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7 APRIL 1932

Lieut Price and eight enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Cabo Calix and two other enlisted cleared Palacaguina on police mission to Rillito. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Zamora and patrol returned Apali. Covered area west, south and east of station. Nothing to report.

Lieut Keller and ten enlisted cleared San Fernando for Apali. Arrived.

1st Sgt Mondragon and seven other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Palacaguina with one enlisted prisoner.

Lieut Roberts and nine enlisted cleared Quilali on police mission. Returned.

Sgt Nuñez and seven other enlisted cleared Dipilto for Las Manos accompanying civilian party.

Lieut Blanco and six enlisted cleared accompanying civilian party from Dipilto. Arrived Totogalpa.

Lieut Bell and fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli on combat mission.

1st Sgt Mondragon, seven enlisted and one enlisted prisoner arrived Palacaguina from Yalaguina.

Captains Rowan and Kilbury (M) and six enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Sgt Acevedo and fourteen other enlisted cleared Telpaneca for Palacaguina escorting party of laborers who had finished work in coffee harvest in that vicinity.

1st Sgt Solorzano and thirteen enlisted arrived Apali from Jicaro.

1st Sgt Reyes and seven other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half way to Palacaguina escorting civilian party.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half way to Totogalpa. Returned escorting civilian party.

1st Sgt Mondragon and seven other enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Yalaguina. Arrived.



Lieut Vogel and ten enlisted cleared Pataste with two civil prisoners. Arrived Somoto.

Lieut Blanco and five enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ceotal. Arrived.

Sgt Nuñez and patrol returned Dipilto from Las Manos.

1st Sgt Solorzano and twelve enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

1st Sgt Reyes and six other enlisted returned Totogalpa from half way to Palacaguina.

Sgt Acevedo and thirteen enlisted arrived Palacaguina from Telpaneca.

Lieut Price, nine enlisted, two civilian prisoners and civilian party cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Brown and nine enlisted cleared Pataste for Naranjo (164-343). Returned with civil prisoner Nicolas Martinez who escaped from Somoto in January.

Lieut Keller and nine enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieut Bell and fifteen enlisted returned Esteli from combat mission.

Lieut Alexander and nine enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora. Arrived.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Haubensack and patrol arrived La Fundadora.

Lieut Gumaelious and ten enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo,

Patrol of eight enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro.

8 APRIL 1932

Lieut Martinez, four enlisted and thirteen Auxiliares cleared El Sauce for Villa Nueva. Lieut Martinez to relieve Lieut Centeno.

Lieut Reid, five Guardia enlisted and eight Auxiliares cleared El Sauce for Achuapa escorting bull cart train.

Lieut Cuadra and patrol cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Lodo Podrido. Returned. Reported all quiet.

Four enlisted with one civilian guide returned Chinandega from El Relijo and vicinity, found no trace of stolen bull cart, brought in one prisoner with one shot gun and one rifle.



1st Sgt Mondragon and seven other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half way to Somoto.

Lieut Burns and twenty five enlisted cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieuts McCorkle and Blanco and six enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo and six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Somoto with one civil prisoner. Arrived.

Lieut Lynch (M) and nineteen enlisted cleared Esteli for half way to Condega.

Sgt Garcia and ten other enlisted cleared Quilali on police mission. Returned.

1st Sgt Cortez, eleven other enlisted, one enlisted prisoner and civilian party cleared Condega for half way to Esteli.

Lieuts Beans and Saenz (M) and thirteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for Apali. Arrived.

Sgt Acevedo and thirteen other enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Telpaneca. Arrived.

Lieut Cabrera and eight enlisted (1st Sgt Mondragon's patrol) arrived Yalaguina from half way to Somoto.

Lieut Cabrera and six enlisted cleared Somoto for half way to Yalaguina.

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

Sgt Olivas and eight other enlisted returned from half way to Yalaguina.

Captains Rowan and Kilbury (M), Lieut McCorkle and seven enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo and six enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa. Arrived.

1st Sgt Cortez and nine other enlisted returned Condega from half way to Esteli.

Lieut Hamas and twelve enlisted cleared Jicaro on police mission to point (220-380). Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Weeks and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Lieut Summerfield and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for aviation enroute to Corinto Finca.

Lieut Lee and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on reconnaissance patrol



Captain Griffin, Lieut Haubensack and thirty enlisted returned Jinotega from combat patrol.

Lieut Matamoros and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

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

Captain Griffin, Lieut Haubensack and patrol cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega.

Colonel Watson, Lieut Cramer and Summerfield and fifteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Patrol of eight enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa.

Three enlisted, 9 APRIL 1932 and one Hacienda Inspector returned Leon from Quetzalguaque, with a prisoner suspected of contraband.

Lieut Stanke and eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Lieut Brown and eight enlisted arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Pataste with one civil prisoner.

Lieut Bilbrey and seven enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Yalaguina.

Lieuts Bilbrey and Delgadillo and five enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Stanke and Jackson (M) and eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo and five enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal.

Sgt Acevedo, six enlisted and three civicos cleared Telpaneca for point (208-373) on police mission.

Lieuts Beans, Wallace and Saenz (M), eight enlisted (Telpaneca patrol) and ten enlisted (Apali) patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro.

Lieut Downey and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for halfway to Corinto Finca.

Colonel Watson, Lieut Downey and fifteen enlisted returned Jinotega from half way to Corinto Finca.

Lieut Cramer and ten enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Lieut Krawie and ten enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for half way to Jinotega with Colonel Watson.

Lieut Lee, Matamoros and twenty-eight enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.



Lieut Weeks and twenty-seven enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael.

Lieuts Weeks, Castillo and twenty-seven enlisted, Lieuts Lee, Matamoros and twenty-eight enlisted cleared La Concordia on combat patrol.

Lieut Krawie and ten enlisted returned Corinto Finca from half way to Jinotega.

Patrol of seven enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieut Cramer and ten enlisted returned Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Lieuts Fox, Ward with three enlisted cleared Matagalpa on road to Algovia and returned.

10 APRIL 1932

Lieut Zamora and ten enlisted cleared Apali for Ciudad Antigua to maintain order during plebescites.

Lieut Jackson (M) and seven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for halfway to Totogalpa.

Sgt Acevedo and six enlisted returned Telpaneca from police mission. Nothing to report.

1st Sgt Reyes and six other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half way to Palacaguina.

Lieut Vogel and ten enlisted cleared Somoto for San Lucas to maintain order during plebescites. Returned. Report no plebescites being held at San Lucas until Sunday, 17 April.

Lieuts Beans and Saenz (M) and eight enlisted cleared Jicaro for Quilali. Arrived.

Lieut Wallace and twenty-one enlisted cleared Jicaro on combat mission.

Lieuts Beans, Wallace and Saenz, (M) and eighteen enlisted arrived Jicaro from Apali.

Lieut Jackson and seven enlisted (Totogalpa patrol) arrived Totogalpa.

Lieut Wallace and twenty-one enlisted returned Jicaro from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Cuadra with patrol cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Las Planas and vicinity.

Lieut Escobar and six enlisted arrived Jinotega from Las Camelias.

Captain Small, Lieut Snyder and thirty enlisted arrived San Rafael from combat patrol. Covered the areas Lower Pavona, El Altura, Las Vegas, La Rica, San Antonio, Constanca and Pantasma Valley. Patrol had contact in Constanca 8 April. Bandit casualties two killed and several wounded. Guardia casualties none. Patrol captured two rifles and one pistol.



11 APRIL 1932

Lieut Cuadra captured bandit between Las Grietas and Lodo Podrido. Bandit stated Diaz and U anzor group on mountain la Agueena about one league east of Somotillo.

Captain Burwell and ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Lieut Jackson (M) and six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Vogel and ten enlisted, escorting civilian party, cleared Somoto for Espino (134-356). Patrol returned.

Sgt Nuñez and ten other enlisted cleared Dipilto for Las Manos. Returned.

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

Lieut Blanco and five enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal. Arrived.

Captain Burwell and five enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal.

Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Quilali escorting civilians and cargo. Arrived.

Lieut Ray (R) and five enlisted cleared Ocotal via truck for half way to Dipilto. Met Capt Burwell's patrol. Captain Burwell joined Lieut Ray's patrol and returned to Ocotal.

Lieut Brown and eight enlisted arrived Pataste from Pueblo Nuevo.

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

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned Telpaneca from combat mission.

Captain Burwell arrived Quilali from Ocotal via 'plane.

1st Sgt Reyes and five other enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal.

Colonel Watson, Captain Young (MC), Lieuts Darrah, Zeledon and Lopez with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Lieut Escobar and six enlisted cleared Jinotega for Las Camelias.

Lieut Haubensak and Downey with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat patrol.

Lieuts Haubensak and Downey with fifteen enlisted returned Jinotega from combat patrol. Patrol had contact about five miles north of Jinotega with group, number and Jefe unknown. Contact lasted about one minute when bandits scattered. Guardia casualties none. Bandit casualties unknown.



Lieut Barillas and seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Returned to Sajonia.

Lieut Hall (MC) and seven enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Arrived.

Colonel Watson, Captain Young(M), Lieuts Darrah, Zeledon and Lopez with fifteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinetega.

Lieut Hall (M) and seven enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieuts Hall (M), Zeledon and Lopez with fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Lieut Deadey and four enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and reported.

Lieut Schmierer and thirteen enlisted cleared San Isidro on combat patrol.

12 APRIL 1932

Lieut Cuadra returned to San Juan de las Pencas from Los planes, Las Grietas, San Jose, Olomega, Lodo Podrido, captured one bandit, gave following information: that after bandits attacked Villanueva, Jose Leon Diaz and Umanzor left for the mountain Azuelna, about one league from Somotillo. Bandit tried to escape and was killed.

Lieut Muñoz with five enlisted and 20 Auxiliares cleared Chichigalpa to reconnoiter area between mountain and railroad. Reported all quiet. No bandit information. Confiscated 2 shot guns. and one pistol.

Lieut Klein with six enlisted and nine Auxiliares cleared Chinandega for El Viejo, La Pita and Chilama district, returned with two confiscated shotguns. Destroyed large Cususa Mill, killed two men working same who refused to halt.

Lieut Broderick with sixteen enlisted arrived Chinandega for duty.

Lieut Atwell and 20 enlisted arrived Limay with bull cart train from Achuapa.

San Francisco de Guanijiquilapa reports patrol in Cinco Pinos on nine March for plebiscite election report all quiet.

Lieut Cuadra at Valle de las Zapatas reports that Umanzor and fifty entered Valle de las Zapatas seriously wounded Dr Pedro Salazar, sacked tiendas of Pedro Simeon, Mercedes Vasquez, and Sara Urbina, destroyed telegraph instrument but did not touch line. People state all of bandits are Hondurians and each one carries flash lights. Bandits all drunk when they retired from city.

Guardia La Paz Centro reports city was alarmed on rumors of bandits intending to enter, but investigation revealed nothing.



Chinandega reports San Juan de Las Peneas patrol in Malpaisillo. Chinandega had information that Umazor group was near Lodo Podrido, patrol ordered to proceed that vicinity.

Lieut Cuadra and patrol cleared San Juan de las Peneas for Valle de las Zapatas and vicinity. Arrived.

Lieuts Beans and Truesdale and nine enlisted cleared Quilali for direction of Chipote.

Lieut Hamas and six enlisted cleared Quilali for Potosi.

Lieut Hamas and six enlisted returned Quilali from Potosi.

Lieuts Beans and Truesdale and nine enlisted returned Quilali from direction of Chipote.

Lieut Zavala and six enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Roberts and Truesdale and six enlisted cleared Quilali for Potosi. Returned.

Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted (Jicaro Patrol) cleared Quilali for Chipote area on combat mission.

Lieut Truesdale and thirteen enlisted cleared Quilali for Chipote area on combat mission.

Lieut Burt and ten enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half way to Limay to meet bull cart train.

Lieut Jones (R) and fifteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for San Fernando.

Lieut Burns and twenty-five enlisted returned Condega from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Bell and fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for La Trinidad. Arrived.

CO QUILALI reports Lieut Hamas and six enlisted killed one bandit, wounded another and captured correspondence at Potosi. Bandits were attempting to escape from house.

Communication out between Ocotal and Quilali since 0931Z. Believed due to burned out transmitting tubes. Tubes forwarded by Lieut Jones' patrol.

13 APRIL 1952

Five enlisted cleared Punta Vieles to investigate robbery of ranch house about one league from that point.

Lieut Reid, 9 enlisted and 7 auxiliaries arrived El Sauce from Achuapa after escorting bull cart train to Limay.

Cabo Luabi and eight other enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali.



Lieut Chenoweth and six enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Beans and Saenz (M) and ten enlisted arrived San Juan from Quilali.

1st Sgt Mondragon and seven other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Totogalpa.

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

Lieut Vogel and nine enlisted, with one civil prisoner, cleared Somoto for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Five enlisted cleared Jalapa for Rio Arriba (223-415) on police mission.

Lieut Stanko and seven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

1st Sgt Mondragon and seven other enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Yalaguina.

Sgt Paniagua and nineteen other enlisted cleared Limay to escort bull cart train to Pueblo Nuevo. Met Pueblo Nuevo patrol at half way point and returned to Limay.

Lieut Atwell and twenty enlisted cleared Limay for Achuapa.

Cabo Alvarez and five other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Jones and fifteen enlisted arrived San Fernando from Ocotal. Cleared San Fernando and arrived Apali.

1st Sgt Reyes and eight other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Zavala and five enlisted arrived Dipilto from Ocotal.

Sgt Mayorga and five other enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal.



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

C.O. FUNDADORA reports by letter:

1 APRIL, 1932

0700 Lieut Schmierer and five enlisted cleared for Jinotega.  
0730 six enlisted cleared for Los Rovles, from Las Camelias.  
1200 six enlisted returned from Los Robles, to Las Camelias.  
1230 six enlisted cleared Aranjuez to Los Encuentros.  
1700 six enllsted returned to Aranjuez from Los Encuentros.

2 APRIL, 1932

0800 Lieut Alexander and seven enlisted cleared Aranjuez for La Hamonia.  
1300 Lieut Alexander and seven enlisted returned from La Hamonia.  
1200 Lieut Schmierer and six enlisted returned from Jinotega.  
1400 Lieut Alexander and five enl cleared Aranjuez for La Fundadora and arrived at 1500.  
1700 Lieut Alexander and five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez and arrived at 1750.

3 APRIL, 1932

Lieut Schmierer and five enlisted cleared for haf way to Matagalpa.  
0700 Lieut Alexander and five enl arrived from Aranjuez at La Fundadora.  
1100 five enlisted returned to La Fundadora from half way point to Matagalpa.  
1100 six enl arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.  
1200 five enl cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez, arrived at that station at 1300.  
1600 six enlisted cleared La Fundadora and arrived at Las Camelias at 1750.

4 APRIL, 1932

0830 Lieut Alexander and five enlisted cleared La Fundadora and arrived at Aranjuez at 0925.  
1000 Lieut Escobar and five enlisted cleared Las Camelias and arrived at La Fundadora at 1230.  
1040 Lieut Alexander and five enlisted cleared Aranjuez and arrived at La Fundadora at 1130.  
1530 Lieut Escobar and five enlisted cleared La Fundadora and arrived at Las Camelias at 1700.

5 APRIL, 1932

0730 Lieut Escobar and five enlisted cleared Las Camelias for Datanli and El Salto.  
1100 Lieut Escobar and five enl returned from patrol to Las Camelias.  
0900 Lieut Alexander and five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for half way point to Matagalpa.  
1330 Lieuts Alexander and Elliott and five enlisted arrived at Aranjuez from half way point to Matagalpa.  
1430 Lieut Alexander and five enlisted cleared Aranjuez for La Fundadora and arrived at 1525.

6 APRIL, 1932

0800 Lieut Alexander and eight enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega.



7 APRIL, 1932

1330 Lieut Alexander and nine enlisted arrived at La Fundadora from Jinotega.

1330 Captain Griffin, Lieut Haubensak and company "M" arrived La Fundadora from Matagalpa.

1330 Lieut Escobar and five enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.

1335 Lieut Elliott and five enlisted cleared Aranjuez and arrived at La Fundadora at 1430.

1500 Lieut Escobar and five enlisted cleared for and arrived at Las Camelias.

1530 Lieut Elliott and five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for and arrived at Aranjuez at 1620.

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The following patrol and contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY "M" GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NIC. AREA CENTRAL  
JINOTEGA, NIC. 9 APRIL, 1932.-

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Area Commander.

Subject: Patrol report, 17 March 1932 - 8 April, 1932.-

Reference:- Orders Area Commander.

1. From 17 March to 28 March 1932, the patrol consisted of Captain Robert L. Griffin Jr., Lieut George F. Haubensak and thirty (30) enlisted. From 29 March to 2 April the patrol was strengthened by Lieut Ragsdale and eighteen enlisted from Consuelo.

2. Thursday, 17 March 1932: Cleared Jinotega at 1300. Camped at Yagualica at 1630.

FRIDAY 18 MARCH, 1932: Cleared Yagualica at 0630 and camped in Chaguitillo at about 1430. Reported to Jinotega via Matagalpa. Received orders to proceed next morning to Sebaco and await further orders.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH, 1932: Cleared Chaguitillo at 0650 and arrived Sabaco 0740. Reported to Jinotega and to the Director of Operations at El Sauce. Ordered to proceed to Matagalpa on 20 March.

SUNDAY 20 MARCH, 1932: Cleared Sebaco at 0730 and arrived in Matagalpa at 1330. Report made to Area Commander by radio that Mandador of Cacao had been forced to leave hacienda due to owner's failure to pay bandit five hundred dollars as demanded. No mozos were on the place when I passed on 18 March, two women only were on place and they would give no information of bandits.

MONDAY 21 MARCH TO SATURDAY 26 MARCH 1932: Awaiting orders in Matagalpa. Ordered to clear Matagalpa Sunday morning for Consuelo and there to increase my strength by one (1) officer and eighteen (18) enlisted and to operate north of the Tuma River on local information. Also ordered to investigate enroute, the burning of La Cumplida.



SUNDAY 27 MARCH, 1932: Cleared Matagalpa at 0730 and arrived Navarro at 1830. Investigation at La Cumplida revealed that the house of the Mandador was burned on night of 26 March by two armed natives who were mounted and proceeded by Rourke's toward Matagalpa immediately after the burning. No mozes were molested by these men. The house was completely destroyed. No other houses or property were bothered.

MONDAY 28 MARCH, 1932: Cleared Navarro at 0820 and arrived Consuelo at 1430.

TUESDAY 29 MARCH, 1932: Cleared Consuelo with Lieut Ragsdale and eighteen (18) additional enlisted at 0930 after receiving requested intelligence from Area Commander. Camped at Sardinal at 1530. Antonio Chavarria taken prisoner for possession of pistol without permit and for illegal disposition of another pistol.

WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH, 1932: Cleared Sardinal at 0730 and patrolled north thru Yalirange and into La Tronca district. Made camp La Tronca at 1600. No bandit information.

THURSDAY 31 MARCH, 1932: Cleared La Tronca at 0730 and patrolled north. Burned two fortified bandit houses off the main trail and about 800 yards apart. The camps were unoccupied at the time but were used by group under Tomas Pineda. This jefe usually has 30-40 men. Reported by natives to have moved north ahead of us to lay ambush for the Guardia Patrol. We proceeded north and camped at Las Nieves at 1600. Las Nieves is about three leagues north-east of Peña Blanca.

FRIDAY 1 APRIL, 1932: Cleared Las Nieves at 0730. Proceeded to north east. Point consisting of Lieut Ragsdale and twelve men was ambushed at about 0800 while passing by narrow trail thru heavily wooded hill side with dense underbrush. The ambush evidently consisted of only about four (4) men, and all of the fire was seemingly directed at Lieut Ragsdale. The bandit fire was only one burst of about five shots each from each of two automatic weapons and about four shots of rifle fire. The bandits allowed the five guardia ahead of the Lieut to pass around a bend in the trail and opened fire on the officer just when he was alone on the bend of the trail. Lieut Ragsdale was knocked down with either one or two 30 Cal. wounds in the left shoulder and one 45 Cal. wound in the left fore-arm and was momentarily knocked unconscious. His men saw no bandits, took cover, and did not return fire until Lieut Ragsdale about 30 second later came to and ordered firing into woods on his left flank. The bandits in the mean time had already fled up a draw and no fire was returned. The bandits fired from behind trees on knoll not ten yards from the trail. The brush was so dense that detection of ambush before fire was opened is considered imposible. There were no other Guardia casualties and there were no known bandit casualties. The main body was not under fire and had no opportunity to get into action as it, due to Ragsdale's being wounded, took at least two minutes for any word to get back to me. I immediately went for ward and found Lieut Ragsdale wounded and that the bandits has fled. Lieut Ragsdale's wounds were immediately dressed and antitetanus was administered. As it was necessary to get Lieut



Ragsdale back to Matagalpa for medical treatment, the patrol was taken south to Guasaca and camp made for the night at 1530.

SATURDAY 2 APRIL, 1932: Cleared Guasaca at 0630 for Cuatro Esquinas. Took bandit suspect with 200 lbs. salt prisoner before reaching the Tuma. Man had no identification papers and no passport for the salt. Could not tell a straight story as to where he was going or for whom he worked. He tried to escape soon after crossing the Tuma at Tuma and was shot and killed by his guard. Another bandit suspect was taken prisoner and was later turned into the Director of Police in Jinotega. Arrived Cuatro Esquinas at 1400 and reported to Jinotega via Matagalpa.

SUNDAY 3 APRIL, 1932: Lieut Ragsdale sent into Matagalpa.

MONDAY 4 APRIL, 1932: Consuelo Guardias returned to home station. Prisoner Antonio Chavarria sent to Matagalpa by order Department Commander.

TUESDAY 5 APRIL, 1932 TO THURSDAY 7 APRIL: In Cuatro Esquinas awaiting orders.

THURSDAY 7 APRIL, 1932: Cleared for Fundadora at 0730 and arrived at 1330.

FRIDAY 8 APRIL, 1932: Cleared Fundadora at 0630 and arrived Jinotega at 0915.

/s/ Robert L. Griffin Jr.  
ROBERT L. GRIFFIN JR.

P E R S O N N E L

Lieut S. Jackson (M) G.N. from Ocotal to Managua for temporary duty, 11 April.

Lieut Collins from Ocotal to Managua . Temporary duty. 11 April.

Colonel Seech from Bluefields to Managua on 15 April. Temporary duty.

Major Whaley from Jinotega to Managua on 13 April for temporary duty and returned to Jinotega on 15 April by plane.

Lieut L.R.Prieb from Jinotega to Managua on 13 April for reassignment.

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