

GUARDIA NEWS LETTER NO. 40- (March 19 - 28, 1931.)19 March, 1931.

Lieut Hall and San Rafael (C.) guardia with one auxiliar cleared on combat patrol. Patrol arrived in La Concordia.

Lieut Alexander and La Concordia (C.) guardia with 10 applicants for enlistment, cleared for San Rafael; patrol arrived, then cleared for and returned to La Concordia.

Captain Fricke and Yali (C.) guardia patrol with six auxiliars cleared for and arrived San Rafael.

Lieut Withers, Lieut McGhee and guardia patrol with two prisoners cleared Yali (CA) in the direction of San Rafael. The patrol arrived San Rafael.

Lieut Flippo and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Managua.

Lieut Chenowith cleared San Isidro (CA) for and arrived Sebaco. Cleared Sebaco for Matagalpa.

Huy Huy (C.) guardia patrol cleared for Matagalpa.

Lieut Montenegro cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

Lieut Ragsdale and guardia patrol with four auxiliars cleared Matiguas (CA) for Guga, about 15 leagues to the east of Matiguas to investigate bandit reports.

Captain Stafford, Lieut Sims and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Esquipulas.

Navarro (CA) guardia patrol cleared for La Isla Alfovia and La Constancia and returned to Navarro.

Navarro (CA) guardia cleared to patrol Vera Paz and Tuma and returned to Navarro.

20 March, 1931.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Cuatro Esquinas area, near Quezalguaque. Returned with one civilian prisoner.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli from San Antonio and Espinol.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli unsuccessful in its attempt to capture an escaped prisoner. La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol operating in region of Espinol, Tamarindo, and La Concepcion where the fugitive has relatives.

Limay (NA) guardia cleared Limay for San Francisco.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia with 3 auxiliars cleared for San Juan de Telpaneca.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for vicinity of Cuapinol north of Yalaguina.

Sergeant Konny and Marine patrol cleared Somoto with Mr. Murphy for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut McGorkle and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol returned to Somoto from Potasto.

Lieut Bello and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Ocotal. Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia cleared Palacaguina and met Pueblo Nuevo patrol at Yalaguina. Lieut Kipp continued with Pueblo Nuevo patrol. Lieuts Kipp and Lieut Bello and guardia arrived Ocotal. Lieut Moore returned to Pueblo Nuevo with that patrol. Lieut McKenna joined Palacaguina patrol at Yalaguina and returned with it to Palacaguina.

Captain Croka, U.S.M.C. and Captain Hardy, U.S.M.C. and Marine patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) with tractor train and arrived Totogalpa.

Lieut Ramirez and Villa Nueva (NA) guardia patrol arrived Somotillo from San Francisco. Reported finding a Salgado camp on the 19th near Rio Quezo (also known as Rio San Juan). Patrol was directed to the camp by a native who stated that on the 16th the was forced to secure cattle for Salgado. Group was 150 strong and armed with 2 Lewis guns. Patrol found five fresh beef carcasses and 2 machine gun emplacements in camp. Patrol followed the Rio Negro to near Danto where trail was lost. Guardia patrols from Villa Nueva and San Francisco met at noon and followed the Rio Negro to junction of Rio Quezo without results.

Lieut Hamas, Mr. Trail (newspaperman) and Condega (NA) guardia patrol with 7 prisoners returned to Condega. Patrolled to the north and east of Condega to Rio Yali. Fkred at a small group of bandits near Los Planos. Bandits then disappeared towards El Arco across Rio Yali. Believed to be rear guard of Ladislao Palacio's groups which passed through Los Planos on March 19th and moved from Buena Vista area to El Arco-La Pavona area with 40well armed men. Captured Ramon Salinas, brother-in-law of Palacio, who was his Quartermaster.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia returned from patrol. On approach to house of Davila Ramundo, he fled. House searched and contained two bombs, three cutachas and twenty rounds of rifle ammunition. Ramundo reported to be a member of Prado Felicito's group.

Major Miller and Jinotega (CA) guardia cleared Jinotega for aviation field and returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Withers, Lieut McGhee and guardia patrol with 2 prisoners arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Guardia patrol arrived Jinotega (CA) from Matagalpa.

Captain Power, Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared on reconnaissance patrol to Coyolar. Returned to Corinto Finca.

Lieut Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for and arrived San Rafael.

Captain Fricke and Yali (C.) guardia patrol with 6 auxiliars cleared San Rafael for and arrived Yali.

Lieut Chenowith cleared Matagalpa (C.) ~~guardia~~ for Managua.

Captain Stafford, Lieut Sims and guardia cleared Esquipulas (C.) for San Dionisio and arrived.

San Ramon (C.) guardia patrol cleared San Ramon for and arrived Matagalpa.

21 March, 1931.

Lieut Klein and guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina at 9:30 A.M. on information that a group of 10 bandits had passed La Tuna. The patrol overtook the group and gained contact with it near La Tuna. Contact lasted five minutes. Two bandits killed and one wounded. The wounded one is the Jefe, named Prado Felicito. The group scattered. Patrol pursued but could not regain contact. Guardia captured 1 pistol, 1 bomb and 1 cutacha. There were no guardia casualties.

Cesareo Bermudez alias Centido de Cana, reputed to be leader of band of thieves working in vicinity of San Marcos was captured by combined patrol of Jinotepe guardia, three jueces de mesta and two civilian volunteers. Bandit was shot in foot when being pursued. Captured at Rio Limon, near Las Piñas, three leagues from Diriamba. Had pistol when captured.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol with five auxiliars cleared Quilali for vicinity of Ojoche.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia with three auxiliars cleared San Juan de Tolpaneca for Cerro Blanco and vicinity.

Lieut Satterfield and San Juan de Tolpaneca (NA) guardia cleared San Juan for Cerro Blanco and vicinity.

Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for Casuali and returned. Reported all quiet in that vicinity.

Tractor train with Captain Croka, U.S.M.C. Captain Hardy, U.S.M.C. and marine patrol cleared Togogalpa (NA) and arrived Yalaguina. Report roads bad.

Lieut Clark and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Dãreili.

Captain Arnett returned to Esteli (NA) from La Trinidad.

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Lieut Ramirez and Villa Nueva (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo and arrived Villa Nueva.

Lieut. Hutchcroft and guardia patrol cleared San Pancho (NA) and arrived Limay. Cleared Limay for San Pancho.

A guardia patrol cleared San Francisco (NA) and arrived Limay.

Lieut Reed and guardia patrol arrived Esteli (NA) from Jicarel

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Lieut Coffman, Lieut Stanke and Potasto (MA) guardia cleared Potasto and arrived San Francisco. Patrol returned.

Lieut Stephenson and Chinandega guardia cleared Chinandega to investigate report of group in vicinity of San Cayetano .

Lieut McGhee and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (C.) for Corinto Finca and arrived.

Captain Power, Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (C.) guardia cleared on reconnaissance patrol north of the Tuna River. Returned to Corinto Finca.

Lieut Matamoras and San Rafael (C.) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for Rio Negro to the northeast of San Rafael to investigate reports of bandits in that Locality.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (C.) for Huy Huy and arrived.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (C.) from San Dionisio.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (C.) for Navarro.

Lieut Flippe and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (C.) for Huy Huy and arrived.

Lieut Thompson and guardia patrol cleared Huy Huy (C.) for Matiguas on combat patrol.

22 March, 1931.

Lieut Matamoras and San Rafael (C.) guardia patrol had contact with a group of bandits near Rio Negro. Destroyed camp of fifteen shacks. No guardia casualties. Bandit casualties unknown.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (MA) guardia cleared Yalaguina on combat patrol in vicinity of Sabana Grande to investigate report that Ortiz and group of 70 are operating there.

Lieut Broderick and San Juan de Telpaneca (MA) guardia cleared San Juan to meet Lieut Satterfield and patrol. Lieut Broderick took over Lieut Satterfield's patrol and Lieut Satterfield returned to San Juan on account of a wrenched leg.

Captain Davies and Telpaneca (MA) guardia with five auxiliars cleared Telpaneca to operate in vicinity of Ojocho.

Marine tractor train cleared Yalaguina but returned to Yalaguina due to broken gear in one tractor.

Lieut Beauoffy and Dipilto (MA) guardia cleared Dipilto and arrived total.

Lieut Velez, Lieut Bowen and Apali (MA) guardia cleared Apali and arrived Jicaro, Cleared Jicaro and returned to Apali.

Lieut McGorkle and Somoto (MA) guardia cleared Somoto on patrol. Patrolled San Antonio, Santa Barbara and Santa Tereza and returned to Somoto. No information. Met Yalaguina patrol at San Antonio en route north.

Leon guardia cleared on patrol to Quezalguaque. Returned
Leon; nothing to report.

Lieut Stephenson and Chinandega guardia patrol returned
to Chinandega from San Cayotano and Cosoguina with 1 prisoner,
1 pistol and 5 cutachas.

Major Miller, Lieut Lee, Lieut Snyder and Central Area
Moving Patrol cleared Jinotega on combat mission. Patrol
arrived Corinto Finca.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Valle
Atoya and vicinity. Returned with 1 prisoner.

23 March, 1931.

Lieut Curcey and guardia patrol arrived El Gallo (El)
from Tungla and cleared for San Pedro del Norte.

Lieut Flippo and guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy (CA) in
direction of Tierra Azul and Boaco to operate against bandit ~~gr~~
groups reported in those vicinities.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol with 3 aux-
iliars arrived Telpaneca from Cono. Blanco Area. Had contact with
group estimated as 40 under Jefe Umazor in vicinity of Upper
Alta Grazia. Contact lasted eight minutes. Guardia casualties
1 killed and three wounded. Bandit casualties unknown. Medical
officer and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Telpaneca. Guardia
patrols from Daraili and Telpaneca cleared and took up pursuit
of the bandit group.

Captain Holdahl and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared ~~San~~
Santa Maria for Mata de Platana.

Lieut Ramirez and Villa Nueva (NA) guardia cleared Villa
Nueva to patrol northern section of district.

Captain McQueen and Somotillo (NA) guardia with 1 auxiliar
cleared Somotillo for Rio Negro district.

Lieut Hutchcroft and guardia patrol cleared San Pancho (NA)
with two auxiliars for Rio Negro district.

Lieut Bell and Limay (NA) guardia cleared Limay for vicinity
of Rio Negro.

Lieut Beruoffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal
and arrived Dipilto.

Lieut Stanley and Ocotal (NA) guardia cleared Ocotal for apali

Lieut Moore and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia returned to Pueblo
Nuevo. Patrolled Saybana Grande, Carpuhls and Rodco.

Lieut McKenna and guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina (NA)
and arrived Condega. Lieut McKenna cleared by plane for Managua.
Lieut Truesdale and Lieut Rodriguez arrived Condega by plane
from Ocotal. Lieut Rodriguez and guardia patrol cleared Condega
and arrived Palacaguina.

Agent at Condega and Lieut Clark at Daraili heard firing from 6 to 8 A.M. in the vicinity of Alta Gracia (scene of Capt. [redacted]'s contact) Lieut Clark and guardia cleared from Daraili for that vicinity.

Lieut McGorkle and Somoto (NL) guardia cleared Somoto and arrived Cotal.

Lieut Wolez, Lieut Bowen and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali and arrived Jicaro. Cleared Jicaro and returned to Apali.

Guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) and arrived Condega.

Lieut Levonski, Lieut Buchlein and guardia patrol cleared Cotal (NL) for Telpaneca.

Somoto (NL) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for a point north-east of Zapote mountain. Returned with one prisoner and 1 rifle.

Captain Bales and Guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived Condega.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia returned to Quilali from combat patrol. Nothing to report.

Captain Holdahl and Santa Maria (NL) guardia returned to Santa Maria. Patrolled to Brujii via La Portillo and Mata de Platona.

Municipal Guardia arrived Chinandega from Chichigalpa with two prisoners. Returned to Chichigalpa.

Guardia patrol cleared Chinandega with 2 prisoners. Returned to Chichigalpa for El Tempisque.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared with Hacienda guards for Maniadero and El Tempisque. Returned to Chinandega.

Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol arrived Jinotega.

Captain Cox, Captain Rosecrans and guardia cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

Major Miller, Lieut Loq, Lieut Snyder and Central Area Roving patrol cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission.

Lieut Alexander and La Concordia (CA) guardia with two auxiliars cleared on combat mission. Returned to La Concordia. Covered the areas Upali, Zapote, Buena Vista, Cerro Colorado, Mamanji, Colon, Coyolito and Valerio. No contacts and no information.

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

A patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived Esquipulas.

Guardia patrol arrived Dario (CA) from Terrabona.

Lieut Ekberg and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for and arrived Muy Muy,

Lieut Thompson and guardia patrol arrived Muy Muy (CA) from Matiguas and Tierra Azul.

24 March, 1951.

Lieut Calvert, Lieut Valery and Managua guardia patrol cleared Managua for Chontales. This patrol will operate temporarily under command of the Central Area. Arrived Teustepe and cleared for Boaco.

Lieut Flipppo, Lieut Thompson and Huey Huey (CA) guardia patrol arrived Tierra Azul. Cleared Tierra Azul in direction of Comapa.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Chaguite Grande. Surprised a group of 15 at 5 A.M. Firing lasted eight minutes. Bandits fled. Patrol took up pursuit and regained contact, killing three bandits and capturing one. Also captured 2 cutachas, small amount of ammunition and 2 bombs. Bandits scattered and contact was not regained. No guardia casualties.

Lieut Levonski, Lieut Buechlein and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol arrived Telpaneca.

Lieut Munoz and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for Apali and arrived.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol with five auxiliars cleared Quilali for Jicaro and arrived.

Captain Davies and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol returned to Telpaneca. Searched scene of Captain Kelly's contact. Found assorted shells. Could not pick up trail of Bandits.

Lieut Stanley and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol arrived Apali.

Lieut Turesdale and guardia patrol cleared Condega (NA) for Darcili.

Marine patrol with tractor train cleared Yalaguina (NA) and arrived ~~Ezzaki~~ Pueblo Nuevo.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega and arrived Esteli.

Patrols from Linay, San Francisco and Sonotillo (NA) returned to home stations. Thoroughly covered the Rio Negro Districts, but obtained no bandit information.

Lieut Barueffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal. Cleared Ocotal and returned to Dipilto.

Captain Bales and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo and met Marine tractor train. Picked up 2 accidentally wounded and 1 sick marine and cleared for Condega. Condega patrol cleared to meet Pueblo Nuevo patrol. Party arrived Condega. Captain Bales and Pueblo Nuevo patrol returned to home station.

Leon guardia cleared on patrol to El Chague Area. Returned to Leon, having captured a stolen animal.

Leon guardia cleared Leon on patrol to Ponchoya highway. Half of patrol returned to Leon with two civilian prisoners. Remainder continued on patrol.

25 March, 1931.

Lieut Calvert, Lieut Walery, Lieut Long and Managua guardia patrol, operating in Chontales, arrived Comapa and cleared in direction of Javali Mine in pursuit of bandit group reported there.

Lieut Bell and Juigalpa guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Javali Mine to operate against groups reported headed in that direction.

Lieut Munoz and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Jalapa. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Stanko and Potasto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Potasto and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Hancock and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol with two auxiliars cleared Telpaneca for San Juan. Patrol arrived. Lieut Truesdale and Condega (NA) guardia returned to Condega from Daraili.

Mr. Murphy, representing Saturday Evening Post, arrived Apali (NA) by plane from Esteli. Lieut Welez, Mr. Murphy and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared for San Juan de Telpaneca. Patrol Arrived.

Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Patrols met and returned to their respective stations.

Lieut Rodriguez and Palacaguina (NA) guardia cleared Palacaguina on police mission. Returned to Palacaguina.

Lieut Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia cleared Palacaguina on police mission and returned to Palacaguina.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia with three auxiliars cleared Telpaneca and arrived Apali.

Captain Sims, Lieut Ross and Quilali (NA) guardia with five auxiliars cleared Jicaro. and arrived Apali. Patrol cleared Apali and returned to Jicaro.

Lieut Levonski, Lieut Buechlein and Ocotal (NA) guardia, with three wounded from Captain Kelly's contact cleared Telpaneca for and arrived Condega. Wounded cleared Condega by plane for Managua.

Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Bell and Linay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for Linay via San Pancho.

Lieut Cobb and La Trinidad (NA) guardia cleared Esteli for La Trinidad.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for El Jicaral on police mission.

Marine tractor train cleared Pueblo Nuevo (NA).

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for El Jote and vicinity. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Stephenson cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa, San Antonio and Poseltega.

Captain Craig and Jefe Politico cleared Chinandega for Nacascolo and return.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Chinandega with one prisoner.

Lieut Stevens, accompanied by the Director of Police, cleared Leon with Leon guardia on Patrol to Los Portillas area to investigate bandit rumors. Returned to Leon, nothing to report.

26 March, 1931.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for Valle Acaya and vicinity in search of a group of armed men. Returned, nothing to report.

Captain Craig, Department Commander, cleared Chinandega for El Tempisque.

Lieut Stephenson and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for Jote to gain contact with armed group.

Lieut. Stanko and Potaste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Nuevo for Potaste.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol with 3 auxiliars cleared Apali and arrived Jicaro.

Lieut Hancock, Mr. Murphy (Saturday Evening Post representative) and guardia patrol with two auxiliars cleared San Juan de Telpaneca for and arrived Telpaneca.

Lieut Welez and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan de Telpaneca and returned to Apali.

Captain Sims, Lieut Ross and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol with five auxiliars cleared Jicaro and returned to Quilali.

Marine tractor train arrived Limay (NA). Reports roads bad. Making necessary minor repairs and servicing all vehicles. Report it may clear Limay by noon March 27.

Lieut Levonski, Lieut Buechlien and guardia patrol cleared Condega (NA) and arrived Palacaguina. Cleared for and arrived Yalaguina. Arrived and cleared for Ocotal. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Cobb and guardia patrol arrived La Trinidad (NA) from Esteli.

Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for vicinity of Zapatillo. Captain Williams and another Somoto guardia patrol cleared for same vicinity. Both patrols returned. Captain Williams patrol burned three houses used by a group in stealing cattle along the border. The fire exploded about 12 rounds of ammunition. Two members of the group captured by the first Somoto patrol and brought to Somoto.

Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega escorting aviators and bull carts. Lieut Truesdale and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Halfway to Pueblo Nueva ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ to meet halfway patrol. Pueblo Nuevo patrol returned to home station and Condega patrol returned to Condega with aviators and bull carts.

27 March, 1931.

Captain Carlson and Managua guardia patrol captured a band of robbers near the Hacienda "America" at 9:30 P.M. March 26th.

This band, under Jefe Pavon Cantillo and operating for some time, has been terrorizing the people. Considerable money, arms and ammunition captured. ✓

M I S C E L L A N E O U S

Lieut Brauer in a letter from Palacaguina states " Filled in the back of the Cuartel and razed the old defenses, building a veranda and "trenchero" in their stead, constructed a machine gun tower and rebuilt the front "trencheros" besides repairing both baths."

The following is an extract of a letter from Captain W.L. Bales, G.N., Commanding the Department of Pueblo Nuevo, to Colonel R. L. Denig, Chief of Staff:

"xx Am doing a lot of work in my Cuartel now. Got \$100.00 a while ago and am fixing up a galley and mess hall and storeroom. Am putting them all on the back porch if you recall the layout in Pueblo Also got some wire and have a fourteen wire barbed wired fence around the patio of the Cuartel. Am also tearing out those stove trenches and putting up some nice looking and far more serviceable adobe breastworks. One can do a lot with \$100.00 I would like you to see my stove. It is a darb. If the bandit jefes just continue their vacation for three more weeks, I will have the best layout in Sebovia- Sonoto not excepted. Am also getting the park well under way at last. I decided not to fool with the townspeople building it and am doing it myself In a month, if nothing happens, it will be looking like a park.xx"

The Area Commander, Central Area, reports that Matagalpa has organized a Municipal Guardia Police force of 10 men in that city.

The following letter from Captain G.L. Maynard, G.N., commanding the District of San Rafael del Norte to the Area Commander of the Central Area, Colonel J.C. Smith, G.N., covers a very important subject and is quoted as a matter of general interest:

CUARTEL GENERAL COMPANIA B, DEPARTAMENTO DE JINOTEGA.
San Rafael del Norte, Central Area. 21 March, 1931.

From: Commanding Officer, Compania B.
To: Area Commander, Central Area.
Subject: Road Work, District of San Rafael.

1. Prior to 1 January, 1931 commercial communication between SAN RAFAEL and LA CONCORDIA was by pack train only. The camino real which connected the two pueblos had deteriorated to such an extent that it was impassable for any wheeled vehicle. That part of the road immediately adjacent to La Concordia was in particularly poor condition. The road bed had become nothing less than a waterway. Boulders and trash had accumulated to such an extent that it was well nigh impassable for animals in certain parts.

2. Of their own free will and under no sort of compulsion, the Alcalde and citizens of Concordia began work on the road about the first of this year. Boulders and debris were removed, the road bed leveled and in many places grades reduced by cutting through solid limestone. As a result of their efforts, the trail has become a bull-cart road. There still remains considerable work to be done if it is to remain in its present state of repair. A great deal of ballasting is required on slopes and across hollows that become quagmires during the rainy season. This work will be done eventually, so the Alcalde assures me.

3. At the same time, the citizens of La Concordia cleared the La Concordia-Yali trail as far as the pass at the summit of Yali Mountain. The trail was badly overgrown with underbrush that had sprung up in the past two years.

4. Co-incident with the work above, the Alcalde and citizens of San Rafael commenced work on the roads immediately adjacent to the pueblo, clearing them of boulders and where possible, bettering the grades. This work was greatly impeded by lack of tools.

5. A new bridge was installed immediately below San Rafael in place of an older structure which had become dangerous. A second bridge is now under process of installation and construction immediately outside of town on the San Rafael-Concordia road to replace an older structure.

6. The work undertaken by the citizens of San Rafael was also done voluntarily and under no sort of compulsion.

7. There is a very active desire in this district for good roads and it is believed that were tools and dynamite furnished, the citizens and inhabitants would furnish the necessary labor voluntarily.

/s/ George L. Maynard.

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The Department Commander, Department of Chinandega, reports that six municipal guardia were enlisted, equipped and sent to San Antonio for duty at that place, also reports eight municipal guardia placed on duty in Chinandega.

The Department Commander, Leon, reports that three municipal guardia were enlisted, equipped and sent to Quezalguaque for duty there as police.

P E R C S O N N E L

Lieut I. N. Kelly arrived in Managua from Rivas on March 25.

Lieut Bello arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal on March 26.

Lieut McGorkle arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal on March 26th.

Captain G. F. Good returned to Nicaragua from leave in the U. S. on March 27th and arrived Managua from Corinto by plane.

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