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26 MAY 1932

Lieuts Atwell and Jarquin and Guardia patrol of eighteen had contact ten hundred May twenty six with bandit group of fifty. Jefe unknown, one league south of Achuapa one seven one dash three one two Marine Corps Map. Group was surprised while preparing ambush. Bandit casualties two known wounded. Guardia casualties none. Bandits scattered and dispersed in brush.

Lieuts McDonald, Cabrera and Artola and thirteen enlisted cleared Palacaguina for point 174-360.

Lieut Zavala and eight enlisted cleared Dipilto for Mosonte on police mission. Returned to Dipilto.

Lieut Livermore and fifteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for point 205-365 to investigate report of bandit camp in that vicinity.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived. Cleared for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Lieuts Bell and Ortiz and combat patrol No. 6, 26 enlisted cleared Esteli to operate in area east of station.

Lieut Chavarria and twelve enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to La Trinidad. Sgt Rodriguez and nine other enlisted cleared La Trinidad for half-way to Esteli.

Lieut Keller and eleven enlisted arrived Apali from San Fernando.

Lieut Saravia and nine enlisted arrived La Trinidad. 1st Sgt Garcia and twelve other enlisted arrived Esteli from half-way to La Trinidad.

Lieut Delgadillo and six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for San Jose on police mission. Returned.

Lieuts Centeno and Chavarria and combat patrol No. 7, returned Limay from Pajarito area.

Lieuts Broderick, Aleman and Monterrey and fourteen enlisted returned Ocotal from combat mission. Covered area of points 192-377, 191-378, 193-373, 199-379 and 197-381. Captured one bandit suspect and one shot-gun.

Lieut Keller and ten enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieut Livermore and fifteen enlisted returned Telpaneca. Covered area of points 205-365, 208-363, 209-355, 205-365, 205-363, thence to Telpaneca. All quiet in area covered.

Major Whaley, Lieut Downey and sixteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way and from Matagalpa.

Lieut Krawie with seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Returned to Corinto Finca.

Major Whaley, Lieut Frye and ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega.

Lieuts Herregodts and Saenz with twenty two enlisted returned Matiguas from combat patrol.

Five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega with telegraph repair man to trace break in wire.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and reported.

Lieut Stanley with nine enlisted reported Matagalpa from Managua.

Major Whaley, Lieut Leady and four enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and reported.

Nine enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo and reported.

Lieut Gonzalez with six enlisted cleared San Isidro for Sebaco and returned.

Lieut Frye and seven enlisted half-way patrol and three enlisted from Jinotega reported Matagalpa.

27 MAY 1932

Lieut Sandino and Guardia patrol of eight enlisted had contact with bandit group of thirty five, jefe OLIVAS at point 224-334 Marine Corps Map at twenty one hundred May twenty seven. Bandit casualties 4 killed. Guardia casualties none. Bandits scattered all directions.

Four enlisted cleared Chinandega for Tempisqual and vicinity. Returned. Reported all quiet. No information.

Sgt Mayorga and seven other enlisted cleared Totogalpa on police mission.

Lieut Gutierrez and seventeen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Jalapa.

Lieuts Hughes and Centeno and twenty-two enlisted cleared Esteli on combat mission to area north of Limay.

Sgt Mayorga and seven other enlisted returned Totogalpa from police mission. Captured two prisoners.

Lieuts Price and Lopez and twenty six enlisted arrived San Juan.

Lieut Gutierrez with fifteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca as escort to bull cart for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez with fifteen enlisted returned Corinto Finca.

Captain Davis, Lieut Montes with five enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas and returned.

Lieut Saenz with fifteen enlisted returned Muy-Muy from Matiguas.

Five enlisted with telephone repair man cleared Matagalpa for direction Managua via truck.

Lieut Reid and Buitrago with twenty one enlisted and four auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva on combat patrol to vicinity of Achuapa.

Lieut Sandino, eight enlisted and one civico returned to Daraili from reconnaissance patrol

Lieut Gutierrez and eighteen enlisted arrived Jalapa from Jicaro.

Lieuts Price, Beans, Lopez, Mathewson (M) and Collins (R), and twenty eight enlisted cleared San Juan for Telpaneca.

28 MAY 1932

Lieut Spart with seven enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for El Pellizco and vicinity on police mission. Returned with four civil prisoners and three confiscated shotguns.

Lieut Gutierrez, Collins (R) and Mathewson (M) and seventeen enlisted arrived San Juan from Quilali.

Lieut Hays and fifteen enlisted cleared San Juan on combat mission.

Lieut Stancko and fifteen enlisted cleared Palacaguina on combat mission.

Lieuts Mahoney and Kipp and eighteen enlisted cleared Apali on combat mission.

1st Sgt Cortez, eight other enlisted and eight civicos cleared Condega on combat mission. Lieut Sandino and ten enlisted cleared Daraili on combat mission.

Captain Williams and seven enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieuts Mahoney and Kipp and eighteen enlisted returned Apali. Captured one prisoner. Covered area between Apali, San Fernando and San Juan. All quiet in area covered.

Lieut Hays and fifteen enlisted returned San Juan. Nothing to report.

Lieut Sandino and patrol returned Condega. Nothing to report.

Lieut Sandino and nine enlisted cleared Condega for point 223-344 to reconnoiter scene of last night's contact.

Capt Williams and seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted returned Palacaguina. Four bombs heard; believed to have been at Lieut Sandino's contact.

Lieut Gutierrez and seventeen enlisted returned Apali from Jalapa.

1st Sgt Cortez with eight other enlisted and eight civicos returned Condega from reconnaissance mission. Covered area of Las Cuchillas, Concepcion, San Jose, Tierra Azul, Santa Rita and San Diego. Reported that no men were to be found at Las Cuchillas, and women stated that they did not know where they had gone. Much food found at house of Balbino Acuña: cheese, milk, coffee and tortillas. Woman at that house refused to talk. Other points covered appeared to be quiet. Men present and working.

Lieuts Bell and Ortiz and twenty-five enlisted returned Esteli from area east and north of station. Nothing to report.

Lieut Navarrete and Perez with twenty five enlisted returned Matagalpa from combat patrol.

Lieut Perez and ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa on police mission for vicinity Rincón Largo.

29 MAY 1932

Lieut Pravia with ten enlisted cleared Chinandega for finca Verdun to investigate report of a group of 25 in that vicinity, returned with no information. Reported all quiet.

Lieut Zavala and six enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived. Returned to Dipilto and arrived.

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

Lieut Gutierrez and twenty enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Sgt Mayorga and five other enlisted cleared Totogalpa on police mission. Returned with two civil prisoners.

Lieuts Beans, Price, Lopez, Mathewson (M) and Collins (R), and twenty eight enlisted arrived Telpaneca.

1st Sgt Solorzano and fifteen enlisted returned Apali from San Fernando.

Lieuts Bell and Silva and twenty eight enlisted returned Esteli from combat mission.

Lieut Gutierrez P., with fifteen enlisted and one armed civico cleared Jinotega on combat patrol for vicinity Rincon Largo.

Lieut Barillas with sixteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat patrol.

Captain Small with fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Barillas and sixteen enlisted returned Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez P., and fifteen enlisted returned Jinotega.

Lieut Rocha with fifteen enlisted and three guardia prisoners cleared Jinotega for half-way to Matagalpa.

Captain Small, Lieut Montenegro and fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Lieut s Pennington and Haubensack cleared Jinotega in Ford truck for half-way to Matagalpa.

Lieut Castillo and nine enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Returned.

Lieut Castillo with nine enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia. Returned to La Concordia.

Captain Small and fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Lieut Elliott with seventeen enlisted cleared La Fundadora on combat patrol for La Harmonia and vicinity.

Lieut Elliott and patrol returned La Fundadora. Had contact at La Harmonia with ten to fifteen bandits. Several bandits believed wounded and no guardia casualties.

Lieut Prado with ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa on police mission.

30 MAY 1932

Lieut Castrillo, 5 enlisted and 5 auxiliares escorting 18 auxiliares for duty Somotillo, cleared Sauce for half-way to Villa Nueva where they will be met by Lieut Martinex with 5 enl and 5 auxiliares.

Lieut Reid reports from Achuapa 29th May, that 27th May, Somotillo patrol located two old bandit camps at Camalotal, proceeded to Jocote, found fresh camp which was destroyed. Captured 2 horses some old clothes, pots and pans. At Los Caraos captured two runners of Umanzor. Information gathered that Umanzor is

operating three groups of about 20 each and is moving southwest towards Mayocunda. Groups has two automatic weapons, that one bandit was killed and wounded 3 in Atwells contact on 26 May. Lieut Reid cleared Achuapa this morning working back towards Somotillo.

Lieut Reid and Buitrago and twenty one enlisted and four auxiliaries arrived Somotillo from Achuapa.

Lieut Delgadillo and seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived. Cleared for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Monterrey and ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for half-way to San Fernando.

Lieuts Broderick and Schoning (R) and fifteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for half-way to Telpaneca.

Lieut Kipp and fourteen enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and eighteen enlisted cleared San Juan on police mission.

Lieuts Keller, Zamora and Monterrey and sixteen enlisted arrived Ocotal from half-way to San Fernando.

Lieuts Hughes and Centeno and twenty-two enlisted returned to Limay from combat mission. All quiet in area covered.

Lieuts Beans, Collins (R) and Oczcowicz (R), seventeen enlisted and one civil prisoner arrived Ocotal from half-way to Telpaneca. Lieuts Broderick and Schoning (R) proceeded to Telpaneca with half-way patrol from that station.

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and eighteen enlisted returned San Juan from police mission.

Lieuts Zamora and Aleman, twenty enlisted and one civic cleared Ocotal for Apali.

Lieut Sotomayor with six enlisted and five Auxiliaries cleared Chichigalpa for Valle de los Mayorga; returned. Nothing to report.

Four enlisted cleared Leon for near Telica and returned with five civil prisoners.

Lieut Castrillo, 5 enlisted and 5 auxiliaries escorting 18 auxiliaries to half way to Villa Nueva, accomplished mission and returned to El Sauce. Lieut Martinez, 5 enlisted and 5 auxiliaries, cleared Villa Nueva, met El Sauce patrol and returned to Villa Nueva with 18 auxiliaries.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Cramer, Lee, Downey and Fonseca with forty three enlisted, three civil prisoners and one civilian guide cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Lieut Haubensack and Rocha with fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Cramer, Lee, Downey and Fonseca with forty three enlisted, three civil prisoners and one guide arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee, Downey and Fonseca with forty enlisted and Lieuts Cramer and Gutierrez with twenty five enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission.

Captain Small, Lieut Montenegro and fifteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Captain Small, Lieuts Ashbrook and Montenegro with twenty five enlisted three civil prisoners and one armed guide cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Yali combat patrol cleared San Rafael.

Lieut Pennington with Ford Truck arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Seven enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega as guards 3 bull-carts.

Lieut Frye with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Frye with twelve enlisted and three guardia prisoners returned Matagalpa from half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Mahoney and eighteen enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

31 MAY 1932

Lieut Reid, 14 enlisted, 11 auxiliares cleared Somotillo for border. Sauce patrol will clear morning 1st June to work Mayocunda area.

Lieuts Price and Broderick and twenty six enlisted cleared Telpaneca for Condega.

Lieuts McDonald, Cabrera and Artola and sixteen enlisted cleared Somoto on reconnaissance mission.

Lieuts Zamora and Aleman, twenty enlisted and one civico arrived San Fernando. Cleared for Ocotal. Arrived. Lieut Mahoney and eighteen enlisted arrived San Fernando.

Lieuts Price and Broderick and twenty six enlisted arrived Palacaguina.

Lieuts Price and Broderick and twenty four enlisted cleared Palacaguina on combat mission.

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and twenty five enlisted cleared San Juan on combat mission.

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

Lieut Flipppo and sixtten enlisted cleared La Fundadora on combat patrol.

Lieut Castillo with six enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Castillo with six enlisted and four armed civicos cleared San Rafael to regain cut in San Rafael-Jinotega telegraph line. Returned.

Seven enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega as bull-cart guard and returned.

Lieut Prado and ten enlisted returned Matagalpa from combat patrol Rincon Largo.

Lieut Schmierer and eight enlisted arrived Matagalpa from San Isidro.

Lieut Herregodts and eight enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Muy-Muy.

Lieut Martin and six enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Buena-Vista.

1 JUNE 1932

Lieut Jarquin, 15 enlisted cleared Sauce for half-way to Achuapa to receive men due for discharge from Achuapa Patrol, which cleared same time.

Lieut Velez with seven enlisted and eighteen Auxiliares cleared San Juan de Las Pencas for Mayocunda and vicinity.

Cabo Vallejos and eight other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Livermore and seventeen enlisted cleared Telpaneca on combat mission.

Lieut Hamas and seventeen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Apali.

1st Sgt Solorzano and twelve other enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro.

Lieut Bilbrey and eight enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Totogalpa. Arrived. Cleared for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Hamas and fourteen enlisted arrived Apali.

Cabo Granja and fourteen other enlisted returned to Jicaro from half-way to Apali.

Lieut Aleman and ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Cabo Vallejos and eight other enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from Yalaguina.

Lieuts Price and Broderick and twenty-four enlisted returned Palacaguina from combat mission.

Lieuts McDonald, Cabrera and Artola and sixteen enlisted returned Somoto from reconnaissance mission. Covered area of Naranjo (164-343), Motolin (169-343), Calpules (172-344), and La Cruz (175-345). All quiet in area covered.

Lieuts Price and Broderick and twenty seven enlisted arrived Condega from Palacaguina.

Lieut Delgadillo and eight enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived. Cleared for Totogalpa. Arrived.

-Lieut Castillo and six enlisted, one armed civico and Inspector Haciendas cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Captain Small, Lieut Asbrook, Solorzano and Montenegro with twenty five enlisted and one armed civico and three prisoners returned San Rafael from combat patrol. Had contact at Santa Fe with group. Jefe reported Juan Altamirano. Bandit sentry fired on patrol point and group scattered in darkness. No casualties. Destroyed one bandit camp in Pantasma Valley.

Lieuts Snyder and Zeledon with Yali patrol arrived San Rafael from combat patrol. Destroyed one large bandit camp Mancotal Valley. No bandits encountered.

Lieut Castillo and patrol arrived La Concordia from San Rafael. Had contact about 0900 with small group. Jefe Rosalio Chevarria about $1\frac{1}{2}$ league from San Rafael, lasting fifteen minutes. Bandits dispersed toward Vuelta del Roble and Ocotal. Guardia casualties none. Bandit casualties unknown.

Lieut Krawie and seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Lieuts Cramer, Gutierrez and twenty five enlisted returned Corinto Finca from combat patrol. No information. Lieut Krawie with seven enlisted cleared for Sajonia.

Lieuts Navarrete and Perez with twenty five enlisted cleared Matagalpa on combat mission.

Lieut Schmierer and eight enlisted cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa and reported.

One enlisted cleared San Ramon for Matagalpa and arrived.

Five enlisted cleared Matagalpa on police mission, and returned.

Lieut Montes and seven enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Uriza and four enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Martin and six enlisted reported Matagalpa from Bucna Vista.

2 JUNE 1932

Lieut Sanchez and Achuapa patrol had contact at 0700 with group of twenty five bandits, jefe unknown, on main trail from Achuapa, one and a half leagues towards El Sauce at point (16-305). Bandit casualties one killed and indications of several wounded. Bandits scattered in all directions. Guardia captured one rifle.

Lieut Sanchez and Achuapa patrol had contact at about seven thirty June 2nd, with group of twenty five, one and a half league south of Achuapa on Achuapa-Sauce road. Contact short duration, one bandit killed, others thought to be wounded. no guardia casualties. Captured one rifle. Jefe unknown, except vivas were shouted for Salgado. Bandits poorly armed and scattered in all directions.

Somotillo reports that Umanzors present strenght is 50 and not 250 as reported by natives.

Lieut Jarquin, 15 enlisted returned Sauce from half-way to Achuapa. Met Lieut Sanchez and patrol after contact. Lieut Sanchez returned to Achuapa.

Lieut Reid and patrol returned to Villa Nueva. Nothing to report.

Lieut Kalman and 12 enlisted cleared El Sauce for vicinity 160-304 Marine Corps Map, on combat mission.

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, EL SAUCE, NIG.
May 26, 1932.

From: Second Lieut J.F. Atwell, G.N.,
To : The District Commander, District of El Sauce.
Subject: Contact, report of.
Reference: General Order No. 109-29.

1. The patrol consisting of the following named officers, enlisted Guardia Nacional and Auxiliares, had contact with a group of armed bandits at 0800 this date, on trail Achuapa to El Sauce, one league south of Achuapa:

2nd Lieut J. F. Atwell
" " J. Jarquin

Cabo	ESPINALES, R.	#2533
Raso	LOPEZ, F.	334-
"	MEDINA, F.	735
"	CERTENO, J.	4063
"	MONTALVAN, A.	3099
"	SEVILLA, L.	3220
"	CASTELLON, R.	3133
"	PASTORA, R.	4433

Civico	SERIA, M.
"	AGUIRRE, G.
"	ALEXISANO, L.
"	GARCIA, R.
"	GONZALEZ, J.
"	MONCADA, G.
"	RAMIREZ, S.
"	ZELEDON, C.
"	HERNANDEZ, J.
"	ZAMORA, C.

2. Having information from El Sauce that Umanzor was in Pajarito and a Limay patrol was in that vicinity it was believed that if driven out, the group would head west along the Rio Grande. The afore mentioned patrol armed with one S.T.M.G., seventeen rifles and two pistols, cleared Achuapa 07026 toward the Rio Grande and had contact in the following manner: The point, on rounding a curve in the trail, observed about fifty (50) bandits scattered about on each side of the trail. The point opened fire and the patrol formed a firing line. The bandits returned fire for a few minutes then retreated to the right of the trail and up a hill. The patrol formed a new firing line and advanced up the hill, causing the bandits to scatter in all directions. The patrol pursued but could not regain contact.

3. Two bandits were seen to fall before the fire of the patrol and were carried away by the others. It is thought that others were wounded. At times the bandit fire was very heavy and direct. Due to the heavy underbrush it was not possible to see the bandits after they had retreated up the hill.

4. It is my opinion that the group consisted of at least fifty men, well armed, with one BAR, rifles and pistols. The jefe of this group was believed to have been either Umanzor or Jose Paredes. There were no Guardia casualties. Contact lasted about twenty minutes.

5. The conduct of the Guardias and civicos was splendid.

/s/ J.F. Atwell.

Following rough translation of contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, PUERTO CABEZAS, NIC.
May 19, 1952.

From: Second-Lieut Francisco Saitan, G.N.
To: The Area Commander, Eastern Area,
Guardia Nacional, Bluefields, Nic.
Via: The Department Commander, G.N.,
Nineth Company, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua.
Subject: Contact Report.
Reference: (a) General Order #109, 1929.
(b) Verbal Orders from The Dept Commander.

1. In accordance with the reference above mentioned I give the following information:-
On 17 May I was notified by Captain W.W. Davies, G.N., Dept Commander, to clear on patrol with Lieut Harry Hutchcroft G.N., and with 15 Guardias for Sisin, where there was a group of bandits. We cleared by motor cars up to the kilometer "25", from where we continued on foot, Lieut Hutchcroft was in Command of the patrol.

2. At that point we were informed by some mosquito Indians who were coming from Sisin that bandits were still in that place, that the bandits had arrived about 6:00 AM that day and all people had fled avoiding to be captured. It was about 10:30 AM when two planes from Puerto Cabezas were seen direction to Sisin; we made signs to them in order to make the attack at one time. At 11:00 AM arrived to the finca "Cuaquil" where two men were found in care of the property. They gave us information that mosquito indians had passed there and told them that bandits were still up there.

3. Cleared Cuaquil at 10:45 AM for Sinsin with one mosquito indian as a guide who lead us to a better road avoiding

an ambush from the bandits. At that time planes returned from inspection. About 2:00 PM arrived near Sisin where we stopped to plan the attack, we were placed in a very wide space not having a good position and in the other side the town was well surrounded by a thick brush and trees. The bandits had good trenches and were waiting for us. Two mounted men were seen at the right side who were headed in our direction, we arrived close to them and obtained information that when the planes arrived at the town, the bandits hide into the houses and under the trees and that were about 60 or 80 well armed, but the jefes name was not known to them.

4. We decided to continue on firing line for the town and to arrive at a certain distance from where we could observe their positions and open fire at the right time. All around the town is very clean as there is no trees for a distance of 600 to 700 yards before arriving to the town. This town is located on a hill and surrounded by fruit trees, and on a position that any person arriving from all sides would have been seen at a distance of 600 to 700 yards. We cautiously approached forming firing line at a distance of ten or twelve yards one from another. Our firing line covered an area of about 100 yards long. We could see the people moving around from one place to another. Opened fire at a distance from 200 yards, they returned our fire with rifles, one STMG and one BAR.

5. It was about 2:20 PM when the contact started. We approached the bandits and the fire got heavier. I had a STMG and Lieut Hutchcroft his two pistols one .45 and one .38 special. While patrol was advancing at a distance of about 50 yards from the houses, Lieut Hutchcroft was wounded by machine gun fire from the bandits. He was placed in a safer place we continued the attack. Bandits retreated after two hours fight. We used one STMG, one B.R., and one grenade discharger who succeeded by setting the grenades at the right point.

6. I left two guardias taking care of Lieut Hutchcroft while I went to explore the camp. The following articles were found:- one disc Thompson (empty), two BAR magazines, one pocket of Thompson disc, five rounds Krag and miscellaneous articles like old clothes, two small sacks of salt, etc.

7. There were no dead bandits but many blood trails that indicated 6 or 7 wounded were found. I believe that the bandits took their dead with them because they had time enough to do it while the others were at the firing positions. They retreated to a mountain and could not be pursued due to that Lieut Hutchcroft was wounded. We cleared for Cuaquil carrying Lieut Hutchcroft at times on horse back and at times by the men. It was about 4:30 PM when we cleared Sisin. I sent one mosquito indian to the kilometer "25" in order to inform the Department Commander at Puerto Cabezas to supply us with motor transportation from that point up to Puerto Cabezas. The road was too bad for travelling during the night specially that we were carrying Lieut Hutchcroft. At 3:00 PM arrived to Cuaquil where we passed the night. Cleared at 5:00 AM on May 18 and arrived at the line at 7:10 AM from where we cleared for Puerto Cabezas

by motor car and arrived at 7:45. Captain Davies and the Doctor were waiting for us. Lieut Hutchcroft was from there taken to the hospital.

8. Lieut Hutchcroft was shot in his right leg but the bullet did not come out, he was first aided and was not feeling too bad during the trip. Bandits retreated to a small town of Ayapine close to Sisim and it is probably that went to Locus River where they have their camp. It is my opinion that this was the same group that attacked Sandy Bay. The jefe was not known and they acted very different from the others. During the contact we did not hear the bandits shouting and no "vivas" were heard as they usually do when they have contact with the Guardia.

9. The patrol consisted of the following officers and enlisted men:-

2nd Lieut Harry Hutchcroft.		
" " Francisco Gaitan.		Sub-Thompson.
Sgt. TAYLOR, Arthur	#2705	B.A.R.
Cabo ZELAYA, Joaquin	1333	
" BLANDON, Simeon	3422	
Raso CARDOZA, Bernardino	4761	
" PEREZ, Eduardo	2305	Rifle Grenade
" PEREZ, Jose D.	2147	
" LOPEZ, Pablo	2169	
" ROMERO, Carlos	2610	
" RAYO, Juan	4765	
" GUTIERREZ, Manuel	4752	
" MONDRAGON, Ricardo	398	
" RAYMOND, Simonet	4871	
" MARTEL, Hodgson	----	
" TAYLOR, James	4890	
" ROBINSON, John	4883	

10. Using my rights as patrol Commander instead of Lieut Hutchcroft who was wounded, I recommend to the Jefe Director the conduct and good behaviour of all members of the patrol. They are specially recommended for their courage and discipline facing the enemies who were well entrenched and so they are worthy of the highest praise.

/s/ Francisco Gaitan.

Lieut Ragsdale and JALAPA patrol of fifteen enlisted had contact with group of about forty, jefe QUINTERO on night of June 2nd at point (218-415) near Honduran border. Guardia made surprise attack on bandit camp. Bandit casualties: killed -unknown but many wounded including ex-sergeant GARCIA who deserted from QUILALI. Guardia casualties: none. Captured three rifles, two pistols, six BAR clips, one THOMPSON clip, 211 rounds SPRINGFIELD ammunition, quantity of assorted ammunition, four animals and many miscellaneous articles stolen from natives.

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Lieutenant Munoz from Brigade Hospital to duty on 29 May.

Lieutenant Johnson (R) transferred to Brigade Hospital on 1 June.

Lieutenant Wriston joined the Guardia Nacional from the 2d Brigade on 1 June.

Lieutenants Corbett and Esbrook joined the Guardia Nacional from the 2d Brigade for duty (r).

Colonel T. E. Watson, Area Commander, Central Area transferred to Brigade Hospital on 3 June.

Captain R. Arnett, Commanding Dept. Leon arrived Managua on 3 June and returned on 4 June.

THE END