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29 MARCH 1932

Captain Small and 12 enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali by way of La Concordia. Arrived and continued to Yali taking five enlisted from Concordia post.

Lieut Castillo and 6 enlisted arrived La Concordia and cleared for San Rafael.

30 MARCH 1932

Patrol of 9 enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Managua.

Colonel Smith, Commanding Central Area, Major Whaley, Lieut Prieb and 5 enl cleared Matagalpa for La Cumplida, returned to Matagalpa.

Patrol of 9 enl cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Captain Griffin, Lieuts Haubensack, Ragsdale with 48 enlisted cleared Consuelo for patrol.

Major Whaley, Lieut Prieb and 7 enlisted arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Patrol of 18 enlisted arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Colonel Smith with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Managua. Arrived.

Lieut Castillo and 6 enl cleared San Rafael for La Concordia. Arrived.

31 MARCH 1932

Captain Small, Lieut Ashbrook and 30 enl cleared Yali on Combat patrol.

Lieut Barillas and 7 enl arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Re-cleared for Sajonia.

Lieut Castillo and 5 enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Major Whaley, Lieut Prieb and 7 enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Elliott and 4 enlisted cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa.

1 APRIL 1932

Lieut Cuadra and patrol cleared San Juan de Pencas for Villanueva to investigate firing of shots. Returned; no information.

Lieuts Weeks, Downey and ten enlisted cleared Jinotega for halfway patrol to San Rafael.

Captain Schwerin and eight enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Lieut Schmierer and five enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieut Downey and ten enlisted returned Jinotega from halfway to San Rafael.

Captain Gaspar, Lieut Hall (MC) and fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega.

Lieut Krawie and ten enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for halfway to Jinotega.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Krawie and eighteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca.

Lieut Castillo and four enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

Captain Gaspar, Lieuts Weeks, Hall (MC) and fifteen enlisted returned San Rafael from halfway Jinotega.

Lieut Castillo and six enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Lieut Martin and five enlisted reported Matagalpa from Buena Vista.

2 APRIL 1932

Lieut Roberts, ten enlisted and two civicos cleared Quilali for San Juan. Arrived.

Lieut Sandino and seven enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili.

Lieut Truesdale and ten enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali. Arrived.

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned to Telpaneca. Encountered group and found them to be armed with machetes. Patrol captured leader Lopez and two other Guadalupe Polanco and Justo Muñoz. They have been spreading propaganda and molesting the people of el Rancho for some time.

Cabo Arevalo and six other enlisted cleared Ocotal for Santa Maria.

Lieut Cabrera and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Ocotal escorting six civil prisoners. Arrived and cleared Totopalpa leaving four prisoners at there. Arrived Ocotal with eight enlisted and two prisoners.

Lieut Wallace with patrol of fourteen enlisted returned Apali.

Captain Samll, Lieut Ashbrook and thirty enlisted and one armed guide returned Yali from combat patrol. Covered Laguna, Pajaritos, San Carlos, Rio Coco.

3 APRIL 1932

Primary election held by liberal party without any disorder through out the Department of Chinandega.

Lieut Zavala and five enlisted cleared for Ocotal from Dipilto. Arrived.

Lieut Roberts, ten enlisted and two civilians cleared San Juan for Apali. Arrived.

Lieut Hamas and twelve enlisted returned Jicaro from combat mission.

Captain Williams, Lieut Cabrera and eight enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal.

1st Sgt Love and nine other enlisted cleared Somoto for halfway to Totogalpa.

Captain Williams and eight enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Cabo Arevalo and six other enlisted arrived Santa Maria from Ocotal.

Lieut Cabrera, ten enlisted and five civil prisoners arrived Somoto from Totogalpa.

Captain Williams and eight enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieuts Lee, Downey and five enlisted cleared Jinotega to seek information and gain contact with group staging demonstration.

Lieut Darrah and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega to seek information and gain contact with group staging demonstration.

Lieuts Lee, Downey and five enlisted returned from patrol to Jinotega.

Lieut Barillas and seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia and cleared for Sajonia.

Captain Griffin's patrol reported Cuatro Esquinas (CA).

4 APRIL 1932

Lieut Reid, 5 enlisted, 4 auxiliares cleared Leon via train for Punta Vieles; Lieut Reid, 2 enlisted, 3 auxiliares for duty in same district, 3 enlisted and 1 auxiliar to return to Leon with prisoners from Sauce.

Lieut Martinez, 16 enlisted, 3 enlisted prisoners, 5 civil prisoners cleared El Sauce for Las Lechuzas.

Four enlisted, 11 prisoners cleared Leon via train for Managua.

Lieut Cuadra with patrol cleared San Juan de las Pencas to inspect Campuzano and the river Estero Real; returned. Reports all quiet.

Five enlisted with five Auxiliares cleared Chinandega for La Reforma, El Carmen and Santa Margara to investigate the report of a small group of ladrons. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Roberts and patrol cleared San Juan for Quilali. Arrived.

Lieuts Brunton, Zamora and Whitehead (M) and ten enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieut Zamora and five enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Sgt Garcia and nine other enlisted cleared Quilali for half way to San Juan.

Sgt Flores and ten other enlisted cleared San Juan for half way to Quilali.

Lieut Johnson and seven enlisted cleared La Trinidad and arrived Esteli.

Captain Frisbie and fifteen enlisted cleared Limay on patrol.

Sgt Mayorga and fifteen other enlisted cleared Esteli to meet Limay patrol at half way point. Limay patrol returned to station.

Esteli patrol returned to station escorting Captain Frisbie.

Captains Rowan and Kilbury (M) and seven enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo on tour of inspection. Arrived.

Sgt Garcia and patrol returned Quilali from half way to San Juan.

Sgt Flores and patrol returned San Juan from half way to Quilali.

Captain Young (M), Lieut Ragsdale and six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Uriza and five enlisted reported Matagalpa from Algovia.

Lieuts Weeks, Hall and twenty enlisted returned from combat patrol to San Rafael. Covered areas Sabana Grande, Los Potreros, Horcones, San Gabriel and Yucapuca.

5 APRIL 1932

Villa Nueva reports bandits numbering between 200 and 300 attacked city, fighting continued until 04305. 2 Guardias and three auxiliares wounded. Bandit casualties unknown. Jefes of group and direction taken by bandits on leaving city not stated.

Guardia La Ceiba reports, Juez de Mesta Gilberto Hernandez of Chacra Seca killed bandit Julian Paiz, Jefe of small group which attacked La Ceiba recently, also captured one Winchester Rifle and one shot gun.

Commanding Officer Somotillo arrived Villa Nueva, reports found 3 auxiliares and 2 Guardias wounded. Bandits shouted for Sandino, Colindres, Diaz, Umanzor and Padilla. Estimated to be 150 to 200. Found one magazine BAR, one unexploded hand grenade, found shot gun shells 45,38 and 32 pistol shells. Bandits used one BAR, one STMG, one shot gun, rifles, pistols and granades.

Lieut Schuh, 5 enlisted, one auxiliar arrived Leon with three Guardia prisoners and five civil prisoners.

Sgt Martinez with 4 enlisted and 5 auxiliars cleared Leon for end of Leon-El Sauce R.R. line as guard for R.R. paymaster.

Lieut Schuh cleared Leon for Punta Rielés.

Lieuts Brunton, Zamora and Whitehead (M) arrived Apali from Jicaro.

Lieut Vogel and ten enlisted cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Cabo Blandon and four other enlisted cleared Dipilto for Dipilto Viejo (193-393) on police mission. Returned.

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned Telpaneca from combat mission.

Lieut Sandino and six enlisted cleared Daraili for Condega. Arrived.

Captains Rowan and Kilbury (M) and patrol arrived Santa Maria from Macuelizo. Covered El Portillo (161-401) and Cirrizal (156-400) areas. Nothing to report.

Lieut Muñoz with three enlisted and eight auxiliares cleared Chichigalpa for Gretudes, Balgica and Las Lajas.

Lieut Weeks and fifteen enlisted reported Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Matamoros and twenty-five enlisted cleared for half way to Matagalpa, three enlisted from Matagalpa returned with patrol.

Captain Small, Lieut Snyder and thirty enlisted and one armed civico cleared Yali on combat patrol.

6 APRIL 1932

Colonel Watson arrived Jinotega and assumed command of Central area.

Lieut Alexander and eight enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieuts Cramer, Summerfield and eighteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieut Matamoros and twenty enlisted returned Jinotega from half way to Matagalpa.

Lieut Alexander and eight enlisted cleared Fundadora for Jinotega.

Lieut Zamora and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali on reconnaissance patrol to south-east of station.

Lieut Truesdale and eleven enlisted arrived San Juan from Quilali.

Cabo Robleto and five other enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from Condega.

Cabo Altamirano and five other enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived.

1st Sgt Portocarrero and seven other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Johnson and patrol cleared Esteli for La Trinidad.

Lieut Stanko and four enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Rillito on police mission. Returned.

Lieut Covington and nine enlisted cleared Jalapa for Apali. Arrived.

Captain Rowan, Lieut Chenoweth and eight enlisted cleared Santa Maria on reconnaissance patrol to Honduran border. Returned.

Lieut Livermore and ten enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half way to San Juan.

Lieuts Beans and Saenz (M) and twelve enlisted cleared San Juan for Telpaneca. Patrol under Sgt Altamirano to return from half way point.

Lieut Hamas and thirteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for point (225-390) to investigate bandit reports. Returned.

Cabo Altamirano and five other enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Sgt Altamirano and patrol returned San Juan from half way to Telpaneca.

Lieut Beans, Livermore and Saenz (M) and patrol arrived Telpaneca from San Juan.

7 APRIL 1932

Lieut Uriza and fifteen enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half way to Jinotega. Returned.

Twelve enlisted reported Consuelo from Matagalpa.

Patrol of Five enlisted reported Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Sgt Martinez, 3 enlisted, 3 auxiliares cleared Leon for near Quezalguaque, to capture bull cart robbers. Retuened with four suspects and two revolvers found in their possession.

Four enlisted with one civilian guide cleared Chinandega to investigate robbery south of that town.

Lieut Muñoz and patrol returned to Chichigalpa from Gretrudes, Belgica, Las Lajas, El Relijo and vicinity South of railroad. Reports all quiet.

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

Following account of contact between a group of civilians and Julian Gutierrez and his group on 19 March 1932 is quoted:-

On 19th March, 1932, a group of nine bandits, Jefe Julian Gutierrez, sacked San Pedro, near the border, and upon leaving abducted a young boy, named Lino Arce, and headed toward Coyolito, about five leagues from this station, north. Ubaldo Arce, father of the boy, and three other civilians, armed with machetes, followed in rear of the bandits, intent upon rescuing the prisoner. Arriving at Coyolito late on the same afternoon, the bandits, with their prisoner, took charge of a house on the trail. After all the bandits had gathered inside, the four civilians attacked them, regardless of inequality of numbers, and that the bandits were armed with pistols and some escopetas.

The fighting lasted about twenty minutes, and the bandits suffered the following:- dead, Julian Gutierrez, Jefe; wounded three; prisoner, one, who died two days later from his wounds. The civilians suffered three wounded. The civilians put the bandits to flight, and captured one escopeta, one cutacha and several hats with red and black hat bands.

OPERATIONS, DEPT OF RIVAS - 17 MARCH TO 6 APRIL 1932.-

- 17 MARCH- Lieut Bello and two enlisted returned Cardenas from Saballo.
Lieut Bello and one enlisted cleared Cardenas for Cuajiniquil.
Lieut Bello and one enlisted returned Cardenas.
- 18 MARCH- Lieut Bello and one enlisted cleared Cardenas for Sapóá.
Lieut Bello and one enlisted returned Cardenas.
- 19 MARCH- Captain Forsyth cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.
- 20 MARCH- Captain Forsyth returned Rivas from San Juan del Sur.
- 21 MARCH- Lieut Pulver cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.
- 22 MARCH- Two enlisted cleared San Juan del Sur for Gigante on police mission.
- 23 MARCH- Lieut Pulver returned Rivas from San Juan del Sur.
- 24 MARCH- Two enlisted returned San Juan del Sur from Gigante.
Lieut Adams and one enlisted cleared San Juan del Sur for Gigante.
- 25 MARCH- Lieut Adams and one enlisted returned San Juan del Sur from Gigante.
- 26 MARCH- Two enlisted returned Rivas from Tola.
- 27 MARCH- Two enlisted returned Rivas from Gigante. Captured one stick of dynamite and two cutachas.
- 29 MARCH- Lieut Bello and one enlisted arrived Rivas from Cardenas.
One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur with one civil prisoner.

- 30 MARCH- Lieut Bello and one enlisted cleared Rivas for Cardenas.
- 1 APRIL- Three enlisted cleared Rivas on polica patrol.
- 4 APRIL- Three enlisted cleared Rivas for Los Cerros on police mission.
- 5 APRIL- Three enlisted returned Rivas from Los Cerros. Two enlisted arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur. Two enlisted cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur. Two enlisted arrived Rivas from Granada with nine civil prisoners. Three enlisted returned Rivas from police patrol.
- 6 APRIL- Lieut Adams arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur.
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An unfortunat occurrence happened at Kisalaya (Dept of Northern Bluefields, Eastern Area) on April 4th. One Sergeant and fourteen enlisted, having become dissatisfied, banded together, killed Lieutenant Levonski, wounded Lieutenant Reyes, (native) took four automatic weapons, about 11,000 rounds of ammunition, some fifty hand and rifle grenades and departed up the Coco River toward Bocay ostensibly to join the bandits. The remainder of the Kisalaya detachment remained loyal, escaped from the band of mal contents, and to date, (April 9), most of them have reported in to Puerto Cabezas or vicinity.

P E R S O N N E L

Class of 59 Cadets graduated from the Guardia Military Academy on 7 April 1932 and were commissioned as Second Lieutenants.

Sergeant Major Portillo and Quartermaster Sergeants Fonseca, Miranda and Prado were commissioned as Second Lieutenants on 6 April 1932.

Lieutenant C. Rodrigues from Ocotal to Managua on 4 April, 1932. Temporary duty.

Captain Frisbie from Esteli to Managua on 5 April, 1932.

Lieutenant Kloth from Esteli to Managua on 5 April, 1932.

Colonel T. E. Watson cleared Managua on 6 April, 1932 for Jinotega to take over duties of Area Commander, Central Area.

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