

GUARDIA NEWS LETTER NO.53- (18 JUNE - 26 JUNE, 1931).

18 JUNE 1931

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol returned to Apali. One Casimiro Castellon, leader of a machete group, was shot near Carrizal as he ran from the patrol.

Lieut Griffin and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol, escorting Red Cross supplies, cleared Palacaguina for and arrived Telpaneca.

Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Porterillo to investigate a report of bandits in that area. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Coffman and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste for El Apante to investigate report of bandits in that area. Patrol arrived Limay, nothing to report.

Captain Smith, Lieut Klein and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) for and arrived Totogalpa. Lieut. Klein and patrol cleared for Palacaguina.

Lieut McGorkle and Dipilto (NA) guardia cleared Dipilto to patrol border north of Dipilto. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Hamas and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared condega for Porterillo to investigate bandit report. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Hutchcroft and guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) for halfway to El Sauce. El Sauce guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Esteli. Patrols met and returned to El Sauce.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for and arrived Esteli.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Progreso to meet bull cart train from Leon.

Captain McQueen and guardia patrol cleared Limay (NA) for Achuapa to investigate report of bandits in that area between Villa Nueva and El Sauce.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael. Lieut Alexander, Lieut Barillas and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega. Patrol met. Lieut Barillas joined Jinotega patrol and cleared with it for and arrived Jinotega. Lieut Alexander and San Rafael patrol returned to home station.

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for and arrived Yali. Patrol returned to La Concordia.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared for Paso Real on police mission and returned to San Isidro.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Dario (CA) guardia patrol, with Inspector of Hacienda, returned to Dario.

19 JUNE 1931

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Comarca "El Plantanar" to investigate milk cart robberies. Found stolen mule and returned it to its owner at hacienda there. Patrol returned to Leon.

Lieut Dumas and guardia patrol arrived Chinandega from San Antonio. Patrol returned to San Antonio.

Captain Craig, Department Commander of Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for Corinto on temporary duty. Returned to Chinandega.

Lieut Schuler and Chinandega guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from Chichigalpa via San Benito. Reported all quiet. Reported roads in bad condition and, in some places, impassable.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Cuchillos.

Lieut Coffman and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Pataste.

Lieut Johnson, Lieut Jackson, Lieut Palacio and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Jalapa. Patrol arrived.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for Santo Domingo. Patrol returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Bilbrey, Lieut Delgadillo and guardia patrol cleared Apali (NA) for San Juan de Telpaneca. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Zamora and guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nueva (NA) for and arrived Condega. Returned to Pueblo Nueva.

Captain Holdahl and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo via Yalaguina.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina on police mission and returned to Yalaguina.

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

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for half-way to Palacaguina. Lieut Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Totogalpa. Patrols met. Captain Burwell and Captain Smith joined Palacaguina patrol and cleared with it for that place. Lieut Trosper and patrol returned to Totogalpa

Lieut Ramirez and guardia patrol arrived El Sauce (NA) from Somotillo.

Guardia patrol, escorting pack train, cleared El Sauce (NA) for Achuapa.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad o. olice mission.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for La Canas. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Lopez, Lieut Prieb and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Lieut Cuadra arrived by plane. All returned to Jinotega.

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

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol arrived Yali (CA)

San Rafael (CA) guardia fired on a small group of bandits to the east of town, wounding one who made his escape in the brush. Captured one bedding roll. Group did not return fire. Lieut Hall and patrol cleared on reconnaissance immediately. Patrol returned. Found hat with red and black band at scene of skirmish. About two thousand yards northeast of town patrol fired on group of three bandits who made their escape.

Captain Mixson, Lieut Escobar and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol with two civicos returned from combat patrol. Covered the areas of Santa Fe, Loma Azul, Sierra Azul, San Antonio, El Sitio, Santa Maria, Pantasma Valley, Guali, Embocaderos, Mancotal, Sierra Grande, Mojon and Los Horcones. Patrol received information that three small groups were in Sierra and Loma Azul on June 15. Fired on two men in Loma Azul, one of who was armed with a pistol. No information on group which attacked Captain Power's patrol until arrival in Embocaderos. Informed that this group had gone north on the 15th towards Guali and that Lieut Griffin's patrol went in pursuit on the 18th. Informed that this group carried fifty horses and two machine guns and cried "Vive Sandino, Altamirano, Peralta and Diaz."

San Isidro Guardia cleared San Isidro for Sebaco with prisoners and arrived.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa with Inspector of Hacienda for Yasica on contraband patrol.

Lieut Schmierer and Dario (CA) guardia patrol cleared Dario for Lamalapa on police mission. Patrol returned to Dario.

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for and arrived Matagalpa.

Lieut Atha and a guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Lieut Ledbetter, Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol cleared Consuelo (CA) on combat patrol.

20 JUNE 1931.

Two guardia patrols cleared Leon, one for the west side of town and the other for the east side of town to patrol outskirts in effort to locate a group robbing milk carts.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Comarca El Convento to maintain order during fiesta at that place.

Guardia patrol returning to Chinandega from El Temisque met two armed men on road. When ordered to halt, they dropped their arms and ran. Patrol fired at the fleeing men, who escaped. Patrol arrived Chinandega with the captured arms.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali to lay ambush along border on trail leading from Difficultades.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Lieut Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for halfway to Telpaneca. Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for halfway to Palacaguina. Patrols met. Captains Burwell and Smith joined Telpaneca patrol and cleared with it for Telpaneca. Lieut Brauer and patrol returned to Palacaguina.

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

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared to lay ambush along border.

Lieut McGorkle and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared to lay ambush along border.

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Titsworth and guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa on police patrol. Returned, nothing to report.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for achuapa.

Guardia patrol arrived El Sauce (NA) from Limay.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia combat patrol cleared Yali (CA) for Moropotente.

Lieut Broderick and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for Cealchua. Returned, nothing to report. Cleared for Gualuca, returned with information that two days previous a group had passed near Rodeito heading north-east.

Lieut Prieb and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field and returned to Jinotega.

Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Barillas, Lieut Cuadra and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yajaj (CA) for Moropotente area.

Lieut Ragsdale and Navarro (CA) guardia patrol returned from Combat patrol.

Lieut Atha and Navarro (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Navarro.

Captain Bourne, Lieut Pulver and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) on combat patrol to Guasaca.

21 JUNE 1931.

Two guardia patrols cleared Leon to the east and west side of the city to patrol outskirts in search of petty robbers. Returned, nothing to report.

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from Comarca El Convento. Captured one cutting weapon.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Laguna de Hernandez to investigate reports of bandits in that area.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Titsworth and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for and arrived Somoto.

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

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Achuapa.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for and arrived San Isidro (CA). Returned to La Trinidad.

Guardia patrol arrived El Sauce (NA) from Progreso escorting cargo train.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for Buena Vista.

Lieut Smith, Lieut Centeno, Lieut Mendoza and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol arrived Esteli from area west of Esteli; nothing to report.

La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for and arrived San Rafael. Cleared San Rafael and returned to La Concordia.

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Muy Muy.

Lieut Hobensack and guardia ptrol cleared Dario (CA) for Matagalpa.

Chinandega guardia patrol, cleared Chinandega, with Joe Politic for finca on El Tempisque road to make an arrest. Patrol returned.

22 JUNE, 1931

Guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for return to El Tempisque.

Two Leon guardia patrols cleared Leon to patrol the outskirts of town. Returned to Leon, nothing to report.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Lieut Griffith and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for half-way to San Juan de Telpaneca. Lieut. Bilbrey, Lieut Delgadillo and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Telpaneca to meet other patrol.

Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Limay to escort cargo train. Returned.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol returned to Condega. Nothing to report.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol, with two civil prisoners, cleared La Trinidad for and arrived Esteli.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Progreso.

Lieut Bell and Limay (NA) guardia patrol, escorting Red Cross supplies, cleared Limay for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from Achuapa.

Captain McQueen and guardia patrol cleared Achuapa (NA) for and arrived Limay.

Lieut Griffin, Lieut Lee, Lieut Gale and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned from combat mission. No contacts and no information.

Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for and arrived Jinotega.

(CA) Lieut Escobar and guardia patrol arrived San Rafael from Tel 1.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Guardia patrol arrived Muy M y (CA) from Matagalpa.

Lieut Ledbetter, Lieut Stewart and Consuelo (CA) guardia returned to Consuelo from combat patrol to Apantillo, Apante and the Rufino Lopez, crossing of the Tuma River. No signs or information of bandits.

23 JUNE 1931

Captain Craig, Lieut Burns and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Tempisque, Rio Estero Real, Gulf of Fonseca, El Chorro and Buena Vista.

Two Leon guardia patrol s cleared Leon to patrol the outskirts of the city. Patrols returned, no incidents to report.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Valle de las Zapatas to maintain order during a fiesta there.

Lieut Stevens and Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for outskirts of town, on patrol, to investigate report of a group of twelve armed men in that vicinity.

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for San Juan de Telpaneca.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol arrived Dipilto from Patrol along border. Nothing to report.

Lieut McGorkle and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol returned to Dipilto from patrol along border. Nothing to report.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol, escorting twenty one cargo mules with Red Cross supplies, cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived Yalaguina.

Lieut Prosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for vicinity southwest of Totogalpa on police mission.

Lieut Ramirez and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for patrol along the border.

Lieut Prieb and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field. Captain Small arrived by plane from Managua and cleared with patrol for and arrived Jinotega.

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived San Rafael. Patrol cleared San Rafael and returned to La Concordia.

Lieut Barillas and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Managua.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Cuatros Esquinas.

San Ramon (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Ramon for and arrived Matagalpa. Cleared Matagalpa and returned to San Ramon.

San Dionisio (CA) guardia cleared San Dionisio for and arrived Matagalpa.

24 JUNE 1931

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared For Sancudal and returned to Daraili with three civil soners. Then cleared for vicinity of Guyucali to investigate report of bandit group.

Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol returned to Totogalpa from police mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Johnson, Lieut Jackson and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for Jicaro.

Captain Burwell, Captain Smith, Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan de Telpaneca for Quilali.

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal. Returned to Totogalpa.

Guardia patrol arrived El Sauce (NA) from Esteli.

El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from Progreso.

Captain Davies and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Condega. Patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Delgadillo and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan for Cerro Blanco to investigate report of bandits in that vicinity. Returned, nothing to report.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Apali.

Lieut Berueffy, Lieut Titsworth and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Ocotal.

Captain Craig, Lieut Burns and Chinandega guardia patrol returned to Chinandega after patrolling El Tempisque, Nacasole, Palya Grande, El Chorro, Buena Vista and Coseguina. Area patrolled, quiet.

Captain Rosecrans, Captain Small, Lieut Gale and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for coringo Finca. Patrol arrived.

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

Lieut Cramer, Lieut Ashbrook and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol returned to Corinto Finca from combat mission.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia cleared Matagalpa for La Isla with District Judge.

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy MUY for Mal Paso on police mission and returned to Muy Muy.

Lieut Withers and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Algovia.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared with Inspector of cienda for La Corneta on police mission.

Algovia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa.

Dario (CA) guardia patrol cleared Dario for Laguna on police mission.

25 JUNE 1931

Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Leon on temporary duty and returned to Chinandega.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito district and returned to Chinandega; nothing to report.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for patrol of immediate vicinity in search of stolen property. Returned with one prisoner.

Leon guardia patrol cleared returned to Leon from La Paz Centro having been sent to that place to assist guardia there in maintaining order during fiesta.

The Guardia Commander at La Fundadora (CA) reports that at the request of the Administrador of La Fundadora, during the period 3 June to 13 June a guard of six enlisted was furnished a surveying party at Chimborozza. The guard enabled the survey of a finca, owned by Mr. Charles Potter, to be made in safety in a country over-run with local bandits. Without the protection of the guardia this work would not have been carried on.

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

The following are extracts from the "MONTHLY RECORD OF EVENTS" of the Northern Area, Commanded by Colonel L. P. Hunt, G.N., for May, 1931:

GENERAL STATE: General state of the area has been quiet. Bandit activities have for the most part been confined to the CUJE-PALACAGUINA-CONDEGA area and the LIMAY-SAN FRANCISCO area.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Continue abnormal in the entire area, but specially so in western Segovia. The arrival of the Red Cross supplies enroute to the Northern area will afford considerable relief to the districts most in need of food. By the latter part of June beans and green corn will be obtainable in the mountain districts and it is expected that the situation will be considerably improved.

CIVIL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE GUARDIA: No friction exists between the Guardia personnel and the law abiding civil population. Civil attitude toward the Guardia continues excellent.

POLITICAL SITUATION: The Political situation is quiet.

WEATHER: Frequent heavy rains.

CONDITIONS OF ROADS AND TRAILS: Muddy, but passable.

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The following patrol report of Licutenant D. L. Truesdale, G.N., is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
DISTRICT OF QUILALI,
QUILALI, NICARAGUA.

11 June 1931.

From: Licutenant D.L.Truesdale, G.N.
To : The District Commander, District of Quilali.
Quilali, Nicaragua.

Subject: Patrol.

Reference: Second Brigade Map of Nueva Segovia, 1:150000.

1. In compliance with your verbal orders I left Quilali at 0700 and proceeded with a patrol of 18 Guardia and 1 civico to the vicinity of 236-374 and reconnoitered the place in which the ambush of Lieutenant Ross's patrol had been laid.

2. Found that the group of bandits had evidently come into the main trail NORTH OF LAS CRUCES from the WEST, that they had eaten one meal in the vicinity of 236-373. That after the contact they left over the ridge to the NORTH then turned and followed a direct line for SAN JUAN and TELPANECA.

3. The ambush was laid in a dense undergrowth within five yards of the trail and was crawled into by the bandits. This accounts for the fact that the Guardia could see none of them. From shells picked up the bandits used 45, 30-30, Krag and .38 Caliber arms. Also large bombs as holes 4 x 6½ foot were made where they had exploded.

4. There was no blood found in the bandit position but there was plenty of evidence from the scars on the trees and bushes that the Guardia had laid down a heavy fire.

5. Could find evidence of the use of one automatic weapon using 30-30 caliber and one using 45 caliber ammunition.

6. It is estimated that there were less than fifty in the up and unless they picked up their empty cartridges shells they were short of ammunition and depended greatly on bombs.

/s/ D. L. TRUESDALE

P E R S O N N E L

Captain A. C. Small joined the Guardia Nacional on June 20, 1931 from the Second Brigade, U. S. Marines, and will clear Managua by plane on June 23 for the Central Area, Jinotega, to which place he has been assigned for duty.

Lieut Cippolloni reported to Headquarters, Managua, from Leon on June 22.

Lieut Firth arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal on June 22, 1931. Returned to Ocotal by plane June 25, 1931.

Lieut H. J. Withers arrived Managua from Jinotega on June 25, 1931.

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