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13 November 1930

Lieut. Delgadillo and Jinotega (CA) Guardia cleared for halfway to Matagalpa.

Captain Cox and Jinotega (CA) Guardia cleared for Naranjo on a police mission. Patrol returned to Jinotega.

Captain Healey, Lieut. Barrilas and Yali (CA) Guardia cleared San Rafael for and arrived in Yali.

14 November 1930

Lieut. Kerns, Lieut. Sims and Matagalpa (CA) Guardia patrol reported to Matagalpa from Muy Muy after patrolling Cacao area.

Lieut. Castillo, Guardia patrol and one prisoner cleared Leon (WL) for Managua.

Guardia detachments from Valle de las Zapatas (WL) cleared on patrol to Rota and Leon.

One patrol returned to Valle de las Zapatas with two captured Winchester rifles and two shotguns.

Lieut. Livermore and Guardia patrol returned to Jicaro (NA).

Lieut. Lippert, USMC, and Marino patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo (NA) for and arrived in Comega.

Ocotul (NA) Guardia cleared for Telpaneca.

Lieut. Ross, Lieut. Livermore and Guardia cleared Jicaro (NA) for Quilali.

Lieut. Bateman and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia returned to Palacaguina. Unable to locate any bandit camp.

Lieut. Wulbern, USMC, and Marine patrol cleared Comega on combat mission. Returned. Reconnoitered Pueblo Nuevo and Palacaguina-Comega trails. Near Ducelito found well prepared bandit ambush with breastworks covering trail.

Guardia patrol returned to Palacaguina (NA) with information that a group of bandits were assembling near Sabana Grande in Totogalpa area.

Lieut. Hester, USMC, and Marine patrol cleared Apali (NA) for and arrived in Ocotul.

Captain Williams, Lieut. Titsworth and Somoto (NA) Guardia cleared for area south and east of Somoto. Returned to Somoto.

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Captain Bales and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia returned to Condega. Patrolled Daraili, San Andres, Bomaero, Tule, southeast part of mountain of Limon, Monte Grande and Esteli River from mouth to a point below Palacaguinal. This patrol then cleared to lay ambush at Moncada Ranch on information that bandits were to pass that way.

El Sauce (NA) Guardia returned from halfway patrol to Valle de las Zapatas.

1st Sgt. Tapia and Limay (NA) Guardia cleared on combat mission to investigate report of bandits at point about 8 miles north of Limay.

Lieut. Cobb, Guardia patrol and 20 civilians returned to La Trinidad (NA) from road work.

Lieut. Ramirez and Guardia patrol cleared for Las Alfajillas (NA) and vicinity to investigate reported presence of small armed group.

Lieut. Calvert and San Francisco (NA) Guardia operating on upper Rio Negro.

A Guardia patrol under a corporal reconnoitering and protecting civilians harvesting crops in vicinity of Santa Clara (NL).

Captain Cook, Lieut. McGhee and Jinotega (CA) Guardia cleared on combat mission.

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A Guardia patrol from Chinandega (NL) cleared to operate in the vicinity of Santa Cruz.

The Ocotal (NL) Guardia patrol arrived in Telpaneca.

Lieut. Parks, USMC, and Marino patrol cleared Condega (NA) on a combat mission. Patrol returned.

Captain Bales cleared Condega (NL) on 14th with Guardia patrol. Occupied ambush from 11 p.m., on 14th to 5 a.m., on 15th, with part of patrol. Rest of patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo at 3 a.m., on 15th. No results from ambush. Information in Pueblo Nuevo that Ortez cleared Consuelo night of Nov. 13th, passing between Pueblo Nuevo and Condega.

Major Hunt, Captain Bach, Lieut. Stephenson and Santa Maria (NL) Guardia cleared for Santa Maria. Patrol arrived.

Lieut. McDonald, Lieut. Cobb and Guardia cleared La Trinidad (NL) for and arrived in Esteli.

An Esteli (NA) Guardia patrol returned from vicinity of Bojucu.

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1st Sgt. Tapia and Limay (NA) Guardia returned. Group he was following identified as Ortiz with 40 men and Quintero with 30. Tapia lost trail in mountains near Consuelo.

Lieut. Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia cleared on patrol. Returned after having patrolled Cerro Grande which extends 6 miles from a point $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Yalaguina. Bandits reported in that area.

Lieut. Hardin and Guardia cleared La Paz Centro (WL) for Nagarote on patrol. Arrived and cleared for the south seacoast of Nagarote. Returned to Nagarote. Nothing unusual to report.

Leon (WL) Guardia cleared for Chircasaca on patrol. Returned to Leon. Nothing to report.

Tolica (WL) Guardia patrol reported to Leon with a civil prisoner. Returned to Tolica after delivering prisoner.

Captain Cox, Lieut. McGhee and Jinotega (GL) Guardia returned to Jinotega from combat patrol. Covered Saraguasca, San Marcos, Suni, Mojon, Tumatoya and Laguna areas.

Captain Maynard, Lieut. Matamoros and San Rafael (CL) Guardia patrolled to La Concordia and returned to San Rafael.

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Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NA) Guardia cleared for vicinity south of Somoto. Returned with 3 prisoners and 1 shotgun.

Somotillo (NA) Guardia cleared for Chinandega (WL) with 6 civil prisoners.

Lieut. Calvert and San Francisco (NA) Guardia patrol returned. Operated on upper Rio Negro and vicinity of El Angel, El Naranjo and Cusmapa since Nov. 11, 1930.

Lieut. Cobb and La Trinidad (NA) Guardia cleared Estoli for La Trinidad.

Lieut. Schuler and Chinandega (WL) Guardia cleared for Susan. Patrolled that vicinity and returned to Chinandega.

Somotillo (NA) Guardia patrol arrived in Chinandega (WL) with 6 civil prisoners.

Captain Craig and Chinandega (WA) Guardia patrol cleared for El Realejo. Returned with two prisoners.

Chinandega (WA) Guardia detachment cleared for patrol of Elebralo area.

Lieut. Pulver and Matagalpa (CL) Guardia cleared at 10 p.m. for Matiguas to operate against bandits.

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Captain Williams, Lieut. Tittsworth and Somoto (NA) Guardia cleared for southwestern Segovia via La Playa.

Captain Davies and Tolpaneca (NA) Guardia cleared for vicinity of Limon.

Lieut. Hester, USMC, and Marine patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) and arrived in Apali.

Lieut. Brauer, Lieut. Bateman and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia cleared for Limon. Patrol returned. Found bandit camp.

Major Croka, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Fox and Guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) for vicinity of Colon, Llano Largo and Monte Grande. Expected to operate for 10 days.

Captain Balos and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia patrolled to Condega and returned.

Lieut. Lippert, USMC, and Marine patrol cleared Condega (NA) for halfway to Ocotal. Lieut. Tavern, USMC, and Marine patrol cleared Ocotal for halfway to Condega. Lieut. Lippert's patrol returned to Condega and Lieut. Tavern's patrol to Ocotal.

Guardia detachment cleared El Viejo (NA) to patrol road to Santa Cruz.

Loon (NA) Guardia detachment cleared for patrol of El Glocoton area.

Lieut. Stevens and Loon (NA) Guardia detachment and Police Judge cleared for Telica enroute to Las Mercedes; returned to Loon. Captured 2 shotguns and 1 pistol. Brought in report that Jacinto Diaz, bandit jefe and murderer of the ex-Jefe Politico of Esteli, has been seriously wounded by a civilian.

Lieut. Spert and Loon (NA) Guardia a patrolled outskirts of town in search of contraband and stolen cattle. Returned to Loon, having captured 20 lbs. of tobacco and 1 cowhide.

Guardia detachment cleared quetzalguaque (NA) for patrol of El Panol and Las Mercedes areas. Returned. Nothing to report.

Captain Davies and Tolpaneca (NA) Guardia returned from patrol. Found and destroyed small bandit camp at Limon.

Jinotega (CA) Guardia patrol cleared for Corinto Finca.

Captain Healey and Yali (CA) Guardia cleared on combat patrol.

Captain Maynard and Guardia from San Rafael (CA) cleared on a combat mission.

Captain Power, Lieut. Matamoras and Guardia detachment from San Rafael (CA) cleared on combat patrol.

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Area Commander, Western Area, reports the following patrols are operating in the area: Between Palo Grande-Palo Blanco and Puente Real. Between Chinandega and Puente Real. El Tempisque and Nascacola. El Viejo and Santa Cruz. These patrols are out with the idea of searching all bull carts, pack mules and to obtain any information of movements of men, mules or carts.

Valle de las Zapatas (WA) Guardia patrol returned from Leon.

Telica (WA) Guardia patrol arrived in Leon with two civil prisoners, two shotguns and five cut-throats, all of which were confiscated. Patrol returned to Telica.

Guardia cleared Leon (WA) for La Ceiba to search for stolen animals. Returned to Leon with the animals.

Leon (WA) Guardia detachment returned from patrol of Clocoton area. Nothing to report.

Major Croka and Esteli (NA) Guardia patrol operating in vicinity of Carva.

Lieut. Cobb and Guardia cleared La Trinidad (NA) to operate with Major Croka's patrol.

Lieut. Broderick and Ocotal (NA) Guardia cleared for Ocoto Rasgado.

Major Hunt, Captain Bach, Lieut. Stephenson and Santa Maria (NA) Guardia cleared for Ocoto Rasgado. Major Hunt, and Captain Bach returned to Ocotal with the Broderick patrol. Lieut. Stephenson and patrol cleared to cover Las Palmas, La Quesara Sipilde, then south to Icalupe, Mylote and Santa Emilia areas.

Lieut. Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia patrolled to Condoga and returned.

Captain Forsyth, Lieut. Buchlein and Ocotal (NA) Guardia cleared for halfway to Dipilto. Met halfway patrol from Dipilto under Lieut. Klein, then returned to Ocotal. Lieut. Klein and patrol returned to Dipilto.

Patrol from Posoltega (VA) cleared for northern area of town. Returned to Posoltega.

Guardia patrol from El Tempisque arrived in Chinandega from Nascacola. Captured three shotguns.

Guardia patrol from Puente Real returned from patrol of Palo Grande and Santa Cruz. Nothing to report.

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Captain Carlson and Jalapa (NA) Guardia cleared for Oakland and San Pablo area on combat mission.

Somotillo (NA) Guardia detachment returned from Chinandega (NA) after delivering prisoners.

Lieut. Bello and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia cleared for vicinity southwest of Portrerillos. Patrol went sent to Consuelo with instructions that in absence of information at that point to proceed west to Labernitos, Los Llanos and Jicarito.

Lieut. Gomez and Lieut. Caceres and Jicaro (NA) Guardia cleared for and arrived in Apali. Lieut. Gomez and patrol returned to Jicaro. Lieut. Caceres cleared for Managua.

Major Croka, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Cobb, Lieut. Fox and combined Esteli (NA) and La Trinidad Guardia cleared La Concordia (CA). Returned to La Concordia. Discovered abandoned camp at El Volcan about 5 miles south of Yeli. Showed recent occupation.

Lieut. Bateman and Palaeaguina (NA) Guardia cleared Palaeaguina conveying Marine pack train in charge of Sgt. Keller, USMC. Arrived in Condega.

Lieut. Balance, USMC, Marine patrol and pack train cleared Condega. Lieut. Lippert, USMC, and Marine patrol cleared Ocotal. Both patrols arrived in Ocotal.

Lieut. Stevens and Guardia from Leon (NA) and Telica had contact with a band of eight men under Jefe Coto Diaz. Action took place in Las Mercedes, about 8 miles from Telica, and lasted about 15 minutes. The Jefe, Coto Diaz, was killed and body captured. Two bandits wounded. One Guardia killed and one wounded. One civilian guide killed.

Captain Puller and Central Area roving Guardia patrol had contact with a group of bandits three miles southeast of Santa Isabel. Bandit casualties unknown. No Guardia casualties.

Guardia cleared Chinandega (NA) with Jefe Politico for vicinity of Las Lajas. This patrol to meet delegation of road builders from Honduras.

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Colonel Smith, Area Commander, Central Area, Captain Cox, and Jinotega (CA) Guardia cleared for Corinto Finca.

Leon (NA) Guardia detachment cleared on patrol to El Tanque.

Captain Puller and Central Area roving patrol arrived in Corinto Finca for supplies and clothing. Reported his contact on Nov. 19. Again cleared for Guapinol and La Pavona on combat mission based on information received relative to a joined bandit movement there.

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Captain Schwerin and Cominto Finca (CA) Guardia arrived in Matagalpa. This patrol followed the Tuma River as far as scene of the White-Kerns contact, then southwest to Matagalpa. Reported having seen several graves at the scene of the contact evidencing some bandit casualties.

Major Croka, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Cobb, Lieut. Fox and a combined Esteli (NA) and La Trinidad Guardia patrol cleared Concordia (CA) for Guayacali, Yalucá and D. raili to attempt to pick up trail of bandit group.

Captain Bales and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia patrol cleared for and arrived at Condega.

Captain Davies and Telpaneca (NA) Guardia cleared for junction of Rio Coco and Pericon Creek on combat mission.

Lieut. Lippert, UTEC, and Marino patrol cleared Ocotal and arrived in Condega.

Lieut. Bateman and Guardia patrol cleared Condega (NA) and arrived in Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut. Reed and El Sauce (NA) Guardia cleared to investigate report of bandits heading towards Villa Nueva.

Palacaguina (NA) Guardia cleared for patrol to Valle de la Calera. Returned to Palacaguina.

Lieut. Stevens and Leon (WA) Guardia cleared for Telica. Arrived and cleared for Quezalguaque. Arrived and then returned to Telica. Cleared for and returned to Leon. All quiet; nothing to report.

La Paz Centro (WA) Guardia returned from patrol to El Tamarindo. Nothing unusual observed.

NOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF CHONTALES
October 1930.

1 October 1930

Lieut. Kessler cleared Juigalpa for purpose of inspecting Guardia at out stations in the District of Comocapa. Lieut. Martin cleared La Libertad for Acoyapa.

3 October 1930

Patrol from Santa Lucia to Boaco; nothing to report. Patrol from San Pedro to Santo Tomas; nothing to report. Patrol two Guardia cleared Acoyapa for duty at San Agustin during the fiesta thereof. Patrol cleared Teusteco for Boaco.

5 October 1930

Patrol cleared Boaco for Juigalpa via Comocapa and Jucalapa. Patrol from Acoyapa cleared for Santa Lucia. Patrol cleared Juigalpa for Guita Calzon Area to make investigation of police complaint. Returned 2300 with two prisoners and a shotgun.

6 October 1930

Lieut. Martin cleared Acoyapa for San Pedro in search of criminals. Patrolled outside of Comarcas and arrived in San Pedro with one criminal prisoner.

10 October 1930

Lieut. Bell and Lieut. Martin cleared Juigalpa for La Libertad. Lieut. Rouse cleared Juigalpa for Boaco.

12 October 1930

Lieut. Rouse cleared Boaco on inspection trip of District of Boaco. Patrol cleared Acoyapa for Juigalpa.

13 October 1930

Patrol of two Guardia cleared Acoyapa for San Lucia in search of criminals; nothing to report. Patrol cleared Juigalpa for Cuapa on patrol duty; returned, nothing to report. Department Commander cleared Juigalpa for Puerto Diaz thence via steamship to El Morrito, San Miguelito and San Carlos for the purpose of inspection and pay. Lieut. Hendry cleared San Carlos for El Castillo; returned same day.

15 October 1930

Department Commander cleared San Carlos for Juigalpa. Patrol cleared Juigalpa for patrol duty; returned with nothing to report. Patrol cleared Acoyapa; returned with nothing to report. Lieut. Martin cleared for inspection of District of Boaco. Lieut. Bell cleared La Libertad for Santo Domingo on inspection trip.

16 October 1930

Patrol of 4 Guardia cleared Boaco in search of criminals; returned with nothing to report. Two Guardia cleared La Libertad with prisoners for Juigalpa.

18 October 1930

Patrol cleared Acoyapa for La Libertad. Patrol cleared Boaco for San Lucia and San Jose. Patrol cleared Comapa in search of criminals; returned with three cattle thieves.

19 October 1930

Patrol cleared Juigalpa for patrol duty; returned with nothing to report. Patrol cleared Juigalpa for Boaco. Patrol cleared Comapa for Juigalpa with three prisoners.

22 October 1930

Patrol of 5 Guardia cleared Boaco; returned with nothing to report. Patrol of 2 Guardia cleared the Mines with shipment of Gold for La Libertad. Patrol 2 Guardia cleared Acoyapa in search of criminals; returned with nothing to report.

26 October 1930

Patrol from Boaco captured prisoner Rivera Mojia Jarquin who has many criminal charges against him and is wanted by the District Judge, Managua. Had pistol 38 special on person when captured.

27 October 1930

Lieut. Martin cleared Acoyapa for inspection of District of Boaco. Patrol cleared Camocapa in search of horse thieves who are running cattle from La Libertad to Camocapa. The patrol from La Libertad captured two of these thieves this date.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Lieut. Hoyle returned to Leon on Nov. 14th from an investigation in La Paz Centro and Nagarote.

Lieut. Stevens cleared Leon on Nov. 14th to inspect Telica. Returned to Leon after inspection.

Major Webb, Lieut. Spencer and Lieut. Spart returned to Leon from Corinto.

Lieut. Hennrich reported to Guardia Headquarters for duty on Nov. 17th.

Lieut. Christy cleared Chichigalpa on Nov. 15th for San Antonio and Posoltega to inspect. Returned to Chichigalpa.

Major Webb left Leon for Chinandega on Nov. 17th, for conference with Department Commander. Returned to Leon.

Major L.P. Hunt, Executive Officer, Northern Area, arrived Managua by plane on Nov. 19th for a conference. Left for Ocotal on Nov. 21st.

Colonel C.A. Wynn and Major J.W. Webb arrived in Chinandega on Nov. 17th from Leon. Returned to Leon.

Lieut. Miller made inspection trip to Posoltega from Chinandega on Nov. 18th.

Lieut. Withers arrived in Managua from Bluefields on Nov. 20th.

Captain E.E. Larson arrived in Managua on Nov. 20th from Rivas on duty. Returned to Rivas on Nov. 21st.

Captain R. Arnett registered at Guardia Headquarters from Leon on Nov. 20th.

Lieut. Hardin left La Paz Centro for La Ceiba Mocha on Nov. 20th. Returned to La Paz Centro.

MEDICAL NOTES

Captain H.W. Miller (MC), recently on duty in Granada, detached from Guardia on Nov. 22nd and departed for his new station, U.S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.

Major H.F.A. Baske (MC) will be on duty at the National Penitentiary.

Lieut. E.C. Spencer (MC) returned to Leon on Friday.

MISCELLANEOUS

A civil official of Guasaca reports having personally seen bandits enroute from La Tronca and Tepetotlan to Pena Blanca in groups of fifteen and twenty men carrying fourteen wounded and at least twenty men with ten rifles each. These came from scene of White and Kerns contact. Captain Schwerin reports seeing two graves at scene of White's contact made with considerable care and apparently those of Jefes.

Crescencio Alfaro, member of Pedro Blandon's group, reported to Guardia Headquarters at Esteli and was given amnesty. His brother, Amadeo Alfaro, also a member of the same group, is reported by Crescencio to have turned in to the Guardia at Jinotega. This man's surrender was brought about by Esteli agents who are continually, through various mediums, communicating with the bandits in an attempt to cause them to come in for amnesty. Several more are expected to surrender within a few days.

The Commanding Officer of the Guardia garrison at Dipilto, Segovia, reports that 80 men are working on the trails in his district.

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