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GUARDIA NEWS LETTER NO. 27 (Dec. 20-25, 1930).

20 December 1930

Captain Kelly and Ticaro (NA) Guardia patrol cleared for and arrived in Tolpaneca.

Lieut. Broderick and San Juan de Tolpaneca (NA) Guardia patrol arrived in Yali.

Captain Pefley, Lieut. Levonski and Guardia patrol cleared Tolpaneca (NA) and arrived Palacaguine. Cleared Palacaguine and arrived Comfoga.

Lieut. Cobb, Lieut. Fox and La Trinidad (N.) Guardia cleared Esteli for La Trinidad.

Smith, Smith, Lieut. Bell, Lieut. Hutchcroft and Guardia cleared Esteli (NA) for Limay and arrived.

Esteli (NA) Guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Santa Cruz on police mission and returned to Esteli.

El Sauce (NA) Guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from police mission to Tamales.

Lieut. Ballo and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia returned. Patrolled through Rosario, Motolin, Naranjo, Chorro, Palmira, Cacaracol, Los Llanos and San Jose.

El Viejo (NA) Guardia patrolled to El Tempisque and returned.

Puente Real (NA) Guardia patrol arrived in Chinandega.

Leon (NA) Guardia detachment returned from patrol to Abangasco. Nothing unusual to report.

La Paz Centro (NA) Guardia cleared for patrol to Nagarote.

Chinandega (NA) Guardia patrol cleared for Managua with one prisoner, picking up two more prisoners at Chichigalpa.

Lieut. Miller cleared Chinandega for Posoltega and Chichigalpa.

Lieut. Lill and Guardia patrol arrived in San Rafael (CA) from Yali.

Captain Fricke, Lieut. Sims and Guardia reported to Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

Dario (CA) Guardia cleared for and arrived in Terrabona.

Matagalpa (CA) Guardia cleared with Hacienda inspector for San Dionisio and Los Limches on contraband patrol.

San Isidro (CA) Guardia, accompanied by Hacienda inspector, returned from contraband patrol with two prisoners.

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A Matagalpa Guardia patrol cleared to investigate report of bandits operating in vicinity of Uluso.

Jinotega (CA) Guardia cleared for halfway patrol to San Rafael. Returned to Jinotega.

Jinotega (CA) Guardia patrol returned with Captain Fricke from halfway to Matagalpa.

Lieut. Lee, Lieut. G. L. C., Lieut. Stewart and Jinotega (CA) roving patrol returned to Jinotega.

Captain Maynard and San Rafael (CA) Guardia made half-way patrol to Jinotega and returned to San Rafael.

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Lieut. Levonski and Tolpanoca (NA) Guardia cleared Palacaguina for Tolpanoca. Returned via Cusmaja and Limon.

Lieut. Broderick and San Juan de Tolpanoca (NA) Guardia cleared Yali (CA) for San Juan.

Captain Holdahl and Santa Maria (NA) Guardia arrived in San Juan from Ocotal.

Lieut. Barker and Condoga (NA) Guardia patrol cleared Condoga and arrived Palacaguina.

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

Lieut. Bateman and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia cleared Palacaguina and arrived Condoga.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) Guardia cleared Tolpanoca and arrived in Jicaro.

Chinandega (WA) Guardia cleared for fines near San Binota. Returned with one confiscated shotgun and supply of ammunition.

La Paz Centro (WA) Guardia cleared to patrol all roads.

Leon (WA) Guardia patrol cleared Leon accompanying a Nicaraguan to his property in El Olocoton area, near Valle de las Zapatas.

Lieut. Menning and La Concordia (CA) Guardia cleared for and arrived in San Rafael.

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Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NA) Guardia cleared for Potasto.

Ocotal (NA) Guardia patrol returned from patrolling area east of Ocotal.

Lieut. Ross and Quilali (NA) Guardia patrol cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali. Patrol returned to Jicaro.

Lieut. Bello, Lieut. Titsworth and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) Guardia cleared for and arrived in Condega. Patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut. Smith and Estoli (NA) Guardia patrol returned to Estoli from Limay.

Lieut. Hutcheroff and Guardia patrol arrived San Palcho from Limay (NA).

Limay (NA) Guardia returned from patrol to San Francisco.

Villa Nueva (NA) Guardia cleared for and arrived in Somotillo.

Colonel Smith, Major Miller, Captain Puller and Jinotega (CA) Guardia cleared for aviation field to meet General McDeugal, Major Hunt and Major Salzman. Party returned to Jinotega.

Lieut. Withers, Lieut. Frye and Guardia cleared Jinotega (CA) for Corinto Finca.

Captain Hoxley, Lieut. Rittman and Yali (CA) Guardia cleared on combat mission. Returned to Yali; nothing to report.

Captain Maynard and San Rafael (CA) Guardia cleared on combat patrol to area northeast of San Rafael.

Captain Stafford, Lieut. Sims and Guardia cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Dionisio and arrived. Cleared there for Esquipulas.

23 December 1930

Lieut. Broderick and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) Guardia patrol returning to San Juan from Yali (CA) encountered a small group of bandits about 5 miles southwest of San Juan. Point of Guardia patrol opened fire on discovering the group. One bandit killed and one captured. No Guardia casualties. All others of group escaped in the brush.

Lieut. Pattison and Santa Maria (NA) Guardia cleared on patrol to Mata de Platona.

Lieut. Ross and Quilali (NA) Guardia cleared Jicaro for Quilali. Patrol arrived.

Lieut. Clark and Condega (NA) Guardia cleared on patrol to Piro.

Lieut. Barker and Palacaguina (NA) Guardia patrol cleared for and arrived in Condega. The patrol, with Lieut. Titsworth, returned to Palacaguina.

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Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NL) Guardia cleared for and arrived in Apali.

Lieut. Cobb and La Trinidad (NL) Guardia cleared Esteli for home station.

Lieut. Reed and El Sauce (WL) Guardia cleared for San Francisco de Carnicero. Lieut. Reed departed for Managua and the El Sauce patrol returned to its home station.

Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NL) Guardia returned to Somoto from patrol of Somoto area.

Chinandega (WL) Guardia, with Administrador de Rentas, returned from patrol. Nothing to report.

Lieut. Stephenson and Chichigapa (WL) Guardia patrolled to Posoltega and returned.

A Guardia patrol from El Viejo (WL) cleared to reconnoiter immediate vicinity. Returned; nothing to report.

24 December 1930

Leon (WL) Guardia cleared with Hacienda Inspectors on contraband patrol. Returned; nothing to report.

Guardia patrol cleared Leon (WL) for Las Castillas, Los Ranchos and vicinity to search for band of robbers reported operating there.

La Paz Centro (WL) Guardia patrol reported Leon with four civil prisoners. Returned to La Paz Centro after delivering the prisoners.

Limay (NL) Guardia cleared for El Palmar on police mission. Returned to Limay.

Lieut. Clark and Condoga (NL) Guardia returned. Patrolled Piro and vicinity. Brought in 2 prisoners.

Lieut. Barker, Lieut. Titsworth and Palaeaguina (NL) Guardia cleared for and arrived in Yalaguina. Cleared Yalaguina and arrived in Ocotal. Lieut. Titsworth joined Somoto patrol in Yalaguina and returned to Somoto.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NL) Guardia patrol cleared Apali and arrived in Jicaro.

Lieut. Klein and Dipilto (NL) Guardia patrolled to Ocotal.

Lieut. Pattison and Santa Maria (NL) Guardia returned from vicinity of Mata de Platana having covered Partilla, El Ayote and Calvasero.

25 December 1930

A León (NL) Guardia patrol escorting three civilians fired on a group of fleeing bandits in El Jicarito. Bandits returned the fire and killed one of the Guardia-horses. Vicinity was searched but no further contact was gained.

León (NL) Guardia returned from patrol to Los Ranchos area with two bandit suspects.

La Paz Centro (NL) Guardia cleared on patrol to Santa Rosa.

Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NL) Guardia with 5 civilians cleared for La Palma (Sogovia).

Lieut. Satterfield and San Juan de Tolpaneca (NL) Guardia cleared for patrol of vicinity of Baryal, Balsamo and San Lucas.

Lieut. Bollo and Pueblo Nuevo (NL) Guardia cleared for Yalaguina. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut. Titsworth and Somoto (NL) Guardia patrolled to Yalaguina and returned to Somoto.

Lieut. Barker and Palacaguina (NL) Guardia returned to home station from patrol to Ocotal.

Corporal Troutman, USMC, and Marino patrol cleared Apali on line patrol towards Jicaro. Returned to Apali.

NAVARRO (CENTRAL AREA) NOTES

15 December 1930

Lieut. Chenowith and Guardia cleared for Matagalpa.

Guardia detachment patrolled to La Constancia and Santa Colia. Returned to Navarro.

A Navarro patrol cleared for La Isla and Jigovia. Returned with one prisoner and a shotgun.

16 December 1930

A patrol cleared for Elapso, Salvador and Cuatros Esquinas. Returned to Navarro.

Another patrol cleared Navarro for La Isla, Santa Anita and El Roblar.

17 December 1930

A Navarro patrol cleared for La Corona, San Jose and Bolts. Returned to Navarro with Lieuts. Chenowith and Sims.

18 December 1930

Reconnaissance and information patrols made to La Corona and La Isla.

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Lieut. Montenegro and Guardia cleared on combat mission.  
(Returned Dec. 19 after patrolling in area of La Palmera).

19 December 1930

A detachment cleared Navarro for Matagalpa.

20 December 1930

Navarro Guardia cleared and patrolled to Palo Blanco and returned.

Captain Bourne arrived from Matagalpa to take command of Navarro.

MISCELLANEOUS

Captain Fricke and Guardia, enroute from Matagalpa to Jinotega, were fired on by a group of four men at long range, on Dec. 20, 1930, about 4 miles from Jinotega. Fire was returned and the group dispersed. Captain Fricke reconnoitered the spot and immediate vicinity but no one could be found.

The following patrol report is quoted as a matter of general interest:

"HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA  
DEPARTMENT OF RIVAS,  
RIVAS, NICARAGUA.

December 24, 1930.

"From: The Department Commander.

"To: The Jefe Director.

"Subject: Costa Rican border patrol and conference with Jefe of Costa Rican border Guardia, La Cruz.

"1. In accordance with verbal permission I made a patrol to La Cruz, Costa Rica from 18-20 December as follows:

18 December 1930.  
0600 Cleared Rivas with one Guardia.  
1120 Arrived Sapoa.  
1240 Cleared Sapoa w/Lt. Kelly & 2 Guardias.  
1540 Arrived and cleared Soto Caballo.  
1725 Arrived and cleared Mojon  
2030 Arrived El Ostional. Distance covered 75 miles.  
19 December 1930.  
0730 Cleared El Ostional w/Lt. Kelly.  
0920 Arrived and cleared Naranjo.  
1005 Arrived and cleared Conventillo (Costa Rica).  
1010 Met representative of Costa Rican Guardia on trail.  
1120 Arrived La Cruz (Costa Rica).  
1330 Cleared La Cruz (Costa Rica).  
1430 Cleared Conventillo (Costa Rica).  
1600 Cleared Naranjo.  
1740 Arrived El Ostional. (Dist. covered 26 miles).

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30 December 1930.

0730 Cleared El Ostional w/Lt. Kelly, on La-Chamba.

0950 Arrived San Juan del Sur for inspection.

1100 Cleared San Juan del Sur.

1340 Arrived Rivas. (Distance covered 36 miles).

2. Roads and trails dry and in fair condition.

Country quiet and peaceful. People very poor with only small quantities of food supplies.

3. Sr. Manuel Gustavo, Jefe of the Costa Rican border Guardia with headquarters at La Cruz, has a force of 12 soldados operating along the northern border of Guanacaste. His Guardia has cooperated to the fullest extent with our forces, especially with the District Commander, District of Cardenas. He assured me that this cooperation would continue and places his forces at our disposal at any time when requested.

(s) E.E. Larson.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Captain J.C. Nequoen arrived in Managua from Somotillo on Dec. 23rd and registered at Guardia Headquarters. Left Managua for Somotillo Dec. 26th.

Major L.P. Hunt returned to Ocotel on Dec. 23rd by plane from Jinotega where he attended a conference.

Lieut. R.S. Reed arrived in Managua from El Sauce on leave.

Captain Sims cleared Ocotel by plane on Dec. 22nd and arrived in Quilali.

Captain R. Amott arrived in Managua on Dec. 22nd from Leon and cleared by plane on Dec. 23rd for Esteli for duty.

Lieut. Miller cleared Guinandega for Corinto on Dec. 23rd for inspection.

Colonel Wynn cleared Leon for Corinto on Dec. 24th. Returned to Leon on Dec. 25th.

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