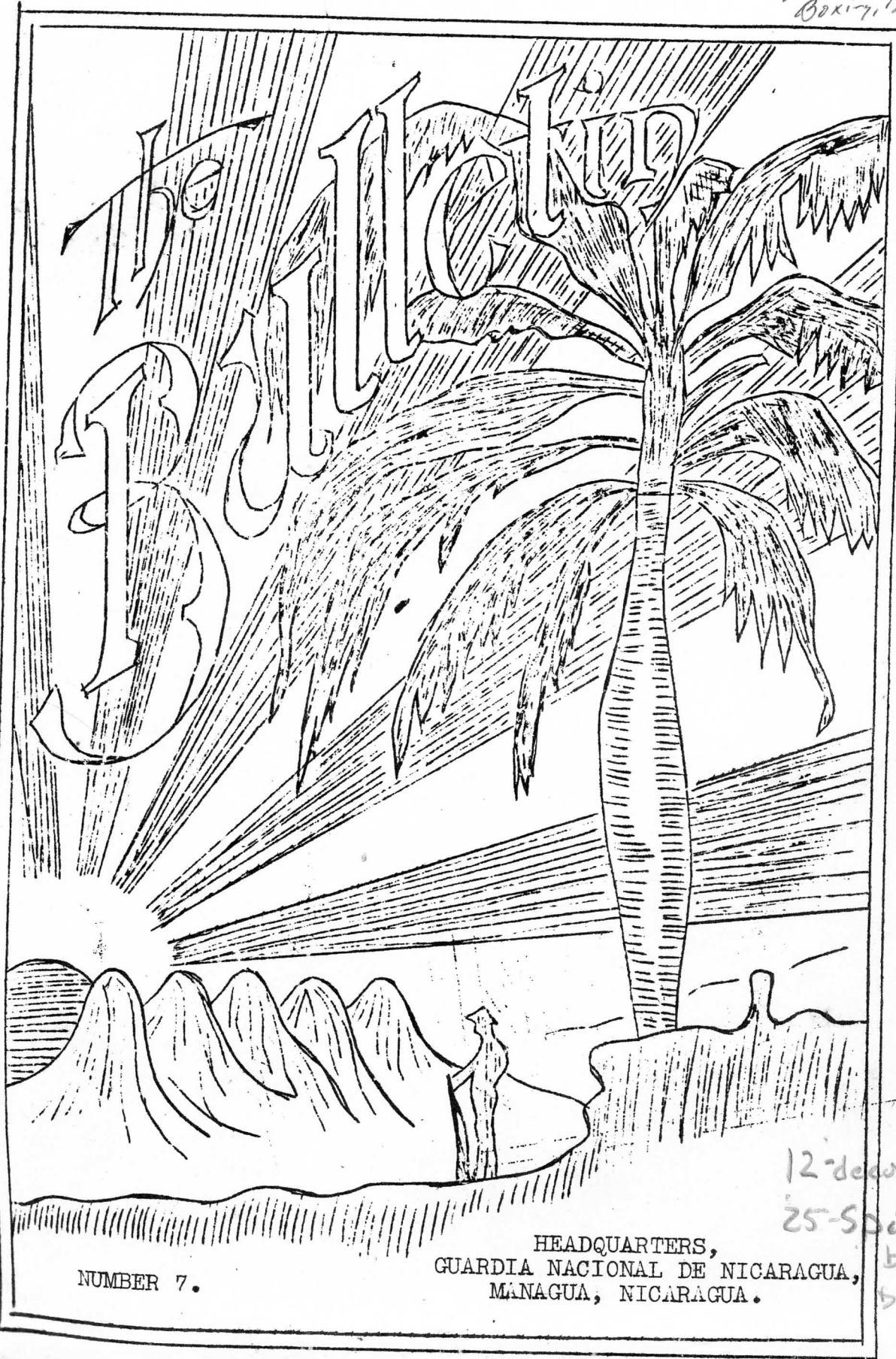


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## HACIENDA OPERATIONS

Hacienda operations were taken over in all Departments of the Republic, with the exception of in the Departments of Chinandega and León, in September, 1928, and all hacienda guards relieved by the Guardia Nacional. This duty was taken over in the Departments of Chinandega and León in September, 1927, and June, 1928, respectively. Control of the distilleries and government depositories of aguardiente was taken over by Presidential Decree, on 1 September, 1928. The taking over of the control of distilleries and government depositories and suppressing the traffic in aguardiente and contraband cususa was an important step in the programme of the Electoral Mission because in previous elections the unrestricted use of alcoholic beverages had been a serious factor in blocking free suffrage. The purpose for which the Guardia Nacional took over the hacienda duties having been accomplished, this activity was restored to the Minister of Hacienda in the early part of January, 1929.

During the period of the performance of these duties, large quantities of aguardiente were seized, confiscated and destroyed, and many articles of other contraband were seized and confiscated. In one week in the Department of Chinandega the following articles of contraband and weapons were seized: 15 pounds tobacco, 21 silk shawls, 11 pairs silk stockings, 1 bed spread, 2 rifles, 6 pistols, 11 shotguns, and 51 cutachas and knives. At another time a capture included many cameras, camera equipment, a typewriter, a large quantity of woman's wearing apparel, various miscellaneous articles, the bull carts on which these articles were being transported, together with the bulls hauling the carts. Captain Walter W. Rogers, G.N., commanded the Division of Chinandega at the time of these captures.

## NEW ENLISTED RANKS ESTABLISHED

The following enlisted ranks have been established in the Guardia Nacional since the publication of Bulletin No. 5:

Quartermaster Sergeant.  
Drum Major.

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE GUARDIA NACIONAL ON 31 MARCH, 1929.

Company.	Station.	Officers.	Enlisted.	Total.	Aggreg.
Hd. Co.	Managua	43	59	102	
Band	Managua	1	36	37	
Med. Dept.	Managua	8	1	9	148

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Company.	Station.	Officers.	Enlisted.	Total.	Aggreg.
1st Co.	Ocotul	9	134	143	243
	San Juan	4	59	63	
	Dipilto	2	33	35	
	Estelí	1		1	
	Somoto	1		1	
2nd Co.	Chinandega	4	36	40	119
	Somotillo	2	14	16	
	Corinto	1	13	14	
	Chichigalpa	1	12	13	
	San Antonio	1	7	8	
	El Viejo	1	10	11	
	El Tempisque		3	3	
	El Realejo		2	2	
	Puente Real		3	3	
	Villanueva		3	3	
	Pesoltega		3	3	
	On furlough		2	2	
	Managua	1		1	
	3rd Co.	Managua	11	113	
Tipitapa			4	4	
Sabana Grande			3	3	
Ticuantepé			4	4	
Piedrecitas			2	2	
Casa Colorada			4	4	
Mateare			4	4	
San Rafael		1	8	9	
Jinotepe		4	26	30	
Diriamba		1	9	10	
San Marcos		1	6	7	
Santa Teresa		1	6	7	
On Leave		1		1	
Sick in hosp.		1		1	
San Francisco		1	5	6	
4th Co.	Managua	5	53	58	58
5th Co.	León	7	62	69	123
	La Paz Centro	1	8	9	
	Momotombo		3	3	
	Nagarote		3	3	
	El Sauce	1	9	10	
	Telica	1	8	9	
	Santa Rosa	1	6	7	
	Quezalguacue		2	2	
	Valle de Zapatas		4	4	
	Achuapa		3	3	
	Ponclaya		2	2	
	Managua		2	2	
On Leave	1		1		

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6th Co.	Jinotegá	8	58	66	66
8th Co.	Matagalpa	8	97	105	
	Muy Muy	1	9	10	
	Esquipulas	1	9	10	
	Darío	1	12	13	
	San Isidro	1	6	7	
	San Ramón	1	15	16	
	Terrabona		6	6	
	Sébaco		6	6	
	Matiguás		7	7	
	San Dionisio		4	4	184
10th Co.	Estelí	4	40	44	
	Trinidad	1	12	13	57
11th Co.	Juigalpa	6	32	38	
	Acoyapa	1	7	8	
	Boaco	1	12	13	
	Camoapa	1	8	9	
	La Libertad	1	9	10	
	San José		7	7	
	Santo Tomás	1	10	11	
	Teustepe	1	6	7	
	Managua		1	1	104
12th Co.	Granada	7	32	39	
	Masaya	4	25	29	
	Masatepe	1	6	7	
	Niquinohomo	1	5	6	
	Tisma		5	5	
	Catarina		3	3	
	La Concepción		3	3	
	Nandaime	1	7	8	
	Diriomo	1	4	5	
	Diriá		2	2	
	San Carlos	1	4	5	
	El Castillo		2	2	
	Panaloya		4	4	
	Sick	1	1	2	120
13th Col	Rivas	5	22	27	
	Cárdenas	1	3	4	
	Sapoa		2	2	
	San Juan del Sur	1	3	4	
	Moyogalpa	1	3	4	
	Alta Gracia		2	2	
	San Jorge		3	3	
	Belén		3	3	
	Potosí		3	3	
	Buenos Aires		6	6	
	Tola		1	1	62
	Hospital (Managua)		1	1	
14th Co.	Managua (HOSPITAL)	3	28	31	31

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Company.	Station.	Officers.	Enlisted.	Total.	Aggreg.
Disc. Co.	Managua (Pen)	1	9	9	
16th Co.	Managua (Pres.Gd)	2	73	75	75
1st Mob. Bn.	Managua	17	189	206	206
Bluefields.	Bluefields	7	53	60	
	San Juan		4	4	
	Rio Grande Bar		4	4	
	Pto. Cabezas	2	10	12	
	Guadalupe		2	2	
	Wawa Central		5	5	
	La Cruz	1	8	9	
	Tumarín		2	2	
	El Bluff	1	3	4	
	Rama	1	8	9	
	Las Perlas		6	6	117

Officers.	Enlisted.	Total.
216	1722	1938

Officers and enlisted men of the Medical Corps are included in the above.

#### SMALL ARMS TARGET PRACTICE.

During the period 1 July, 1928, to 31 March, 1929, 487 Guardias fired the rifle record practice course for qualification on the Guardia Nacional Rifle Range at Managua.

Many men obtained a score better than 225 (possible 250) during the period.

#### MILITARY OPERATIONS

During the period 1 July, 1928, to 31 March, 1929, troops of the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua participated in the following important engagements with organized forces of bandits in Nicaragua, Central America:

#### PATROL TO TRINIDAD AREA

A Guardia Nacional patrol of four men, commanded by Lieutenant Jacob G. Keller, G.N., marched from Estelí to Trinidad Area, Department of Estelí, on July 26th and 27th, 1928, and captured the following:

- 5 Murderers.
- 14 Rifles
- 2 Shotguns.
- 3 Pistols.

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Second Lieutenant Moses E. Smith, G.N. Participated in the Guardia Nacional attack against bandits on Chipote del Norte Mountain, Nueva Segovia, on 28 January, 1928, and throughout this engagement displayed a personal bravery and disregard for danger and by his calm judgement and aggressiveness brought success to the part played by his unit.

*All for heroes*

Sergeant Francisco Poveda, #241, G.N. Participated in the Guardia Nacional attack against bandits on Chipote del Norte Mountain, Nueva Segovia, on 28 January, 1928. Sergeant Poveda had charge of a Lewis machine-gun squad that operated in the center of the attacking force, and assisted materially in the capture of the enemy position. The heroism and desire of Sergeant Poveda to close with the enemy in this engagement marks him as a soldier of whom Nicaragua may be proud. Next of kin: Mother, Trinidad Poveda, Chinandega.

Sergeant Roberto Candia, #108, G.N. During the Guardia Nacional attack against bandits on Chipote del Norte Mountain, Nueva Segovia, on 28 January, 1928, was gunner of a Lewis Machine Gun and he disregarded his personal safety to close with the enemy and, assisted by Sergeant Francisco Poveda, he advanced with his gun on enemy positions, firing the gun as he moved forward, thereby pinning the enemy to the ground so that they were unable to inflict casualties among the attacking Guardia. Next of kin: Cosme Chávez, grandfather, Chichigalpa.

Private Ramón Martínez Gutiérrez, #375, G.N. Participated in the attack against bandits on Chipote del Norte Mountain, Nueva Segovia, on 28 January, 1928, and by his coolness under fire and his ability as a gunner in operating and maintaining the fire of his Lewis machine gun throughout this combat assisted materially in crushing the enemy and saving the Guardia from casualties. Next of kin: Mother, Ana Ramírez, Masaya.

Private Juan Cortés Carazo, #397, G.N. Participated in the attack against bandits on Chipote del Norte Mountain, Nueva Segovia, on 28 January, 1928, and by his coolness under fire and his ability as a gunner in operating and maintaining the fire of his Lewis machine gun throughout this combat assisted materially in crushing the enemy and saving the Guardia from casualties. Next of kin: Father, Juan Cortés, Chinandega, Barrio

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First Lieutenant Chester A. Davis, G.N. Through his excellent display of leadership while in command of a Guardia Nacional patrol that attacked and dispersed a superior bandit force at Guanacastilla, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, on 10 January, 1929, inspired his subordinates so that they, although greatly outnumbered by an enemy in an ambush position, fought with outstanding courage and aggressiveness and forced the enemy to retreat.

Second Lieutenant William H. Smith (MC), G.N. This officer, second in command of a Guardia Nacional patrol that attacked and dispersed a superior force of bandits at Guanacastilla, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, on 10 January, 1929, although painfully wounded early in the combat, continued to render first aid to the wounded throughout the engagement and by his example did much to encourage his comrades.

Sergeant Moisés Urbina, #15, G.N., was a member of the Guardia Nacional patrol of Lieutenant Davis which attacked and dispersed a superior bandit force at Guanacastilla, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, on 10 January, 1929. This noncommissioned officer while dismounting during the initial burst of machine-gun fire, observed some bandits above him. Immediately he, with total disregard for his own safety, rushed their position and in so doing, was killed. By his act of heroism, he inspired his comrades to other acts of valor. Next of kin: Mother, Epifania Pérez, Juigalpa, Chontales, Nic.

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Corporal Gilberto Hernández, #1024, G.N., was a member of the Guardia Nacional patrol of Lieutenant Davis which attacked and dispersed a superior bandit force at Guanacastilla, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, on 10 January, 1929. Corporal Hernández was seriously wounded in the face by the initial burst of enemy fire but in spite of this, continued to fight with rare gallantry and perseverance until again wounded, this time fatally. This act of Corporal Hernández inspired his comrades on to other feats of valor. Next of kin: Father, Juan José Gómez, Tisma, Nic.

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CITATION.

Corporal Alejandro Buitrago, #441, G.N., a member of the Guardia Nacional patrol of Lieutenant Davis which attacked and dispersed a superior bandit force at Guanacastilla, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, on 10 January, 1929. Corporal Buitrago was seriously wounded in both legs while operating his machine gun early in the contact. He was forced to abandon his position and took cover in a nearby ravine. Despite his weakened condition

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The Reception Line was formed in an attractive bower situated at the entrance of the patio in the Guardia Nacional portion of the Campo de Marte. In the Reception Line were President Moncada, with Lieutenant Chacalcombe, his Aide, to introduce American officers; Mrs. Aguado, wife of the new Vice President; General Somoza, the Secretario de la Comandancia; Mrs. Zelaya, wife of the former Mayor of Managua and present Jefe Político of Managua; Mr. Zelaya, Jefe Político of Managua; Mrs. Somoza; and Vice President Aguado. 8

Music for the occasion was furnished by the Fifth Regiment Band, U. S. M. C., and the Guardia Nacional Band.

Some two thousand guests attended the ball and refreshments for this number were served.

#### VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZED TO OPERATE AGAINST SANDINO.

In January, 1929, the President of Nicaragua, issued orders for the organizing of certain volunteer forces, under Nicaraguan officers, to operate against Sandino in the northern bandit infested departments of the Republic. These forces were recruited, organized and trained by their own officers, assisted by officers of the Guardia Nacional and the Second Brigade, U. S. Marine Corps, at Camp Bruce, G.N., Managua, Nic. and upon the completion of the training were moved to bases in the Northern Area of the Second Brigade, U. S. Marine Corps. The operations of the Los Voluntarios are being co-ordinated under the Commanding General, Second Brigade, U. S. Marine Corps. The rationing, uniforming, and paying of these volunteers has been entrusted to the Guardia Nacional, payment for same being made from special funds appropriated for this purpose.

#### TRIP OF JEFE DIRECTOR TO NORTHERN AREA.

On Monday, 18 March, 1929, Brigadier General Douglas C. McDougal, G.N., Jefe Director, left Managua for Ocotal, Department of Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua, via U. S. Marine Corps transport airplane, to confer with Colonel Robert H. Dunlap, U.S.M.C., Commanding the Northern Area, on the matter of the Guardia Nacional cooperating further in bandit operations, and to inspect the Guardia Nacional stations in that area. General McDougal returned to Managua on Thursday, 21 March, 1928, in an airplane piloted by Major Louis M. Bourne, U.S.M.C.

#### DECORATION OF GRAVES OF UNITED STATES NAVY PERSONNEL.

The following quoted letter, dated 30 October, 1928, addressed by the Sub-Division Commander, San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua, to the Area Commander, Area of the East, Bluefields, Nicaragua, and forwarded by the latter to the Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional, is published as a matter of interest:

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 "1. The Sub-Division Commander is very pleased to report that the members of the Guardia Nacional under his command have under their own volition, voluntarily spent several days cleaning and beautifying an American Cemetery, built by the officers and crew of the U. S. Frigate "Sabine" in the year 1860, and in which are interred the remains of several members of the United States Naval Service.

2. This cemetery through neglect had reverted to the jungle, and immediately upon learning this the entire detachment, under Sergeant Gustavo Escobar voluntarily cleaned the plot and painted the fence which surrounds same, and otherwise beautified the surroundings, in which they were assisted by Privates Ottis Morgan and Frank J. Smith, U.S.M.C.

3. It is thought that the soldierly spirit and respect shown to the military dead of a foreign power by members of this command is in every way worthy of commendation."

A letter of appreciation, quoted as follows, was forwarded by the Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional, to the Division Commander, Division of Southern Bluefields, Nicaragua, on 19 November, :xx

"1. The Jefe Director takes pleasure in expressing his sincere appreciation of the commendable spirit shown by Guardia personnel of the Sub-Division of San Juan del Norte in that they initiated, and of their own volition cleaned and beautified an American Cemetery built by the officers and crew of the U. S. Frigate Sabine in 1860; in which were interred the remains of several members of the United States Naval Service. The Jefe Director also wishes to express his thanks to Privates Ottis Morgan and Frank J. Smith, U. S. Marine Corps, for assisting in this work.

2. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Commanding General, Second Brigade, U. S. Marine Corps, for his information.

3. A copy of this letter, in English and Spanish, will be pasted in the service record books of the Guardia personnel concerned as part of their military record.

E. R. BEADLE.

#### RECRUITING ACTIVITIES.

At the end of June, 1928, enlisted strength of the Guardia Nacional was 1215. An extensive recruiting program was inaugurated shortly after the first of July, 1928, to recruit men to bring the strength of this organization up to 1800 enlisted men. During the months of July, August, and September, 1928, four hundred and ninety-four (494) recruits were obtained, trained and transferred to Divisions in time to be of assistance in the performance of election duties. Very few recruits were obtained in October, 1928, because of the nearness of the presidential election, which was held on 4 November, 1928, and the desire of most men to be free to vote. About three hundred (300) men

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have been recruited since election day. Many of these men, however, enlisted for a period of six months to serve during the coffee harvesting season in the northern Departments and will be discharged by the end of May, 1929. On the whole recruiting has been as satisfactory as could be expected. 10

### SPORTS

Every endeavor is being made to promote clean sports throughout the Guardia Nacional. To this end athletic equipment is furnished and prizes are offered in competitions. In Managua boxing matches are frequently staged at La Loma Field, between Guardia Nacional and civilian fighters. These fights have become quite popular with boxing fans among the Marines, Guardias, and civilians, and all matches are well attended. So far Managua is the only place where such matches have been held.

All Guardias take to baseball like a duck to water. This is not strange because the same thing happens in any country where the American marine or soldier is stationed and plays the game. Several baseball teams have been organized in various Divisions and in all games played with civilian or marine teams the Guardia teams have given a good account of themselves. With the issue of boxing gloves, volley ball and baseball equipment to all Divisions there is a great increase in the number of men participating in boxing and in playing baseball.

### MOBILE BATTALION

The First Mobile Battalion of the Guardia Nacional, to consist of 14 officers and 250 enlisted men, and to be commanded by Colonel Roy D. Lowell, G.N., was ordered organized by the Joint Director, on 25 March, 1929. This battalion is being organized, equipped and trained at Campo de Marte, Managua, Nicaragua, and, as soon as sufficiently trained to undertake the rigorous duty of the hills, will march to Jinotega. All operations of this battalion will be conducted under the direction of the Commanding General, Second Brigade, U. S. Marine Corps, operating in this country. This battalion will augment the marine force in that area and will probably take over the Department of Jinotega where the noted bandit Altamirano is operating.

### CONTRIBUTION TO THE POOR HOUSE.

The officers of the Guardia Nacional on duty in Managua have for several months been voluntarily contributing towards the maintenance of the Poor House in this city. The amounts contributed have not been great, considered from the viewpoint of the contributors, but have been of a sufficient amount to assist materially in lightening the burden of the unfortunates in that institution.

The following is an extract of a letter, in translation re-

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