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8 JULY 1931

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

Lieut Gale and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for and arrived Corinto Finca.

Lieut Downey and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca on police patrol. Returned to Corinto Finca.

Lieut Bryson and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for Yali.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived San Isidro.

Lieut Flippo, Lieut Navarette and Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for San Dionisio and arrived. Returned to Esquipulas.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa on police patrol along the Jinotega road. Returned to Matagalpa.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for and arrived Matagalpa.

Las Lajas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Las Lajas for and arrived Matagalpa.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Dario.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol returned to Matagalpa with Inspector of Hacienda from contraband patrol.

9 JULY 1931

Lieut Clark, Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol had contact with a group of bandits about three miles northeast of Guayucali. Bandit casualties one killed and three wounded. No guardia casualties. The guardia captured one revolver and miscellaneous articles.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Apali.

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for and arrived Condega.

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19 November 1930

Jinotega (CA) Combat patrol returned to Jinotega from Datanli with two captured prisoners.

Lieut. Pulver and Matagalpa (CA) Guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for Vilgua.

Captain McAfee and Matagalpa (CA) Guardia patrol cleared for San Isidro on combat mission.

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Lieut. Lill and Jinotega (CA) Guardia cleared for halfway point to Matagalpa. Patrol returned with Lieut. Lynch and Lieut. Dickey.

Captain McAfee and Matagalpa (CA) Guardia patrol reported at San Isidro.

Lieut. Kerns, Lieut. Lynch, Lieut. Dickey and Matagalpa (CA) Guardia cleared for halfway point to Jinotega. Lieut. Kerns and patrol returned to Matagalpa.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut. Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) Guardia arrived in Muy Muy and cleared for Matagalpa. Arrived in Matagalpa.

Captain Power, Lieut. Matamoras and San Rafael (CA) Guardia arrived in La Concordia; covered area south of Colon; no bandit activities. Patrol cleared for and arrived at San Rafael.

Captain Maynard, Captain Healey and Yali (CA) Guardia arrived in Yali; patrol covered La Rica area; no information.

Matagalpa (CA) Guardia detachment cleared to meet Captain Schwerin's patrol at Hina Verde.

Lieut. Pulver and Matagalpa (CA) Guardia patrol returned to Muy Muy from Matiguas.

Lieut. Chenowith and Navarro (CA) Guardia patrol arrived in Matagalpa.

21 November 1930

La Paz Centro (WA) Guardia patrol cleared to investigate report of robbery; returned to La Paz Centro after having made an extensive search for the robbers. Lieut. Hardin then cleared to further investigate. Returned; nothing to report.

A Guardia patrol cleared Vallo de las Zapatas (WA) for Vallo San Antonio in search of bandits.

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Licut. Hardin and La Paz Centro (WA) Guardia cleared at 9 p.m., for patrol to Las Lajitas.

Guardia detachment from Quezalguaque (WA) arrived in Leon with one wounded civil prisoner suspected of having been in Las Mercedes (near Toluca) contact of Nov. 19, 1930. Guardia returned to home station.

A Chichigalpa (WA) Guardia patrol cleared for Posoltega to patrol in that vicinity; returned, nothing to report.

Licut. Hardin and La Paz Centro (WA) Guardia returned from Las Lajitas. This patrol was fired on and returned the fire. Due to darkness and heavy underbrush, results unknown. Group believed to have consisted of about 10 men, poorly armed. Firing took place about one mile north of Las Lajitas.

Leon (WA) Guardia returned from Santa Rosa and El Jicarral. Captured one shotgun and one cut-throat.

Quilali (NA) reports that a group of bandits armed with rifles, pistols and a machine gun were located west of Gloria near Quilali. A Quilali guardia patrol were four hours behind this group in pursuit. Group headed in southwesterly direction towards Cedrale-Ojocho.

Captain Davies and Tepaneca (NA) Guardia patrol returned. Saw no signs of bandits on Esteli River trail.

Licut. Bateman and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived in Condega.

Licut. Stephenson and Santa Maria Guardia returned to Santa Maria. Information indicated that a bandit group was at Icalupo. Patrol followed but found no trace of group.

Licut. Gomez, Licut. Bowen and Jicaro (NA) Guardia cleared for El Golfo and vicinity.

Licut. Broderick and Ocotlan (NA) Guardia cleared for Valle de Zapote. Returned with 2 muskets and 1 revolver captured.

Captain Balce and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia cleared Condega and arrived in Pueblo Nuevo.

El Sauco (NA) Guardia returned from patrol. Group of 10 armed men passed near San Pablo headed towards Villa Nueva; did no looting. Patrol unable to make contact.

Licut. Belle and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia returned to Pueblo Nuevo. Patrolled Petrerillos, Consuelo, Mina America, Colorado and Consuli.

Captain Williams, Licut. Titsworth and Somoto (NA) patrol returned with 2 prisoners, one captured revolver and one shotgun. Patrol followed route La Playa, El Rhin, Mejon, El Angel, Cusmapa, Cipan, Sabana's, Potasto, Naranjo, Somoto Mountain, San Lucas and Somoto.

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Lieut. Barker and Guardia cleared Ocotal (NA) and arrived at Condega.

Lieut. Reed and El Sauce (NA) Guardia patrolled District of El Sauce.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut. Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (C.) Guardia patrol arrived in Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieut. Barrilas and Guardia patrol cleared Yali for and arrived at San Rafael.

Lieut. Pulver and Matagalpa (C.) Guardia cleared Muy Muy for and arrived at Matagalpa.

22 November 1930

Colonel Smith, Capt. Cox and Jinotega (C.) Guardia returned from patrol to Corinto Finca.

Lieut. Lippert, USMC, Lieut. Parks, USMC, and Marine patrol cleared from Condega (NA) and arrived in Ocotal.

Limay (NA) Guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Limay and arrived.

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

Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NA) Guardia cleared for Mylote on combat mission.

Major Croka and combined Esteli (NA) and La Trinidad Guardia patrol arrived in Daraili. Cleared Daraili and arrived in Condega. Cleared Condega for Esteli.

Lieut. Stephenson and Santa Maria (NA) Guardia cleared for Las Brisas, Zapotal, Las Vueltas and area in vicinity of Mylote.

Lieut. Batman and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia cleared Condega and arrived at Palacaguina.

Lieut. Reed and El Sauce (NA) Guardia cleared for Las Lotalas in pursuit of an armed group.

Lieut. Coffman and Quilali (NA) Guardia returned to Quilali. Patrolled Cerro Blanco area. No bandits encountered.

Lieut. Lynch and Jinotega (C.) Guardia cleared for San Rafael as escort for the Jefe Politico. Arrived in San Rafael.

Lieut. Ashbrook and Jinotega (C.) Guardia cleared on patrol to meet patrol enroute from Fundadora.

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Major Croka, Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Cobb and Lieut. Fox and patrol returned to Esteli (NA).

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Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NA) Guardia patrol had contact at El Saucé, Nueva Segovia, with a group of 25 bandits, Jefe believed to be Jose Leon Diaz. Two bandits known to have been wounded. The Guardia captured four bombs, two sticks of dynamite, fifty detonators, clothing, correspondence and miscellaneous articles. There were no Guardia casualties.

Lieut. Gomez and Lieut. Bowen and Jicaro (NA) Guardia patrol had contact between Zapotillo and El Golfo. Leader believed to be mortally wounded. No other known bandit casualties. Bandit camp consisting of three houses was destroyed. Contact lasted ten minutes. No Guardia casualties.

Lieut. Reed and El Saucé (NA) Guardia returned from patrol.

Lieut. Ramirez and Villa Nueva (NA) Guardia arrived in Somotillo.

Lieut. Calvert and San Francisco (NA) Guardia arrived in Somotillo.

Captain Carlson and Jalapa (NA) Guardia returned. Patrolled Las Encinas, Portrillos, Los Arimas, and Truadillas. No trace of bandit movements.

Lieut. Schuler, Lieut. Flippo and Chinandega (NA) Guardia cleared to patrol vicinity of La Esperanza and La Donquista. Returned to Chinandega, nothing to report.

El Realjo (NA) Guardia cleared to patrol nearby vicinity. Returned, nothing to report.

Chinandega (NA) Guardia returned from patrol to Estero Real, La Flor and vicinity. Nothing to report.

Lieut. Hall, Lieut. Barrilas and Guardia cleared San Rafael (CA) for Yali.

Captain Power and San Rafael (CA) Guardia cleared on combat patrol.

24 November 1930

Telica (NA) Guardia patrol reported at Leon with three civil prisoners and two captured shotguns. Patrol returned to Telica.

Lieut. Klein and Dipilto (NA) Guardia returned to Dipilto from Ocotán.

Lieut. Stephenson and Santa Maria (NA) Guardia returned to Santa Maria. Thoroughly examined Las Brisas, Bado Grande, Oconguas, Las Vueltas, Guayavol, Zapotal, Mylote, Guanacastillo El Río and Las Palancas. No evidence of banditry on Nicaraguan side.

Lieut. Livermore and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) Guardia arrived in Jicaro. Patrolled San Lucas, Las Cañas, Buena Vista, San Benito, Mojada, Las Vueltas and part of Guapinol.

Lieut. Ross and Quilali (NA) Guardia arrived in Jicaro.

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Lieut. Bello and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia patrolled to Condega.

Captain Bales and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia cleared Condega and arrived in Pueblo Nuevo.

Chinandega (WA) Guardia patrol cleared for finca two leagues north of Chinandega.

Lieut. Gutierrez and Guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for Corinto Finca.

Lieut. Dynch and patrol reported to Jinotega (CA).

Captain Maynard, Captain Healey, Lieut. Hall and San Rafael (CA) Guardia returned to San Rafael from Yali.

25 November 1930

Telica (WA) Guardia patrol cleared for Tololar and Palo de Lapa areas. Returned to Telica. Nothing to report.

Captain Puller and Lieut. Lee and Central Area roving patrol had contact about halfway between La Pavona and Guapinol with a group of 40 under Santos Vasquez and Daniel Hernandez. Two bandits killed and three wounded. There were no Guardia casualties. Captured bombs, food, clothing and correspondence.

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

Captain Carlson, Lieut. Walory and Jalapa (NA) Guardia cleared Jalapa and arrived in Jicaro.

Somotillo (NA) Guardia cleared to patrol north and west of that station.

Lieut. Flippe and Chinandega (WA) Guardia cleared to patrol area of La Esperanza and vicinity to search for armed group in that vicinity. Returned; nothing to report.

Chichigalpa (WA) Guardia cleared for El Polvon and vicinity.

Lieut. Schuler and Chinandega (WA) Guardia cleared to patrol area of San Benito and vicinity in search of an armed group reported there.

Lieut. Kerns and Matagalpa (CA) Guardia cleared for Esquipulas; reported at San Dionisio; cleared there for Esquipulas. Reported and cleared for May Muy.

26 November 1930

Telica (WA) Guardia cleared for patrol to El Panal.

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27 November 1930

Chichigalpa (WL) Guardia returned from patrol to El Polvón area. Nothing to report.

Guardia patrol cleared Puente Real (WL) for Olomoga.

Guardia patrol cleared Valle de las Zapatas (WL) to meet patrol from El Sauce (NL). Returned to Valle de las Zapatas with one prisoner received from El Sauce patrol.

Lieut. Hardin and Guardia from La Paz Centro (WL) patrolled to Nagarote and returned.

28 November 1930

Colonel Smith, Lieut. Lynch and Jiriboga (CL) Guardia patrol cleared for San Rafael.

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NOTE: Reports for the past few days have been delayed and will be included in next week's letter.

MISCELLANEOUS

The post at Condega (NL) was taken over on November 22, 1930, by the Guardia, replacing the Marines who have been transferred to Ocotal.

In connection with the present move to organize "Civiles" in some of the towns for defense purposes, etc., there is quoted an extract of a letter from Captain Balce, Pueblo Nuevo, to Major Hunt, Area Commander of the Northern Area, which is considered a point well taken and worth of consideration throughout the Guardia:

"I am beginning to think it would be a good idea to start taking one or two civilians when we get them interested in the "Civiles" on patrols. It will identify them with our side of this "war" and maybe tend to arouse some semblance of interest in the suppression of banditry in the part of the civilian population. The indifference (very weak term) of the civilians is one of the greatest obstacles I have encountered. I noticed that Major Crook's patrol which passed through Condega Saturday, had about a half dozen civilians, all armed. I believe it is a good idea. Get some of the prominent families compromised in our support and they will begin to have a clearer appreciation of their interests."

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Lieut. Spencer returned to Leon from Managua.

Colonel R.L. Dunig arrived in Managua by plane from Ocotal on Nov. 24th. Will take leave in the U.S.

Captain R.S. Forsyth arrived in Managua by plane from Ocotal on Nov. 24th. Will return to Ocotal Nov. 28th.

Captain E.A. Craig, Commanding the Department of Chinandega, inspected Corinto and returned to Chinandega on Nov. 24th.

PERSONNEL ITEMS
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Captain R. Arnett returned to Leon from Managua.

Lieut. Withers arrived in Managua from Bluefields Nov. 22nd.

Captain F.F. Carlson, District Commander of JALPA, arrived in Managua by plane on Nov. 26th. Will return to Northern Prov. in several days.

Lieuts. Withers, Gale, Thompson and Navarroto cleared for and arrived in Matagalpa on November 25th 1930.

Major I. W. Jacobs left Managua on November 28, 1930 for Corinto enroute to the U. S. Major Jacobs has completed his tour of duty in Nicaragua.

Major H. F. DeSko left for Corinto on November 28, 1930. Will return Nov. 30, 1930.

Lieut. Kloth, from Granada, registered at Guardia Honda quarters on Nov. 28, 1930.

Captain Scholtes arrived in Managua from Jinotega on Nov 25, 1930 enroute to Corinto.

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