins and Telpaneca (NA) guardia cleared Telpaneca for and arrived San Juan de Telpaneca. Cleared there for and arrived Apali.

Lieut Zamor and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for area southeast of Pueblo Nuevo. Returned; nothing to report.

Lieut Bell and Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to Limay from patrol of the area to the northwest.

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

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro to the south and west to operate in conjunction with patrols from La Trinidad (NA) and Leon (Dept. of Leon).

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF LEON,  
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
LEON NICARAGUA,  
JULY 27, 1931.

From: The Department Commander.  
To : The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional,  
Managua.  
Subject: Telegram received from Lt. Stevens,  
quotation of.

1. The following telegram was received yesterday  
from Lt. Stevens, who cleared Leon on patrol to El Jicaral  
on the 18th July, 1931, and is hereby quoted:

" Sent from El Sauc at 11026 July 31 -- Received  
in Leon at 11226 July 31. Department Commander, Leon.  
Stevens, Castrillo twelve enlisted arrived El Jicaral at  
17519. Stevens, Castrillo, Cuadra and thirteen enlisted  
cleared Jicaral at 07120 for Nance Dulce and arrived  
there at 10420. Cleared Nance Dulce at 12020 arrived  
Leon-Matagalpa road at 12420. Arrived Casa Blanca and  
made ambush at 13320. Cleared Casa Blanca for Las Pilas  
at 15320. Arrived Las Pilas at 17120, cleared Las Pilas  
and arrived El Jicaral at 19020 period. No information  
as to whereabouts of Jose Leon Diaz and forty seven  
that had been in house of Chico Pichardo in Nance Dulce  
period. Sent out scouts in Jicaral at 10121 and scouts  
returned at 10022 and Stevens Cuadra and thirteen enlisted  
cleared for El Cacao in Department of Matagalpa  
period. Arrived Monte Grande at 16322 and received reports  
of contacts made by San Isidro and Barrio patrols with  
Jose Leon Diaz period. Arrived El Junquillo at 17122  
arrived El Cacao at 19022 made camp and sent out scouts  
period. Cleared Cacao for Lorogano at 04023 and arrived  
Lorogano at 07323 and destroyed bandit camp period.  
Followed trails in vicinity in effort to locate bandits  
no information gained period. Cleared Lorogano at  
12023 for Agua Fría and arrived there at 14023 informed  
bandits about one leguas ahead of patrol rushed patrol  
and made contact with rear guard period. No casualties  
period. Arrived Casa Blanca at 15323 at 15423 cleared  
for bandit camp two leagues away at 18023 found bandit  
camp destroyed some bandits cleared out on seeing  
patrol at distance of thousand yards at 19423 arrived  
San Agustin trail of bandits lost period. Made camp for  
night no information gained by scouts period. Cleared  
San Agustin at 07024 in effort to locate bandits no in-  
formation gained period. Moved on to Las Pilas arriving  
at 10024 cleared same time for El Jicaral arriving at  
12124 period. All operations have been in Western Matagal-  
pa period. No information available at present as to  
whereabouts of bandits period. Men and animals exhausted  
period. No shoes period will stand by in Jicaral wait-  
ing further information or different orders from you  
period. Rivers full and cannot make Leon until they go  
down period. Please advise period. Stevens 16025 July  
31."

2. Lt. Stevens patrol has been ordered to return  
to Leon as soon as practicable.

/s/ J. W. WERR

The following letter to Colonel L. R. Hunt, G.N., commanding the Northern Area, from Lieutenant H. J. Broderick, G.N., commanding the Post at Macalizc, is quoted as of interest in guardia activities:

GUARDIA NACIONAL, MACALIZC.  
NUEVA SEGOVIA, NICARAGUA.  
23 July 1931.

Colonel Le Roy P. Hunt, G.N.,  
Area Commander, Northern Area,  
Ocotal, Nicaragua.

Dear sir:

When we arrived here on 13 April 1931, we found but two houses occupied. Today there are fourteen houses occupied by civilians; some houses have two and three families. Five more families will move into town by the fifteenth of August. Several more are waiting until the dry season arrives and will then rebuild their houses here.

The people are gradually growing friendlier to the Guardia. I consider this change of feeling very important because this District was once known as a "nest of bandits" and the people, until lately, were very hostile to the Guardia.

We had the goods on five men of this District who participated in the last San Luis and Los Lajos robberies. We expected them to report here Sunday but they did not arrive. The people told us that they had left for Honduras on Tuesday. Their flight has enriched the G.N., by a large cornfield and a bean field. This field and the one of Rendales with our two fairsized fields, will help out quite a bit.

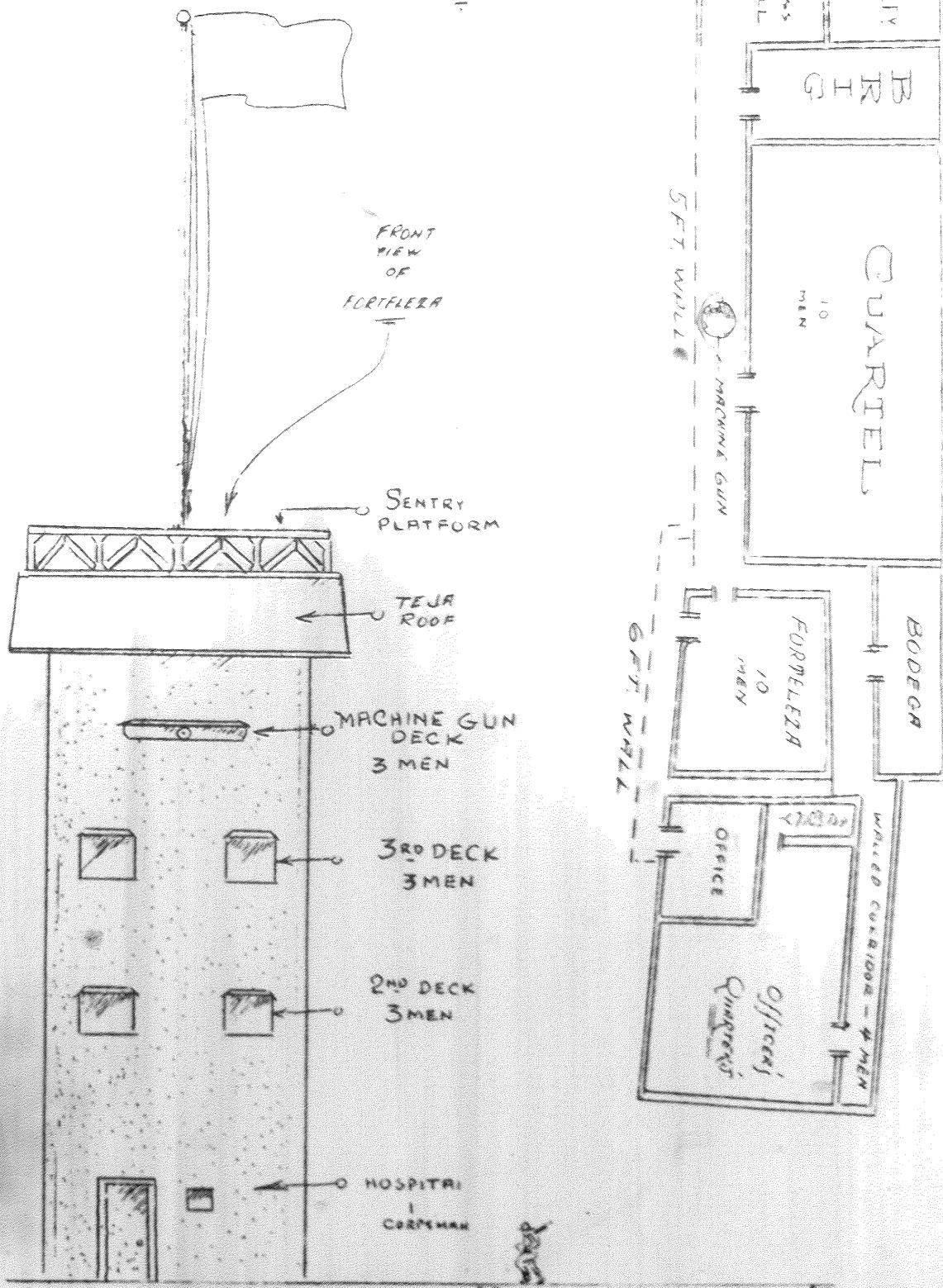
Today we put the top deck in the machine gun tower and moved the Heavy Browning up there. The Machine Gun Deck is twenty-eight foot above the ground and gives us a commanding view of the town and of all trails leading to it. We are now putting the roof on and will build a sentry platform above the roof for use during the day.

The tower, up to the sentry platform, will be more than thirty-six foot high. It has four stories and will comfortably house ten men; with a little crowding, it will accommodate twenty. The walls are of adobe blocks and twenty inches thick. The total cost to the Government was eleven dollars, spent for boards for the decks.

The spirit of the men cannot be praised too highly. They have been working like beavers since the post was established and their attitude seems to say: "We will have to do it anyway, so why not do it cheerfully". Our building program will be completed by the middle of August and from then on we will have little work to do.

/s/ J. M. BRODERICK,  
Sub-Tnto., G.N. de Nic.

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

Lieut Uriza and guardia patrol reported to Muy Muy (CA) from Matiguas.

Commanding Officer, Fundadora (CA) reports by letter:

JULY 17: Aron Juez guardia patrol cleared Aron Juez for Palili and returned.

Las Camelias guardia patrol cleared for Datani and returned.

Lieut Rittman and Fundadora guardia patrol cleared for Matagalpa. Returned July 18.

JULY 20: Lieut Rittman and Fundadora guardia cleared for Ocotal Espeso and returned.

Lieut Frye and Las Camelias guardia patrol cleared for Saltos and returned.

JULY 21: Las Camelias guardia patrol cleared for Sultana, Salvadora and Moscote and returned.

JULY 22: Las Camelias guardia patrol cleared for Los Robles and Datani and returned.

Fundadora guardia patrol cleared for Moscote and Chimboriza and returned.

JULY 23: Fundadora guardia patrol cleared for Laguna and Datani and returned.

Lieut Frye and Las Camelias guardia patrol cleared for Fundadora and returned.

Aron Juez guardia patrol cleared for Fundador and returned.

25 JULY 1951

Lieut Bryson, Lieut Torrez and Yali (CA) guardia patrol had contact with a group, estimated as one hundred under Jefes Colindres, Umanzor., Pedro Arroliga and Innocente Blan-  
don, near Pavona. Contact lasted one hour and a half. Guardia exhausted their ammunition. Bandit casualties unknown. Guardia casualties one killed.

Guardia patrol arrived Chinandega from El Tempisque.

Guardia patrol (Leon) cleared Leon on patrol to the Comarca El Convento. Returned, nothing to report.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared chinandega to patrol El Viejo, El Tempisque and Somotillo roads. Returned to Chinandega and reported all quiet.

Lieut Makus and Leon municipal guardia cleared Leon, with Director of Police, on special mission in Rota. Returned to Leon.



The following report covers the attack on the  
Guardia barracks at Rama, Eastern Area, on 19 July,  
1931:

DISTRICT OF SIQUEI, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
RAMA, NICARAGUA, 21 July 1931.

From: The District Commander.  
To : The Area Commander, Eastern Area of Nic.  
Via : The Department Commander, Department of  
Southern Bluefields.  
Subject: Report of contact at Rama.  
Reference: General Order No. 109 dated 10 Sept. 1929.

1. In compliance with the above reference I have the following report to submit: At the approach of darkness, about 1930, 19 July 1931, the cuartel was surrounded by a force of approximately twenty-five bandits about half of them were locally, some of them were positively identified as "Sandinistas".

2. The sentry and Sergeant of the guard in front of the cuartel were greeted by a group of two and another group of six or seven with a request for a match. As the request was being complied with, one of the bandits, (Sub-Jefe Ildefonso Lojarza) with the cry "Sandino" drew two pistols, fired, killing the sentry (Raso Usa Olivencia). The other bandits immediately drew concealed knives seriously wounding the Sergeant of the guard and two of the three other unarmed Guardia on the porch of the cuartel. The wounded guardia together with two more who were in the inside of the cuartel then retreated.

3. I, seeing the encounter from my position in the third building diagonally across the square from cuartel advanced to the next building as the bandits entered the cuartel and were joined immediately by another group from the west corner of the square and still another from the rear comprised of about seven or eight, these took the commandancia cuartel with machine gun, rifles and ammunition.

4. I was joined in position by guardia who were on duty in the streets, armed with rifles, one Municipal police and four other guardia and opened fire. Private Boik, off duty, unknowingly entered cuartel, seeing bandits, snatched two rifles from bandit who he fell with a kick. He then joined me in position. Guardia soon exhausted their only 100 rounds of ammunition. Private Boik, then voluntarily and alone rushed the cuartel under cover of my rifle fire and returned with case of 500 rounds. In about twenty minutes firing from position this ammunition was almost exhausted. The bandits then pushed the machine gun into position on second story porch. I gave orders to take the cuartel. Bandits then retreated in route over the rear porch dropping all but two of their captured rifles, leaving the guardia in charge of cuartel.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Chacra Seca.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad N(A) guardia patrol returned to La Trinidad from Real de la Cruz; nothing to report.

Lieut Henrichs, Lieut DeLuca, Lieut Oczkewicz, Lieut Berueffy and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Dipilto. Same patrol plus Lieut McGorkle and less Lieut Berueffy cleared Dipilto and arrived Ocotal.

Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Totogalpa.

Lieut Jackson and guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nueva. Patrols met. Lieut Jackson joined Condega patrol and returned with it to Condega. Pueblo Nuevo patrol returned to home station.

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

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

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

Captain Small and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for Matagalpa.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Cramer, Lieut Ashbrook and guardia patrol returned to Sajonia from combat patrol. Patrolled the entire area of Coyolar thoroughly but obtained no first hand information. Lieut Cramer, Lieut Gale and patrol cleared Sajonia for and arrived Corinto Finca.

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

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared on combat mission. Returned. Covered the areas of El Collote, El Salto, Santana, Los Aguacates, San Cristobal and Santa Rosa. Patrol destroyed a bandit camp in El Collote.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Muy Muy.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Navarette and Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for San Dionisio. Returned to Esquipulas, having been unable to cross the Rio Grande.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Algovia.

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

Captain Small and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned to San Isidro from combat mission.

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol returned to San Isidro from combat patrol.

5. One bandit badly wounded was picked up by guardia patrol about 2500 and another also wounded was captured by patrol before 0500 20 July. Before 0800 July 20, eight additional bandits were captured.

6. The following were members of the contact with the bandits at Roma on 19 July, 1931:

2nd Lt. Rieu, Fred.	Cabo Vargas Elisco	#2130	
Raso Andana, Rodolfo	# 2485	Raso Boik, Donainic	2331
Cardoza, Jesus	3424	Gomez, Leonardo	3282
Lozama, Humberto	2176	Martinez, Salomon	3536
Medina, Gilberto	2177	Monteza, Francesca	4512
Ochoa, Pedro	2894	Oliva, Usa	2430
Presto, Bastolista	2419	Ramos, Jose M.	3341
Renos, Cipriano	3227	Salinas, Juan	4592
Tatum, Daniel	1084		

Number of bandits involved, about twenty-five.

Casualties: Guardia: dead, Raso Oliva, Usa #2430.

Wounded: Cabo Vargas Elisco, 2435

Raso Gomez, Leonardo 3283

Martinez Salomon 3556

Dead:

Sub-Jefo: Lojarza Villafonso; Matute, Enrique.

Wounded: Garcia, Exequiel Ortega, Inca, Ramon.

Captured: Flores, Nolberto; Suniga, Francisco; Martinez, Jose M.; Cruz, Juan; Sobalvarro, Jose; Peralta, Guillermo; Bernett, Leonard and Medina, Lucas.

Jefe Sebastian Soqueira, and several others were wounded, who made their escape when we rushed the cuartel.

Guardia weapons employed in the engagement: Five (5) Krag rifles and three (3) pistols.

Bandits equipped with: Two pistols, knives and machetes. The bandits took with them two Krag rifles (Guardia property) and two cartridge belts with bayonets.

7. The following Officer, men and Municipal police took part in recapturing the cuartel:

2nd Lt. Rieu, Fred.; Raso Boik, Donainic; #2331; Lozama, Humberto #2176; Ochoa, Pedro #2894; Ramos, Jose Mariano, # 3341; Salinas, Juan #452 and Laws, Waldemoro (Municipal Police).

NOTE: Ten (10) of our rifles were found about fifty to one hundred yards from the cuartel. Blood was found on the floor in the house where Jefe Soqueira kept a woman, the woman was not at home during the evening, as she was soon somewhere else. People reported that they saw Soqueira enter the house.

/s/ Fred Rieu.

The following are translations of a report of a patrol made by 1st Sgt Pablo Rivas M., #174, G.N., in charge of the Guardia Post at Capo Gracias, and a letter from the Governor of the District in regard to Sgt Rivas' patrol:

Cape Gracias, 25 June 1931,

TO : The Jefe de la Guardia Nacional,  
Puerto Cabezas.

On 17 June 1931 I cleared in direction of the Rio Coco, and made a patrol through the villages in the vicinity of this Port up to Waspoock upon the river, on 21 June I r. arrived Waspoock, all the villages were quiet inclusive Waspoock.

I only captured two national rifles which were found in hands of an unknown man, this was one of the bandits who fought in the R.R. line of this Port, when he saw the Guardia he ran out, but was shot and killed.

The form of the patrol was well prepared: half of same went via the river and the other half via the trail, this under my command, in this form we arrived the mouth of the River at Waspoock. I remained here one day gathering all possible information, and know that around these places there are several mules belonging to the Company of Puerto Cabezas. All these places are quiet and I believe that there is no danger for them if the Company wants to recover their mules.

The mission of this patrol was specially for gathering information to verify the reports given by the natives living Rio Arriba, and I am sure that all the territory from this port up to Waspoock is entirely quiet.

All the members of this patrol showed good conduct and discipline and all the gente (the people) on the river were entirely satisfied.

/s/ Pablo Rivas M.,  
1st Sgt, #174, G.N.

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Cape Gracias, 25 June 1931.

TO : The Jefe de la Guardia,  
North Department, Eastern Area, G.N.,  
Capt. Inman, Commander.

Puerto Cabezas.

Yesterday by radio I informed you briefly about the return of the patrol in command of the 1st Sgt Rivas, now I extend my report on the same subject:

The patrol arrived up to Waspoock making a thorough search of the towns enroute up to El Bon, not finding any trace nor information about the bandits. At Waspoock the patrol was informed that Abraham Rivera had been in Sang Sang with some Marines eight days before; that in Grautara there are several mules; that on June 22 the patrol in its return arrived Sacklin where was found the men Miguel Arana in a mission of the Company in search of laborers.

26 JULY 1931

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol returned to Daraili from Guayucali, Cuchillas and Bromadero. Nothing to report.

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

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for Chamaste.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for area east of Daraili.

Captain Davies, Lieut Titsworth and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Yalaguina.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for San Nicolas and Santo Rosa.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Santa Rosa area.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Pajarito.

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

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for La Quinta and San Benito roads. Returned to Chinandega with 1 prisoner and 1 revolver.

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All the natives where the patrol passed over were very satisfied as they realize that the Government through the Guardia Nacional is extending the zone of guarantees for the inhabitants. It would be a good idea to reinforce this extension of protection which would result in the revival of the business in this river.

Very respectfully yours,

/s/ Melvin Dietrich,  
Commander of the  
District.

The following covers patrol made by Lieut. W. M. Stevens, Lieut. Castrillo and Leon Guardia from 1. July 1951 to 21. July 1951:

MALDAN RIVER, DIVISION OF TOLON,  
MUNICIPALIDAD DE TOLON, COLOMBIA,  
Leon MUNICIPALITY,  
20 July 1951.

From: First Lieut. W.M. Stevens, G.N.  
To : The Department Of War, Bogota, Colombia.

Subject: Patrol and contact, report of.

Reference: Verbal orders from the Department Of War.

1. As per orders in reference, I cleared Bush at 1301A July, 1951, with a patrol of myself, Lt. Jose Maria Castrillo, G.N., and twelve enlisted, named below:

Ist Sgt Napoleon Reyes	# 216	Raso Contreras Tomas	# 304
Sgt Rafael Mejia	3067	" Marviniiano Lopez	3050
CPl (HC) Alejandro Noguera	2013	" Macdonald Marquez	309
Cplin Justo Castillo	184	" Santiago Navarro	313
Raso Borge Antonio	3850	" Pedro Ruiz	603
" Darsao Corea	3519	" Wilhando Rivas	300

Patrol arrived in Rota at 2201A and made camp for the night.  
0411A Patrol cleared Rota for El Jicaral.

0631A Patrol stopped at Pozo acercado to change animals.  
0611A Patrol cleared for El Jicaral.

1231A Patrol passed Comarca Calle Real de Tolapa.  
1751A Patrol arrived in El Jicaral. On arrival here I was informed by Lieut. Abelardo Cuadra, ...., District Commander, El Jicaral, that Jose Leon Diaz and forty-seven (47) men had entered Panta Rosa del Peñon on 15 July, 1951, and had taken three dollars (.3.00) worth of medical supplies from señora Magdalena Cruz. They also went into the Alcalde's office and destroyed some of the papers, and all of the papers that were in the office of the Local Criminal Judge. Diaz was present while burning the papers, and he took out the record of births, marriages, and deaths, and ordered his men not to destroy these papers. He gave señora Cruz a receipt for the medicine. His men are poorly armed and have very little ammunition. Lt. Cuadra personally received this information.

in Santa Rosa. I then sent for Basilio Laguna, who Mr. Cuadra had informed me was in conference with Diaz. (Mts) Laguna was one of the Revolutionary Jefes in the area around El Jicaral, and is reported to still have some influence. Laguna arrived El Jicaral 0630 and I then questioned him. He stated that Diaz had sent for him and had given him a machine gun that he had turned in at a U.S. reservation. Laguna told him that both he (Laguna) and Leon Sanchez of La Union were wanted by Sandino to join with the bandits. During conversation with Diaz, one Juan Castille, murderer and criminal of Santa Rosa District came in and reported to Diaz that Guardia patrol had left Leon for El Jicaral and would arrive the following day. Diaz then read a proclamation to Laguna and several prisoners that the bandits had, telling them that all the Republic would be in arms and the revolution would be lead by Sandino in person. Sandino had said the organization completed, and that action would be in progress 1 August 1931 and 15 August 1931. In the afternoon of 10 August Francisco Richardo, at whose house Diaz had been staying, could verify his statements.

At 0710 I with Lts. Chairez and Caceres and 12 enlisted men cleared El Jicaral for Louco or El Cacao 10 miles from Jinotega. 10110 arrived Lance Dulce and Louca Dulce. I verified statements made by Laguna, and stated that I had been ordered for El Cacao, about three leagues away. I then sent for Lt. Caceres who on arrival on Agua Fria an information that patrol of guardias from Dario had made contact with 100 bandits under Juan Castille, had captured three mules and one rifle. No casualties on either side. Bandits fled in direction of Dario. I then cut through the brush in direction of El Cacao from south side. On arrival at Casa Blanca at 1330, on Leon-Matagalpa cart road, I was informed that patrol from San Isidro had entered El Cacao from north. I then held up patrol for two hours in Casa Blanca while scouts went to Cacao. Scouts returned and told me that bandits had left El Cacao in direction of Morejano and that ambush had been laid for San Isidro patrol. I then returned to Agua Fria to obtain more information and to send message of San Isidro patrol. Arrived Agua Fria and was informed that many guardia were in this territory and that they had laid an ambush on the trail to El Cacao thinking that I was part of bandit patrol. I then returned to Las Pilas at 1710 and drove there to Jicaral at 1900. 10111 sent out scouts from El Jicaral in all directions to locate bandits. No information during day. 10022 two scouts returned and reported having located bandits near El Morejano, about five leagues from Dario, and that all guardia patrols had left the vicinity. They also reported that one of the patrols was ambushed and that one guardia was wounded. At 1100 I cleared El Jicaral with Lt. Cuadra and following enlisted men:  
1st Sgt Reyes, Napoleon, #416; Sgt Rafael Mejia #4087;  
Cabo Alejandro Roquera (HC) #2813; Rasos Arista, Nieves  
#2802; Castillo, Justo #124; Contreras, Tomas #3942; Correa,  
Domingo #3519; Guerara, Jose #1132; Lopez, Martiniano #3331;  
Navarro, Santiago #2713; Munoz, Pedro #633; Ortega Alan #74;  
Rivera Felipe #3440; leaving Lt. Castrillo and nine enlisted  
in El Jicaral. 14322 passed Casa Blanca. No information.  
16322 arrived Monte Grande and received information that  
bandits were in El Morejano, in the house of one Mena.  
17122 Passed El Junquillo. Same information.  
17522 Passed La Union, scene of first contact made by Diaz.

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Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol returned to Daraili from Guayucali, Cuchillas and Bromadero. Nothing to report.

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

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for Chamaste.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for area east of Daraili.

Captain Davies, Lieut Titsworth and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Yalguina.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for San Nicolas and Santo Rosa.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Santa Rosa area.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Pajarito.

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patrol. No information other than previously received.

13022 Arrived El Cacao. Made camp for night. Sent two scouts into El Leregano to locate bandit defenses. Scouts returned and reported that they were challenged by two men about four hundred yards from house of Ixaca. Bandit ambush in this place.

14025 cleared El Cacao for El Leregano. I took us brush about a mile from the house and came on ambush position from behind. Two men ran, but were not fired on in effort to attack main camp. Rushed patrol into main camp, but bandits had fled, from evidence, the night before. It is thought that ambush position was laid to detain us from the trail of the bandits. Arrived main camp at 07325. Followed trails in vicinity until 14525 when I located trail of retreated of bandits, followed same on main trail Leon-Matagalpa towards Casa Blanca. Was told by one of the scouts that he had heard that bandits would lay ambush for us in Las Cruces

14123 Received information that that bandit column of thirty was about one league ahead of patrol. Rushed patrol but with greater vigilance.

14223 Patrol fired on from brush. Ambush was in Las Cruces as reported and we had entered very our fully. Bandits fired on point and ran. Guardia took cover and held fire awaiting further developments. I fired into brush too which bandits had fired. (Received reports afterwards that two men were still in ambush position and both were wounded by our fire. Twelve rounds forty-five ammunition expended. No Guardia ammunition for rifles expended here). About six rifles were used by the bandits, each firing about three rounds. No empty shells found here. (Learned afterwards that they collect all empties and refill them with machines brought from United States).

Hollowed bandit trail from here to Casa Blanca, and obtained guide who claimed he knew where bandits would camp that night.

15423 Cleared Casa Blanca for bandit campsite, two leagues to north.

18323 Found bandit campsite. Bandits ran on approach of patrol, having seen us at a distance of about one thousand yards. We followed them up the trail, and they ran from position where they had made fortifications to fight us. They ran from the fortifications while patrol point was about six hundred yards away. Held Guardia fire as it would not be effective at this range. Bandits dispersed in direction of Dario.

18523 Made camp for night, sending out patrols of six to distance of one mile to see if bandits would return. I then moved camp one mile away to obtain food at San Agustin, arriving at 19423, and continued sending out patrols.

19024 Cleared San Agustin on main trail Leon-Matagalpa, looking for bandit information. Received reports that bandits had moved near Dario for concentration.

19024 Passed Las Pilas.

12124 Arrived El Jicaral.

All of my operations were in the jurisdiction of Dario, Department of Matagalpa.

25th and 26th could not leave Jicaral as rivers were all full.

16425 I sent a runner to El Sauce with telegram for Department Commander. Runner returned to El Jicaral at 09027 and I cleared with original patrol for home. Rode road around

rivers and arrived La Madronia at 10527, after having to use ropes to cross small creeks near Madronia. Cleared Madronia at 03025: using ropes to cross another creek this side of Madr. i. Patrol arrived Leon at 22326.

2. All of the activities of the bandito in Jicaral area have been with idea of recruiting. Raid on Santa Rosa was to destroy criminal proceedings against Juan Castillo and other criminals of that district so that they could join the bandits. Casaville has been with bandits as sub-jefe for about four months. He made preliminary patrol into Santa Rosa and Jicaral area about fifteen days before Jose Leon Diaz came, to look for campsites, and to locate food-stuffs.

3. Bandits made their camps near new corn fields and their food-stuffs consist of roasting corn and butchering cows. In El Leregano I examined site of contact with San Isidro patrol and found no empty shells other than three or four forty-five ammunition shells. Native near here reported to me that bandits had gathered all of the empties left by the guardia patrol and had selected them while still in Leregano. Bandits now moved and have very little ammunition. Most of bandit guardia patrols with idea of collecting empties and refilling them, bandits only firing very little and behind their defenses, to draw guardia fire.

4. In one of the bandit campsites two of the books taken from Santa Rosa were found. One was the old "Reglamento de Policia," and the other was "Toma de Posesion de Los Alcaldes" dating from 1705..

5. On my leaving El Jicaral, the Juez de la Hesta of Agua Fria reported to me that San Isidro patrol had killed one son of Juan C stillo (also a criminal), and one Capitan Rivera, who had run from a house near El Leregano, the day after the contact with bandits. Both San Isidro and Dario patrols cleared La Union about one half and hour before my arrival at that place on 17322.

6. My scouts reported all bandits had moved into area near and north of Dario before my patrol cleared El Jicaral.

/s/ W. W. SIMLINS

The following is a translation of a report submitted by Lieut. Alejandro Zamora, G.R., covering a patrol made by a detachment from Puebla Nuevo:

Captain Small, Lieut Atta and combined Matagalpa-Jinotega guardia patrol cleared San Ramon (CA) for Esquipulas. Arrived San Dionisio, Cleared for and arrived Esquipulas.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and Central Area roving patrol cleared Matagalpa for and arrived San Dionisio.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Algecias.

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

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Lieut T. Simmers, MC, G.N., arrived Leon from Managua and reported for duty.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Alijo and vicinity. Returned to Chinandega, Nothing to report.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol with Macienda Inspector returned to Jinotega from contraband patrol with three prisoners.

Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca on police mission to San Ramon. Returned to Corinto Finca.

Captain Mixson, Lieut Alexander and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali for and arrived San Rafael.

Lieut Uriza and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for vicinity of Malpaso and El Gorron to investigate bandit rumors. Returned to Muy Muy, nothing to report.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and Central Area roving patrol cleared San Dionisio for Esquipulas.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for La Cumplida on contraband patrol.

Captain Small, Lieut Atta and combined Matagalpa - Jinotega patrol cleared Esquipulas (CA) for San Jose (Chontales).

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

Lieut Bilbrey, Lieut Godney and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol arrived Quilali. Cleared Quilali for San Juan.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from El Nicaral, Nothing to report.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to Limay from El Parajito, Nothing to report.

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

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
District of Pueblo Nuevo,  
25 July 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. Alejandro Zanora, A.M.  
To : Area Commander, Northern Area.  
Via : District Commander, District of  
Pueblo Nuevo.

Subject: Patrol in pursuit of bandits and  
results of same.

1. I cleared Pueblo Nuevo with a patrol of 10 guardias, one sergeant and one corporal, with the purpose to find a bandit group which arrived at the hacienda Las Mercedes. I cleared at 7:00 a.m., with the following direction:

Chilamate, Canasli, Palajua, Consuelo and America; between Consuelo and America there is a high cerro and a place very used for the bandits. I also passed through the abandoned hacienda San Luis, Tapacua and El Pino, in this latter place I made camp for the night. On the 23rd I cleared for Presa, Requidille; the bandits came to this latter place and took as prisoners the individuals Ramon Arcia and Desiderio Gaitanes. Here I met Señor Alonso Irias, administrator of the hacienda Las Mercedes, who is an honest person and well known, he gave me the following information:

The night of July 13 the bandits arrived at Las Mercedes, numbering about fifty men under Juan Pablo Ucander, a Honduran man, well armed and by the data Irias says me I know what kind of arms the bandits carried, one Lewis, one Thompson, two Browning rifles, one grenade discharger, national rifles, and some of them only with shotguns; he told me that the bandits carried out about twelve boys - 12 years each - of bad instincts. The bandits spent the night at Las Mercedes and all the night worried Sr. Irias telling him menacing words.

From this hacienda I continued my trail headed for Los Encuentros, El Naranjo, Santa Rita, which is a property of don Francisco Irias. The bandits arrived here, Santa Rita, and robbed several things. I returned and stationed at Kacala. On 23 I cleared in returning passing over quebrada Seca, Vicente Blandon, El Pedernal, El Colorado, Los Llanos, then I took the main road up to Pueblo Nuevo.

Note: gathered more information: that the camps of the bandits are at Pajaritos, which is located between Linay and Esteli, this place is a cerro which has four trails: Achuapa, La Grecia, Las Tablas and Rodeo Grande trails. With three or four guardia patrols, sending them with a determined direction a simultaneous attack can be made and the camps may be destroyed. This is my own opinion and if it is considered convenient I am ready to execute whatever it is directed.

/s/ Alejandro Zanora

P E R S O N N E L

Captain J. P. Schwerin cleared Managua, by plane, for Bluefields on July 27. Assigned Eastern Area for duty.

Captain A. H. Fricke cleared Managua on July 27 for Corinto enroute to the United States on leave.

Captain J. A. Tebbs cleared Managua by plane for Ocotal on July 27 for duty in the Northern Area.

Lieut. W. A. Warrell joined the Guardia on July 27 from the Second Marine Brigade. Assigned duty as Depot Quartermaster.

Lieut. Montenegro, wounded in contact in vicinity of Misalaya, Eastern Area, arrived Managua by plane from Puerto Cabezas, on July 26. Under treatment on Guardia Hospital.

Captain Arnett and Lieut. Von cleared Managua, by plane, on July 29 for Esteli.

Colonel J. C. Smith, Commanding the Central Area, arrived Managua, by plane, from Jinotega on July 31, 1931, for conference.

Colonel L. P. Hunt, Commanding the Northern Area, arrived Managua, by plane, from Ocotal on July 31, 1931, for conference.

Radio Lieuts. Frizone and Summerfield cleared Managua by plane for Jinotega on 31 July 1931.

Lieuts. Singletary, Schenning and English joined the Guardia from the Second Marine Brigade on 31 July 1931.

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