

Sgt Acevedo and patrol cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo. Six enl remained in Macuelizo and patrol returned to Santa Maria.

Sgt Sanchez and patrol cleared Dipilto for Las Manos to escort civilian party from that point to Dipilto. Returned.

Lieut Cabrera and patrol cleared Somoto for Pataste. Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared for Macuelizo.

Lieut Wallace and patrol cleared Apali for Jalapa.

Lieut Burt and patrol cleared Daraili for and arrived Condega.

Lieut Mendoza and patrol cleared Esteli on police mission one league west of Esteli. Returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Esteli on police mission .

Lieuts Trosper and Collins (R) and patrol cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Sgt Solorzano and patrol cleared Jicaro for Apali and arrived. Cleared and returned to home station.

Cabo Calero and patrol returned to Condega from halfway patrol to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Burt and patrol cleared Condega for Daraili and arrived.

Lieut Trosper and patrol returned from Sanfernando to Apali.

Colonel Smith, Lieut Ward and enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega and arrived.

Lieuts Stevens and Herregodts reported Esquipulas from Muy Muy

Enlisted patrol cleared Consuelo on police mission.

Lieut Ward and patrol cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

Lieut Gutierrez and patrol cleared Jinotega on combat patrol and returned.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and patrol cleared San Rafael on combat patrol.

#### 12 FEBRUARY 1932.

Lieut Schuler cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and San Antonio and returned, on duty.

Captain Elmore arrived Leon from Chinandega.

Lieut Cuadra cleared Leon to Malpaisillo, carrying funds for Lieut Centeno's patrol. Returned.

Captain Williams, Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Somoto for Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieut Klein and patrol cleared Ocotal for Apali and arrived.

Enlisted patrol returned to Esteli from police mission to Rodea, with three prisoners.

Lieut Blanco and patrol cleared Santa Maria for vicinity of 169-405. Returned. All quiet.

Lieut Wallace and patrol arrived Jalapa from Apali.

1st Sgt. Solorzano and patrol cleared Jicaro for Apali. Patrol Arrived.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Condega for vicinity of 44.5 24.6 McD. Map. to operate on local information.

Captain Williams and patrol cleared Yalaguina for Somoto and arrived.

1st Sgt Reyes and patrol cleared Totogalpa for halfway to Yalaguina.

Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Totogalpa. Arrived.

1st Sgt Mondragon and patrol returned to Yalaguina from halfway patrol to Totogalpa.

Captain Arnett and patrol cleared Esteli for Matagalpa.

Enlisted patrol arrived Macuelizo from Santa Maria.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol returned to Macuelizo from Somoto.

1st Sergeant Cortez and patrol cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieuts Stevens and Herregodts cleared Esquipulas for San Dionisio.

Lieut Ward and patrol arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Enlisted patrol cleared Consuelo on contraband patrol and returned.

Captains Fleming and Rosecrans, Lieut Foster and 16 enlisted cleared Jinotega for Aviation field. Enlisted returned Jinotega.

Captain Schwerin and Lieut Brannon and patrol cleared on combat mission.

Lieuts Alexander and Castillo and patrol cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

#### 13 February 1932

Lieut McDonald and patrol of Guardia and Auxiliares returned to Leon from patrol to Chichigalpa.

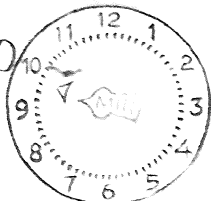
Lieut Lopez cleared Leon to Guardia Hospital Managua.

Captain Elmore cleared Leon with auxiliar patrol to Telica.

Lieut Centeno and patrol cleared Valle de las Zapatas on patrol to Telica.

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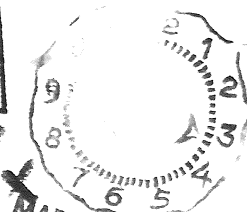
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9 FEBRUARY, 1932

Lieut Singletary and patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael and returned.

Lieut Bryson and patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega and arrived.

Lieuts Cramer and Bryson and patrol arrived Corinto Finca from combat patrol.

10 FEBRUARY 1932

Lieut Uriza and patrol cleared Matatagpa for Algovia.

Lieut Elliott cleared San Isidro for Rio Viejo and returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieuts Stevens and Herregodts cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda.

Colonel Smith, Commanding Central Area, and enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Managua.

Lieuts Pennington and Gumaelius and patrol returned to Navarro from combat patrol. (CA).

Lieut Leadey and patrol cleared Consuelo on contraband patrol and returned.

Lieut Downey and patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to Matagalpa. Arrived and returned to Jinotega.

Colonel Smith, Lieutenant Ward and enlisted arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieut Castillo and patrol cleared Yali for San Rafael. Patrol arrived.

11 FEBRUARY 1932

Lieut Coffman and one cadet arrived Leon from Valle de

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Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Truesdale and patrol cleared San Juan for Quilali to obtain provisions. Patrol fired on and killed Felipe Diaz, well known bandit near Buena Vista 230-370, captured one pistol, cal. .38, ammunition, machete and miscellaneous articles. Patrol arrived Quilali.

Lieut Zamora and patrol returned to Condega from halfway to Pueblo Nuevo, escorting Lieut Jackson (MC).

Enlisted patrol arrived Limay from El Sauce.

Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa.

Lieuts Stevens and Herregodts cleared Esquipulas for Muy Muy and reported.

Lieuts Pennington and Gumaelius with patrol cleared Navarro on combat mission.

Enlisted patrol arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Cleared to return.

Lieuts Alexander and Castillo and patrol arrived San Rafael from Combat mission.

Covered the areas Sabana Grande, Yuca Puca, Mojon, Anita, Los Angeles, Rio Grande, La Reforma, Santa Fe, and Diamante.

Captain Brauer, Lieuts Hancock and Colsky with 23 cadets arrived Chinandega from San Juan.

Captain Brauer, Lieuts Schuler and Colsky with combined guardia, cadet and civico patrol cleared for El Obraje by truck.

#### 14 FEBRUARY 1932

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Brannon and patrol of 29 enlisted from Corinto Finca (CA) had contact with group, jefe unknown near San Antonio (138-257) Kenyon Map. Fight lasted twenty five minutes. Several bandits wounded, definite number unknown. One guardia killed. Bandits dispersed and fled.

Lieut Griffith and patrol cleared El Sauce for vicinity of Valle de Ocotal to operate in information of bandit group in that vicinity.

Sgt Olivas and patrol cleared Somoto for halfway to Totogalpa.

Lieut Truesdale and patrol cleared Quilali for San Juan and arrived.

Lieut Kipp and patrol returned to Condega from south of station, having covered that area; no signs of bandits.

Lieut Vogel and patrol arrived Somoto.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol returned to Totogalpa from halfway to Somoto.



Cabo Calero and patrol returned to Condega from halfway to Palacaguina, having turned over Lieut Jackson (MC) to Palacaguina.

Colonel Watson cleared Leon for Chinandega on duty.

Combined Cadet, enlisted and auxiliary patrol cleared Leon for Chinandega for duty.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Brannon and patrol arrived Corinto Finca. Had contact at 1145. 1 GN enlisted killed. Bandit casualties many wounded but no known dead. Bandits fled when rushed by guardia.

Lieut Matamoros and patrol cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Matamoros and Castillo and patrol cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Lieut Stewart and enl cleared Esquipulas for Matagalpa and arrived.

Enlisted patrol with inspector of Hacienda returned (from Contraband patrol) to Matagalpa.

#### 15 FEBRUARY, 1932

Lieut Cuadra and patrol cleared Leon on patrol to La Ceiba. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Spart and patrol arrived Puente Real. Proceeding to Obraje.

Captain Fricke and enl cleared Leon on police mission to vicinity of Telica. Returned.

Captain Brauer and patrol arrived El Obraje.

1st Sgt Estrada, combined civic and Cadet patrol cleared Chinandega to reinforce patrol at El Obraje. Arrived.

Colonel Watson arrived Chinandega from Leon and assumed command of field operations from that point.

Lieut Gomez arrived Chinandega from Managua.

Cadet, Guardia and Auxiliary patrol arrived Chinandega from Leon.

Cpl Gallo on reconnaissance patrol in vicinity of Campuzano. Returned to El Tempisque and reported as follows:

"Arrived Campuzano at 1530, that on Feb 13, two hundred bandits arrived to that place, armed with Sub-Thompsons, BAR's, 30-30 rifles and Krags, wearing cartridge belts, bayonets and each man carried 100 rounds of ammunition. Jefes were Unanzor and Socrates Sandino (brother of Cesar Augustus Sandino). They robbed the hacienda and left at 6 P.M. to La Virgen and Puente Real. Man traveling same road was held up, robbed and murdered, body found at side of road."

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Lieut Singletary and patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael and returned.

Lieut Bryson and patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega and arrived.

Lieuts Cramer and Bryson and patrol arrived Corinto Finca from combat patrol.

10 FEBRUARY 1932

Lieut Uriza and patrol cleared Matatagpa for Algovia.

Lieut Elliott cleared San Isidro for Rio Viejo and returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieuts Stevens and Herregodts cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda.

Colonel Smith, Commanding Central Area, and enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Managua.

Lieuts Pennington and Gumaelius and patrol returned to Navarro from combat patrol. (CA).

Lieut Leadey and patrol cleared Consuelo on contraband patrol and returned.

Lieut Downey and patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to Matagalpa. Arrived and returned to Jinotega.

Colonel Smith, Lieutenant Ward and enlisted arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieut Castillo and patrol cleared Yali for San Rafael. Patrol arrived.

11 FEBRUARY 1932

Lieut Coffman and one cadet arrived Leon from Valle de las Zapatas.

Lieut McDonald and combined Auxiliar and guardia patrol cleared on patrol to Chichigalpa.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon on patrol from Leon to Telica and returned.

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Lieut Gomez and patrol of combined Auxiliares, Cadets and Guardias left on patrol for Capuzano. From Chinandega.

Cadets, Guardias and Municipal Police arrived Chinandega from El Obraje.

Lieut Ragsdale and patrol cleared Matagalpa for Buena Vista.

Lieut Herregodts and patrol cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa and arrived.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro and reported.

Lieut Brannon and patrol cleared Corinto Finca for halfway to Jinotega. Arrived from halfway to Jinotega.

Lieut Alexander and patrol cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Lieut Matamoros and patrol cleared La Concordia on combat mission.

Sgt Sanchez and patrol cleared Dipilto for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Wallace and patrol cleared Jalapa for vicinity of Totocasinte on combat mission.

Lieut Livermore and patrol cleared on reconnaissance patrol from Telpaneca.

Captain Frisbie and patrol cleared Esteli for Linay for Achuapa.

Lieut Bilbrey and Jackson (MC) with patrol arrived Somoto from Yalaguina.

Lieut Cabrera and patrol cleared Pataste and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieuts Bilbrey and Jackson (MC) cleared Somoto for Yalaguina.

Lieut Price and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned to Telpaneca covered areas of 215-370, 214-372, 208-370. All Quiet in area covered.

Sgt Sanchez and patrol cleared Ocotal for Dipilto and arrived.

Lieuts Keller and Collins (R) and patrol cleared San Fernando to repair telephone line. Returned.

#### 16 FEBRUARY 1932

Trucks and guards cleared with supplies for guardia patrols at el Obraje. Cleared from Chinandega.

Lieut Clark and patrol arrived Chichigalpa.

Lieut Elliott and patrol cleared San Isidro on combat patrol.

Lieut Ashbrook and patrol arrived Matagalpa from Aron Juez.

Lieut Herregodts cleared Matagalpa for Dario. Reported.

Lieut Flippo cleared Dario for Managua.

Lieuts Pennington and Gumaelius and patrol returned to Navarro from combat patrol.

Lieut Ragsdale and patrol reported Consuelo from Matagalpa.

Colonel Watson, Lieut Hancock combined patrol of cadets and enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Obraje and returned.

Lieut Clark and patrol cleared Chichigalpa for Valle Vista and vicinity.

Lieut Truesdale and patrol cleared on combat mission from San Juan.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Somoto. Arrived.

Enlisted patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Yalaguina.

Lieut Jackson (MC) and patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo.

Sgt Sanchez and patrol cleared Dipilto for Dipilto Viejo to investigate reports that two natives in that vicinity had been injured by bandits.

Captain Arnett and enl arrived Esteli from Matagalpa.

Captain Frisbie and patrol arrived Limay.

Lieut Burt and patrol arrived Condega from Daraili.

1st Sgt Mondragon and patrol enlisted arrived Yalaguina from halfway to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Wallace and patrol returned from combat mission in vicinity of Totacasinte. Nothing to report.

Lieut Jackson (MC) and patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Yalaguina.

Sgt Sanchez and patrol returned to Dipilto from Dipilto Viejo with two injured natives. Cleared for Ocotal with injured men. Arrived. Cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Somoto for Pataste .

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Somoto for Totogalpa via 180-360. Arrived Totogalpa. Nothing to report.

Sgt Solorzano and patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro and arrived.

Lieuts Klein and Trosper and patrol returned to Apali from combat mission. Covered 215-409- 218-404, 215-406, 208-398, and 226-390. Nothing to report.



Enlisted patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Limay escorting train of bull carts.

Lieut Zamora and patrol cleared Condega for Daraili.

Enlisted patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to Matagalpa.

Captain Young and patrol cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

Enlisted patrol with 3 civil prisoners arrived Jinotega from halfway to Matagalpa.

Lieutenant Alexander and fifteen enlisted returned to San Rafael from combat patrol.

17 FEBRUARY 1932

Enlisted and Auxiliares cleared Chinandega by truck with supplies for El Obraje. Returned.

Lieut Krieger and guard arrived Chinandega from Managua with arms and ammunition shipment.

5 enlisted and 20 civicos arrived Chinandega from Cominto.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon on special duty to Quezalguaque accompanying the Director of Police. Returned; nothing to report.

Lieut Klein and patrol cleared Apali for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Palacaguina escorting civilian party.

Captain Tebbs and patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro on inspection trip.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo escorting bull cart train halfway to Yalaguina. Met Yalaguina patrol at half way point and returned to Station.

Raso Altamirano and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Patrol arrived.

Sgt Velasquez and patrol cleared Macuelizo on police mission to La Zusuba. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Bilbrey and patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo to meet bull cart train and escort same remainder of distance to station. Returned.

Lieut Burt and patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Palacaguina. Returned, escorting civilian party.

1st Sgt Mondragon and patrol cleared for halfway to Totogalpa escorting bull cart train. Returned.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared for halfway to Yalaguina from Totogalpa to meet bull cart Train. Returned with train.

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Captain Tebbs and patrol returned to Apali from Jicaro.

Lieut Matamoros and patrol (C.A.) cleared La Trinidad and covered areas of San Lorenzo and Licoro. Returned to La Trinidad. Nothing to report.

Colonel Smith, Commanding Central Area, Captain Cox and patrol cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca. Patrol arrived.

Captains Monson, Fleming and Rosecrans and enl cleared for Aviation field. Major Huefe, Captain Monson and enl returned Jinotega from field.

Enlisted patrol with 1 prisoner cleared San Rafael for Concordia. Arrived.

Lieuts Ledbetter and Ragsdale with patrol cleared Consuelo for Navarro and reported.

Lieut Fox and patrol cleared Matagalpa on road to Muy Muy and returned.

Lieut Stevens and Zepeda with patrol reported Muy Muy from Matiguas.

Lieut Navarette and patrol cleared Muy Muy on road to Matagalpa.

Lieut Zepeda and enl cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa and arrived

Lieut Ashbrook and patrol cleared Matagalpa for Aron Juez.

Lieut Lavadiere and enl cleared Navarro for La Isla and returned.

Captain Young and enl arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Captain Young, Lieut Stewart and enl cleared Matagalpa on road to Muy Muy and returned.

18 FEBRUARY 1932

Lieuts Fox and Zepeda and enl cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

Lieut Stewart and enl cleared Matagalpa for Esquipulas. Reported.

Lieut Navarrete and patrol reported Muy Muy from Mina Verde.

Lieut Krieger cleared Chinandega for Managua . Reported.

19 FEBRUARY 1932

Twelve Auxiliares reported Leon from Chinandega.

Enlisted cleared La Paz Centro on patrol to Las Sabantes.

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

The Station of Moropotente, Dept. of Esteli, Northern Area, was withdrawn Feb 6th. The shortage of men made this move necessary.

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Col Leech, Commanding Eastern Area, reports that the guardia of Neptune line captured from the bandits to the value of about seven thousand dollars. This loot was probably taken by the bandits when they raided (SIUANI) and TUNKY.

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OPERATIONS REPORT FROM 4 FEBRUARY TO 10 FEBRUARY 1932.

4 Feb 0800 One enlisted arrived Rivas from Moyogalpa with three civil prisoners.

5 Feb 1700 Lt Pulver and two enlisted cleared Rivas for Moyogalpa.

6 Feb 1800 Three enlisted returned Rivas from Las Salinas with three civil prisoners.

7 Feb 1200 Lt Bello and one enlisted arrived Rivas from Cardenas.

8 Feb 0400 Lt Bello and one enlisted cleared Rivas for Cardenas.  
0900 Lt Pulver and one enlisted returned Rivas from Moyogalpa.

9 Feb 0900 Three enlisted cleared Rivas on police mission.

10 Feb 0900 One enlisted arrived Rivas from Potosí, with one civil prisoner.  
1100 one enlisted cleared Rivas for Potosí.  
1400 One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur.  
1800 One enlisted arrived Rivas from Cardenas with one civil prisoner.

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Following gives a brief summary of the situation re-operations under command of Col Watson in Depts of Chinandega and Leon, Nicaragua up to 9.00 A.M. 14 February, 1932.--:

Leon, Nicaragua.-- -- -- -- February 13, 1932.

The situation up to 9:00 A.M.

At 11:00 A.M. 12 February a message was received from Captain Trumble stating that the bandits had been in a place called El Salto near the Hacienda "El Queso" on the 11th and that he and Captain Brauer were expecting a contact before noon.

Captain Brauer with a patrol of Cadets arrived in San Juan at 7:00 P.M. having covered the area along the Estero Real Rio from Valle de las Zapatas. He was ordered by telegraph to proceed to Chinandega but an acknowledgement of this message has not been received.



Lieutenant McDonald covered the area north of Chichigalpa and this morning reported from Telica that he had had no information. He was ordered to return to Leon.

Lieutenant Clark is moving north with his ultimate destination El Sauce.

Lieutenant Spart has been ordered to cover the area south of San Pablo to the Rio Tecomapa and S. Nicolas then north. He will be ordered to Villanueva.

Lieut Darrah is moving north with his destination El Sauce.

Lieut Griffiths has been ordered to proceed to Achuapa via Jocote and await orders.

Captain Trumble is north of the Rio Estero Real and if he can be located will be ordered to El Sauce or Valle de las Zapatas.

Lieut Centeno is at Valle de las Zapatas.

Fifteen men from the northern area who were at El Sauce are enroute to Limay where they revert to control of Northern Area.

Patrol at Condega has reverted to control Area Commander.

The owner of the finca La Pelona with the information that bandits on Tuesday called on his mandador for \$400.00. This place is in vicinity of Olomega. Capt Elmore being ordered to operate in that vicinity for purpose of endeavoring to locate this group. It may well be that they have gone north again.

#### THE SITUATION UP TO 9:00 AM -- 14 February, 1932.

Captain Brauer with his patrol was ordered to Chinandega from vicinity of Puente Real. While passing through Abreje he reported that he heard a shot fired but an investigation revealed nothing. After his arrival in Chinandega information was brought in that the bandits under Salgado were between Puente Real and Tempisque. Captain Brauer with two officers and 25 men were ordered to Abreje and he arrived there at about 2:35 AM. He forwarded a message saying that the bandits, 300 in number had left there three hours before going in the direction of El Chonco mountain and that he had a guide who said he would take the patrol to the camp. Captain Brauer asked for reinforcements which were sent via truck. He also stated that he expected Captain Trumble to be in Puente Real and would communicate with him by runner.

Captain Brauer with about 50 men will be enroute to the El Chonco by noon. Captain Elmore with Lieut Centeno and 28 enlisted will be moving west from the vicinity of Olomega by this afternoon. Lieut Gomez with 25 will be

proceeding north from Chinandega. Lieut Spart will be moving south from San Pablo and Captain Trumble should be along the Rio Estero Real. Lieut Griffiths is investigating the report of Colindres moving south through Valle Ocotal and Lieut Darrah's whereabouts are not exactly known at this time although he should be between Valle de las Zapatas and Portillo (south of Pilon).

The 25 Auxiliares enlisted at Leon are with patrols, 15 Auxiliaries of this number and 10 Cadets and men from Darrans patrol now at Leon leave for Chinandega by train this noon and this force will constitute the patrol Lieut Gomez takes.

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Following contact report of Lt Levonski is quoted:

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

8 February, 1932.

From: First Lieutenant Charles J. Levonski, G. N.  
To : The Area Commander, Eastern Area, Guardia Nacional,  
Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Subject: Contact, report of.

Reference: (a) Verbal orders from the Department Commander.  
(b) Map of Northern Bluefields, by Capt. H. Pefley, USMC.

1. In compliance with the above reference, a patrol consisting of fifteen guardias under my command, cleared Puerto Cabezas at 0400, 17 January, 1932, via motor cars for Sula Farm (157-324) on the Standard Fruit Railroad Line.

2. The mission of the patrol was to proceed to Sula Farm and pick up the trail of bandits reported to be in that vicinity.

3. The patrol was armed with the following weapons: one B.A.R., one S.T.M.G. and fifteen rifles.

4. The contact took place at Browns Camp (158-320) on the Standard Fruit Railroad Line at 1815 January 18, 1932 and lasted about fifteen minutes.

5. The following arms and articles were captured from the bandits: one rifle Remington, repeating; three cutachas, one canteen US, two red and black hat insignias.

6. Bandit casualties were: one known dead, wounded unknown. There were no Guardia casualties.

7. Patrol arrived at Sula Farm at 0630 and found the place deserted. The mandadors house and six labores houses had been burned, the almost decapitated body of the mandador was found nearby. A thorough search was made for several hundred yards around the farm for possible traces of bandit trail leading out, but due to the fact that it had rained heavily during the night obliterating all traces, we failed to pick up their trail. Patrol then proceeded toward Tunga and Moss Farm. Questioning of natives along the line failed to disclose the possible location of the bandits or the whereabouts of the Sula laborers. Arrived at Moss Farm at 1100, where I received a telephone message from the District Superintendent at Wakiwas that one of the Sula laborers who was captured by the bandits had escaped and reported at Wakiwas. Patrol cleared Moss Farm and arrived

at Wakiwas at 1200. Upon being questioned this man disclosed the fact that the Bandits were from (150) to (200) strong, well armed, jefes Irias and Gonzalez, and that at the time he made his escape during the night the bandits had moved into the jungle in position west of Brown's Camp, and that their intentions were to raid the commissary at that place. I reported this information to the Department Commander, by telephone, and was ordered to proceed to Brown's Camp at 1600, picked up four more Sula laborers at this place, who had also escaped from the bandits. These people stated that the bandits were about (6) kilometers west of Brown's Camp, and had no food other than the two heads of cattle taken from Sula, and had been existing on little more than bananas for several days and were desperate, and would be forced to loot a commissary to procure food. I reported the developments to the department commander and was ordered to remain in Brown's Camp for the night and await further instructions. At 0900, the 18th, the Area Commander and the Department Commander arrived at Brown's Camp with a patrol of ten Guardias. I was directed by the Area Commander to take a patrol of fifteen men and scout the area in which the bandits

were reported. About (5) kilometers to the west we found where the bandits had camped the night of the 16th, camp consisted of thirty seven lean to huts, some large enough to accommodate eighty men, a cut trail led from the camp toward the Pis Pis trail, followed trail for about two miles then returned to Brown's Camp and Lacos, a commissary (7) kilometers to the south. My patrol was reenforced by five men and it was decided that I leave a guard of one Sergeant and seven men with an automatic weapon at Brown's Camp, and as soon as darkness set in, proceed with the remainder of the patrol to the Vance District, get additional men from the Kipla Farm detachment and lay an ambush at three points where it was thought the bandits would come out. The Area Commander and the Department Commander with five men cleared for the Vance District at 1400. At 1800 I attempted to get in touch by telephone with Lieut Reyes, at Kipla Farm but found that the line was dead, suspecting that the bandits had cut the line between Port and Brown's Camp and were probably looting the Lacos commissary, I got in touch with Lieut Gaitan at Moss Farm and gave him the details, directing him to proceed immediately with ten men to Brown's Camp and remain at that place, that I was clearing with my patrol toward Lacos Commissary. At 1815 while preparations were being made to move, bandits opened fire from three sides. Patrol returned their fire taking position along the railroad embankment. After fifteen minutes of firing a bugle was sounded and the bandits ceased firing and retreated in all directions. As it was pitch dark and raining no attempt was made to pursue the bandits. At 1840 Lieut Gaitan's patrol arrived, and at 1900 Sgt Saenz with thirteen men arrived from Kipla Farm and reported that the telephone line was cut two kilometers below Brown's Camp. I directed Sgt Saenz to proceed with his patrol to Lacos commissary and remain at that place until further instructions. After dispositions were made for the night I took eight men and proceeded to Santa Cruz junction and from there reported developments to the Department commander, picked up a line repairman at Siksikwas and returned to Brown's Camp. Communication between Port and Brown's Camp was established at 0500. As soon as sufficient light permitted in the morning, a thorough search was made of scene of contact and vicinity, the remains of one bandit, a rifle and other articles were found. Due to fact that the bandits had scattered in all directions and it having rained heavily all night no definite trail was found. Scouts who were sent out at daybreak returned in the afternoon failing to find any traces of the bandits location.

8. Weapons employed by the bandits were: one BAR or Lewis, rifles, pistols, shotguns and dynamite-bombs.

9. The patrol was composed of the following:

Sgt. TAYLOR, Arthur	#2705
Raso BACQUEDANO, Marcelino	2588
" ESPINOZA, Jesus J.	3488
" ALVAREZ, Antonio	4812
" MOSS, Dudley	4871
" OSORIO, Carlos	4029
" RODRIGUEZ, Isidro	4767
" SEAS, Manuel	3487
" NICHOL, Simeon	2441
" VASQUEZ, Diego	3429
" LONDRAGON, Ricardo	508
" LOPEZ, Marcelino	2562
" NOGUERA, Carlos	4781
" PEREZ, Fernando	4724
" PEREZ, Jose D.	2147
" RODRIGUEZ, Jesus	1835
" ROSALES, Rafael	2214
" SHAW, Frank	3324
" TALENA, Jesus	4529

/s/ C. J. Levonski.  
C. J. LEVONSKI.

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Summary of situation of patrol operating under Col Watson in  
Depts of Leon and Chinandega.

CHINANDEGA, NICARAGUA 8:00 AM 17 February 1932.

The situation up to this time.

After returning from Campuzano the bandits proceeded in an eastern direction having arrived at Candelaria at 2:30 PM Sunday the 14th. While the bandits were being trailed by Captain Trumble's patrol they seem to have turned the tables and we find them on Sunday following Trumble's patrol through San Juan, Las Mercedes and Candelaria. After taking everything in the latter place the bandits disappeared again. (Candelaria consists of three or four houses).

Report received that a group of bandits had arrived at San Pablo apparently from the north, and that questions regarding the whereabouts of Guardia patrols were being asked. Last night a message from Villanueva stated that a large group of bandits had arrived and were then about two leagues from that place. The message stated that this group came from the south. The Jefe Politico had the information regarding the presence of a group near Villanueva. Information was received that late yesterday afternoon the bandits were in Las Grietas and were heading towards San Juan.

A number of shots were fired just outside of Chichigalpa last night and on investigation it was found that the firing had been done by four mounted on horses who escaped in the darkness. Rumors of a group of 25 bandits in the cane fields of San Antonio were received but not confirmed.



Patrols are located in general as follows:

Captain Trumble at San Juan with that place as his base.

Captain Brauer at Obraje with that place as his base.

Lieutenant Shuler enroute to Obraje from San Cristobal.

Lieutenant Spart in the vicinity of Campuzano.

Captain Elnore with his and Darrah's patrol were in Las Grietas during the night. They will be in Artentina to-day.

Lieutenant Clark probably at Bellavista ordered to Villanueva.

Lieutenant Griffiths when last heard of was in possession of the information regarding the bandits at San Pablo. His ultimate destination was Olomega.

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Following contact report is quoted:

COMPANY "A"  
DEPARTMENT OF JINOTEGA, CENTRAL AREA.  
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA.

Corinto Finca, 15 February 1932.

From: Company Commander.  
To : Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Patrol Report.  
Reference: (a) Your dispatch Sixty-11011.  
(b) Kenyon Map of Area, 1 - 198000.

1. In compliance with reference (a) I cleared this station with a patrol on 12 February 1932 and returned 14 February 1932.

2. The mission of the patrol was to cover the LAS CUCHILLAS - SAN ANTONIO Area, discover possible bandit groups in that area and to gain contact with such groups.

3. Personnel of patrol:-

Capt.	J. P. Schwerin	
Sgto	AGUILERA, Arnulfo	# 121
Cabo	VILLALOBOS, Alberto	526
Raso	VALLES, Maximo	4524
"	PALACIO, Toribio	4564
"	MORENO, Pedro	4526
"	HUERTA, Nicolás	3415
"	RUIZ, José	1816
"	RAMIREZ, Nicolás	2377
"	VARGAS, Jose	1588
"	ZEAS, Gabriel	4567
"	SILVA, Santos	364
"	TELLEZ, Julio	3838
"	TALAVERA, Victor	3999
"	RODRIGUEZ, Anecon	4620
"	SEVILLA, Bibiano	4514

2nd Lt. C. T. Brannon	
Cabo BALTODANO, Rosalio	# 708
" PALACIOS, Felipe	3910
Maso MORALES, Mercedes	4503
" LUNGUIA, Luis	4583
" MORA, Filiberto	4570
" HERNANDEZ, Jose	4528
" GARCIA, Juan	4523
" BERMUDEZ, Edward	4505
" MARQUEZ, Jesus	3909
" RALOS, Jose	3912
" CHAVARRIA, Remigio	4433
" TALAVERA, Guillermo	3986
" GRENADOS, Aurelio	3550
" CUTIERREZ, Francisco	4858
" ALANIZ, Carlos	2396

4. Organization of patrol:

Point: Lt. Brannon and 7 enlisted (1 TSMG, 1 rifle grenadier, 5 riflemen).

Main Body: Camp. Schwerin and 17 enlisted (2 TSMG, 2 BAR, 2 rifle grenadiers, 11 riflemen).

Rear Guard: 1 Sgto, 5 other enlisted (riflemen) with 4 pack animals.

Note: Carried 15 grenades for each rifle grenadier, 2 drums and 100 extra rounds for each TSMG, 16 magazines for each BAR, 160 rounds for each rifleman.

5. Operations:

Feb. 12 - 0730 - Cleared Corinto Finca, crossed Rio Tuna at 139-243, combed trails between CARRETERA (143-247) and STA ISABEL (141-249).  
 1630 - Arrived at STA ISABEL and spent night.  
 Feb. 13 - 0700 - Cleared STA ISABEL to north, thru CIENRA MORENA (139-253), covered various trails in this area.  
 1600 - Returned to CIENRA MORENA, spent night.  
 Feb. 14 - 0700 - Cleared CIENRA MORENA for LOS ANGELES (144-259) via SAN ANTONIO (138-256). Halfway between SAN ANTONIO and LOS ANGELES at point 141-258 patrol was ambushed at 11:45 am. After contact and failure to regain contact with bandits started return to Corinto Finca with body of one Guardia, killed in contact. Travelled via SAN ANTONIO and CONSTANCIA (136-252).  
 1910 - Arrived at CORINTO FINCA.

6. Report of contact:-

On the trail between San Antonio and Los Angeles at about 11:45 am, 14 February 1932, fire was first opened on the point. A shot from the first burst hit Maso Mercedes Morales #4503, GM, in the head, killing him instantly. The trail at this point is wooded on both sides with heavy brush on the border of the woods. The ambush was laid in the woods on the north side of trail. Fire was then opened on the whole column. The patrol took cover and opened a heavy fire on the bandit position. After about fifteen minutes I ordered the point to hold the trail and with the main body I rushed the woods, broke thru the brush; the bandits ceases firing and took off down the hill thru the woods and scattered to the north. The contact ended at 12:10 PM. The patrol remained on the scene of contact until 13.00, endeavoring to pick up some trail of the bandits but this

was impossible, so decided to return to Corinto Finca with the body of Kaso Morales. I estimate the bandit group to be between 60 and 70, armed with one Lewis machine gun and three Thompsons, jefe unknown. Upon our entrance into the woods, signs of blood were seen in numerous spots and it is my opinion that quite a few of the bandits were wounded by the Guardia fire. The Guardia suffered no other casualties than the one at the first burst of fire.

7. The entire patrol were cool under fire and when ordered to enter the woods acted without hesitation.

8. It is my opinion that the entire area immediately north of the Tuma River is being occupied by revving groups of bandits, camping off the main trails, that they will endeavor to ambush Guardia patrols only when they can take positions from which they can easily escape by scattering when the Guardia fire and attack become too aggressive.

9. The trails are getting in better conditions due to the rains having let up for the past week or ten days.

/s/ J. P. Schwerin.

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Quoted for information:-

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN BLUEFIELDS  
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA  
BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA  
2 FEBRUARY 1932

From: Ralph D. McAfee, Captain, Guardia Nacional.  
To: The Area Commander, Eastern Area.  
Subject: Contact of Civicos, Neptune Mine.

1. On report that a group of bandits that had robbed Tunkey were in the vicinity of Big Falls (110.4-300.9) a patrol of seven civicos under command of Pedro Jarquin, (civilian) armed with Krag Rifles, encountered a group of six bandits near the Biltigni River (110-6-310.1). This group were cutting balsa wood to be used in rafts. They were surprised at this work and four of their number killed and two Muzzle loading shotguns captured. A small quantity of black powder was captured.

2. The action of these civicos who left Big Falls (Power Plan of Neptune Mine) of their own accord; acting on their own information is very commendable, especially of Pedro Jarquin who lead the patrol. This contact occurred about 1000 1 February 1932.

RALPH D. MCAFEE.

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The Guardia Officers gave a reception at the residence of the Area Commander in honor of the outgoing and incoming civil officials of the government in the town of Jinotega.

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

Lieutenant Filippo cleared Matagalpa for Managua on leave 16 February, 1932.

Captains H. M. H. Fleming and H. E. Rosecrans cleared Jinotega for Managua on 20 February for further transfer to the U.S. Tour of duty in Nicaragua completed.

Lieutenant Gedney (LC) transferred to U. S. on 20 February 1932. Tour of duty in Nicaragua completed.

Lieut Stanley from Juigalpa to Managua on temporary duty. 14 February. returned to Juigalpa 18 February 1932.

Captain F. M. Howard, Department Commander, Department of Chontales arrived Managua from Juigalpa on temporary duty. Cleared for Juigalpa on 19 February 1932.

Lieutenant Felix P. Zepeda, G.N., died in the Guardia Nacional Hospital, Managua, at 6:15 P.M. February 19, 1932, result of accidental gunshot wounds received in Matiguas, Nicaragua.

