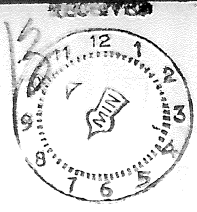


817-1051



DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
RECEIVED  
FEB 3 1932  
DIVISION OF

DIVISION OF  
LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS  
FEB 4 - 1932  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA  
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA.

5-LPH-  
Enhk-ja

THE GUARDIA NEWS LETTER N: 80 ( 19 DEC. TO 31 DEC. 1931 )

19 DECEMBER 1931

Captain Frisbie and patrol arrived San Juan (NA) from Telpaneca.

Lieut Berueffy and Totogalpa patrol returned from Somoto.

Lieut Stanko and patrol arrived San Juan (NA) from Telpaneca.

Lieut Trosper and patrol returned to Jalapa from combat patrol; nothing to report.

1st Sgt Solorzano and patrol cleared Jicaro on combat mission. Returned.

20 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Collins and patrol arrived San Juan from Apali.

Captain Tebbs and patrol cleared Apali on combat mission in direction of Jicaro; returned.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission to vicinity of Las Dificultades. Returned.

Lieut Blanco and patrol arrived Macuelizo from Ocotal and cleared for Santa Maria.

Sergeant Velasquez and patrol cleared Macuelizo for Corral Falso and Paraisito on police mission. Returned; nothing to report.

Lieut Barillas and patrol arrived Villa Nueva.

Lieut Kalman and patrol cleared Somotillo to investigate bandit group operating near the border.

Sgt Centeno and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived Condega.

Lieut Delgadillo, combined San Juan - Apali patrol of Civicos and enlisted GN returned to Jicaro at 01020. This patrol had contact with group of armed bandits under Jefe Sebastain Montenegro, at 14019 near MONTE RICO (245-395). Bandit casualties, Jefe Sebastian Montenegro killed and several wounded. Guardia casualties none. Captured one Cal .38 pistol, 4 cutachas and very important correspondence of Sandino.

THIS COPY FOR STATE DEPARTMENT

LC 817.1051/604

FEB 9 1932

FILED

Lieut Hamas and patrol returned to Jicaro. Patrol had contact with a bandit group near 238-384-NSM. Bandit casualties unknown. Guardia Casualties none. Bandits fled and scattered in heavy underbrush. Captured one bandit suspect.

Sgt Centeno and patrol cleared Condega and reported to Pueblo Nuevo.

21 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Brannon and patrol returned to Jinotega from combat patrols.

Major Whaley, Captain Cox and patrol arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael. Lieut Torrez and patrol arrived from halfway to San Rafael.

Lieut Cramer and patrol cleared Corinto Finca on reconnaissance patrol.

Lieuts Torrez and Saenz and patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega.

Lieut Sanez and patrol arrived San Rafael from halfway to Jinotega.

Lieuts Bryson and Castillo with 30 enl returned from combat patrol. Jinotega (CA).

Lieut Griffith and patrol returned to Telpaneca from combat patrol. Found no trace of recent bandit activity and nothing to report. Patrol heard no firing in direction of Palacaguina.

Lieut Hamas and patrol cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali.

Major Cheatham, Captain Good, Lieut Firth and patrol cleared by plane for Ocotal from Condega. Arrived.

Major Cheatham, Lieut Firth, Lieut Wallace, Lieut Rodriguez and two enl cleared Ocotal for Apali by plane.

Lieut Wallace and Lieut Rodriguez with 1 enlisted arrived Ocotal from Managua by plane.

1st Sgt Mondragon and patrol cleared Yalanguina on police mission.

Lieuts Livermore, Centeno, Zamora and patrol cleared Condega and arrived Daraili (NA).

Captain Frisbie and patrol cleared San Juan and arrived Quilali.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared Macuelizo and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Vogel and patrol returned to Pataste after covering areas Savanas, Matazano, Mal Paso Miquilse, Orose and Cipian. All areas quiet.

Lieut Collins and patrol cleared San Juan and arrived Apali.

Lieut Handerson cleared El Sauce by plane for Somotillo at 1040 and arrived. Cleared Somotillo via same plane for Managua.

22 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Cuadra cleared Leon for La Paz Centro, to take charge.

Major Webb and one enlisted returned Leon from inspection trip to Malpaisillo, Las Trozas, Punta de Rieles and Valle de Zapatas.

Patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Comarca de Chacra Seca. Patrol returned with one pound of captured lead.

Patrol cleared Leon for Telica to act as guards on road being constructed to Las Colinas.

Lieut Gutierrez and patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field with twenty civil prisoners. Returned.

Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Torrez and patrol cleared for Aviation field.

Captains Felming and Rosecrans with two enl returned Jinotega from aviation field.

Captain Gaspar and patrol arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Cramer and patrol returned to Corinto Finca (CA) from reconnaissance mission. Report that a group of bandits under Tranquillino Castro killed the Juez de Canton in La Quebrada on December 14. Reports indicate the bandits moving swiftly to the south.

Captain Gaspar and patrol cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Major Whaley, Captain Cox and patrol cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Sergeant Rojas and patrol cleared Apali on line patrol in direction of Jicaro.

Lieuts Hamas, Wallace, Rodriguez and patrol cleared Apali and arrived Jicaro.

Sgt Rojas and patrol cleared Apali for San Fernando (NA -

Lieuts Livermore, Zamora, Centeno and patrol cleared Daraili.

Lieut Henderson and patrol cleared Somotillo for Naranjo and returned. All secure.

Lieut Price and patrol cleared Santa Maria and arrived Ocotal.



Lieut Trosper and patrol cleared Jalapa on combat mission and returned. Reported area quiet.

Raso Hernandez and patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Palacaguina, turned one man over to palacaguina patrol and picked up Sergeant Suarez and returned.

Cabo Caliz cleared Palacaguina for halfway to Yalaguina and returned to Palacaguina after meeting and transferring man to Yalaguina patrol .

1st Sgt Mondragon and patrol returned to Yalaguina from police mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa on combat mission. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Delgadillo and combined GN and Civico patrol cleared Jicaro and arrived San Juan, home station.

Lieut Henderson and patrol returned to Esteli from Naranjo. Area quiet.

Captain Tebbs and patrol cleared Apali to operate locally.

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Sandino and patrol cleared Telpaneca and arrived Apali.

Lieut Johnson and combined GN and Civico patrol cleared La Trinidad for San Isidro (NA) . This patrol had contact with a group of bandits about one mile from San Isidro (same group that had attacked that town) Contact lasted about 10 minutes. Bandits scattered in all directions. Bandit casualties unknown. Guardia casualties none.

23 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Thompson and patrol cleared Chinandega for San Antonio, Chichigalpa and vicinity. Returned, reported all quiet.

Two enlisted patrols cleared Chinandega and patrolled all roads leading into the city. Reported all quiet.

Lieut Ashbrook and patrol arrived Matagalpa from Aron Juez.

Lieuts Atha and Slattery and patrol cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro.

Lieuts Ashbrook and Fox with patrol cleared for San Isidro from Matagalpa.

Lieut Johnson and guardia patrol from La Trinidad (NA) reported San Isidro from Trinidad.

Patrol cleared chichigalpa for El Bosque, Valle las Mayorgas and vicinity, returned, reported all quiet.

Patrol cleared El Viejo for Atoya and vicinity, returned, reported all quiet.



Lieut Barrillas fifteen cadets, two enl and six civicos cleared for Somotillo from El Sauce. Arrived.

Patrol returned to Leon from patrol to Comarca de Chacra Seca with two civil prisoners.

Patrol cleared Leon for Telica to act as guards on road construction.

Lieut Collins and patrol cleared San Fernando (NA) for Apali and returned to San Fernando.

Lieut Keller and patrol cleared San Fernando for Loma Verde and returned with two civil prisoners.

Lieut Keller and patrol cleared San Fernando to north of that station and returned with one prisoner.

Sergeant Rojas and patrol cleared San Fernando escorting Lieut Collins to San Juan and returned to San Fernando.

Corporal Rivera and patrol cleared for Halfway to Apali to turn over five men for temporary duty in Apali.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo.

Lieuts Munoz and Delgadillo and patrol cleared San Juan for Jicaro.

Sergeant Torrez and patrol cleared for halfway to San Fernando, picked up five San Fernando men and returned Apali.

Sergeant Suarez and patrol cleared Yalaguina on police mission, returned; nothing to report.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Palacaguina for vicinity of 193-345; returned; nothing to report.

Lieut Titsworth and patrol returned to Esteli from halfway to Limay.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol arrived Limay from halfway to Esteli.

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Sandino and patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Jalapa.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal. Cleared Ocotal and arrived Totogalpa.

Lieut Zavala and patrol arrived La Trinidad. Reports that about one mile from La Trinidad they met two men armed with rifles. Men ran and patrol fired. No known casualties.

Lieut Johnson and patrol arrived La Trinidad; nothing to report.

Lieut Atha and Slattery, Lieut Ashbrook and 48 enlisted arrived San Lorenzo.

Lieut Snyder and patrol cleared Las Camolias for Sultana and Palo Blanco. Returned.

Captain Cox and patrol cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.  
Arrived.

Captain Gaspar and patrol cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Enlisted patrol cleared Jinotega for Fundadora.

Lieuts Bryson andnCastillo and patrol cleared San Rafael  
for La Concordia. Patrol arrived.

Captain Gaspar and fourteen enl arrived San Rafael from  
Jinotega.

Lieuts Atha, Slattery and patrol reported San  
Isidro from Matagalpa.

Lieuts Ashbrook and Fox with 10 enl reported San Isidro  
from Matagalpa.

Lieuts Roberts and Gamelius and patrol reported Matagalpa  
from Navarro.

Patrol cleared Consuelo (CA) for Buena. Other patrol cleared  
for Agua Amarilla.

Captain Cox and 1 enl cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro.  
Reported San Isidro.

Lieut Fox returned to Matagalpa from San Isidro.

Lieut Snyder and patrol cleared Fundadora for Salvador  
and vicinity. (CA)

Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared Fundadora (CA) for  
Masocote, Sultana and vicinity. Returned.

Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared to patrol area of  
La Luz and returned to Fundadora.

Lieut Snyder and patrol returned to Las Camilias from  
patrol.

Lieut Snyder and patrol cleared Las Camilias (CA) for  
Fundadora and returned.

Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared for Parisio and  
Aurora and vicinity. (CA) Returned to Fundadora.

Lieut Snyder cleared Las Camelias (CA) for Los Milagos  
and returned.

24 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Cuadra arrived Leon from Chinandega on duty.

Lieut Barillas and patrol cleared Somotillo for Villa  
Nueva.

Captain A. H. Fricke arrived Leon from Corinto.

Lieut Herregodts and patrol returned to Leon from patrol to Malpaisillo.

Enlisted patrol returned to Leon from Tellica.

Captain McQueen and patrol cleared El Sauce for halfway to Villanueva to escort Lieut Barillas to El Sauce.

Lieuts Downey and Brannon and patrol cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Major Whaley, Captain Rosecrans and 1 enl cleared for aivation field.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Campbell and patrol reported Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieut Saenz and patrol with three civil prisoners returned to San Rafael, captured shotgun, powder horn filled, lead slugs, and machettes. Patrol traveled three leagues to east and south. No bandit information.

Lieuts Atha, slattery and Ashbrook with 40 enl arrived La Concordia.

Enlisted patrol returned to La Concordia from reconnaissance mission, covered areas of Ocotillo, San Cristobla and Uupali. No bandit information.

Lieut Matamoras and patrol cleared La Concordia on patrol to east. Returned; No bandit information.

Lieut Navarette and one enl cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda. Returned to Muy Muy.

Lieut Zavala and patrol cleared San Isidro for La Trinidad.

#### 25 DECEMBER 1931

Captain Skinner arrived Leon from Chinandega.

Lieut Cuadra (MC) cleared Leon, returned to Chinandega for duty.

Captain McQueen and patrol with Lieut Barillas returned to El Sauce after meeting Villa Nueva patrol which returned to home station.

Patrol cleared Leon for telica to act as road guards.

Lieut Cuadra cleared for Leon on special duty.

Patrol covered all roads leading to Chinandega, returned reported all quiet.

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Trospen and patrol cleared Jalapa for vicinity 253-410.



Lieut Bilbrey and patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Quilali.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Truesdale, Lieut Whitehead and patrol cleared Quilali to ascertain whereabouts of Lieut. Bilbrey's patrol; encountered it and returned to Quilali.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Truesdale and patrol cleared for vicinity of 250-388.

Lieut Castillo with fourteen enl cleared to northeast on reconnaissance patrol from La Concordia.

Lieut Matamoras and patrol cleared La Concordia on reconnaissance patrol to the north. Returned, all quiet.

Lieut Castillo and patrol returned from Patrol. areas covered quiet.

Lieut Stevens and 1 enl cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda (CA) and Esquipulas.

26 DECEMBER 1931

Captain Skinner cleared Chinandega at 0900 for Leon.

Lieut Cuadra returned to Chinandega from Leon.

Sergeant Garcia and patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Picked up Lieut Jackson and returned to Condega.

Captain O'Leary, Lieut Jackson and patrol cleared for halfway to to Condega, turned over Lt Jackson to Condega patrol; picked up two civil prisoners and returned to Pueblo nuevo.

1st Sgt Cortez and patrol cleared for Amatillo on ration patrol and returned to Macuelizo.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared Macuelizo N(A) for vicinity of Las Vueltas.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission patrolled Loma Fria, El Horno, Suyutal, Los Manosio and Los Planos. All quiet; returned to Dipilto.

Captain Williams and patrol cleared Somoto and reconnoitered vicinity; returned via La Virgen, Zapatillo and Santa Rosa; area quiet.

Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Pataste and covered areas Natasany and rio Megote.

Sgt Nufiez and patrol cleared Dipilto to escort the Jefe Politico on an investigation; returned.

Lieuts Livermore, Centeno Zamora and patrol arrived San Juan at 20026 and reported having covered area 232-360, 237-559, 220-360, 220364, 230-364, 235-364 to San Juan. On 23 Dec encountered small group making bombs; group offered no resistance; captured 10 bombs and 40 sticks dynamite, destroyed bombs and confiscated dynamite.

Lieut McDonald returned to Leon from Managua.

Captain Skinner cleared Leon for and arrived Chinandega.

Captain Trumble arrived in Somotillo for further duty at Villanueva.

enlisted patrol returned to Leon from Telica.

Lieut Satterfield and patrol arrived Somotillo.

Lieut Gomez and patrol cleared El Sauce for Esteli to bring civil prisoner wanted in Leon for murder.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Prieb and patrol cleared on combat mission.

Captain Gaspar and patrol cleared San Rafael for La Concordia. Arrived.

Lieut Bryson and patrol arrived San Rafael from Concordia.

Lieuts Atha, Slattery and Ashbrook and patrol cleared on combat mission towards Moropotente.

Lieut Castillo and patrol cleared La Concordia in direction of Suni on combat patrol.

Lieut Ragsdale and patrol cleared Consuelo for Auga Amarillo.

Lieut Stevens and one enl reported Esquipulas from La Pineda.

Captain Frisbie and guardia patrol of thirty two enlisted from Quilali (NA) ambushed a group of bandits at point (254-378) Nueva Segovia Map, which is three leagues east of Chipote. Two bandits were killed and one wounded. The patrol leader believes the wounded bandit was either Pedron Altamirano or Julian Gutierrez. Patrol gained information confirmed by captured correspondence signed by Sandino dated Dec. 24, indicating Sandino and Colindres cleared above point at daylight Dec. 25 in the direction of Jinotega. Same patrol located and destroyed six deserted bandit camps which gave evidence of having been used by Sandino at various times near Chupon 257-379, Nueva Segovia Map. Captured three good animals, small amount ammunition, correspondence and a seal. No guardia casualties.

#### 27 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Thompson and patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito, La Bolso, El Bosque, El Cerro and Santa Clara and vicinity, returned, no bandit information; all quiet.

Lieut Dumas and patrol cleared Chichigalpa for Valle de Mayorga, Posoltega and vicinity, returned; no bandit information. Reported all quiet.

Lieut Muñoz and Delgadillo with guardia patrol cleared Jicaro on combat mission.

Lieuts Hamas, Rodriguez and patrol cleared Jicaro on combat mission.

Lieut Gomez, combined cadet and auxiliary patrol cleared El Sauce to patrol area enroute to Esteli. Patrol arrived Esteli.

Captain Tebbs and patrol cleared Apali and arrived Jicaro; cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal; cleared Ocotal.

Major Webb cleared Leon for and arrived Managua on duty.

Captain Trumble, Lieut Satterfield and patrol cleared Somotillo for Villa Nueva.

Lieut Cuadra cleared La Paz Centro en patrol to La Paz Viejo Amatitan, La Ceiba and vicinities. Patrol returned to La Paz Centro.

Lieut Atwell and patrol arrived El Sauce from Achaupa after patrolling area east and south of Achaupa.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon for telica to act as road guards.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon on patrol to end of Leon - Sauce Rail line.

Lieut Castrillo and patrol cleared Leon on patrol to El Tololar, El Pochote and Valle de Zapatas.

Lieut Roberts and patrol cleared Matagalpa for one league south of town to investigate shooting heard, returned to Matagalpa Nothing to report.

Lieut Stevens and Lieut Steward cleared Esquipulas for San Dionisio and returned to Esquipulas.

#### 28 DECEMBER, 1931

Enlisted patrol arrived Chinandega from Managua for duty.

Captain Skinner cleared Chinandega for El Tempisque on inspection trip. Returned.

Captain Schwerin and patrol cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca. (ca)

Lieut Stevens and one Enl cleared Esquipulas for Muy Muy (CA).

Lieut Atha and combat patrol arrived San Isidro.

Lieuts Hamas and Munoz and combined patrols from Jicaro and San Juan (NA) had two contacts one on Dec. 28 and one on Dec. 29 with outposts of Landino's main camp northeast of Chipote area. Bandit casualties three killed including Marcelino Castellano and several others wounded including Rafael Alta Mirano, as Staff Officer of Sandinos' and a relative of Pedron Altamirano. One guardia wounded. Captured watch, airplane panels, bombs, important correspondence and many miscellaneous articles. Patrols forced outposts of Sandinos main camp to retreat. Reported Sandino himself, with well armed body guard, fled to the southeast towards Cua area.



Lieut Herregodts and patrol cleared Leon as escorts for bull cart train up to Limay.

Lieut Gomez and patrol arrived El Sauce from Estelí , reporting section patrolled quiet.

Patrol cleared Leon to Telica to act as roadguards on road being constructed from Telica to Las Colinas.

Lieut Castrillo and patrol onw operating in las Zapatas.

Captain Skinner cleared Chinandega for Managua on special duty.

Lieut Thompson in company of Jefe Politico cleared at 1000 for Chichigalpa and San Antonio to inspect roads.

Lieut Cuadra returned from El Polvon at 1500.

Lieut Connelly arrived at 1500 from El Polvon for temporary duty.

Lieut Atwell and patrol cleared for vicinity of 42.6-23 MC Donald map.

Lieut Barrillas and patrol cleared El Sauce for vicinity of valle de Zapatas.

Captain Trumble and cadets cleared Villa Nueva on patrol to Valle de Zapatas.

Captain Fricke cleared Leon for Managua on duty.

Lieut Castrillo and patrol operating at Valle de Zapatas.

Lieut McDonald cleared Leon to Malpaisillo, enroute to San Nicolas farm.

Lieut Herregodts and patrol enroute to Limay as escort for bull trains.

#0                      30 DECEMBER 1931.

Lieut Connelly ~~and patrol~~ cleared for Managua .

Lieut Burns and patrol cleared for El Viejo and vicinity in search of escaped prisoners. Returned, no information

28 DECEMBER 1931

A post of 1 officer and 20 men was established at La Rota as a guard for the construction gang working on the Leon - El Sauce Railroad.

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

Following contact report of Lieut. Berueffy, Jr., is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
TOTO GALPA, NICARAGUA,  
17 December, 1931.

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

Subject: Contact, report of.

1. A patrol cleared Totogalpa on combat mission to 193-365 (Torrero Grande) at 2020, 16 December, 1931. The patrol consisted of the following:

2nd Lt. Max Berueffy, Jr.				
Cabo Feliciano Ponce	# 3182	Raso	Gaitan, Jose	# 3690
Raso Lopez, Martin	4190	Raso	Lainez, Lucio	4191
Raso Gomez, Santiago		Raso	Olivas, Jose	4177
Raso Guzman, Julio	3316	Raso	Garache, Francisco	1955
Raso Garcia, Salvador		Raso	Cacores, Jose	4204

2. At 2010 a police patrol returned with information that a group was encamped in Torrero Grande, Jefe unknown. At 2020, cleared patrol and arrived at camp of group at 2200. Bandits occupied a low hill, when about fifty yards from encampment, we were fired on. The patrol returned the fire. Three rifle grenades were discharged, only one detonated. Patrol advanced on bandit position from three sides of the hill. The patrol was not large enough to completely surround the bandit position. The advance was made as rapidly as possible and under fire from the bandit group. The bandits fled in general direction of Cujo. The patrol pursued the group for about an hour, but we were unable to gain contact, as the group broke up and fled in all directions. Returned to site of camp and destroyed the camp and fourteen hides. Captured two sticks of dynamite, forty cal. 45 and twenty cal. 30 cartridges (Krag).

3. Firing started at 2200 and lasted until 2215. Bandits used rifles and pistols. Guardia used one STMG, rifle grenades and pistol, eight rifles. Bandit group was of twenty five or thirty. Jefe Cosme Gutierrez.

Guardia Casualties:	None.
Bandit Casualties:	One killed, several blood signs indicated that there were at least 3 wounded.

4. Conduct of the patrol was exemplary, I would like to especially compliment Cabo Ponce and Raso Lainez on the manner in which they layed a protecting fire for the advance of the patrol.

/s/ MAX. BERUEFFY, Jr.

The following telegram from the President of the Republic was received by the Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional

"" FROM VERACRUZ 11.45 am. 24 December, 1931.  
Received in the Guardia Nacional 4.18 pm. 24 December, 1931.

TO: JEFE DIRECTOR, GUARDIA NACIONAL.

I desire at this time to express my appreciation and confidence in you, your officers and men under your Command for their zeal, loyalty, noble conduct and exceptional and distinguished services rendered and wish them all a merry Christmas and a happy new year stop JOSE MARIA MONCADA 11324. ""

----- 0 -----  
The following report from the Department of Rivas, is quoted :

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF RIVAS.  
RIVAS NICARAGUA, 23 December, 1931.

OPERATIONS REPORT FROM 17 DEC. to 23 DEC., 1931.

17 Dec. - Lt. Bello and 2 enlisted cleared Cardenas at 0400 on inspection trip to Colon and Costa Rican border.

Lt. Pulvor cleared Rivas at 0700 for temporary duty Managua.

18 Dec. - 1 enl. cleared Rivas at 1050 and arrived San Juan del Sur at 1430.

2 enl. cleared Rivas at 0900 on police mission to Bolen, returned Rivas at 1730.

19 Dec. - 1 enl. cleared Buenos Aires at 0700 and arrived Rivas; cleared Rivas and returned to Buenos Aires at 1500.

Capt. Forsyth cleared Rivas at 1050 to inspect San Jorge and Buenos Aires; returned to Rivas at 1530.

1 enl. cleared San Juan del Sur at 1230 and arrived Rivas at 1640.

20 Dec. - Capt. Forsyth and patrol cleared Rivas at 0900 to inspect El Rosario and vicinity; returned to Rivas at 1600.

21 Dec. - Lt. Adams and 1 enl cleared San Juan del Sur at 1030 on police mission to Ostional; returned to San Juan del Sur at 2100 with one prisoner.

Lt Bello and patrol returned to Cardenas at 1500, on 17 Dec., patrolled Sabalos, Grosi, Sardinas, Santa Ana and arrived Colon. On 18 Dec. patrolled El Toro and arrived at San Antonio on the Costa Rican border. On 19 Dec. registered all boats which passed up the Rio Pizote to enter Costa Rica, then cleared for and arrived Colon.



On 20th Dec. patrolled vicinity of Colon.  
On 21st Dec. cleared Colon and arrived Cardenas.  
All the area patrolled very quiet. Confiscated  
one pistol from Alejandro Espinosa, who was  
carrying it without authority.

22 Dec. - 2 enl. cleared San Juan del Sur at 0700 on  
police mission to vicinity of Brito.

Lt. Pulver returned to Rivas from temporary  
duty in Managua.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER reports:

It is reported that General ROBERTO HURTADO, who is a  
political deportee from Nicaragua, has been ordered to live  
in San Jose by the Costa Rican Government. Hurtado since  
his deportation, about one year ago, has been living near  
the border and is believed to have disseminated much propa-  
ganda in this department against the present government.

/s/ RALPH E. FORSYTH.

Following reports from Advanced Headquarters, Northern  
Area for December 25, 26 and 27, are quoted:

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS,  
NORTHERN AREA,  
APALI, NIC.,

25 December, 1931.

OPERATIONS AND RELATED EVENTS.

Patrol 1-H cleared Jalapa at 04025 with ten (10) days  
rations to operate in accordance with plan dated 23 December,  
1931, slightly modified in respect to this particular patrol  
as follows: "" Lie in ambush for three days along bandit  
runs leading into Honduras, changing location of ambushes  
from day to day and then proceed south.""

Patrol 2-F cleared Quilali in direction of Jicaro to  
investigate non-arrival of Bilbrey's patrol from Jicaro.  
Met Bilbrey's patrol and returned to Quilali 14225 and  
again cleared 15325 to operate in accordance with plan of  
23 December 1931. This patrol was prevented from clearing  
at time intended due to failure on part of Lt Bilbrey to  
carry out orders.

Patrols 3-H and 5-H cleared Jicaro at 04525 with ten  
(10) days rations to operate in accordance with plan dated  
23 December 1931.

Patrol 4-L continued operations in Ojoche-Silencio Area.  
No reports received during day. Daraili reports that infor-  
mation was obtained from natives from San Andres that three  
bombs were heard from the direction probable location of  
this patrol.

Lt. Bilbrey with eighteen (18) enlisted cleared Jicaro at 03325 for Quilali and arrived Quilali at 14225.

The drive was started on the 25th December and all patrols except one cleared before daybreak to inject an element of surprise into the operations as bandits would assume that troops would observe a holiday routine on this day. An additional element of surprise enters into the operations by reason of the fact that troops for the drive were assembled at stations (Jicaro and Jalapa) which the bandits had circulated reports that they were going to attack. Advantage was taken of the fact that the bandits would probably think troop movements to these points were for the defense of these stations.

Daraili reports: "" Information from San Andres 212-355, that at 1000 today three bombs were heard in direction of 218-365."" This is from approximate location of operations of patrol 4-L.

Daraili reports: "" Reliable information that group of bandits size and jefe unknown but reported as large group were at 223-352 at 1200 today, killed two natives and wounded one who reported later, I think this group will stay at 221-351 tonight Nueva Segovia. This is a good place to bomb by plane.""

Ocotul reports: "" Reported here that about five bombs were heard at 21024 in direction of San Fernando.""

The bandit group reported by Daraili will probably enter the Ojoche-Silencio section by December 26th, in which section patrol 4-L is now operating. The bombing reported as having been heard in the direction of San Fernando at 21024 and also the explosion of bomb close to station at Apali are believed to have been a demonstration to prevent operation against Sandino's main camp

26 DECEMBER 1931.

Patrol 1-H operating in accordance with plan dated December 23, 1931. No reports from.

Patrol 2-F operating in accordance with plan dated December 23, 1931. No reports from.

Patrol 3-M operating in accordance with plan dated December 23, 1931. No reports from.

Patrol 4-L operating in Ojoche-Silencio section. No reports from.

Patrol 5-H operating in accordance with plan dated December 23, 1931. No reports from.

Sancto reports: "" Capt. Williams and patrol cleared Sancto at 02026 returned at 19426 from vicinity 147-346 via La Virgen 146-348, Zapatillo 150-351 and Santa Rosa 156-352, area covered quiet. Reported group of about 28 of whom armed proceeding from border passed near 144-345 on 22nd and continued southeast. Inocente Diaz who has recently been in area with small group reported to have returned to Honduras. Licut. Vogel and 12 enl. and 2 civicos cleared Patasto 22025 and arrived at 147-346 at 06026 via Orusi 146-338, Matasano 146-338, returned Patasto via Rio Mogote.""

Report received from Jefe Politico of Esteli that on night of 24 December a group of 200 passed south of point 8.9-GG.3 and stated they would attack El Sauce on January 2nd, 1932..

Daraili reports that 215 people mostly men from vicinity Buena Vista 223-352; San Geronimo 220-352 and Bijagual 232-344 came to Daraili for protection and remained the night of December 25-26.

It was to be expected that reports would circulate and demonstrations made with the purpose of stopping operations against the main bandit camp. These tactics were employed a short time ago when troops were concentrated to operate in the section East of Murra. At that time the bandits attacked the stations at Quilali and San Juan de Telpaneca with the result that troops in concentration were returned to their stations. The bandits probably did not expect the present operations to begin until after Christmas. Their demonstrations to secure the removal of troops south were started too late this time as troops had already jumped off.

27 DECEMBER 1931.

Patrol 1-H operating in accordance with plan dated 23 December 1931.

Patrol 2-F operating in accordance with plan dated 23 December 1931.

Patrol 3-M operating in accordance with plan dated 23 December 1931.

Patrol 4-L arrived San Juan de Telpaneca at 08127 from operating in Ojocho-Silencio section. No reports of bandit activities. Directed remain San Juan de Telpaneca resting today and to proceed to Quilali morning of December 28, 1931. This patrol will replace sick and lame from station at San Juan de Telpaneca before proceeding to Quilali. On arrival there it will prepare to clear with seven days rations on receipt of further orders at Quilali. This patrol was out four (4) nights.

Patrol 5-H operating in accordance with plan dated 23 December 1931.

Captain Tobbs and patrol of ten (10) enlisted cleared Apali at 07327 for Jicaro and arrived Jicaro at 10527; Captain Tobbs and patrol of nine enlisted cleared Jicaro at 13427 for Apali and arrived Apali at 16027.

Quilali reports: Natives report machine gun, rifle, and bomb firing south east of Chipote at 14326.

Pueblo Nuevo reports: Native gossip that Sandino ordered all Jefes to join him for conference and to get Jefes opinion whether to continue operations or not. This conference location unknown but probably near southwest of Segovia. 19427.

/s/ THOS. P. CHERHAM.  
Major, G.N.de Nic.



Following; translation of contact report from Neptune Mine patrol (Eastern Area) is quoted:

DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN BLUEFIELDS, GUARDIA NACIONAL.  
PUERTO CABEZAS, NIC., NEPTUNE MINE DET.  
14 DECEMBER 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. J. B. Rodriguez, G.N.  
To : The Area Commander, Eastern Area,  
Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Subject: Contact report with a group of armed bandits.

1. The following report of a contact which took place about 40 miles from Neptune Mine, Northeast at 10:00 am., of 29 November 1931.

STATION OF PATROL

Neptune Mine, Nicaragua.

MISSION OF PATROL

The patrol was sent to capture a group that was marauding around that place (Sulun) stealing cattle.

DATE AND HOUR OF CONTACT

29 November 1931 at 10:00 in the morning.

DURATION OF CONTACT

The combat was very short which lasted about half an hour.

NAME OF JEFFE AND NATIONAL GUARDIAS AND CIVIL GUARDIAS WHO TOOK PART IN CONTACT.

GUARDIA PATROL		CIVIC CORP
Cabo Martinez, Carlos	# 1849	Arturo Pineda (in charge)
Raso Alaniz, Gumercindo	3084	Adolfo Castrillo
" Garzon, Jesus	4809	Carlos Kiambel
" Fernandez, Narciso	4745	Francisco Espinosa
" Sanchez, Jose	4791	Juan Guerrero
		Ignacio Iglesias
		Sabino Rizo
		Ildefonso Urbina

NUMBER OF BANDITS THAT TOOK PART.

This group consisted of 25 men armed with rifles.

CASUALTIES

Guardia: NONE  
Bandits: Five dead were identified.

Moreover it is believed that about 20 more men, more or less, were drowned because when the combat started they were trying to make their escape in the pitpans when Raso Alaniz, Gumercindo opened the Browning on them and the pitpans were torn to pieces and all of the men that were in there and who were all bandits because when fire was opened upon them they fired back

went down the river with their arms they carried, for that reason it is believed that all the bandits who were at Sulun in the house of Pedro Leon, Juez de Hesta, appointed by General Augusto C. Sandino were drowned, in which the said Juez de Hesta also died in that tragedy of 29 November, 1931.

ARMS USED BY THE GUARDIA IN THE CONTACT

One Automatic Rifle Browning with 400 rounds, 200 rounds were used in the contact. 18 Rifles Krag with 1800 rounds, 250 rounds were used in the contact. The machine occupied only when they were trying to escape in the pitpans. They had no machine guns, only rifles of all sorts. 9 dead were identified in part of the bandits, and four rifles, one Winchester cal. 38 with 16 shells, 1 shotgun cal. 16 with 10 shells, 2 loading shotguns with 1 tin of powder containing 1 pound and 20 percussion caps and 2 machetes.

The camp was completely destroyed together with 45 quintals beans, 20 quintals rice, and about 50 quintals corn, food for the bandits. The house and all that was found in there was completely destroyed. Some Indians from the side of Sulun came and they said that they saw dead bodies floating down the river and that what I think that all those that were going in the pitpans most of perished, because when the machine gun was shooting at them none was seen to come out from the water. For that reason I can recommend you all the Guardia that took part on that combat as well as civilian guardia, they acted very brave against the enemy. It is believed that Col. Chavarria must of perished in that combat because he was the jefe of that group. Personally I want on a commission around Siuna because they say another group of bandits are around that way. Awaiting orders.

1 Copy sent to Department Commander, Puerto Cabezas.

/s/ J. B. RODRIGUEZ,  
2nd Lt., G.N.

Following extracts from "RECORD OF EVENTS" Department of Northern Bluefields, Eastern Area, for month of November, 1931, is quoted:

MILITARY OPERATIONS:

- 1 Nov. 0530 Lts Levonski, Suprenant and 30 men patrol cleared Kisalaya for upper Wanks River.  
0800 Ford Transport Lt Becker pilot left for Managua. Returned to Puerto Cabezas at 0900. 1200 two amphibians Lts Rutledge and Weir pilots, Capt Inman passenger on air patrol to Kisalaya and up Wanks to connect with Levonski. Returned 1600.
- 2 Nov. 0300 Pay Train B B L Co. departed to pay line with Lt Peterson and ten guardias as Guard. Returned 1700. 0800 Ford Amphibians on air patrol of line and upper Wanks River. Returned 1100.
- 3 Nov. 0830 Two amphibians Capt Inman passenger to upper Wanks to cover Levonski patrol.  
1100 Two amphibians returned to Puerto Cabezas.  
1200 Ford Transport Lt. McKittrick pilot arrived with shipment arms and ammunitions.
- 4 Nov. 0830 Two amphibians to Alvarez on Wanks with Capt. Inman. Returned 1030.  
0900 Ford Transport Lt. McKittrick departed for Managua.
- 5 Nov. 1105 Ford Transport arrived with Capt. Mulcahy and Lt Saunders.  
1200 U U S Rochester arrived at Puerto Cabezas.
- 6 Nov. 0850 Ford Transport Capt. Mulcahy Lt Weir left for Managua.  
0900 two amphibians Capt Inman passenger to Wira Pani to support Levonski's patrol on Wanks River.
- 7 Nov. 0900 Two amphibians Lt Peterson to Kisalaya on pay mission. Returned Puerto Cabezas 1000.  
0600 Lt Cipolloni and five guardias on patrol to Guyutigne to search for body of Francisco Diaz. Found skeleton and returned to Port at 2200.  
1040 Two amphibians Lts Saunders and Rutledge to Bluefields with arms and ammunition.  
1400 Lt Levonski, Lt Suprenant and patrol arrived at Kisalaya.
- 9 Nov. 0600 Lt Levonski and and twenty four men cleared Kisalaya for Puerto Cabezas.  
0700 Lt Stephenson and nine men on patrol to Kun from Kisalaya.
- 10 Nov. 0500 U S S Rochester departed for Bluefields.
- 13 Nov. 1700 Lt Stephenson and nine (9) enl. returned to Kisalaya from Kun.
- 14 Nov. 1110 One Transport landplane 1LT SGT Hunsch pilot, Major Huefo, Capt. Gamble and Lt McLeod arrived.

- 15 Nov. 0715 Lt Suprenant and ten enlisted cleared Kusalaya for Puerto Cabezas.  
0910 Transport landplane departed for Managua with Major Huefo, Capt. Gamble and Lt. McLeod.
- 16 Nov. 1500 Lt Suprenant arrived Puerto Cabezas with ten men.
- 20 Nov. 0400 Lt Suprenant with 12 men cleared Moss Farm for Kusalaya.  
1150 Transport landplane Lt Saunders pilot, Lt-Col Price and Lt Stevenson passengers arrived Puerto Cabezas.
- 21 Nov. 0830 Transport landplane Lt Saunders pilot cleared for Managua.
- 22 Nov. 0500 Lt Suprenant cleared Kusalaya to reconnoiter Laimus trail. Returned 1700.  
0800 Lt Peterson and 2 enl. to Kipla Farm and Toledo Wye to issue clothing. Returned.
- 23 Nov. 0500 Lt Stephenson and six enlisted cleared Kusalaya in search bandit agents above Saulalla. Returned 1600.
- 24 Nov. 1900 Capt Inman to Cabo Gracias on inspection trip via Escupe Fuego..
- 25 Nov. 0800 Lt Peterson to Moss Farm to issue clothing. Returned.
- 28 Nov. 0600 Lt Stephenson and 10 enl. cleared Kusalaya for lower Man's River on police patrol.  
1630 Captain Inman arrived from Cabo Gracias via Escupe Fuego.

There are no civicos nor auxiliaries in this Department but there are about 30 to 35 Americans employed by the Standard Fruit Company who will place themselves under temporary military authority during a crisis or necessity. Line outposts were inspected by the Department Commander on 12 November. The Kusalaya Detachment was inspected by the Department Commander on 4 November. Cape Gracias was inspected by the Department Commander on 25 November. All outposts were found in a proper state of preparedness, personnel and quarters being in excellent condition.

----- o -----

### P E R S O N N E L

Lieut. H. W. Bond re joined Guardia from U.S. on 29 Dec. 31, to duty Northern Area.  
Lieut. Schneeman and Hoskin detached to Brigade 31 Dec. due to health.  
Lieut. Gonzalo Cortes (MC) G.N., resigned 31 Dec. 1931 due to ill health.  
Col. Watson returned from Jinotega December 31, 1931.  
Col. Sheard spent four days in Jinotega. Returned Managua 2 January, 1932.

*The  
End*