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27 APRIL 1932

Colonel Turville, Medical Director, G.N., and Captain Smith with sixteen enlisted reported Jinotega from Managua.

Captain Small, Lieut Solorzano with sixteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Sgt Nicaragua with ten enlisted cleared Jinotega on mission for Inspector Haciendas. Returned.

Lieuts Gutierrez and Rocha with sixteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for halfway San Rafael.

Ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro and reported there.

Captain Ladso, Lieut Gumaelious with twelve enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Lieut Zeledon with twelve enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

Lieuts Ashbrook, Zeledon, with twelve enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission vicinity San Rafael.

Captain Small and Lieut Solorzano with sixteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

28 APRIL 1932

Lieuts Keller and Berueffy and thirty enlisted cleared Jalapa on combat mission,

Sgt Acevedo and ten other enlisted, with telegraph employee, cleared Telpaneca to gather up old telegraph line between that Station and Ciudad Antigua. Line to be used to construct line between Telpaneca and Palacaguina. Returned.

Lieut Burt and nine enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Cabo Mendez and five other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Hayes, Mathewson (M), Gutierrez and Burnheim and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro.

Lieuts Lopez, O., Lopez, I., and Artola and seven enlisted arrived Yalaguina from Ocotal.

Sgt Mayorga and six other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Totogalpa.

Lieut Kloth and three enlisted arrived La Trinidad from Esteli.

Lieuts Mahoney, Hamas, Pallais and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali on line patrol.

Lieuts Gutierrez and Rocha with fifteen enlisted returned Jinotega from halfway San Rafael.

Lieut Gutierrez R, 1st Sgt Leiva and seventeen enlisted cleared Jinotega for halfway Matagalpa.

Captain Smith and Lieut Lee with ten enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat patrol via aviation.

Lieut Ashbrook and thirteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega. Returned.

Lieut Zeledon with twelve enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Lieut Pennington with twenty enlisted returned Matagalpa from halfway Jinotega and combat mission.

29 APRIL 1932

Eighteen enlisted returned Somotillo from Puente Real from escorting Cabo Zepeda.

Lieuts Cuadra, Sotomayor, and 25 enlisted arrived Telica from Chinandega and cleared for Valle de las Zapatas to operate on local information.

Lieut Lopez patrolled area El Jicaral, Santa Rosa, no signs of bandits in that Area.

Lieut Lee and twentyseven enlisted returned Jinotega from combat patrol.

Lieut Gutierrez R., with seventeen enlisted returned Jinotega from halfway Matagalpa.

Sgt Nicaragua with nine enlisted cleared Jinotega on contraband patrol.

Lieuts Ashbrook and Solorzano with fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Montes with twelve enlisted cleared Matagalpa for halfway to Jinotega with three bull carts.

Lieut Fox (M), Lieut Ward and three enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Consuelo and arrived.

Lieut Schmierer with twelve enlisted cleared San Isidro for La Trinidad and arrived. Then cleared La Trinidad for San Isidro and arrived.

Lieut Montes with fourteen enlisted arrived Matagalpa from halfway Jinotega.

Sgt Mayorga and six other enlisted returned Totogalpa from Yalaguina.

Sgt Mayorga and five other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Sgt Rodriguez and seven other enlisted cleared Esteli for La Trinidad.

Seven enlisted cleared La Trinidad for Esteli.

Lieut Hayes and patrol arrived Jicaro from Apali.

Lieut Boswell (R), Lieut Aleman and fourteen enlisted cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali. Repaired Buzzer line enroute.

Lieuts Mahoney, Cabrera, Montenegro and Pallais and twenty enlisted cleared Apali for Las Puertas (210-391) on foraging and reconnaissance mission. Returned with supplies. Nothing to report.

Sgt Mayorga and five other enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Silva returned Esteli with seven enlisted from La Trinidad.

Sgt Rodriguez and seven other enlisted arrived La Trinidad from Esteli.

30 APRIL 1932

Three enlisted and three Aux returned Leon from Police mission with one pistol Cal .44, sixteen rounds ammunition and eight prisoners.

Lieut Cuadra patrol at Valle de las Zapatas reports all quiet.

Lieut Atwell patrol from Achuapa, returned Achuapa from Pajarito Area, no information.

Three enlisted and three Aux cleared Leon for Telica area on police mission.

Lieuts Cuadra and Sotomayor with five enlisted and twenty auxiliares cleared Chichigalpa for Quezalguaque via train, from there to proceed to vicinity of Valle de las Zapatas.

Cabo Calderon with four enlisted cleared Chinandega for Amaya and vicinity. Returned. Nothing to report.

Sgt Nicaragua with nine enlisted reported Jinotega from patrol with hacienda inspector.

Lieut Krawie with ten enlisted cleared Corinto Finca to investigate killing of civilian near Corinto Finca.

Eleven enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro.

Lieut Fox (M) and Ward with nine enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro.

Seven enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro.

Lieut Beans and seventeen enlisted cleared Quilali. Arrived San Juan.

Lieuts Vogel, Pallais and Montenegro and twelve enlisted cleared Apali for halfway to Jicaro.

1st Sgt Mondragon and thirteen other enlisted cleared San Juan for Apali. Arrived.

Lieuts Vogel, Pallais and Montenegro and twelve enlisted returned Apali from half way to Jicaro, with five additional enlisted who joined from Jicaro patrol. Jicaro patrol returned to station.

Lieut Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for half way to Apali with three applicants for enlistment in Guardia. Returned.

Lieuts Bell, Ortiz, Saravia and twenty-eight enlisted returned Esteli from combat mission.

Lieut Brown, nine enlisted and one civico cleared Pataste for Megote. Returned with one prisoner and two shot guns.

Capt Fri, sbie, Lieut Hughes and twenty five enlisted cleared Limay on combat mission.

1 MAY 1932

Lieuts Burns and Gutierrez and Northern Area patrol of thirty five enlisted had contact at Lacuya two one five dash three seven seven Marine Corps Map southwest of Jicaro at twenty hundred and thirty on one May with bandit group of sixty under Heriberto Reyes. Fight lasted twenty five minutes. Bandits used two automatic weapons and rifle grenades. Bandits were driven from their camp and fled to south. Bandit casualties one known killed, four known wounded, Guardia casualties two slightly wounded. Camp destroyed.

Lieuts Lopez, Artola and Quintanilla with fifteen enlisted and eight Auxiliares arrived Leon from patrol around El Jicaral.

Lieut Atwell, 15 enlisted and 7 auxiliares arrived Somotillo from Achuapa.

People vicinity San ta Rosa and El Jicaral, reported to Lieut Lopez, that no bandits have been in their area for some time.

Bull carts and travellers on Matagalpa Leon road stated no signs of bandits south of San Isidro.

One bull cart arrived Leon stated, Salgado with 15 men were on Rio Viejo on April 27th.

Lieut Cuadra with Chinandega patrol reports by runner from Los Planes, as having patrolled La Flor, El Chote, San Rafael, El Clocotaon, Agua Caliente. Clearing 2 May for El Quezo and neighboring mountains.

Property owners near Quezalguague report meeting two small groups, 30 April, one of four men, all well mounted, three armed with pistols and rifles, both groups inquiring about number of men working on different hacienda and routes to different places.

Lieut Flippo with ten enlisted reported Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieut Downey with nine enlisted cleared Jinotega for gutskirts Jinotega to investigate bandit rumors. Returned.

Fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa on transfer orders.

Lieut Krawie with ten enlisted returned Corinto Finca from investigation killing of Corinto Finca Juez de Mesta.

Lieut Barillas with seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Returned to Sajonia.

Lieut Castillo with four enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Returned with 1 prisoner.

Lieut Castillo with four enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Ashbrook and Solorzano with fifteen enlisted returned San Rafael from reconnaissance patrol.

Lieut Martin with six enlisted reported Matagalpa from Buena Vista.

Lieut Fox (II), and Lieut Ward with six enlisted returned Matagalpa from Consuelo.

Lieut Prado and Lieut Perez with fifteen enlisted cleared Matagalpa for combat mission.

Lieut Ragsdale and twenty enlisted cleared Jalapa for half way to Apali.

Lieut Zavala and six enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived.

1st Sgt Mondragon and thirteen other enlisted cleared Apali. Arrived Jicaro.

Lieuts Burns and Gutierrez and thirtyfive enlisted cleared Apali for point 213-377 on combat mission.

Lieuts Mahoney and Pallais and twenty-four enlisted returned Apali from half-way to Jalapa.

Lieuts Hayes, Mathewson (M), Burheim and Gutierrez and fourteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for San Juan. Arrived.

Lieuts Keller and Berueffy and thirty enlisted returned Jalapa from combat mission.

Lieuts Ragsdale, Vogel, Aleman, Cabrera and Montenegro with twenty-one enlisted arrived Jalapa.

2 MAY 1932

Lieut C. Sanchez, 5 enlisted, 5 auxiliares cleared Leon for Telica for Police mission operations.

Lieut Flippe with ten enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieut Rocha with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission, and returned.

Lieut Barillas with seven enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Lieuts Ashbrook, Solorzano with sixteen enlisted cleared San Rafael on reconnaissance patrol. Returned.

Lieut Gonzalez with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for halfway San Isidro.

Ten enlisted cleared San Isidro for halfway Matagalpa. Returned.

Fifteen enlisted reported Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Lieut Bilbrey and Artola and eight enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto. Arrived.

Captain Williams and ten enlisted cleared Somoto for area north of Somoto on combat mission.

Sgt Mayorga and seven other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half way to Somoto.

Lieuts Hammond and Bilbrey and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Sandino and ten enlisted cleared Daraili on combat mission.

Sgt Mayorga and seven other enlisted returned Totogalpa from half-way to Somoto.

Lieuts Beans, Chenoweth, Mathewson (M) and Gutierrez with twelve enlisted and one civico cleared San Juan for Quilali.

Lieut Zavala and six enlisted arrived Dipilto from Ocotal.

Lieut Sandino and ten enlisted returned Condega from combat mission.

34 MAY 1932

Lieuts Castillo, Artola E, Sanchez, G Jarquin and Buitrago with 7 enlisted and 9 auxiliares cleared Leon for duty district of El Sauce.

Sgt Siarra with twelve enlisted cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Las Grietas. Returned. Reported all quiet.

Raso Paniagua, Jose, arrived Leon from La Ceiba with stolen property recovered, returned to La Ceiba.

Lieut Cuadra, two enlisted and four auxiliares cleared Leon for vicinity Quezalguaque on police mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Capt Frisbie and Lieut Hughes and twenty three enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Limay.

Sgt Tiffer and seven other enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half-way to Yalaguina.

Lieuts Hammond, I Lopez and O Lopez and nine enlisted cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Palacaguina.

Lieuts Hamas and Gutierrez and twenty four enlisted cleared Apali for point 204-378 on combat mission.

Lieut Lopez and nine enlisted returned Yalaguina from half-way to Palacaguina.

Lieuts Hammond, Lopez and eight enlisted arrived Palacaguina.

Sgt Sanchez and seven other enlisted cleared Condega for half way to Palacaguina.

Capt Gaspar, Lieuts Bell and Silva and thirty enlisted cleared Esteli for La Trinidad.

Sgt Tiffer and eight other enlisted returned Palacaguina from half-way to Condega.

Lieut Hammond and Lopez and eight enlisted arrived Condega.

Lieut Keller and twelve enlisted cleared Jalapa for San Fernando.

Lieuts Berueffy, Vogel, Cabrera and Aleman and twenty-one enlisted cleared Jalapa for Apali.

Lieuts Hamas and Gutierrez and twenty four enlisted returned Apali from Ciudad Antigua via San Fernando. Captured two bandit suspects.

Lieut Elliott with sixteen enlisted reported Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieut Ashbrook with fourteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for halfway to Yali.

Lieut Weeks with sixteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from halfway Yali.

Lieut Alexander with five enlisted cleared Dario for Terrabona and reported, cleared Terrabona for Dario and arrived.

Lieut Prado and Perez with fifteen enlisted returned Matagalpa from combat patrol.

Lieut Martin with six enlisted reported Matagalpa from Buena Vista.

Lieut Schmierer with sixteen enlisted cleared San Isidro for Chaguitillo.

Lieut Montenegro with twenty seven enlisted reported Matagalpa from Managua.

Lieut Schmierer with sixteen enl reported Sebaco from La Cornete.

4 MAY 1952

Lieut Cuadra and Lieut Sotomayor with 25 enlisted returned to Chinandega after covering the following points: Telica, San Jacinto, Apante, El Bosque, Valle de las Zapatas, San Rafael, El Chote, El Cuadron, El Olcoton, Agua Caliente, La Concepcion. No bandit information.

17 enlisted Guardia band arrived Leon from Corinto.

-Lieut Barquero, 8 enlisted, and 4 auxiliares, cleared Leon for Quezalguaque.

Five Lieutenants, seven enlisted and nine auxiliares arrived El Sauce from Leon.

Lieut Cramer with twenty one enlisted reported Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieut Weeks with nineteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Rocha with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for halfway Matagalpa. Returned.

Lieut Elliott with sixteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

Lieut Weeks with nineteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Cramer with twenty one enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega.

Lieut Martin cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

One Cabo with twelve enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Montenegro with thirty enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

Lieut Aguado and Montes with si enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and arrived.

5 MAY 1932

Lieut Castillo and Guardia Patrol of twelve enlisted from La Concordia (CA) had contact with group of thirty bandits under Juan Altamirano, and Jesus Valdivia in vicinity of Colon (230-318) MC Map at 0900, 5 May. Fight lasted thirty minutes. Bandit casualties one dead, several wounded. No Guardia casualties. Capture two prisoners, one pistol, small amount of rifle and pistol ammunition, three animals and miscellaneous articles.

Lieut Burns and twenty five enlisted cleared Telpaneca for Condega. Arrived.

Lieuts Mahoney, Vogel, Aleman, Zamora and Gutierrez and thirty five enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieut Wallace and eleven enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali.

Lieut Zavale and six enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Hammond and Price and eight enlisted arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Condega.

Lieut Berueffy arrived Ocotal from Apali by 'plane.

Lieut Ray cleared Ocotal for Managua by 'plane.

Lieuts Price and Burt and twenty two enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo on combat mission.

Lieuts Beans, Chenoweth, Mathewson (1) and fifteen enlisted arrived San Juan from Quilali.

Lieuts Mahoney, Hamas, Zamora, Aleman and Gutierrez and thirty six enlisted cleared Jicaro on combat mission.

Lieut Centeno and fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for half way to Achuapa. Returned, escorting civilian party.

6 MAY 1932

Lieuts Lopez and Quintanilla with six enlisted cleared Leon for outskirts of city on police mission, returned, nothing to report.

Chichigalpa reports via Chinandega that a group of 100, was near Chigalpa ready to attack, and that another group of 100 was marching to attack Chinandega at 2300, could not confirm this. Chinandega reports at 0800G, all quiet. All posts in the Department report all quiet.

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

Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
APALI NICARAGUA

25 APRIL 1932

From: Patrol Commander, First Lieut
John Hamas, GN.

To : Captain Edward W. Burwell, GN,
District Commander, District of Apali #45.

Subject: Contact report of.

Reference: Verbal orders District Commander.

1. In accordance with the reference, a patrol consisting of four (4) officers and forty (40) enlisted men, cleared Apali at 0530 April 23, 1932, in pursuit of the bandit group that ambushed patrols at Las Fuertas, 21 April 32.

2. The patrol consisted of the following officers and enlisted men:

1st Lieut	John Hamas	- - - - -	Jicaro
2nd "	John A. Burns	- - - - -	Condega
2nd "	Donald Wallace	- - - - -	Jicaro
2nd "	Luis E. Gutierrez	- - - - -	Condega
Sgt	Tomas Rodriguez	- - - - - # 112	Apali
"	Francisco Acevedo	- - - - - 1272	Jicaro
"	Teofilo Aguilar	- - - - - 1048	Condega
"	Frostran Garcia	- - - - - 1328	"
Cpl	Pedro Uveda	- - - - - 2334	Apali
"	Juan. Umaña	- - - - - 2183	Jicaro (HC)
"	Concepcion Saravia	- - - - - 3661	Condega
"	Gonzalo Madriz	- - - - - 3781	"
"	Leandro Paralles	- - - - - 3495	Jicaro
Pvt	Marcelino Rizo	- - - - - 4642	Apali
"	Miguel Rios	- - - - - 4913	Jicaro
"	Julian Gomez	- - - - - 4381	"
"	Victoriano Romero	- - - - - 2612	"
"	Teo Maradiaga	- - - - - 4942	"
"	Francisco Martinez	- - - - - 3615	"
"	Pedro Canelo	- - - - - 4129	"
"	Mercedes Jimenez	- - - - - 2943	Jalapa
"	Carlos Vasquez	- - - - - 3967	Condega
"	Isidro Osorio	- - - - - 2882	"
"	Pastor Vargas	- - - - - 4008	"
"	Ramon Diaz	- - - - - 4022	"
"	Santiago Lopez	- - - - - 4205	"
"	Tomas Gonzalez	- - - - - 4235	"
"	Casimiro Cruz	- - - - - 4989	"
"	Francisco Cardenas	- - - - - 2102	"
"	Bartolo Muñoz	- - - - - 2112	"

Pvt	- - -	Roberto Garcia	- - - - -	#4068	Condega
"	- - -	Crescencio Jimenez	- - - - -	2948	"
"	- - -	Francisco Sovalbarro	- - - - -	3034	"
"	- - -	Remigio Montalvan	- - - - -	3964	"
"	- - -	Gabriel Altamirano	- - - - -	3997	"
"	- - -	Jesus Acuña	- - - - -	4243	"
"	- - -	Magadleno Iglesia	- - - - -	4806	"
"	- - -	Norberto Ruiz	- - - - -	4067	"
"	- - -	Antonio Diaz	- - - - -	4020	"
"	- - -	Jose Espinoza	- - - - -	3600	"
"	- - -	Humberto Zúñiga	- - - - -	4430	"
"	- - -	Eliseo Iglesias	- - - - -	4049	"
"	- - -	Isidro Vasquez	- - - - -	1850	"
"	- - -	Julio Pastran	- - - - -	4860	"

3. About 1530 23 April 1932, while proceeding up southeast of Guambuco Mt. near border, patrol had contact with Carlos Salgado group in their Camp.

When some five hundred (500) yards from bandit camp, Carlos Bellorin, who was acting as guide for the patrol, notified Lieut Burns, that patrol was nearing the finca of his brother and to be careful as it was possible the bandits were camped there. Patrol commander was notified and he gave orders to proceed cautiously. Patrol approached to within one hundred (100) yards of the camp when talking was heard. A firing line was immediately formed, but during the formation of same, bandits challenged and opened fire. Their fire was returned and point advanced on camp. Bandits were firing on advancing guardia with one (1) or two (2) automatic weapons rifles and rifle grenades. Point advanced steadily, taking advantage of cover afforded by pine trees. Advance continued for about fifteen minutes, heavy firing being carried on by both sides, when the point arrived at base of hill occupied by bandits. From base to top of hill was about twenty (20) yards. Lieut Burns with BAR, which he had used during entire advance, Sergeant Acevedo with Sub-Thompson and Corporal Paralles with Sub-Thompson, charged up the hill. Bandits retreated in three directions, some going north, northwest and nearly west, on trails that led in directions stated, into heavy pine trees and brush.

Actual fighting lasted about twenty minutes. Two (2) bandits were killed and it is estimated there were several wounded. Guardia suffered one (1) wounded, Sergeant Frostran Garcia, #1328, GN, by fragment of rifle grenade, in left thigh, serious. Sergeant Garcia was a member of Condega Combat Patrol.

During fighting bandits "vivaed" Salgado and Dr Sacasa and it is estimated there were between eighty (80) and one hundred (100) in the group, commandee by Carlos Salgado, with Fulgencio Hernandez as second in command.

4. Guardia used one (1) BAR, three (3) Sub-Thompsons, one (1) rifle grenade discharger and rifles. Bandits used one (1) or two (2) automatic weapons, one (1) thought to be a BAR or Lewis, rifle grenades and rifles.

5. Articles captured were:

300 Rds Springfield and Krag
3 Bombs, dynamite

- 10 Sticks, dynamite
- 5# Loose dynamite
- 1 Mule, complete w/MC saddle
- Provisions, Covington pack train
- Provisions, native
- 1 Saddle Bags, pair, Covington
- 1 Trousers, Lieut Broughton
- 1 Blanket, Covington
- 1 Puttees, pair, Whitedead
- 1000 Corn, arrobas, destroyed
- 1 Beef, freshly killed, used by patrol
- Correspondence
- Bandit Camp, 2 houses, 6 lean-tos, all destroyed.

6. Guardia lost following:

- 1 Mule, w/saddle MC and blankets of GN (Mule escaped during contact)

7. About 1900 bandits attacked position occupied by Guardia using rifle fire and rifle grenades but were repulsed by Guardia offensive splendidly effected, during about ten (10) minutes of fighting.

Again at 0530 bandits attempted to take camp but retreated after about fifteen (15) minutes of fighting. One (1) bandit killed and one (1) Rem. 45 - 90, rifle captured with twelve (12) rounds ammunition during this attack. Bandits dispersed in northeasterly direction.

8. The patrol leader takes great pleasure in recommending the following officers and enlisted men for commendation as follows:

Lieut John A Burns for his devotion to duty, courage and excellent judgment under trying conditions on the entire patrol and especially during the contact.

Lieut Luis E Gutierrez for his excellent voluntary spirit, his good judgment and as a leader of Guardia under heavy firing.

Sergeant Francisco Acevedo, #1272 GN, for his splendid courage, disregard for personal safety and strict obedience of orders, under heavy enemy fire, while taking enemy position.

Sergeant Frostran Garcia, #1328 GN, for his fortitude and courage shown, and effective use of his Sub-Thompson after being wounded.

Raso Francisco Martinez #3615 GN, for the effective placing of rifle grenades, thereby demoralizing the enemy forces and greatly aiding the attacking forces thereby.

9. The conduct and spirit of all members of the patrol was excellent and all are worthy of the highest praises.

10. The patrol returned to Apali at 1710 23 April 32 with the wounded member of the patrol whose condition was becoming more serious steadily.

- - - - - /s/ John James - - - - -

Following rough translation of report re-bandit attack upon Kisalaya Cuartel is quoted:

Department of Northern Bluefields
Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua,
Kisalaya, Nicaragua,
22 April 1932

From: 2nd Lieut Francisco Gaitan, GN.
To : Area Commander, GN, West Bluefields Nic.
Via : Department Commander, North Dept of Bluefields,
GN, Ninth Company, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua.
Reference: General Order 109-1929.
Subject : Information of attack to Cuartel of Kisalaya
on 21 April, 1932 by bandits.

1. According to reference above mentioned I herewith furnish you with the following information. On the 20th of this month, about 8:00 AM. several pitpans with Mosquito indians went down the river from Saulala, Santo Domingo, Laguna Tare, Pranza and Urapany who the day before had gone to bring bananas from their properties and to sell the bananas to the contractor of the company B.L.C. of Puerto Cabezas, Mr. Eduardo Arana, who travels by motor boat. They all stated that they had returned due to the fact that there were bandits at Urapany on the Coco river about 30 miles from this Cuartel. On further questioning they stated that had seen the bandits who had gone after them and that there were many of them and that two indians who had gone along with them had disappeared and that was possible that had been made prisoners or killed by the bandits.

2. On receiving the above mentioned information and believing that said information could be true due to the fact that that was the route taken by the deserters Guardias, I considered that they could be the ones and that had joined the bandits. I took preventive measures in order to be ready for an attack and knowing they had good arms and ammunition as they took them from this Cuartel. I waited all day long expecting that could be possible the return of any of the indians who disappeared and that I could get some information about the bandits.

3. About 3:00PM, señor Eduardo Arana arrived by motor boat from the Cabo with some provisions for the Guardia and to buy bananas from the mosquito and zambos indians. He did not received any other information on the rest of the day. Mr. Arana placed his motor boat right in front of the headquarters in the river as usual, and to clear next day up to river to pick up the bananas. About 1:55 AM of the 21st, bandits started fire against the Cuartel from all sides except from the side of the river employing three automatic weapons, rifles, pistols and hand bombs (tin/cans). Guardia answered their fire with rifles, one Thompson and one BAR. Bandits increased their offensive attack shouting "vives" to General Sandino and liberators of their country, and death for the dogs and country sellers of the Guardia Nacional. Also Marcelino Baquedano #2385, was wounded during the attack by

through his back but was not serious; while I was with a Thompson a bullet from the bandits struck me on the forehead and I was bleeding much, Lieut Rodriguez took the machine gun and continued firing against the bandits while I took care of myself to continue firing with a BAR.

4. All shots made by the bandits were against the Officers Quarters and Guardia Quarters as they believed we were sleeping, I heard voiced to say "Fire at the house that the Machine Gun is there", "Fire on that side that trenches are in there", it is to say that there were people who knew well the Quarters, but beforehand Lieut Rodriguez and myself had it all changed and by that way avoiding any other casualties. The attack ceased at 3:00 AM, bandits retreated to a mountain which is located on one side of the valley. The contact lasted one hour and five minutes.

5. On searching the camp next morning, three dead were found and one seriously wounded, the ex-sergeant Sebastian Jimenez who deserted the Guardia on 4 April killing Lieut Levonsky and wounding Lieut Reyes. He had a bandage around the leg of the shot received from Lieut Reyes, all the Guardias recognized him, he had high boots, khaki shirt, Guardia hat and emblem and a .38 special pistol. Another wounded bandit was found who said to be Andres Oviedo, from Leon, that he had joined the bandits at Malacaguina and that they had cleared for Bocay, that Sergeant Jimenez had cheated them saying to attack Kisalaya Cuartel and that it was very easy to take it because he knew it well, that there were 50 men those who attacked the Cuartel being 12 Guardias among the bandits, that the rest were civilians, that there were some others waiting at the ravine and that their intention was to sack El Cabo and later to go to the rail-road track. He died later due to serious wounds.

When bandits retreated, the following loot was captured:-

- 50 Rounds Krag ammunition.
- 10 Fuses of dynamite bombs.
- 60 Rounds .38 special
- 2 Pistols .38 special
- 2 Cut-throats
- 3 Handkerchiefs (red and black)
- 1 Hat, Guardia Nacional
- 1 Hat emblem GN
- 1 pamphlet with picture of Lieut Pennington with head of bandit.

6. The blood trails left by bandit when retreated shown there were about 8 or 10 wounded. They were headed to South for the Leimus mountain, about one and half league from this headquarters. During the attack, bandits used one Thompson Machine Gun, one BAR and one Lewis and Krag rifles. When attack started, Baso Sabas Cornejo #3473, ran toward the river taking señor Arana's motor boat and leaving in direction of El Cabo, we have not heard of him since. After exploring the camp well and not having any means of communication with the Department Commander at the Fort due to the lack of radio, I sent a mail carrier to Moss Farm Quarters in order to get the plane for the wounded and to get treatment for myself and also

to inspect the place of the contact and some other details. At 4:00 PM the planes landed from the Port, but aviators did not have any information of the attack, they were only coming to deliver some office articles. I furnished them with all the information. They took with them Raso Paquedano who was wounded for the Guardia Hospital, they also gave information to Captain Innman, Commander of Department of Northern Bluefields and requested him to send me ammunition and medicines as I expected a new attack during the night as the Guardia deserters had joined the bandits. The planes returned to Port carrying Raso Paquedano. After the planes had left, an old woman, Silvina Martinez, Mosquito Indian who was made prisoner by the bandits a couple of days ago at Urapany returned to our camp. While she was with her husband picking bananas bandits appeared, her husband ran away but she could not do it and was apprehended by the bandits. The night the bandits attacked the Cuartel, she had been left with another group and who were as a reserve, she heard the contact, the bandits with her had only pistols and muzzle-loaders, but those who had come to attack were well armed and had four automatic weapons. She says that during the contact the bandits left with her were saying: "We are sure that the boys will get those bandit Guardias, we are going to tear them to pieces or hang them" and other things. She also stated that the group that had gone to attack the Cuartel returned about 5:00 AM, they had eight seriously wounded and two dead, that there were buried there and that four more were left, two of those were colonels but they did not say their names. The four left were those we found, they stated that did not have any luck, that one of the automatic weapons had not fired and that they never expected to have so many losses but the Guardias were too sharp shooters. That the jefe of the group where she was left was General Juan Morales, that all together were around 90 or 100 but they had only rags and nothing to eat. They stated that another group would come to Pocay and other from "minas de la Luz", that they will gather together and return to Kisalaya and finish with the Guardia because they had plenty of arms and that later they would sack and burn the rail road track. Then they released her and told not to say anything to the Guardia at Kisalaya.

7. About 8:00 AM of 22ns, this same date, planes arrived with Captain Innman, Department Commander, and Lieut Capollony (M), they brought medicines and ammunition. I showed Capt Innman the place where they were attacking, also where they placed the automatic weapons, articles captured, also the dead bandits who were not buried as I wanted him to have the best proof and inspect them then they were buried. After the inspection and when I had the first treatment, they returned to the port. According to later reports this group of bandits had returned to Urapany, Waspook and Pocay.

8. I recommend to the Jefe Director, the conduct and good behaviour of 2nd Lieut Juan B. Rodriguez and all the Guardias who took part during the contact, with exception of Raso Sabas Cornejo #3473 GN, who left us during the contact taking his equipment and about 100 rounds of ammo. Any time this man be captured it is recommended to be judged by Court Martial for the offence above mentioned. The coolness of all The Guardia was excellent and it is recommended to be cited.

Attached herewith is the list of Officers and Guardia who took part during the contact.

/s/ Francisco Gaitan. 7

P E R S O N N E L

Captain Mixson from Matagalpa to Managua by plane on 6 May, 1932 on temporary duty.

Captain Griffin from Jinotega to Managua by plane on 4 May, 1932.

Colonel Watson, Area Comdr. Central Area from Jinotega to Managua by plane on 4 May, 1932. Returned by truck on 7 May, 1932.

Major Livingston, Paymaster GN and Major Rea cleared Managua for Jinotega by plane on 4 May, 1932 and returned on 6 May, 1932.

Colonel Smith, Director of Operations and Major O'Neil Commanding Dept. Granada & Masaya cleared Managua for Granada on 3 May, 1932. Colonel Smith returned to Managua on 4 May.

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