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GUARDIA NEWS LETTER NO. 61- (13 TO 20 AUGUST, 1931.)

13 AUGUST 1931

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for halfway to Yalaguina, escorting telegraph operator. Returned to Totogalpa.

Lieut Kalman and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo, arrived San Francisco, Cleared for and arrived Limay.

Lieut. Zamora and guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

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

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

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

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

San Ramon (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from San Ramon. Cleared for San Ramon.

Lieut Navarette cleared Esquipulas (CA) for El Roblar and returned to Esquipulas.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from San Isidro.

Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Esquipulas.

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro on combat mission.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

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

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Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Santa Gertrudis and vicinity. Returned, nothing to report.

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El Tempisque guardia patrol arrived Chinandega.

Detachment of guardia cleared Leon for Managua.

Lieut Castrillo and Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from El Bosque, San Jacinto area, with two prisoners, members of group that assaulted mail carrier from El Sauce to Leon.

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

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

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

Lieut Rourke and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for vicinity of Jemuco on police mission.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for area west of Achuapa.

Lieut Hutchcroft and El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce to patrol area El Sauce-Villa Nueva.

Lieut Kalman and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for and arrived Somotillo.

Captain Arnett cleared Esteli (NA) for and arrived La Trinidad.

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

Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Rittman, Lieut Gamelius and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Lieut Rittman cleared for Managua by plane. Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Gamelius and patrol returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Cramer, Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol returned to Corinto Finca from combat mission.

Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia and cleared for return to Sajonia.

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol returned to San Isidro from combat mission to Cacao. Reports that four armed men were at the hacienda the day before but left in the direction of Tomarindo, Dept. Esteli. Scouts endeavoring to pick up trail.

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

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Cuatro Esquinas.

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Captain Craig and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and vicinity; returned, reported all quiet.

Leon guardia cleared Leon for El Chilamate. Returned to Leon; nothing to report.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned to Yalaguina with one prisoner.

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

Lieut Collins and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo.

Lieut Palicio and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for halfway to Apali. Met Apali patrol which Lieut Palacio joined. Jalapa patrol returned to home station.

Lieut Rourk and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for halfway to Jalapa. Met Jalapa patrol and returned to Apali with Lieut Palacio.

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

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

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

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Lieut Lee, Lieut Haubensack and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned from combat mission.

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

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

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

Lieut Alexander, Lieut Torrez and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol returned to San Rafael from combat patrol. Patrolled the areas of Portrerillas, Las Horcones, Majon, San Antonio, Mancotal, Embocaderos, La Esterilla, Los Cerras, Guapinal, Montanande, La Virgen, Las Cruces, Vencedora, La Cedia, San Juan de Embocaderos, and returned to San Rafael.

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

Guardia patrol cleared San Isidro (CA) for La Trinidad (NA).

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

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

Guardia patrol, with Inspector of Hacienda, arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatrol Esquinas.

Captain Bourne, Lieut Ledbetter, Lieut Pulver, Lieut Thompson and guardia patrol reported Cuatros Esquinos from combat mission.

C.O. La Fundadora reports following patrols from Aug. 6 to 13, 1931. Aug. 6, Guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for La Concordia and returned. Aron Juez guardia patrol arrived Fundadora and returned to Aron Juez. Jinotega guardia patrol arrived Fundadora from Camelias for El Salto; and returned. Lieut Rittman and guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for La Cellie and returned. Aug. 8, Lieut Lopez and Las Camelias guardia patrol cleared Las Camelias for El peon and returned. Lieut Snyder and guardia patrol reported to Fundadora; cleared for Aron Juez. Aug. 9, Lieut Lopez and guardia patrol cleared for Jinotega. Aug. 10, Lieut Lopez and guardia patrol returned Las Camelias from Jinotega. Lieut Snyder and guardia patrol cleared for Espeso and returned to Aron Juez. Aug. 11, Las Camelias guardia patrol cleared for Los Robles and returned. Aug. 12, Lieut Schmierer and guardia patrol arrived Fundadora from Jinotega. Aug. 13, Lieut Rittman and Guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for Jinotega. Fundadora guardia patrol cleared for Aron Juez and returned to Fundadora.

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

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

Lieut Kalman, Lieut Moreino and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for San Francisco.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for San Lorenzo on police mission.

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

Lieut Gregg and Jicaro (N A) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for Suscallan on combat mission. Returned to Jicarol.

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

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol La Quinta and San Benito roads. Returned; nothing to report.

Lieut Collins and guardia patrol arrived Macuelizo (NA) from Santa Maria. The patrol returned to Santa Maria.

Guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for Corinto Finca and returned.

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

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

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

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

Cuatro Esquinas (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa.

17 AUGUST 1931

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and vicinity to maintain order during a fiesta there. Returned to Chinandega and reported all quiet.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Comarcas Mato Grande, El Convento and La Ceiba. Returned with two civil prisoners, wanted for robbery offenses.

Lieut Diaz, Lieut Collins and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for and arrived Ocotal. Lieut Diaz and patrol returned to Macuelizo.

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

Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for vicinity of Limon. Returned to Telpaneca, nothing to report.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol returned to La Trinidad.

Captain Arnett returned to Esteli (NA) from La Trinidad.

Combined Esteli (NA) and El Sauce guardia patrols arrived El Sauce.

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

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

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

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned to Jinotega from combat mission.

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

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

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for and arrived Matiguas.
Lieut English and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Managua.
Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol cleared Consuelo (CA) for Algovia.
Lieut Sims and Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for and arrived Esquipulas.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Lieut Korns, Lieut Slattery and guardia patrol returned to Matagalpa from combat patrol to Peña Blanca.

Cuatro Esquinas (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro on police mission at rio Viezo.

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro on police mission to Quebrada Honda.

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Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Salinas Grande to patrol that area.

Lieut Spart cleared Leon for Managua.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Atoya district. returned, reported all quiet.

Lieut Delgadillo and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan for vicinity southeast of Zapotillal. Returned to San Juan.

Lieut Broderick and Macuelizo (NA) guardia cleared Macuelizo to patrol in vicinity of Oyote.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina on police mission.

Lieut Martinez and Dara ili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for and arrived Condega.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for vicinity of Pajarito and Largatilo; returned to Limay with three civil prisoners. Confiscated one shotgun and two pistols.

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

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

Captain Small, Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali on combat mission to the northeast. Patrol returned, having covered the areas San Antonio, La Pavona Arriba, La Pavona Abajo, Chilares and El Tigre. No information.

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

Lieut Flipppo and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for Esquipulas. Arrived.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Lieut Leady cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Ramon. Returned to Matagalpa.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Cuatros Esquipulas.

Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Consuelo.

Lieut Ledbetter, Lieut Thompsen and guardia patrol arrived Consuelo (CA) from Navarro.

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Captain Davies and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for vicinity of Jicarito and returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for vicinity of Cuje Mines. Returned to Totogalpa.

Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for vicinity of San Albino and El Golfol. Returned to Jicaro.

Lieut Gregg and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for vicinity of San Albino and El Golfo. Returned

Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and returned to Pataste.

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

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

Lieut McGorkle and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for halfway to Totogalpa. Met Totogalpa patrol and returned to Somoto.

Somoto guardia patrol cleared Somoto for vicinity of Sonis on intelligence patrol. Returned to Somoto.

Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for halfway to Somoto. Met Somoto patrol and returned to Totogalpa.

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

Lieut Bell, Lieut Moreira and Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Rogadillo. Arrived Rogadillo. Part of patrol returned to Limay. Remainder of patrol cleared for and arrived Esteli.

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

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

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from Salinas Grande with five confiscated firearms and one civil prisoner.

Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Leon on temporary duty. Returned to Chinandega.

Lieut Dumas and San Antonio guardia patrol cleared San Antonio, Dept. Chinandega, for Poselttega and vicinity. Returned; nothing to report.

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

Guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for and arrived San Rafael.

Lieut Prieb and Lieut Stewart cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived Jinotega.

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

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

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

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Las Lajas.

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

Lieut Flipppo, Lieut Ekburg, Lieut Sims, Lieut Navarette and guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas (CA) for and arrived San Dionisio.

Lieut Sims cleared San Dionisio (CA) for and arrived Matagalpa.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

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

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

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Captain Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned to Palacaguina from a special mission.

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 and arrived Condega. Captain O'Leary, Lieut Zamora, Lieut Stanko and guardia patrol cleared Condega for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

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

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

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

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

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Comarca Chacraseca to investigate report of assaults. Returned, nothing to report.

Captain Craig cleared Chinandega for Corinto to make inspection.

El Viejo guardia patrol cleared El Viejo for Atoya district. Returned, nothing to report.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for Atoya district. Returned with one prisoner.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Cosmapa and vicinity. Returned to Chinandega with four prisoners.

Managua guardia patrol cleared Leon for Managua after having delivered one civil prisoner to Department of Leon.

Guardia detachment cleared Leon for Managua for duty.

La Paz Centro guardia cleared La Paz Centro for Managua for duty.

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

Captain R. E. Forsyth, G.N., Commanding the Department of Rivas reports the following for the month of July, 1931:

" " Small cases of petty larceny continue, but conditions greatly improved. Due to scarcity of food in some parts these small cases of stealing continue. No major crimes committed during month, and the department quiet.

Economic conditions poor, but improving. No friction between the Guardia and civil population.

Coming elections for Alcalde causing some political movement, but no disturbances noted. No propaganda issued. It has been reported from reliable sources that 400 litres of aguardiente have been set aside by the liberal party for use in spreading propaganda for the Municipal elections. During early part of month it looked as there was to be a split between the upper and working classes of the liberal party due to the decision of the candidate for Alcalde. No definite decision made as to candidate for either party up to present date. Parties are continually changing due to something being dug up about another's past.

17.06 inches of rain during month. Roads and trails very bad to Cardenas and San Juan del Sur. Good to San Jorge and fair to Buenos Aires and Potosí.

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The following are extracts from the "MONTHLY RECORD OF EVENTS" of the Department of Granada and Masaya, commanded by Major S. B. O'Neill, G.N., for the month of July, 1931:

PATROLS FROM GRANADA

July 1 - Lieut. Chenoweth and guardia patrol cleared Granada for Diriomo, Diria, Nandaime, Ingenio Amalia and El Valle. Returned to Granada.

Guardia patrol cleared Granada for La Grilla on police mission and returned to Granada.

July 5 - Guardia patrol cleared Granada for San Blas on police mission. Returned to Granada with one prisoner.

July 8 - Guardia patrol cleared Granada for La Curva on police mission and returned.

Guardia patrol cleared Granada, with Inspector of Hacienda, for Nandaime on police mission and returned to Granada.

July 11 - Lieut. Reyes and guardia patrol cleared Granada for Diriomo, Diria and Nandaime on police mission and inspection; returned to Granada.

July 17 - Granada guardia patrol cleared Granada for Juigalpa for temporary field duty.

July 18 - Granada guardia patrol cleared, with Hacienda Inspector, for El Paso on police mission. Returned to Granada.

July 20 - Lieut. Kipp, Lieut. Sandino and guardia patrol arrived from Managua and cleared for Juigalpa for field duty.

Granada guardia patrol cleared for Santa Clara and El Sitio. Returned with one civil prisoner.

July 24 - Major O'Neill, Department Commander, cleared for Masatepe and returned to Granada.

July 28 - Granada guardia patrol cleared Granada for Niquinohomo on police mission.

July 31 - Granada guardia patrol cleared Granada for Obregon on police mission.

PATROLS FROM NANDAIME

July 8 - Guardia patrol cleared Nandaimé for El Ingenio Amalia on police mission and returned.

July 20 - Guardia patrol cleared Nandaimé for Los Congos on police mission and returned.

PATROLS FROM DIRIOMO

July 6 - Guardia patrol cleared Diriomo for Mombacho in pursuit of cattle thieves. Returned; nothing to report.

July 8 and 21 - Guardia patrols cleared for La Grilla in pursuit of cattle thieves. Returned, nothing to report.

July 16 - Guardia patrol cleared for El Portillo in pursuit of cattle thieves. Returned, nothing to report.

PATROLS FROM MASAYA

July 1 - Lieut. Reed, District Commander, inspected district.

July 2 - Lieut. Reed and guardia patrol cleared Masaya for Catarina to investigate bandit report. Returned; nothing to report.

July 7 - Lieut. Reed cleared for inspection Catarina-Niquinohomo and returned to Masaya.

July 11 - Guardia patrol cleared for Piedra Minido. Returned, nothing to report.

July 12 - Lieut. Reed inspected Masatepe-Las Palmas and returned.

July 15 - Lieut. Reed and guardia patrol cleared on patrol to La Ceiba. Returned with three civil prisoners.

July 20 - Guardia patrol returned from Tisma; nothing to report.

July 21 - Lieut. Reed cleared for Rivas. Returned July 23.

Minor miscellaneous routine patrols made during month.

There has been no noted change in the amount of petty robberies committed since last report and there have been no large robberies. Due to shortage of funds caused by the small amount of guaro being sold, the police force of Granada has been reduced by placing eleven men on leave without pay. Continual patrols commanded by officers and non-commissioned officers are being sent out to run down contraband; several stills and a small amount of contraband have been captured. It is not believed that the small amount of guaro sales is caused by large sales of Cususa, but by a general economic depression.

General state of territory occupied, quiet. The sugar harvest has been completed; there is an increase in the unemployed. The political situation is active due to the coming elections for Alcalde. Civil and press attitude towards the Guardia, friendly.

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The following extracts are quoted from a letter received by Colonel L.P. Hunt, G.N., commanding the Northern Area, from Lieut. E.L. Livermore, G.N., commanding the District of Totogalpa:

"Everything is so quiet here that I am looking for plenty of trouble later on; everyone claims that there is not a sign of banditry.

I am more than satisfied with the way they have cleaned up Cuje; several of the Gente from there have invited my guardias and me out there to a corn roast this week, so I guess we will have to go and give them a little talk, for these people are O.K. now."

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NOTES FROM RIVAS
Aug. 5 to 12.

Lieut. Bello and Cardenas guardia patrol cleared Cardenas Aug. 5. Patrolled to Sabalos, Grosi, Colon and returned to Cardenas Aug. 6. All quiet.

Lieut. Poore and guardia patrol cleared San Juan del Sur Aug. 6 for Ostional on routine patrol. Returned to San Juan del Sur on Aug. 7.

Captain Forsyth, Department Commander, and Lieut. Schneeman cleared Rivas for and arrived Cardenas, Aug. 8. Inspected post and returned to Rivas Aug. 9.

Guardia patrol cleared Rivas Aug. 9. Patrolled area San Jorge, Buenos Aires, Potosí, Belen and El Rosario. Returned to Rivas Aug. 10. Nothing to report.

Guardia patrol cleared Rivas Aug. 10 for vicinity of Tola to capture two criminals wanted for attempted murder. Patrol returned to Rivas Aug. 11, no results.

Lieut. Bello and Cardenas guardia cleared Cardenas. Patrolled area Soto Caballos, Peña Blanca and Sapoá. Returned to Cardenas Aug. 11. Reported all quiet.

Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas Aug. 11 for vicinity of Tola to capture two criminals. Patrol returned same day; reported that criminals fled to Costa Rica.

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The Area Commander, Northern Area, reports the following conditions for the month of July, 1931:

"General state of the Area has been very quiet, few movements of bandit groups were observed, and bandit activities for the most part being confined to the Limay and Achuapa (Esteli) areas.

The economic condition has somewhat improved since the last report. There is plenty of green corn now, which has relieved the food shortage to a certain extent. The bean crop is very poor, due to the heavy rains.

Civil attitude towards the Guardia continues to be excellent. No friction exists between the Guardia personnel and the law abiding civil populations.

Political situation is quiet. Heavy rainfall during the month. Roads and trails very muddy, but passable. Rivers high."

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The following translation is a report of a contact by Lieut. G.A. Zavala, G.N., and La Trinidad (NA) guardia with a group of armed bandits on July 22, 1931:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
Sub-District of La Trinidad.
22 July 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. Gustavo A. Zavala, G.N.
To: The Department Commander, Dept. of Esteli.
Subject: Report of Contact with a group of armed bandits.
Reference: (a) General Order No. 109-1929.

1. The following is a report of the contact which took place in El Boqueron de Santa Rosa del Peñon, Nicaragua, at 0103, 22 July 1931, which is submitted in accordance with reference (a).

STATION OF THE PATROL - Sub-District of La Trinidad.

MISSION OF THE PATROL - The Patrol cleared in compliance of orders issued by the Headquarters of the Department to seek and destroy a group of bandits operating in its area.

DATE AND HOUR OF THE CONTACT - 22 July 1931, 0103 am.

PLACE OF THE CONTACT - The contact took place at El Boqueron de Santa Rosa del Peñon.

TIME OF THE ENGAGEMENT - The contact was a regular contact and lasted about 20 minutes.

Names of the Officer and enlisted men involved:

2nd Lt. G.A. Zavala, G.N.		Cabo Espinosa, Gilberto	#4127
Raso Briones, German	#2223	Raso Rodriguez Pastor	3220
" Hidalgo, Policarpo	2161	" Gurdian, Pablo	4024
" Espinosa, Vicente	4062	" Rivas, Carlos	2374
" Leon, Gerardo	3710	" Mendoza, Geronimo	4461

Number of Bandits involved: This group of bandits consisted of 15 men armed with rifles, shot-guns and pistols.

CASUALTIES: Guardia - None.
Bandits - One killed, no wounded.

Weapons employed by the Guardia: One Sub-Thompson, 10 rounds; One BAR, 8 rounds; 7 Krag rifles, 25 rounds; One .45 Cal. Pistol, 5 rounds.

Bandits equipped with: Rifles, shot-guns and pistols.

Result of the Engagement: The Guardia advanced upon the bandits. After a 20 minute fight the bandits fled in direction to the Cerro "El Pajarito".

Conduct of the Guardia taking part: Excellent.

/s/ Gustavo A. Zavala,
2nd Lt., G. N.

The following letter was received by Colonel L.P.Hunt, G.N., commanding the Northern Area, from Lieut. J.M.Broderick, G.N., commanding the District of Macuelizo, Nueva Segovia. The verses were received by Lieut. Broderick in Spanish but are published here in Spanish and English:

GUARDIA NACIONAL,
MACUELIZO, N. S., NIC.,
17 August 1931.

Col. LeRoy P. Hunt, G.N.,
Area Commander, Northern Area.

Dear Sir:

This afternoon a delegation of my Guardia read the following to me and then presented me with it. I am keeping the original as a remembrance:

Macuelizo, 17 de Agosto de 1931.

A mi querido Comandante, a quien le debo la vida y
el puesto que voy a desempeñar ahora en adelante.

- PARA TI -

Encontrándome en este momento
inspirado
Y refrescada la mente,
Aquí vengo mi comandante,
A dejarte este regalado

Perdoname la imprudencia
Y a un mismo tiempo la
Mala crianza,
Tu eres de mi un padre
Y de mi patria la única
esperanza.

Me encuentro demasiado
apenado
No siendo yo de mucho valer
Siendo yo un pobre soldado
Que no puedo merecer.

Te rindo mis más expresi-
vas gracias
de tu honor tan sincero;
Y que siempre tengas as-
tucias
Para combatir al bandolero.

De tí espero la lección
Para ser algo mañana
Prometiéndote de corazón
Morir contigo en esta montaña

Hasta aquí se terminan mis
versos
Cerrandóseme la mente;
Ofreciéndote un juramento,
Por esa bandera azul y blanco
Morir junto a tí hasta el
último instante.

/s/ José María Peralta,
G.N., # 3752.

Macuelizo, 17 August 1931.

To my dear Commandant, to whom I owe the life, and to
whom I thank for the new rank I have been promoted to.

- FOR YOU -

Being in this moment inspired
With a slight mind
I report to my Commander
and present him this gift.

Please pardon my trouble
and also my bothering,
but you are my real father
and for my country the only
hope.

I am very worried
as I do not mean anything
I am a poor soldier
who deserves nothing

Please accept my sincerest
thanks
for your sincere honor,
I wish for you to always be
a clever soldier to fight
with bravery the bandits.

I hope from you a lesson
In order to be something,
I promise with all my heart
to go with you up to the
death.

Here my verse is ended
as this is all what my
spirit says,
but I ~~swear~~ to you for ever
before the white and blue
flag
to go with you up to the
death.

Needless to say, I thanked them, especially the composer, and told them that I am very happy to have such loyal men serving with me.

Peralta, who received his warrant as Cabo today, is very well educated and attended the "Instituto Pedagógico de Varones", Managua.

Please show this poem to Captain Burwell, he has talked to Peralta and seemed impressed by his bearing.

/s/ J. M. Broderick.

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The following letter and sketch was submitted to the Area Commander, Northern Area, by Captain J. O. Brauer, G.H., of Palacaguina. This matter has been taken up with the Department of Public Works:

HEADQUARTERS, DISTRICT OF PALACAGUINA, NICARAGUA,
GUARDIA NACIONAL, 14 August 1961.

Dear Colonel Hunt.

In behalf of the people of this district and some of the prominent citizens of Telpaneca, I am writing you regarding the completion of the "Carreta" road between here and Telpaneca. The matter has been near to my mind ever since taking over this district, but I have succeeded only in the last month to assemble sufficient facts to constitute a somewhat intelligent report. During the past several months I have had occasion to inspect this road and have paid particular attention to the important details when passing thereon in order that my knowledge would be first hand. In addition to this, the opinions of several persons who use the road regularly have been obtained.

To begin with, that part of the road which has already been completed remains in not excellent but good conditions, and very little work will be required thereon. The entire length of the road is approximately six leagues, three and a half of which is completed, therefor leaving only two and a half leagues to be finished which is indeed less than half. The most difficult construction has already been completed, that is the heavy grades leading out of Telpaneca and Concepcion, to the uncompleted portion which follows the LILION Mountain Range.

The soil along the entire length of this road is a sandy loam and appears to resist the heavy rains very well. This is evidenced by the fact that part of the road was completed over two and a half years ago and still remains in good condition. The upkeep of this road when completed will be below the nominal upkeep of other roads in Segovia due to the soil and ground conformation.

Along the portion which remains to be completed there are several stretches which will require no work and several others which will require only a small amount of grading. This cuts the cost of this piece of construction considerably.

After obtaining estimates on the cost of completion of this road from several persons here and of the district of Telpaneca and with my own, the conclusion was reached that the cost thereof would approximate \$1,500.00. These estimates varied from \$1,200.00, my own of course, to \$1,800.00. It was practically agreed that the work would employ thirty men with three overseers for a full sixty days. This is for only the uncompleted portion of the road and the repair of the uncompleted part will require the same number of men for a period of fifteen days. My idea is that the people of the two districts could take care of this latter during the three days of road work which is required of them each year by the Government, and thus eliminate this cost. This estimation of the time required and the number of men necessary is made with the idea in mind that the work be completed during the rainy season when the ground is soft. If it is undertaken thereafter a greater expenditure will be required.

The following is believed to be the most conservative estimate and still guarantee the completion of the road:

30 mozos 0.50 per day for 60 days	\$ 900.00	
3 overseers 1.00 per day for 60 days	180.00	
30 shovels, 10 picks and 10 crow-bars	150.00	
		\$ 1230.00

Repairs to complete portion:		
30 mozos 0.50 per day for 15 days	225.00	
3 overseers 1.00 per day for 15 days	45.00	

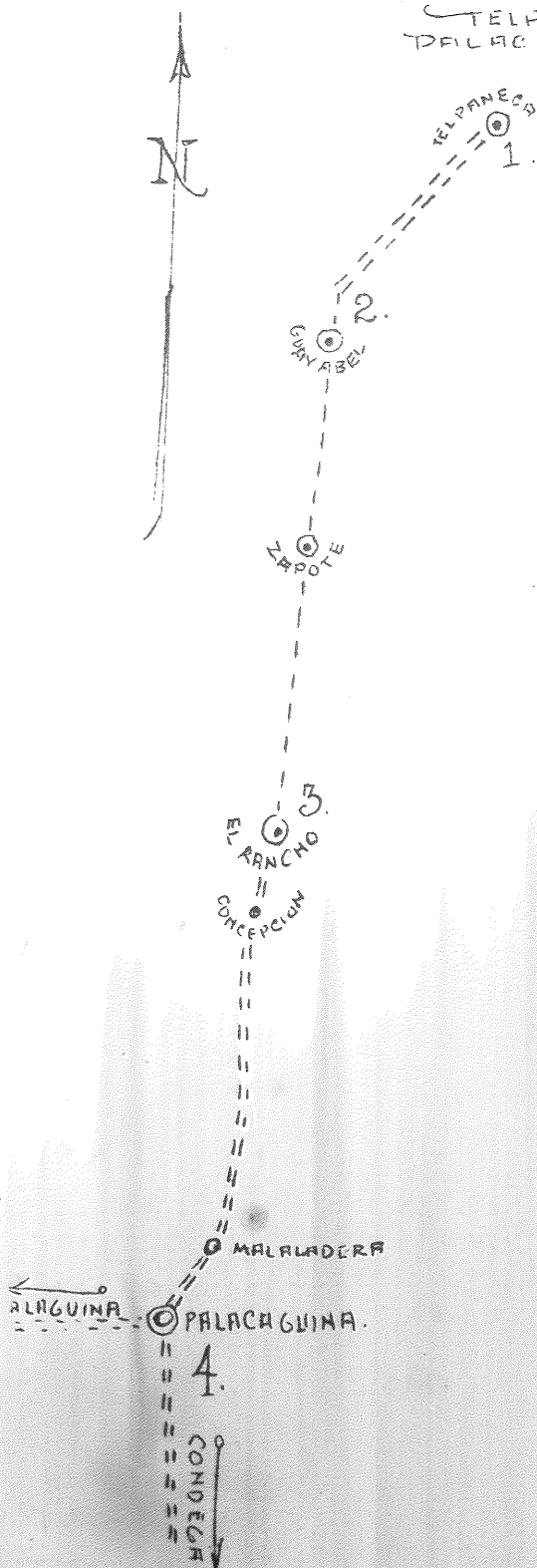
Could be eliminated		<u>270.00</u>
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Total	\$ 1500.00
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In addition to the reduced cost obtained by eliminating the repair of the old road I think the cost could be further reduced by the use of the \$400.00 surplus in the road fund of Telpaneca.

Regarding the importance of this road to the people of this district and more particularly so to the people of Telpaneca there is much to be said. Also the districts South of here will agree as to the importance of it since they will also benefit by its completion. First of all it is the only commercial route to the South for Telpaneca for the others are entirely too mountainous and circuitous. Secondly the people of the district of Telpaneca have suffered for want of some means of getting their coffee and other produce out of the district. That district produces a large surplus of coffee particularly and also corn and beans. In ordinary times the amount of coffee which leaves that district exceeds 10,000 sacks or quintals. This must all be taken on mule-back to the nearest "carreta" road for further transportation South. During the last two years only about a fifth of this amount was gotten out. This was due of course in part to the difficulty encountered in harvesting it but there was also another cause. The people were afraid of losing not only their cargo but their animals to the marauding bandit groups. At present to carry coffee out of the district ten mules are required to transport the load of a carreta drawn by four bulls. (The bandits' interest in these latter animals is null for they are too tough to eat and travel too slowly to drive them to Honduras). When the surplus is small it is evident that there is then greater necessity of

Sketch OF TELPANECA PALACAGUINA ROAD.



"NOTES"

1. THIS ROAD APPROXIMATE LENGTH 6 LEAGUES.
2. UNCOMPLETED PORTION ABOUT 2 1/2 LEAGUES.
3. MOUNTAIN RIDGE ROAD BETWEEN 2 & 3
4. SOIL: HEAVY SAND LOAM. WITHSTANDS RAIN WELL.
5. MANY PARTS WILL NOT REQUIRE ALIGN WORK.

W.B.

Legend:

=== CARRERA ROADS.

--- UNCOMPLETED PORTION.

SCALE:

1 LEAGUE = 1/4" (approx.)

Joseph Branner
Capt. U.S.A.

marketing what is on hand. The completion of this road would then permit the people to send their produce out regardless of the bandit conditions in the country. Thirdly the people in the districts lying to the south of here will benefit by the reduced cost of transportation.

The construction of this road is a matter of importance to the people of these two districts in another way. At the present time, and such will continue for several months, there is no means within the districts whereby the people can earn money to buy much needed clothing. They will now work for less than they will later, for the necessity for ready cash is now much greater than it will be after they can sell their corn and other produce. The people are very anxious to see construction began here because of this necessity and should the matter be arranged it will be of more than a double service. The receipt of this tangible and immediate benefit will do more than any other one thing to rally the people to the support of the Government and the Guardia.

In discussing the matter with the people here and of Telpaneca I have received many requests that I take the matter up with their deputies in Managua, Camilo Lopez Irias and Juan Simon Padilla, but since that is beyond my prerogative they were informed that the matter would be taken up by you from Ocotal and after assembling the most pertinent facts I am submitting them to you in hopes that you will be able to render them the service desired.

Assuring you of their true appreciation for your sympathy and service in their interest I remain,

Ever sincerely yours,

/s/ J. OGDEN BRAUER,
Capt., G. N.

PATROL MOVEMENTS FROM DEPT. OF RIVAS, Aug. 12 to 19.

Aug. 13 - Lieut. Poore and guardia patrol cleared San Juan del Sur for Santa Clara. Patrol returned to San Juan del Sur; nothing to report.

Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas for vicinity of Tola; patrol returned to Rivas with one prisoner.

Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas for vicinity of El Rosario. Patrol returned with one prisoner.

Aug. 15 - Lieut. Poore and San Juan del Sur guardia patrol cleared San Juan for and arrived Rivas.

Aug. 16 - Captain Forsyth, Department Commander, inspected towns and guardia garrisons of San Jorge and Buenos Aires and returned to Rivas.

Lieut. Poore and patrol cleared Rivas and returned to San Juan del Sur.

Aug. 18 - Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas in pursuit of criminals. Visited El Limonal and Buenos Aires and returned to Rivas with two prisoners.

Capt. Forsyth and Lieut. Schneeman cleared Rivas; inspected the towns of Belen and Potosi and surrounding area and returned to Rivas.

P E R S O N N E L

Captain J. D. O'Leary cleared Managua by plane on August 17 for Ocotal for assignment to duty in the Northern Area.

Colonel J. C. Smith arrived Managua by plane, from Jinotega on August 18. Assumed duty as acting Jefe Director during the absence of General Matthews.

Captain R. Arnett arrived Managua by plane, from Esteli on August 18. Cleared for Corinto and then for the U.S. on leave.

Lieut. Firsh arrived Managua by plane, from Ocotal on August 18. Returned August 20.

Lieut. Chenoweth arrived Managua from Granada on Aug. 20. Returned same day.

Lieut. A.E. Buckner, G.N., returned to Nicaragua Aug. 20, 1931 from leave in the U.S., and arrived Managua Aug. 21st.

Lieut. Bryson arrived Managua by plane from Jinotega on August 21st.

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