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29 JULY 1931

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

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

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

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol returned to Matagalpa from police patrol to Llano Grande.

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

30 JULY 1931

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for vicinity between Totogalpa and Cuje. Returned to Totogalpa after contact, previously reported.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for halfway to Esteli. Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Regadillo, halfway to Limay. Patrols met and each returned to home station.

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

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for vicinity of Quemada on police mission. Returned to Yalaguina, nothing to report.

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

Colonel Hunt, Lieut Firth, Jefe Politico of Ocotal and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Macuelizo. Cleared Macuelizo and returned to Ocotal.

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

Lieut Lopez and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Colonel Smith, Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field. and returned to Jinotega.

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

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Lieut Ashbrook and Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Returned to Sajonia.

Lieut Flippe and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy on combat patrol.

Lieut Raggsdale and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Esquipulas.

31 JULY 1951

Lieut Zepeda and Matiguas (CA) guardia patrol had contact with a group of two hundred bandits under Altamirano and Irias at Carrizal near Saiz at 3.00 p.m. The fight lasted 20 minutes. No guardia casualties. Bandit casualties Unknown. The guardia captured 4 machetes, 8 horses and mules, provisions, shoes, trousers, shirts, blankets, hammocks, hats with red and black bands, field scarfs, a watch, a locking glass and one sack containing lead balls used for making bombs. Bandits headed north towards Tuna River. This was the group that attacked Santo Domingo and headed north. Most of the captured material is part of the articles taken from the village of Santo Domingo.

Captain Craig, Department Commander, and Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Corinto on temporary duty. Returned to Chinandega.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa to join Lieut Dumas' patrol.

Lieut Dumas and combined Chichigalpa and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chichigalpa for Poscivoga and El Bosque district to investigate report of armed group operating in this vicinity. Returned to Chichigalpa with five prisoners and two shotguns. Prisoners were identified by stolen articles in their possession as members of the group.

Tolica guardia patrol arrived Leon. Cleared Leon and returned to Tolica.

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Las Mercedes, a comarca near Quezalguaque. Patrol returned to Leon and reported all quiet.

Detachment of guardia arrived Leon from Managua for duty.

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

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Blandon, halfway to Estoli. Met Estoli patrol, took one prisoner from them and returned to Condega.

Estoli (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Blandon, halfway to Condega, with one prisoner. Met Condega patrol, turned over the prisoner and returned to Estoli.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol arrived Estoli from La Trinidad.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from Sahali; nothing to report.

Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for Los Manos on police mission. Returned, nothing to report.

Colonel Smith, Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field. Lieuts Frizone and Summerfield arrived by plane from Managua and cleared with Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega patrol for Jinotega. Colonel Smith cleared for Managua by plane.

Lieut Lopez and Jinotega guardia patrol returned to Jinotega from combat mission.

Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol returned to Corinto Finca from police patrol with two prisoners.

Lieut Schmieder cleared Dario (CA) for and arrived Matagalpa.

Lieut Flippo and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol returned to Muy Muy from combat mission.

Algovia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Algovia.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Las Lajas.

Navarro (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Navarro.

Lieut Thompson arrived Matagalpa from Las Lajas (CA).

1 AUGUST 1931

Leon guardia detachment cleared Leon for Managua, regularly transferred.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon with one prisoner, for Granada.

Lieut Makus cleared Leon for Managua for hospitalization.

Lieut Schuler cleared Chinandega for Leon on temporary duty.

Chinandega guardia returned to Chinandega from Posoltega with four prisoners.

Guardia detachment arrived Chinandega from Managua for duty.

El Tempisque guardia arrived Chinandega from El Tempisque.

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

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

Lieut Jackson and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Yalaguina. Patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo after having turned Lieut Jackson over to Yalaguina patrol.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo Met Pueblo Nuevo patrol and returned to Yalaguina with Lieut Jackson.

Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol arrived Yalaguina. Lieut Jackson and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol arrived Somoto from Pataste.

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

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega with District Judge for Datanli. Patrol returned to Jinotega.

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

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

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Lieut Schmierer cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Dario.

Lieut Ragsdale and CuatrolEsquinas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for CuatrolEsquinas.

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

Lieut Uriza and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for halfway to Matagalpa. Returned to Muy Muy.

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

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

2 AUGUST 1931

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from Granada after delivering prisoners.

Lieut Dumas arrived Chinandega from San Antonio.

El Viejo guardia patrol arrived Chinandega and returned to El Viejo.

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

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

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

Lieut Bilbrey, Lieut Delgadillo and guardia patrol arrived Apali (NA). Cleared Apali for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Jackson and Palagaguina (NA) guardia patrol arrived Palacaguina.

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

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

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

Lieut Thompson and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

Captain Small, Lieut Atha, Lieut Lee and (CA) guardia patrol Arrived Muy Muy (CA) from Chontales.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas

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

3 AUGUST 1931

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina with five civil prisoners for and arrived Ocotal. The patrol cleared Ocotal and returned to Yalaguina.

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

Lieut Martinez and guardia patrol cleared Condega (NA) arrived Plasuela. Returned to Condega with one prisoner.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Gracia on police mission. Returned to Limay, nothing to report.

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol arrived Quilali.

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

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

Lieut Dumas cleared San Antonio for Corinto on temporary duty.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for finca south of Chinandega to make an arrest. Returned to Chinandega.

4 AUGUST 1931

Lieut Dumas cleared Corinto , temporary duty completed, returned to San Antonio, Department of Chinandega.

Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa on temporary duty and returned to Chinandega.

Captain Craig, Department Commander, and Lieut Schuler cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and return, on inspection and police mission.

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

Lieut Berueffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal. Cleared Ocotal with Captain Burwell for and arrived Dipilto.

Lieut Cody and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared for half-way to Jicaro. Returned to Apali.

Lieut Stanley, Lieut Titsworth and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Apali. Returned to Apali.

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

Lieut Vogel and guardia patrol cleared Somoto (NA) for Patate.

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

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

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

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

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

5 AUGUST 1931

Major Webb, Commanding the Department of Leon, and Lieut Spart cleared Leon for La Paz Centro and Nagarote. Returned to Leon.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Nagarote.

Lieut Bowen arrived Leon from Managua with one prisoner. Returned to Managua after delivering prisoner.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega with one civil prisoner for Masaya.

7 AUGUST 1931

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega with one civil prisoner for Eeon. Returned to Chinandega after delivering prisoner.

Chinandega guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from Masaya, temporary duty in delivering prisoner completed.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon, with one civil prisoner, for Chinandega en route to El Tempisque, from where prisoner was to be deported.

Telica guardia patrol arrived Leon. Cleared Leon and returned to Telica.

P E R S O N N E L

Colonel J. C. Smith, Commanding the Central Area, cleared Managua, by plane, August 3 for Jinotega.

Colonel L. P. Hunt, Commanding the Northern Area, cleared Managua by plane August 3 for Ocotal.

Major H. R. Boone, Acting Medical Director of the Guardia, cleared Managua for Leon on August 3 on temporary duty. Returned to Managua August 4.

Major S. B. O'Neill, Commanding the Department of Granada and Masaya, arrived Managua from Granada on August 6.

Captain J. D. O'Leary arrived Corinto from leave in the U. S. on August 6 and reported to Managua same date.

Captain R. D. McAfee arrived Corinto from leave in the U. S. on August 6 and reported to Managua same date.

Lieut J. Davis arrived Corinto from leave on August 6 and reported to Managua August 7.

Major General C. B. Matthews, G.N., Jefe Director of the Guardia and Major C. F. B. Price, U.S.M.C. cleared Managua by plane for Ocotal on August 8. Expect to return next week.

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

NOTES FROM CHONTALES
JULY 1931

- 1 - Lieut. Tercero and Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared for Acoyapa; patrol arrived. Nothing to report.
- 2 - Lieut. Tercero and guardia cleared Acoyapa for San Pedro and Javali; arrived Santo Domingo. Lieut. Krebs cleared Juigalpa for and arrived Comalapa.
- 3 - Lieut. Krebs and patrol returned to Juigalpa from Comalapa. Lieut. Tercero and patrol cleared Santo Domingo for La Libertad. Arrived and cleared for Juigalpa.
- 4 - La Libertad guardia patrol cleared La Libertad with 3 prisoners for and arrived Juigalpa. Acoyapa guardia patrol to San Pedro and return on police mission.
- 5 - Guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for and arrived La Libertad. Lieut. Krebs and patrol cleared Juigalpa for and arrived Comalapa.
- 6 - Lieut. Krebs and patrol cleared Comalapa for and arrived Boaco. Lieut. Tercero cleared Juigalpa for Puerto Diaz and San Carlos.
- 7 - Lieut. Morse (MC), cleared Juigalpa for Puerto Diaz on sanitary inspection and returned to Juigalpa. Lieut. Tercero arrived San Carlos.
- 8 - Guardia patrol cleared Santo Domingo for Cerro Chato, Tagua, Kuriguas, investigating report of bandits.
- 9 - Guardia patrol returned to Santo Domingo from Kuriguas, Timuli, Zavali and Charca Grande. Acoyapa guardia patrol to San Pedro and return; captured 4 prisoners.
- 10 - Guardia patrol from Boaco to Teustepe on police mission. Lieut. Tercero arrived Puerto Diaz from San Carlos; cleared and arrived Juigalpa.
- 11 - Boaco patrol returned from police mission. Boaco guardia patrol returned to Boaco from police mission in Santa Lucia.
- 13 - Lieut. McDonald, Lieut. Tercero and Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for and arrived La Libertad on combat mission. Lieut. McDonald and part of patrol cleared La Libertad for and arrived Santo Domingo. Lieut. Tercero remained La Libertad for security of that place.
- 14 - Lieut. McDonald and guardia patrol investigated report of bandits and patrolled Javali Mine area and Banadi mountains. Returned to Santo Domingo with information that a group of four men had killed a man and cleared three days previously in direction of Palsagua, Department of Bluefield.
- 15 - Lieut. McDonald and combat patrol cleared Santo Domingo and patrolled north of Banadi and Cerca de Pan, and returned to Santo Domingo. No information.
- 16 - Lieut. McDonald and patrol cleared Santo Domingo for and arrived La Libertad. Lieut. McDonald, Lieut. Tercero and guardia patrol cleared La Libertad and arrived Juigalpa.

- 17 - Boaco guardia patrol to Teustepe to investigate shooting in that place. Camoapa guardia to Juigalpa with seven prisoners. Juigalpa guardia patrol to Acoyapa on police mission. Lieut. Bell and guardia patrol arrived Juigalpa from Managua. Lieut. Bell and guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for La Libertad with orders to proceed to Santo Domingo, to investigate report from Javali that bandits had been seen about 15 miles from that place.
- 18 - Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for La Libertad and Santo Domingo. Santo Domingo sacked by a group of three hundred. This patrol cleared La Libertad for Santo Domingo.
- 19 - Lieut. Bell and combat patrol cleared La Libertad for Santo Domingo and arrived. Lieut. Tercero and combat patrol cleared Juigalpa to reenforce La Libertad. The Juigalpa patrol under the first sergeant had a contact with Pedron's rear guard, killing three bandits, then combined with the four guardias from Javali Mines for operations against the bandit force. Followed them, but were unable to regain contact.
- 20 - Guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for La Libertad to strengthen that garrison. Lieut. Kipp, Lieut. Sandino and guardia detachment arrived Juigalpa from Managua for temporary field duty. Lieut. Bell and combat patrol, operating in vicinity of Santo Domingo, had a skirmish with bandits, but not known casualties.
- 21 - Lieut. Bell and combat patrol cleared Santo Domingo for Betulia on combat mission pursuing bandit groups. Lieut. Kipp and combat patrol cleared Juigalpa to operate vicinity of La Libertad.
- 22 - Lieut. Bell and patrol operating north of Betulia. Lieut. Kipp's patrol arrived Santo Domingo. Santo Domingo reported several shots fired during the night. Bandit captured with two plane panels. Two patrols at work from La Libertad and Santo Domingo repairing telegraph line. Necessary to use barbed wire as bandits had carried away most of the telegraph line.
- 23 - Lieut. Bell, Lieut. Kipp and patrols operating Rio Grande area. Lieut. Tercero and patrol operating north of La Libertad.
- 24 - Lieut. Bell, Lieut. Kipp, Lieut. Tercero, Lieut. Sandino and patrols operating in the mountains north of La Libertad and towards Camoapa.
- 25 - Lieut. Bell, Lieut. Kipp, Lieut. Tercero, Lieut. Sandino and their patrols operating La Libertad and Santo Domingo area. Lieut. Kipp's patrol arrived Santo Domingo. Lieut. Bell's patrol returned to La Libertad.
- 26 - Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared for Los Angeles on police mission and returned to Juigalpa. La Libertad guardia patrol to Los Angeles from line patrol mission and returned to La Libertad. Lieut. Tercero and patrol cleared La Libertad for Betulia and Casigue area and Arena. Lieut. Sandino and patrol operating vicinity of Camoapa.

- 27 - Lieut. Sandino and Lieut. Tercero patrols operating in Camoapa area.
- 28 - Bullion scout patrol cleared Santo Domingo for halfway patrol. Met patrol from La Libertad, turned over Bullion; patrols returned to home stations, no incidents. Captain Small and Central area patrol arrived Boaco. Captain Griffin and Central Area patrol arrived San Jose. Lieut. Krebs and Boaco guardia to Camoapa for combat duty.
- 29 - Juigalpa guardia patrol returned to Juigalpa from La Libertad. Lieut. Tercero and patrol arrived Camoapa from combat patrol. No contacts. Covered Betulia and Masugues areas.
- 30 - Captain Griffin, Lieut. Lee and Central Area patrol cleared San Jose for Boaco. Captain Small, Lieut. Atha and Central Area guardia patrol cleared Boaco for Tierra Azul. Lieut. Krebs, Lieut. Tercero and patrols cleared Camoapa for Boaco.
- 31 - Lieut. Krebs, Lieut. Tercero and patrol cleared for Tierra Azul to support Captain Small.

GENERAL STATE OF TERRITORY OCCUPIED: At this time, infested with Pedron group, consisting of about three hundred well armed bandits.

MILITARY SITUATION: Patrols are scattered from Santo Domingo, La Libertad, Camoapa, Boaco to Tierra Azul, making a determined attempt to get contact with the Pedron group. Six patrols are now operating in this Department and are actually in the field. Pedron has demoralized this department somewhat, but the situation is well in hand and contact should be gained.

ECONOMIC SITUATION: Very bad.

POLITICAL SITUATION: Quiet; nothing to report.

FRICITION BETWEEN GUARDIA AND CIVILIANS: None.

WEATHER: Heavy rains night and day.

ROADS AND TRAILS: Very bad, muddy and traveling is slow.

Captain F. M. Howard, Department Commander, reports that the Municipal guardia received instruction daily with the Guardia and are regularly inspected. The Jueces de Mesta and Canton continue to perform their duties in a very satisfactory manner and are a great aid to the Guardia Nacional. Duty has been very hard and trying to all concerned during the last part of the month and station duty was performed by the Municipal Guardia, to release more guardias for field duty.

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There is quoted below the patrol and contact report of Captain O. A. Inman, Lieut. T. M. Stephenson, Lieut. J. Montenegro and Puerto Cabezas (EA) guardia patrol, during July 1931:

DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN BLUEFIELDS
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA
21 JULY 1931.

From: The Department Commander.
To : The Area Commander, Area of the East,
Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Subject: Patrol Report.

1. A patrol consisting of Captain O.A. Inman, 2nd Lieut. Theodoro M. Stephenson, 2nd Lieut. Jacinto Montenegro, twenty enlisted men and one practicante left Puerto Cabezas the night of July 13th, 1931 to reconnoiter the Wanks river and investigate rumors that bandits were concentrating at Waspook for a drive on Puerto Cabezas. The equipment other than service rifles were two Thompson sub-machine guns. The events of each day are set forth below:

July 13

Cleared Puerto Cabezas aboard U.S.S. "Sacramento" at 12:00 mid-night.

July 14

Arrived Cape Gracias 7:30 a.m., and enlisted aid of civilians in repairing and equipping water transportation to proceed up river. The only available motor boat transportation was the tug Baldwin and a four cylinder motor boat which had been out of commission for several months. Due to scarcity of gasoline and oil and the heavy consumption of the Tug it was thought advisable to try and recommission the motor boat which, after twenty four hours constant labor, proved to be impossible with material available.

July 15

Additional gasoline and what was presumed to be sufficient lub. oil to reach Waspook was finally obtained and the patrol cleared Cape Gracias for the upper river at 2215 taking five additional enlisted men and one BAR, also the Master of the Tug, Hugh Fagot, an engineer and pilot.

July 16

Arrived at Saklin 1730 and went into camp with a detachment of ten men and one officer placed in the town. The Indians at the various villages on the lower river would give no information but appeared very restless. At Saklin the people over did themselves in assuring us that there was no sign of bandits on the river above us which immediately aroused my suspicion.

July 17

Tug engine broke down several times. Cleared Saklin for up river at 0910. Attempted to send flank patrol along river bank but due to heavy rains the river trail was impassible. At 1300 one mile below Kisalaya sighted a boat with several men put into the bank in a suspicious manner. On passing found four pit-pans

drawn up to bank but no sign of the occupants. Proceeded on to Kisalaya but natives disclaimed any knowledge of the boats having passed. This information we knew was false. Took four of the indians and two pit-pans to bring boats out to the Tug for examination. On returning found that boats had gotten under-way and gone down river. About a mile further down stream and about three hundred yards above the village of Wasbam sighted two of the boats pulled under the dense foliage on the bank of the river. The Tug was slowed down and the indians ordered to bring the boats out to the tug for inspection. As the pit-pans left the side of the tug heavy fire was opened on us from both sides of the river. The fire was promptly returned raking the dense foliage thoroughly. No target was visible. The contact was made at 1415 and lasted four minutes. The fire from the bandits was promptly silenced. The tug proceeded down the river and landed a patrol of fifteen men under Lieut. Stephenson with orders to proceed back up stream and attempt to gain contact with bandits while the tug patrolled the river. Lieut. Stephenson's patrol returned to the boat at 1810 and reported two contacts with the bandits. The first at Wasbam and the second about a mile further up the river. The last contact resulted in a complete scattering of bandits throughout the heavy underbrush. The patrol also inspected the scene of the ambush and reported that the bandits had lost three dead and three wounded. The Chief of the group was seen by the patrol leader and several of the men at a distance of two hundred yards. He is reported to be about five feet ten inches and to weight about two hundred pounds; also that he was apparently wounded in the left upper arm. The guide of the group was one Francisco Ellis, the same negro who guided Blandon into Logtown. At 1815 the engineer reported that we were running low on gasoline and that there was hardly enough lubricating oil to reach Cape. Lieut. Montenegro who had been wounded in both arms during the first contact was in severe pain and exceedingly weak from loss of blood. At 1830 the tug got underway from Ulwas and proceeded down river.

JULY 18

At 0455 arrived at Cape Gracias. Reported contacts by radio and requested planes to evacuate Lieut. Montenegro and a request to Puerto Cabezas to ship us more gasoline and lubricating oil.

July 19

Airplane reports indicated possible presence of bandits between the Coco river and Puerto Cabezas. Radioed orders to First Lieut. Levonski to report to Cape Gracias on first transportation.

July 20

0900 Lt. Levonski arrived Cape Gracias in plane. 0915 I turned over patrol to Lt. Levonski and returned to Puerto Cabezas via plane making a thorough reconnaissance of Coco river as far as Saklin.

2. It is my belief that the bandit group encountered was the first group of a larger movement directed against Puerto Cabezas. The complete routing of that group and the constant presence of airplanes on the river for several days, is believed to have at least temporarily halted any intended movement against this port. It is very possible that another group still remains between the Coco river and Puerto Cabezas. Should such a group be located it is the intention of the Department Commander to utilize the patrol

at Cabo Gracias to get behind the group and cut off any possibility of retreat up the Coco river.

3. It is my firm belief that Adolpho Cockburn and one Slate (Comandante at Saklin) are in league with the bandits. According to information from an indian messenger of the bandits who was intercepted, Adolpho Cockburn and Slate received a message from the bandits delivered by this man the morning of the day our patrol arrived in Saklin and when questioned both claimed there was no sign of bandits on the river.

4. I wish to bring to the attention of the Area Commander the cool and efficient conduct of every member of the patrol, especially under the trying conditions of an ambush. The prompt and accurate response to all orders resulted in the immediate silencing of the enemy fire and the death or wounding of several of the bandits. I especially desire to commend Second Lieutenant Jacinto Montenegro who was in command of the detail on the after part of the tug. Montenegro was shot through both arms from the Honduranian side of the river in the early stages of the action. He concealed his wounds from his men under a rubber poncho and continued to direct the fire of his men until the action was over. This action especially from a young officer under fire for the first time, is, in my opinion, very commendable.

5. It is my opinion that the group encountered was an advance group clearing the way for a larger body to follow. All large pit-pans and boats from Kum to Waspoock have been taken up the river to the vicinity of Bocay. Persistent rumors indicate that the bandits are badly in need of supplies especially salt, and it is believed that desperation will cause them to make a raid on Cape Gracias or one of the line commissaries. If their plans were to hit Puerto Cabezas in force I believe they have been, at least, temporarily checked. It is very possible that some still remain on the lower river between Sawa Boom and Kisalaya. Airplanes are endeavoring to locate them. A new road has been cut from Saklin to Sawa Boom at which point the main trail from Honduras meets the Coco river. Whether they expect to get reinforcements, supplies or both from Honduras is not known. The patrol has been temporarily left at Cape Gracias for rapid movement up the river in case the planes locate any groups, also to get behind any groups that might attempt a movement from the river towards Puerto Cabezas.

/s/ O. A. INMAN,
Captain, G.N.,
Department Commander.

There is quoted a letter from the Department Commander, Department of Chontales, in connection with the work of a small guardia patrol in command of Corporal Santos Castillo V., No. 1253, during recent bandit activities in that Department:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF CHONTALES
Juigalpa, 23 July 1931.

From: Department Commander.
To : The Jefe Director.

Subject: Commendation.

1. I take great pleasure in reporting to you a very gratifying series of incidents affecting the conduct of the Guardia Nacional during the occupation of Santo Domingo and Javali Mines on the 18th and 19th instants. I quote for your information the first detailed report received from Cabo Santos Castillo V., No. 1253, Guardia Nacional:

" Santo Domingo, 10 a.m., 23 July 1951.

Department Commander.

The bandits came into this town at 5.30 p.m., on the afternoon of the 18th; came in from the side of El Javali, at a place called "Alegre". Raso Felipe Chavarria was at El Javali and he saw when they were coming in and he immediately left for the town of Santo Domingo, where I was, without knowing what was happening. As soon as Raso Felipe Chavarria gave me the report that they were coming in I ordered my companions to go with me to a hill which is located on the east side of the town and about 300 yards from the town. On that hill we had a contact with bandit cavalry. After a quarter of an hour of combat I saw that we were surrounded on that hill and I shouted out loud as if to another patrol: "Attack their rear guard" and then we attacked them with more force with revolvers and they broke ranks and we forced through. Then I went into the mountains trying to locate a clear way to La Libertad. I came to the road in the morning and met First Sergeant Mondragon with a small patrol and gave him the news. (Note: First Sergeant was in command of a section of Lieut. Bell's patrol, having been ordered the night before by me to proceed to Javali in charge as Lieut. Bell reported a sprained ankle). Then we hurried our steps towards Javali because we were told that the bandits were drunk and when we got to the town they had gone already. I got information that in the contact we had with them we killed one aid to Pedron. There were several other wounded. The group was made of 250 bandits and they carry about 15 machine guns, rifles and revolvers. CASTILLO, Cabo, G.N."

2. From the statements of witnesses to the bandit occupation of Santo Domingo I learn that the above report of Cabo Castillo is a very modest account of the actions of his patrol of four guardias, and yet is concise and accurate.

3. Further information received indicates that the timely arrival of First Sergeant Alejandro Mondragon, No. 1544 and Cabo Castillo, with their small patrol at the Javali Mines prevented extreme vandalism at that place as the bandits had received information of arrival of a guardia patrol and were evacuating.

4. Further on the afternoon of the 20th a small patrol under Cabo Castillo, in pursuit came upon a small group of bandits killed two, captured two and the following articles: Three large red and black flags, eight hat bands, forty-eight cal. .30 rifle cartridges, forty-four cal. .32 short pistol cartridges, papers which were stolen from the municipal offices and a bandit propaganda book entitled "Los Banqueros y La Intervencion en Nicaragua", (Note: see my telegram 17520 July) nine pairs pants, shoes, shirts,

and womens dress goods.

5. Eyewitnesses report that Castillo's patrol in their first contact killed a Jefe on a large white horse who at first was thought to have been Pedron. Both Pedron and Irias were later seen in Santo Domingo however. Whomever it may have been the bandits immediately dug a grave and burried him.

6. I cannot too strongly emphasize to you the unfaltering courage of the two small patrols above mentioned and the military tact displayed by their non-commissioned officer leaders. Castillo conducted an orderly withdrawal from Santo Domingo with four other guardia after having given the extreme possible in resistance. The combined patrols of Mondragon and Castillo (about 15 men) returned to Santo Domingo in face of large odds to meet what they might encounter. I recommend to you that Cabo Castillo be promoted to the grade of Sergeant and that he and First Sergeant Mondragon, together with the members of their patrols be commended for especial bravery in action.

7. The original patrol of Cabo Castillo was composed as follows:

Cabo Santos Castillo	# 1253
Raso Felipe Chavarria	2112
" Juan Melendez	3336
" Isidoro Sanchez	2775

The members of First Sergeant Mondragon's patrol are not known at this time, but will be reported to you at a later date.

8. Further details will be reported to you in my official report of operations during the past week.

F. H. HOWARD.

The following quotes the report of Aircraft Squadrons, Second Marine Brigade, Managua, Nicaragua, of an aerial patrol to the East Coast of Nicaragua and active operations there from July 16 to July 27, 1931:

AIRCRAFT SQUADRONS, SECOND MARINE BRIGADE
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA,
29 JULY 1931.

REPORT OF AIR MISSIONS

1. The following daily report of an aerial patrol to the East Coast of Nicaragua from July 16, 1931 to July 27, 1931 is hereby submitted, and is to be attached to the "Air Missions Report" of July 27, 1931:

July 16

- 0835 - Took off from Managua for Bluefields, planes carrying the following: OL-8-7833, Lieut. Hecker, Comdr., Hale, Pvt., Rosenberg -- OL-8-7637, St-Sgt. Heritage, Cpl. Simmons, Judge Cajina.
- 1045 - Landed at Bluefields.
- 1305 - Took off from Bluefields for Puerto Cabezas with Mr. Talbot, American Consul, passenger, Comdr., Hale and

- and Judge Cajina remaining in Bluefields.
1500 - Landed at Bluefields - returned because of bad weather.

July 17

- 0825 - Took off from Bluefields for Puerto Cabezas with Mr. Talbot and Sgt Taylor, G.N., passengers.
1010 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas. No flying in afternoon due to bad weather.

July 18

- 0835 - Took off from Puerto Cabezas for Cabo Gracias a Dios with Lieut. Cipolloni, G.N., for wounded guardia.
0930 - Landed at Cabo Gracias. Received information about bandits from Captain Inman.
1110 - Took off from Cabo Gracias for Puerto Cabezas with Lieut. Cipolloni, G.N., Lieut. Montenegro, G.N., and Sgt. Guatemala, G.N.
1150 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.
1400 - Took off from Puerto Cabezas and patrolled Coco River from 10 miles above Kisalaya down to Andres. Vicinity of Saklin looked suspicious - many boats on the shore and town unusually inactive. Patrol greatly interfered with by bad weather.
1800 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.

July 19

- 1025 - Took off from Puerto Cabezas and patrolled Coco and Waspook Rivers. Conditions on Coco about same as on 18th. Commissary at Yapuwa on upper Waspook had been burned, and town had been deserted. On return trip Sgt. Heritage was forced down by lack of oil at 1400 on a lagoon about 30 miles inland and about one mile south of Bambana River.
1445 - Lieut. Becker landed at Puerto Cabezas.
1550 - Lieut. Becker took off with oil for Sgt. Heritage.
1745 - Landed in lagoon.
1755 - Both planes took off for Puerto Cabezas.
1840 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.

July 20

- 0835 - Took off from Puerto Cabezas for Cabo Gracias with Lieut. Levonski, G.N., and Sgt Guatemala, G.N.
0930 - Landed at Cabo Gracias.
0945 - Took off with Capt. Inman, Lieut. Levonski, Sgt. Guatemala, remaining at Cabo Gracias. Searched Coco River to Saklin for bandits.
1130 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.
1345 - Took off for Bluefields with Mr. Talbot, Capt. Inman, remained in Puerto Cabezas.
1455 - Landed at Bluefields.

July 21

- 0725 - Took off from Bluefields for Puerto Cabezas - no passengers.
0750 - Lieut. Becker forced down at Laguna de Perlas, broken carburetor.
1000 - Took off for Puerto Cabezas after motor had been repaired.
1115 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas. Checked motors in the afternoon.

July 22

- 0815 - Took off for Coco River area with Lieut. Peterson, G.H., as additional observer in Lieut. Becker's plane.
- 0915 - Fired upon by bandits at Saklin and at Cockburn farm (East of Saklin). Dropped 18 bombs and fired 100 rounds of .45 Cal. ammunition from Sub-Thompsons. Bombed Cockburn Farm and house on river at northeast corner of Saklin. Large group of horses on Cockburn Farm and boats on river. Two men believed killed; approximately six horses killed or badly wounded; several boats destroyed. Sgt. Heritage later reported at least 16 bullet holes in his plane. Two bullet holes in Lieut. Becker's plane. Contact continued for about 25 minutes.
- 0945 - Sgt. Heritage forced down south of Coco and about 1000 yards south of Ulan River. Forced landing occurred about three minutes after contact and undoubtedly caused by a bullet striking part of his motor. It was impossible to remove plane from this area so Lieut. Becker made drop to him to burn plane and return to Puerto Cabezas on foot. Neither Sgt. Heritage nor Cpl. Simmons were injured in the landing.
- 1035 - Lieut. Becker landed at Puerto Cabezas.
- 1205 - Lieut. Henderson and Lieut. Bailey with Sgt. Dimond and Gy-Sgt. Royalty as mechanics arrived from Managua in O2C-1's 8751 and 8752 respectively. Impossible to fly in afternoon due to bad weather. Lieut. Peterson departed with a 12 man patrol from Dantoni to meet Sgt. Heritage and Cpl. Simmons.

July 23

- 0830 - Lieut. Becker and Lieut. Henderson with Gy-Sgt. Royalty and Sgt. Dimond as observers took off in two O2C-s to search for Heritage and Simmons, also to make contact with patrol. Failed to locate either.
- 0930 - 0935 - Dropped six bombs on large group of boats on shore at Saklin. Several boats destroyed.
- 1030 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas. Weather bad.
- 1415 - Lieut. Becker and Lieut. Dailey with Sgt. Dimond and Gy-Sgt. Royalty took off in two O2C's to search for Heritage and Simmons, also for patrol. Failed to locate either.
- 1730 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.

July 24

- 0730 - Lieut. Becker and Lieut. Dailey with Sgt. Dimond and Pvt. Rosenberg as observers took off in O2C's to look for Heritage, Simmons and patrol.
- 0907 - Located Lieut. Peterson's patrol about one mile north of Lecus, on Legus-Saklin trail. Patrol had not located either Sgt. Heritage or Cpl. Simmons. Patrol was headed toward Saklin.
- 1010 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas
- 1030 - Lieut. Becker and Pvt. Rosenberg took off in OL-8-7833 for Cabo Gracias.
- 1120 - Landed at Cabo Gracias.
- 1230 - Took off for Puerto Cabezas.
- 1315 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.
- 1345 - Lieut. Becker and Lieut. Henderson with Gy-Sgt. Royalty and Sgt. Dimond took off in O2C's to observe patrol and look for Sgt. Heritage and Cpl. Simmons.

- 1430 - Located Lieut. Peterson's patrol about 8 miles beyond morning position still heading for Saklin.
- 1515 - Made pick-up from patrol. Patrol had not been able to obtain any information relative to Heritage or Simmons. Patrol intended to head into Saklin and return on Saklin-Auyapini trail. Patrol was without food. Dropped message to patrol advising them to wait until approximately 10:00 A.M., 25 July, before entering Saklin when planes would observe.
- 1615 - Dropped message at Cabo Gracias requesting information if any of Sgt. Heritage and Cpl. Simmons. Received None. Lieut. Levonski was reported as being out on patrol at Coco River. Everything in Cabo Gracias apparently OK.
- 1705 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.
- 1700 - St-Sgt. Heritage and Cpl. Simmons reported in at Commandancia, Puerto Cabezas, having returned via Sandy Bay and by boat from there to Puerto Cabezas. Both reported having lost their pistols and sub-Thompson machine gun while crossing rivers and swamps.

July 25

- 0730 - Lieut. Becker and Lieut. Henderson with Gy-Sgt. Royalty and Lieut. Dailey as observers in O2C's took off with food for Peterson's patrol and orders for them to return.
- 0820 - Made drops to patrol about 12 miles south of Saklin.
- 0910 - Returned to Puerto Cabezas. Weather on Coco River very bad. Checked motors in afternoon.

July 26

- 0920 - Lieut. Henderson and Lieut. Dailey with Sgt. Dimond and Gy-Sgt. Royalty took off in O2C's to patrol Coco River and to pick up Lieut. Levonski's patrol. Reported as follows upon return.
- 0955 - Arrived at Coom, and began patrol eastward along Coco River.
- 1015 - Picked up Lieut. Levonski's patrol headed upstream in a tug and one motor boat. No panels displayed.
- 1020 - Patrolled river back up to Saklin. All towns flooded by high water.
- 1045 - Arrived Saklin. Fifty or sixty boats tied up along river bank, and group of about fifteen horses found near farm of A. Cockburn, one mile east of Saklin. Following explosion of one bomb dropped near horses, three khaki clad men darted from a small outhouse to cover under porch of main house, from which point apparent firing began. Dropped 9 more bombs in area until very low ceiling prevented further bombing. About 400 rounds .30 Cal. fixed gun and 200 rounds free gun were then fired until heavy rains with poor visibility forced stoppage of operations at 1125. About 10 or 12 boats were destroyed. No other effects of fire could be observed.
- 1200 - Arrived at Puerto Cabezas. One bullet hole was discovered in lower left wing of O-2C-1 #8752.
- 1520 - Lieut. Becker and Lieut. Henderson with Capt. Inman and Sgt. Dimond as observers took off in O2C's to pick up Lieut. Levonski's patrol.
- 1630 - Picked Levonski's patrol on river two miles east of Saklin. Made two drops to them. Continued to fly over Saklin until Levonski's patrol landed. Dropped 6 bombs and fired 400 rounds fixed gun and 400 rounds free gun to discourage any

attack on patrol while landing. Landing completed without opposition.
1815 - Landed at Puerto Cabezas.

July 27

0935 - Lieut. Henderson and Lieut. Dailey with Sgt. Dimond and Gy-Sgt. Royalty took off in O2C's to pick up Lieut. Levonski's patrol and to patrol Coco River.
1010 - Arrived Saklin. Town appeared deserted. Five bombs dropped on group of boat. Still remaining in river.
1025 - Patrolled eastward along Coco River. Picked up Lieut. Levonski's patrol at 1035 headed toward Cabo Gracias. No panels displayed.
1100 - Arrived at Cabo Gracias. Nothing unusual observed.
1140 - Arrived at Puerto Cabezas.
1300 - Lieut. Becker and Pvt. Rosenberg in the amphibian and Lieut. Henderson, Lieut. Dailey, Gy-Sgt. Royalty, and Sgt. Dimond in O2C's took off Puerto Cabezas for Managua.
1545 - Landed at airdrome Managua.

2. Total number of bombs expended: 40
Total number of rounds .45 Cal. expended: 100
Total number of rounds .30 Cal. fixed gun expended: 900
Total number of rounds .30 Cal. free gun expended: 800.

STATEMENT OF STAFF SERGEANT GORDON W. HERITAGE

On the morning of 22 July, 1931, Lieut. Becker, flying airplane OL-8 #7833, with Pvt. Rosenberg, observer, and myself flying airplane OL-8 #7837 with Cpl. Simmons, observer, took off from Puerto Cabezas for a patrol.

We headed toward Saklin which is about one hour flight up the Coco River from Cabo Gracias. While flying low over Saklin both planes were fired upon, starting an engagement which lasted about thirty minutes. I dropped nine bombs, eight of which exploded upon impact. After a signal from Lieut. Becker, we headed back toward Puerto Cabezas. Less than five minutes after we left Saklin, my engine slowed down to the extent that it was just turning over, and I was forced to land in the swamp which was just across the Mogo River and east of Saklin. This was at ten-fifteen A.M. Neither one of us were injured in the landing although the left lower wing and tail section were damaged. Even if it had been possible to make repairs, it would have been impossible to remove the airplane from that place as the mud was waist deep. After receiving orders from Lieut. Becker, we burned the plane and headed for Puerto Cabezas with as much speed as the condition of the swamp and our load permitted. The pack which we salvaged from the plane consisted of a Sub-Thompson, compass, maps, first aid kit, Very pistol, two .45 Cal. pistols, a machete, and emergency rations.

We travelled all that day and some of the night, swimming five rivers and chopping our way through jungles. The fifth river we crossed, it was a matter of losing the sub-Thompson or sinking with it, so, it was abandoned. We stayed for a few hours under a little thatch roof that we found late on the night of the twenty-second. The following morning, we started out once more, and about six o'clock, struck a heavy swamp wading from our waists to our necks. We continued on until about three in the afternoon at which time we were picked up by two friendly Indians from Sandy Bay. We had lost our pistols during the

morning, and all that we had left now was a machete and a first aid kit. We arrived in Sandy Bay about four in the afternoon.

During our journey, every patch of wild sugar cane we came to we cut up into short sticks and chewed on the way. River water was the only thing available for drinking purposes.

We stayed in Sandy Bay the night of the twenty-third, and left at six the next morning. The remainder of the journey to Puerto Cabezas was made in a small twenty-five boat by way of the sea. We arrived at Puerto Cabezas about five o'clock in the evening on the twenty-fourth after traveling the last lap in a steady rain. It rained at frequent intervals throughout the entire trip.

After the forced landing, and before the plane was set on fire, we counted sixteen bullet holes in the wings and fuselage. Judging by the action of the engine, it is my opinion that some part of the fuel system had been penetrated by bullets. We were very close to Saklin, and because it is estimated that there are more than one hundred bandits operating in this area, we did not remain long enough to give the airplane a thorough inspection to determine exact cause of engine failure.

FRANCIS P. MULLCAHY
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps,
Commanding.

The following list is a summary of guardia contacts during the month of July 1931:

PLACE	PATROL CMR.	DATE	CAPTURES	WOUNDED-KILLED BANDITS	
LIMAY	Lt. Smith	1 July	?	?	?
GUAYUCALI	Lt. Clark	9 July	1 revolver, miscel- laneous articles	3	1
KISALAYA	Capt. Inman	17 July	?	?	3
SANTO DOM- INGO	Cpl. Castillo	19 July	?	?	1
RAMA	Lt. Rewie	19 July	?	2	2
REAL DE LA CRUZ	Lt. Schmierer	20 July	2 animals, 1 rifle	?	?
ZAPISCAN	Lt. Elliott	20 July	2 aparejos and am- munition, 1 rifle, 2 animals	?	8
SANTA ROSA	Lt. Zevala	22 July	1 revolver	?	1
PAVONA	Lt. Bryson	25 July	?	?	?
CHAMASTE	Lt. Truesdale	28 July	4 shotguns, shells, cartridges, misc.	?	3
TOTOGALPA	Lt. Livermore	30 "	25 cow-hides, hat bands and miscella- neous articles, destroyed camp	1	1
CARRIZAL	Lt. Zepeda	31 "	4 machetes, 8 mules, provisions, shoes, trousers, shirts, blankets, hammocks, hats with red and black bands, scarfs, 1 watch, 1 looking glass	?	?
				6	20

NOTE: In the above contacts 20 bandits were killed and 6 were wounded, the Guardia had two (2) killed and 6 wounded. In addition to the above known number killed and wounded bandits, two (2) more were killed by aircraft machine gun fire in the Chontales area on 16 July 1931. On 4 July 1931, Lieut. Stewart's patrol fired on and killed three bandits who tried to escape from house on approach of the patrol. Following articles captured by patrol of Cabo Castillo of Javali Mines 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 of trousers, 4 pairs shoes, 4 shirts, 200 yards womens dress goods, 10 yards shirting material, 1 propaganda book and papers stolen from Municipal Office. In addition to all of the aforementioned captures, the Guardia captured various miscellaneous articles of plunder.

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Captain R. Arnett, G.N., Commanding the Department of Esteli, reports the following for the month of July, 1931:

The harvesting of the new corn crop has started and there is now plenty of corn for the people. The bean crop will not be so plentiful due to the heavy rain which is ruining the crop before it can be harvested. Food prices continue to be high. Sugar sells for \$10.00 per hundred pounds, rice \$10.00 per hundred pounds, lard \$9.00 per can of forty-five pounds and eggs thirty cents a dozen.

Friendly relations exist between the guardia and civilians.

The Political situation is without interest.

Roads are very muddy and travelling is difficult.

The rain fall has been very heavy for the month. Limay reports that they have had a continual rain fall of eighty hours at one stretch during the month. All rivers are very high.

On the morning of July fourth, the Department Commander with the assistance of the other officers, rationed out five hundred "Nacatamales and Coffee" to the poor people in front of the Cuartel. Money was also given in order that the poor might be able to buy a little for their needs. Games were held and prizes given. In the evening a dance was given by the officers and was well attended by all citizens. The home of a prominent Nicaraguan citizen was donated for the purpose and was decorated with red, white and blue streamers with the American and Nicaraguan flags suspended from the ceiling. Each table contained a vase of flowers. Dancing commenced at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, July fifth, the Guardia Officers paid for a two hour band concert in the park which was well attended and appreciated by all inhabitants. In the afternoon the cuty orchestra gave a special concert to the officers of Esteli. This was also well attended by the people of the city.

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

POLICE OPERATIONS: Very good. The past two months have shown a decrease in crime and an increase in the number of individuals apprehended for old crimes for which they are wanted by the civil courts. Due to the large number of Municipal Guardias on duty on all important towns, the regular guardias are left free to operate in the country districts and as a consequence the people in these districts are enjoying a sense of security that they have not had for some years, also the small groups of ladrones who formerly operated in these isolated sections have practically disappeared.

INTELLIGENCE: State of territory occupied quiet. The people of this department are becoming very willing to voluntarily come to the Guardia and give information, and during the past month the information so obtained has indicated that the department is in a very quiet condition. The greatest source of danger in this department is the Estero Real where gasoline launches and canoes can easily enter from the Golfo de Fonseca coming from Honduras and Salvador or Mexico and bringing contraband of all kinds; the country along the Estero Real is so swampy as to preclude effective patrolling and there are hundreds of inlets which, on account of the swamps, are sometimes separated by a days march one from the other, and on this account it is easy for the launches to enter and get their cargo ashore. The only effective way to stop this contraband running is to have a Government launch in the Estero Real under command of a Guardia Officer, which could stop and search all boats entering from the Golfo de Fonseca. It is believed that such a Government launch would be well worth the money, not only because it would increase the revenues of the country on imports but because it would stop effectively the introduction of arms and ammunition which at the present time can be introduced into the country and used against the Government via this route.

MILITARY SITUATION: No armed group of any size is believed to be in this department at the present time. On July 31, a small finca near Posoltega was assaulted by a group of about nine men some of whom were armed; these men stole some clothing and small articles. Patrols operating from Chinandega and Chichigalpa apprehended four of this group the next day, recovering the stolen clothing and capturing two shotguns. This is the only report of ladrones received during the month.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Prices of foodstuffs have risen during the past month. Prices of principal articles are as follows: Eggs, forty cents per dozen; Lard, \$14.00 per five gallon can; Rice, \$6.00 per hundred pounds; Cheese, \$3.00 per twenty-five pounds; Coffee, \$8.00 per hundred pounds and Beans \$20.00 a fanega.

RELATIONS BETWEEN GUARDIA AND CIVIL POPULATION: There has been no friction between the Guardia and the civil populations. The standing of the Guardia among the civilians is high and they are gaining their respect more each day. Cordial relations are maintained between the Guardia officers and the civilian Officials of all the towns with the result that their hearty cooperation can always be obtained in any matters effecting the Guardia.

POLITICAL SITUATION: Normal. Campaigns for the elections of new Alcaldes are being carried out with large pades, sometimes consisting of five hundred mounted men carrying placards with propaganda through the streets. Guardia mounted patrols are always detailed to maintain order at these demonstrations and to date no trouble of any kind has occurred.

WEATHER: Warm and sultry. Heavy rains each day.

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

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Captain H. M. H. Fleming, Chief of Police of Managua, reports the following for the month of July, 1931:

" Police operations have continued to grow day by day as shown by the increase report of arrests. Petty larceny and drunkenness constitute the bulk of the offenses as usual, but the situation is one to create a slight feeling of alarm. There is no doubt that as far as thefts are concerned, conditions are the worst now that they have been in almost two years. The police are practically helpless in combating this type of crime due to the ease with which houses can be entered now. To make conditions worse, the August fiestas begin at the end of this month, and theft and drunkenness will increase. An effort will be made this year, as last, to confine arrests to the cases that merit it particularly.

The installation of 1st Avenue, West, as a one way street south, and the opening of Calle Central as the west bound one way street has done much to eliminate automobile accidents, and to make those that take place minor ones.

The detachment of 19 men and one officer to Chontales for temporary duty has made the police work of the city very hard, as it has caused posts to be doubled and created a lack of reserves.

Economic conditions are becoming better in many ways. Friction between the people and the Guardia has decreased. There has been very little political activity. Rain fall has been great. Roads and trails leading out of Managua are good.

The increase in the Policia Urbana from ten to fourteen men has been a marked help to the force, as these additional four men were recruited from those we had had before. I have been trying to get the Distrito Nacional to allow a further increase of this force, but to date this has been without success. A plan has been started to get modern fire equipment for the city as the danger of fire has increased with the new buildings, many of them of wood. This plan has not received any support from the Distrito as such, but it is hoped to organize a committee to take care of it. At the same time money will have to be spent to put in fire hydrants, as the only ones in the city at present, 25 in number, are in the part of the city that was totally destroyed; few of them are located where they would be of value as the city stands today."

The End