

GUARDIA NEWS LETTER NO. 19 (October 24 - October 31, 1930.)

(Including delayed notes from the Central Area)

19 October, 1930.

Captain Bourne, Lieut. McGhee and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for Corinto Finca.

Captain Maynard, Lieut. Hall, San Rafael (CA) guardia and members of Electoral Mission cleared for Yali and arrived.

20 October, 1930.

Lieut. Pulver and guardia reported to San Isidro (CA) from patrol of El Cacao and Monte Grande areas.

Sebaco (CA) guardia cleared for San Isidro with two bandit suspects.

San Ramon (CA) guardia cleared for La Garita on police mission.

Guardia detachment from San Isidro (CA) cleared for Carrizo on patrol.

Lieut. Roberts, Lieut. McGhee and guardia detachment reported to Jinotega (CA) from Corinto Finca.

Captain Maynard, Lieut. Hall, guardia detachment and members of Electoral Mission cleared Yali (CA) for San Rafael via La Concordia. Arrived in San Rafael.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia returned from patrol of Monte Grande and San Isidro areas.

Dario (CA) guardia cleared for Las Haderas on police mission.

21 October, 1930.

Lieut. Lee, Lieut. Roberts and Central Area roving patrol cleared on a combat mission.

Captain Maynard and San Rafael (CA) guardia cleared for and arrived in Jinotega.

San Isidro (CA) guardia returned from patrol of Carrizo area with four prisoners, one Krag rifle, one Con Con rifle and three shotguns.

22 October, 1930.

Jinotega (CA) guardia cleared for Apanas with Inspector de Hacienda on contraband patrol.

Terrabona (CA) guardia returned from patrol of Santa Rosa.

23 October, 1930.

Muy Muy (CA) guardia cleared for El Bosque on a police mission.

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24 October, 1930.

Captain Hunt, Lieut. Coffman, Lieut. Gomez and Quilali (NA) guardia cleared Apali and arrived in Jicaro. Captain Hunt and Quilali detachment cleared Jicaro and arrived in Quilali.

Dipilito (NA) guardia returned from patrol of area in nearby vicinity. Nothing to report.

Lieut. Bello and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia cleared for Blandon as escort for a detachment being transferred to Managua.

Lieut. Levonski and Tolpaneca (NA) guardia cleared for Playa Hermas and vicinity on reconnaissance mission. Patrol returned.

Captain McQueen with guardia patrols from Limay and San Francisco (NA) operating vicinity of Peña de Tigre.

Somotillo (NA) guardia cleared for San Ramon ranch, vicinity of border, for police mission.

Lieutl Cobb and guardia cleared Esteli (NA) for Blandon.

Puente Real (NA) guardia cleared for Las Grietas on patrol. Returned with nothing to report.

Lieut. McGhee, Lieut. Pilcher and Jinotega (CA) guardia cleared on a combat patrol. Returned, nothing to report.

Guardia detachment from Matagalpa (CA) cleared for Quebrada Honda area to investigate report of armed persons there.

Valle de Las Zapatas (NA) guardia returned from patrol to Zarzales. Nothing to report.

25 October, 1930.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol under command of First Sergeant Guillen had contact with a bandit group of 25 under Villegas at Cometa at 9 P.M. Four bandits killed. No guardia casualties. The Guardia captured four rifles and a quantity of ammunition and bombs. The patrol continued pursuit of this group.

Captain Craig and guardia from Chinandega cleared for Puente Real.

Dipilito (NA) guardia patrolled to Ocotal and returned.

Lieutl Cobb and guardia from Esteli (NA) arrived in Blandon. Met Lieut. Bello and Pueblo Nuevo guardia with a detachment being transferred to Managua. Took the detachment in charge and returned to Esteli. Lieut. Bello and Pueblo Nuevo guardia returned to home station.

Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NA) guardia returned. Covered El Angel, El Naranjo, Los Robles, and Peña del Tigre. No information or evidence of bandits in area covered.

Lieut. Torres and Limay (NA) guardia returned to Limay.

Captain Williams and Somoto (NA) guardia cleared for San

Lieut. Pennington, and guardia detachment cleared Jinotega (CA) for Matacalpa.

26 October, 1930.

Captain Arnett, Lieut. Hardin and guardia cleared from La Paz Centro (WA) on patrol.

Guardia detachment from Valle de las Zapatas (WA) cleared for halfway patrol to El Sauce (ML) to receive two civil prisoners. Returned to Valle de las Zapatas.

Telica (WA) guardia returned from patrol to Sanjon de Santo Cristo. Captured one prisoner.

Captain Williams and Sonoto (ML) guardia returned from patrol to San Lucas.

Lieut. Coceres and Quilali (ML) guardia cleared for vicinity of Naucharres Creek to operate eastward.

Captain Pefley, Lieut. Livermore and San Juan de Telpaneca (ML) guardia cleared for Sas Carros, Ologalpa and Las Vueltas.

Lieut. Coffman and Jicaro (ML) guardia cleared for junction of Jicaro and Santa Clara Rivers.

Lieut. Gomez and Jicaro (MA) guardia cleared for Guanacastillo.

Lieut. Carlin and guardia arrived in Esteli from Linay (ML).

Lieut. Cobb, Lieut. Carlin and guardia cleared Esteli for and arrived in La Trinidad (ML).

Major Hunt, Lieut. Broderick and Ocotal (ML) guardia cleared for Caracol and vicinity.

Dipilto (ML) guardia cleared for vicinity of Suyatal.

Lieut. Brauer, guardia detachment and members of Electoral Mission cleared Palacaguina (ML) for and arrived in Condega.

Captain Balos, Pueblo Nuevo (ML) guardia and members of Electoral Mission cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived in Ocotal.

Chinandega (WA) guardia cleared for finca one mile east of there to investigate report of robbery. Returned with two prisoners.

A detachment of guardia cleared Chinandega (WA) to patrol area of El Realejo to investigate report of small bandit group supposed to be operating in that vicinity.

27 October, 1930.

Lieut. Coceres and Quilali (MA) guardia had contact with a group of bandits at 8 A.M. Some bandits believed wounded. Captured one bandit, one shotgun, ten machetes, one horse and one saddle. Destroyed camp consisting of 6 houses of bandit Jefe Roque Vargas at junction of Santa Clara and Jicaro rivers. There were no bandit casualties.

Captain Pefley, Lieut Livermore and guardia returned to San Juan de Telpaneca (MA) Had contact on October 26, 1930. at 10 A.M. with a group of bandits, Jefe unknown. Surprised the bandits camp. Action lasted two minutes when bandits scattered. Two wounded. Destroyed four camps including the one at El Sauce. Destroyed supplies and captured three animals (horses & mules). There were no guardia casualties.

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Guardia from Valle de las Zapatas (WL) arrived in Leon with two criminals (wanted for murder charge); prisoners transferred from El Sauce (NL).

Guardia detachment from La Paz Centro (WL) cleared to patrol Santa Rosa and vicinity.

Leon (WL) guardia patrol cleared for Santa Rosa.

Chinandega (WL) guardia returned from patrol to El Realejo. Nothing to report.

Guardia detachment from Chichigalpa (WL) cleared to patrol area near Posoltega. Returned, nothing to report.

Dipilto (NL) guardia detachment returned from patrol at 3 A.M. Patrolled immediate vicinity.

Lieut. Lovonski and Telpaneca (NL) guardia cleared at midnight Oct. 26, 1930 for San Francisco and Amucayan on a combat mission.

Major Hunt, Lieut. Broderick and Ocotal (NL) guardia arrived in Telpaneca.

Lieut. Carlin, Lieut. Cobb and guardia detachment on route to Managua with escort cleared La Trinidad (NL) for and arrived in Sebaco.

Lieut. Brauer, Palacaguina (NL) guardia and members of electoral mission cleared Condega and arrived in Palacaguina.

Lieut. Lovonski and Telpaneca (NL) patrol returned. Learned at San Francisco that a group of 11 passed through there. Picked up and followed trail to Amucayan. Trail lost there.

28 October, 1930.

Lieut Hardin and guardia cleared Leon (WL) for La Paz Centro.

Guardia cleared Leon for duty in Valle de las Zapatas (WL).

Guardia arrived Leon from Telica (WL) with one prisoner. Returned to Telica after delivering prisoner.

La Paz Centro (WL) guardia returned from patrol to Santa Rosa. Confiscated one horse.

Leon (WL) guardia returned from patrol to Santa Rosa. Captured one man wanted for murder.

Lieut. Hardin and La Paz Centro (WL) guardia cleared on patrol to La Paz Vieja, La Presa and Santa Teresa. Captured one prisoner.

Quilali (NL) guardia cleared to investigate report of a band group.

Major Hunt, Lieut. Broderick and Ocotal (NA) guardia returned. Reconnoitered Apumagual and Caracol. Laid ambush at Apumagual on night of 26th. Laid ambush at Sasal night of 27th. No results.

Lieut. Coffman and Jicaro (NA) guardia returned. Covered El Golfo, Jicarito and Zapotillo area. Saw no signs of bandits.

Lieut. Gomez and Jicaro (NA) patrol returned. Covered Las Mesas, Guali, Guanacostillo, NW and NE section of Ologalpa, Las Vueltas, La Peoncuta and Ula. No evidence of bandit groups.

Captain Hunt, Lieut. Caceres and Quilali (NA) guardia cleared for and arrived in Jicaro.

Captain Bales and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia cleared Ocotal for home station.

Captain McQuoon and patrol returned to Somotillo. Under his direction two combat patrols cleared San Francisco on Oct. 24 and thoroughly patrolled the El Angel-Marango-Peña del Tigre-Prodra del Jicote-El Lajero area, along the frontier opposite Cacamuya, (Honduras). Met Somoto patrol and operated in conjunction with it. No bandit information gained.

Quilali (NA) guardia detachment returned from patrol. Obtained names of twelve of a bandit group.

Captain Power and San Rafael (CA) guardia returned from patrol on October 26.

Lieut. Stearns and guardia cleared Huy Huy for Matigues (CA).

Lieut. White cleared Matagalpa (CA) on a police mission to San Ramon.

Captain Power and guardia cleared San Rafael (CA) for Yali on October 27.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia cleared on a police mission to Aranjuez. Patrol returned.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia detachment reported from Navarro. Acted as escort for Electoral personnel.

Captain Power, Captain Healey and guardia cleared Yali (CA) for San Rafael via La Concordia. Patrol arrived.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia cleared for Palicila as escort for Electoral Mission.

A detachment of guardia sent from Matagalpa (CA) to Jausapa on a police mission. Returned with two prisoners, 1 pistol and 3 outchaks.

29 October, 1930.

Lieut. Klein and Dipilto (NA) guardia cleared at 4:30 A.M. to cover northern area of the Dipilto district.

(29 October, continued)

Captain Bales and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia returned from Oco Esteli (NA) guardia detachment returned from Santula. Captured two prisoners, one with a Berg rifle.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared for San Antonio.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia detachment returned from convoy patrol.

Captain Davis and Telpancea (NA) guardia cleared for Rodas and vicinity on a reconnaissance mission. Patrol returned.

Captain Hunt., Lieut. Coffman, Lieut. Cacares and guardia patrol cleared Jicaro (NA) and arrived in Apali. Lieut. Coffman, Lieut. Cacares and the patrol returned to Jicaro.

Lieut. Barker, guardia patrol and members of Electoral Mission cleared Totogalpa (NA) and arrived in Ocotal. Cleared Ocotal and returned to Totogalpa.

A guardia detachment cleared Leon (NA) on patrol to act on information picked up.

Lieut. Matamoros and guardia cleared Jintoega (CA) for Matagalpa.

Captain Haynard, Lieut. Montenegro, Lieut Barrilas and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for San Rafael. Patrol arrived.

Lieut. Delgadillo, Lieut. Gutierrez and guardia cleared Jinotega (CA) for Corinto Finca.

30 October, 1930.

Lieut. Livermore and guardia from San Juan de Telpancea (NA) surprised a bandit group of about 40 under Jefe "Alenterdo" Diaz in camp at Las Vegas Mt. El Silencio area. Engagement lasted 10 minutes. No guardia casualties. Two bandits killed and two wounded. The guardia destroyed two bandit camps, one containing 8 houses. Destroyed food and clothing. Captured 2 pistols, 2 bomb detonators and a roster of bandit troops.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Limay as escort for Lieut. High, member of Electoral Mission.

Lieut. Levenski and Telpancea (NA) guardia cleared for Amucan on combat mission. Patrol returned.

Lieut. Vulbern, U.S.M.C. and Marine patrol cleared Condoga for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo as escort for Lieut. High of Electoral Mission. Members of Electoral Mission cleared Pueblo Nuevo and the halfway patrol from Condoga. Patrols returned to Condoga and Pueblo Nuevo. Both patrols heard shots on each side of trail a mile away.

Captain Bleasdale, U.S.M.C., Lieut. Balneo, U.S.M.C. and Finaworth, G.N. a marine patrol and members of Electoral Mission cleared Palaeaguina for Telpancea.

(30 October, continued)

Lieut. Klein and DiSilite (NA) guardia returned. Covered Los Arados, Los Cruces, Achucapo, Salcamaji, Arroyen, El Horno and San Clara, all in Nueva Segovia.

Lieut. Coeeres and Quilali (NA) guardia cleared Jicaro at 9:15 A.M. and arrived in Quilali at 5:15 P.M.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia cleared with Electoral Personnel for Sabana Grande and Navarre.

Guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca (CA) to operate in Agua Amarilla vicinity.

Navarre patrol cleared to operate in Agua Amarilla vicinity.

31 October, 1930.

Colonel Denig, three other officers and guardia patrol from Ocotel (NA) cleared for Carbonal and vicinity on a combat mission. This patrol expects to operate until November 3, 1930.

#### PERSONNEL

Captain J.D. O'Leary arrived in Corinto on October 24, 1930, and assumed command of that post.

Captain V.E. Riden, MC, GM, arrived in Managua on October 26, 1930, from the U.S. for duty. Will be assigned a station later.

Lieut. A.E. Buckner reported to Guardia Headquarters for duty on October 26, 1930.

Lieut. Miller cleared Chinandega for Corinto on Oct. 25, inspected and then returned to Chinandega.

Lieut. J.H. Satterfield from Jinotega was a visitor to Guardia Headquarters this week.

Colonel C.B. Matthews, Chief of Staff of the Guardia Nacional, reported to Guardia Headquarters on October 26, 1930, from Jinotega. Colonel Matthews has been in command of the Central area.

Captain W.W. Scott, Aide to the President of Nicaragua, returned to Managua on October 27, 1930, after accompanying the Chief Executive to Rivas.

Lieut. Hardin arrived in Leon from La Paz Centro for temporary duty on Oct. 27, 1930.

Lieut. Schuler, Lieut. Flippe and Lieut. Miller cleared Chinandega on Oct. 27 for Chichigalpa to make an investigation. Returned after completion of that duty.

Major J.W. Webb returned to Leon on October 27, 1930, from temporary duty in Corinto.

Captain McAfee cleared Intagalpa on Oct. 27 for Dario to assume duty there as District Commander.

#### MEDICAL NOTES

Dr. Riden will go to Bluefields by plane about Nov. 5 to take over the duties of Medical Officer of the Eastern Area, relieving Dr. Bach.

Dr. Bach will come to Innagua enroute to Ocotal where he will assume the duties of Medical Officer of the Northern Area as the relief of Dr. Basko.

Dr. Basko will probably go to Granada as relief of Dr. Miller who returns to the States on Nov. 22nd.

Dr. Jacobs and family sail for the East Coast of the U.S. Nov. 29th on the Guatemala.

Lieut. Long (IC) returned to Innagua Oct. 30. He had been in San Miguelito assisting Dr. Kellum, the Medical Officer of the Electoral Battalion. Dr. Kellum went to San Miguelito to care for the 300-400 inhabitants of that town who were suffering from infected arms, the result of the use of probably contaminated vaccine administered by the Sanidad in a worth attempt to immunize the people.

Lieut. Lill (IC) returned to Jinotega Oct. 27th.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Area Commander, Western Area, reports that NOE, a known bandit, surrendered himself to the Police Judge of Leon, and turned in a Krag rifle in firing condition. Has been restricted to limits of Leon and he reports to the Judge daily, pending consideration of his case.

Colonel R.L. Denig, Area Commander of the Northern Area, has informed the "NEWS LETTER" that during the week, the Ocotal Marines put on a very fine snoker and that the participants in the two opening bouts are members of the Guardia. He stated they "slugged" if nothing else.

The Area Commander of the Northern Area reports that Captain Bales, District Commander of Pueblo Nuevo, has school each Sunday for Juices de Mesta. The class has grown from 9 to 31 since it started. Captain Bales reads the laws to them, gives them an opportunity to ask questions and explains what they wish to know. This is an excellent idea and has wide possibilities.

After being idle for about 3 weeks, due to inclement weather, the Guardia Baseball Team again resumed playing on Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 29th, and held Lt. Williams Camp de Marte MURRES to a 2 to 2 tie score in a five inning game being called on account of darkness.



During October, 1930, the Guardia engaged in ten (10) contacts with the bandits, as follows:

Northem Area 9  
Central Area 1

The Guardia captured the following supplies:

7 Rifles  
4 Pistols  
3 Cutting weapons  
69 Rounds ammunition  
500 Foot bomb fuse  
2 Detonators  
1 Sandino flag  
3 Animals (horses and mules)  
Clothing  
Food

Twelve (12) bandit camps were destroyed.

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