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8 JUNE 1932

Lieut Blanco and eight enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Livermore and fifteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to Ocotal.

Capt Biebush and fifteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for half-way to Telpaneca.

1st Sgt Cortez and twelve other enlisted cleared Condega on reconnaissance mission.

Lieuts Berry and Vogel and fourteen enlisted cleared Somoto for Pataste.

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

Lieut Stanko and nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived. Returned to Palacaguina. Arrived.

1st Sgt Portocarrero and ten other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for vicinity of points 181-345 and 170-335 on reconnaissance mission. Returned. Reported all quiet in that vicinity.

Lieut Hammond and twenty-two enlisted cleared Ocotal for Condega. Arrived.

Lieuts McDonald and Delgadillo and seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

-Capt Smith, Lieuts Lee and Fonseca with thirty enlisted (CA patrol) cleared La Trinidad on combat mission.

Cabo Ruiz and four other enlisted arrived Dipilto.

Lieut Delgadillo and five enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Arrived.

1st Sgt Cortez and twelve other enlisted returned Condega from reconnaissance mission. Captured one bandit suspect and one cutacha.

Capt Biebush, Lieut Livermore and patrol returned Telpaneca from half-way to Ocotal.

Lieut Lopez and fifteen enlisted returned Ocotal from half-way to Telpaneca. Lieut Lopez joined from Telpaneca patrol, and Capt Biebush proceeded with Telpaneca patrol.

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Lieuts McCorkle and Silva and Sixth Combat Patrol returned to La Trinidad. Met Lieuts Schmierer and Gonzalez and San Isidro patrol on 7 June. Neither patrol had anything to report.

9 JUNE 1932

Lieut Roberts, 10 enlisted, 5 auxiliares arrived Villa Nueva.

Lieut Bilbrey and eight enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieut Broderick and twenty enlisted cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieut Smith (R) and twelve enlisted cleared San Juan for half-way to Quilali.

Lieuts Blanco and Aleman and eighteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Lieut Sandino and nine enlisted arrived Condega from Daraili.

Capt Smith, Lieuts Lee and Fonseca and (CA) combat patrol arrived Esteli. Covered area of San Nicolas and north to Esteli. Nothing to report.

Lieut Brown and fourteen enlisted cleared Pataste and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Bilbrey and nine enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieuts McCorkle and Silva and combat patrol No. 6 arrived Esteli from Limay.

1st Sgt Mondragon and eleven other enlisted returned San Juan from half-way to Quilali.

Captain Davis, Lieut Montes and twenty three enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Lieut Elliott with eight enlisted cleared Matagalpa to repair telegraph line to Jinotega. Returned.

Lieuts Schmierer, Gonzalez and twenty four enlisted returned San Isidro from combat mission.

Lieut Kipp and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali.

Lieut Smith (R) and patrol arrived Quilali from San Juan.

10 JUNE 1932

Lieut Hammond and thirteen enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived. Lieut Hammond and ten enlisted cleared for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Lopez and seven enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo and five enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieuts Brown and Lopez and fourteen enlisted cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Capt Biebush, Lieuts Gutierrez and Mathewson (15) and sixteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for San Juan. Arrived.

Lieut Broderick and twenty enlisted arrived Pueblo Nuevo. Cleared for vicinity of point 191-336 to operate on local information. Arrived Condega.

Capt Frisbie, Lieut Hughes and eighteen enlisted cleared Esteli for Limay. Arrived.

Raso Carvajal and six other enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Cuadra and seventeen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro. Returned with twelve enlisted.

Cabo Rodriguez and fourteen other enlisted cleared Jicaro for half-way to Apali. Returned to Jicaro with nineteen enl.

Lieut Kipp arrived Apali from Jicaro. Cleared for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieuts Delgadillo and Lopez and nine enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Blanco and patrol arrived Santa Maria from Macuelizo.

Lieut Matamoros and twenty one enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora via Datanli and Las Camelias.

Lieuts Ashbrook and Montenegro with twelve enlisted arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieuts Ashbrook and Montenegro with thirteen enlisted cleared San Rafael from Jinotega.

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

Lieut Castillo with five enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieut Prado with seven enlisted cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa and reported.

Lieuts Navarrete, Perez with twenty five enlisted cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa.

Lieut Flippo with four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Cuatro Esquinas and returned.

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

Captain Davis, Lieut Montes and twenty three enlisted reported Navarro from Matagalpa.

Nine enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro.

Lieuts Navarrete, Perez and twenty five enlisted arrived Matagalpa from San Isidro.

Lieut Livermore, twelve enlisted and three civicos cleared Telpaneca for Apali via point 209-377; to operate on local information enroute.

11 JUNE 1932

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and San Juan Patrol attacked bandit camp at point (236-365) at 1200, jefe Sixto Acuña, first lieutenant of Sandino's forces. Bandit casualties estimated seven killed, one wounded. Captured food, clothing and miscellaneous articles. Camp destroyed. No Guardia casualties.

Lieut Burquero and twelve enlisted returned Leon from combat patrol area Valle de las Zapatas. Nothing to report.

Lieut Surprenant arrived Chichigalpa from Managua to take over District of Chichigalpa and relief of Lieut Spart.

Sgt Peña and six other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Totogalpa.

Lieuts Artola and Lopez and eight enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half-way to Yalaguina.

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and Combat Patrol No. 4, eighteen enlisted, cleared San Juan on combat mission.

Lieut Lopez and eight enlisted arrived Yalaguina from half-way to Totogalpa, Lieut Lopez having joined from Totogalpa patrol.

Lieuts Price, Hamas and Keller and Combat Patrol No. 1, twenty-one enlisted, returned Ocotal from reconnaissance mission. Covered area North of Ocotal to point 205-402. All quiet in area covered.

Lieut Artola and seven enlisted returned Totogalpa from half-way to Yalaguina.

Lieut Livermore, twelve enlisted and three civicos arrived Apali.

Sgt Mayorga and six other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for point 186-352 on police mission.

Sgt Sanchez and thirteen other enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Daraili.

Lieut Stanko and six enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Yalaguina. Arrived. Cleared for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Sgt Mayorga and six other enlisted returned Yalaguina. Captured Raso Pedro Padilla, deserter from Esteli.

Lieuts Mahoney and Cuadra and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali on combat mission.

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and eighteen enlisted returned San Juan.

Lieut Ashbrook with eleven enlisted cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Lieut Matamoros with fifteen enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.

Lieut Matamoros and seven enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

Lieut Ashbrook with eleven enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Lieut Castillo with five enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

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

12 JUNE 1932

Lieut Kipp and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro on combat mission.

Capt Smith, Lieuts Lee and Fonseca and thirty enlisted cleared Esteli for Jinotega.

Lieuts Stanko and Lopez and seven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

Lieuts McCorkle and Lynch (M) and twenty-two enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to Limay. Lieuts Hughes and Centeno and eighteen enlisted cleared for half-way to Esteli.

Lieuts Brown and Lopez and fourteen enlisted arrived Pataste. Lieuts Berry and Vogel and fourteen enlisted cleared Pataste. Patrolled points 136-338, 142-350, 146-351 and 156-352. Arrived Somoto. All quiet in area covered.

Capt Biebusch, Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and twenty-five enlisted cleared San Juan on combat mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieuts Hughes, Centeno and Lynch (M) and twenty-two enl arrived Esteli from half-way to Limay, Lieut Hughes having joined from Limay patrol. Lieut McCorkle and twenty-two enl arrived Limay, Lieut McCorkle having joined from Esteli patrol.

Lieut Sandino and eight enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili.

Lieut Barillas with ten enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez. Returned.

Sgt Santamaria with four enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias. Returned.

Captain Smith, Lieut Lee and Fonseca with thirty enlisted cleared Esteli for La Concordia.

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

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

Lieuts Castillo and Zeledon with twenty-five enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Lieuts Weeks, Zeledon and sixteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

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

Capt Smith, Lieuts Lee and Fonseca with thirty enlisted arrived La Concordia.

Eleven enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and arrived.

Six enlisted reported Consuelo from Matagalpa.

Five enlisted arrived Navarro from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned Telpaneca from Apali.

Lieut Kipp and fifteen enlisted returned Jicaro from combat mission. Met Apali patrol at point 222-375. Captured one bandit.

13 JUNE 1932

One Hacienda Inspector and 4 enlisted cleared Leon for Santa Maria on contraband mission.

Lieut Kalman, seven enlisted and six auxiliares cleared El Sauce for half-way to Villa Nueva to escort six enlisted transferred from Villa Nueva to Sauce for duty; Lieut Buitrago, five enlisted, five auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva same time with those to be transferred.

Lieut Pravia with five enlisted and four auxiliares cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Olomega, Los Planes, Paso Viejo and San Agustin. Returned. Reports all quiet. No bandit information.

Sgt Coronado with five other enlisted cleared El Viejo for Las Palas to make arrest.

Lieut Kalman, 13 enlisted, 6 auxiliares returned El Sauce from half-way to Villa Nueva.

Lieut Buitrago, 5 enlisted, 5 auxiliares returned Villa Nueva from half-way to El Sauce after delivering 6 enlisted to Sauce Patrol.

Major Arnett, Lieut Barquero, 6 enlisted cleared Leon for Quezalguaque.

Major Arnett, Lieut Sanchez, 6 enlisted, one auxiliar arrived Leon from Quezalguaque.

Captain Smith, Lieut Lee and Fonseca with thirty two enl arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee and Fonseca with thirty enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Ashbrook with eight enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Fonseca and Lee, with thirty-two enlisted and two civil prisoners cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

First Sgt Mendieta with eight other enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieuts Cramer and Gutierrez with seventeen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission. Returned. Covered Los Robles, Paso Real, Tomayunca and San Esteban. No information.

Ten enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Five enlisted cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Capt Williams, Lieut Cabrera and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Ocotal.

Lieut Burt and ten enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega via point 191-333 and vicinity. Patrolled that area and arrived Condega. Nothing to report.

Capt Lakso, Lieut Cuadra and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali on reconnaissance mission.

Lieuts Mahoney and Cuadra and fifteen enlisted returned Apali from combat mission.

Capt Biebush, Lieuts Gutierrez and Matthewson (M) and twenty-five enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali.

Capt Williams, Lieut Cabrera and eight enlisted arrived Totogalpa. Captain Williams, Lieut Artola, eight enlisted and one civico cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Captain Williams and one civico arrived, remainder of patrol having returned to Totogalpa from the river.

Lieut McDonald and seven enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Cabo Altamirano and eight other enlisted cleared Totogalpa. Arrived Ocotal.

Capt Lakso, Lieut Cuadra and fifteen enlisted returned Apali. Nothing to report.

Lieut Broderick and eighteen enlisted cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieuts McDonald and Cabrera and eight enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieut Burt and eleven enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

14 JUNE 1932

Four enlisted, one hacienda Inspector returned Leon from Las Marias with one civil prisoner.

Lieuts Martinez and Buitrago with one enlisted and four auxiliares arrived Somotillo from Villa Nueva. Lieut Buitrago three enlisted and two auxiliares cleared Sauce for Villa Nueva arriving at that place. Lieut Martinez will be transferred to command San Francisco.

Sgt Coronado with five other enlisted returned to El Viejo from Las Pilas and vicinity. Nothing to report.

Sgt Chavarria and Limay patrol of 15 enlisted attacked bandits thought to be part of Umanzor group in their camp on night of fourteen June. Bandit casualties unknown but indications of several wounded. No Guardia casualties. Place of contact point (188-318).

Sgt Sanchez and twelve other enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Esteli.

Sgt Nuñez and seven other enlisted cleared Dipilto for El Poste on police mission.

Lieut Saravia and ten enlisted cleared Esteli on police mission from La Trinidad.

Lieuts Bernheim, Gutierrez and Mathewson (M) and twenty-three enlisted cleared Quilali for San Juan. Arrived.

Capt Lakso, Lieut Cuadra (M) and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro.

Sgt Nuñez and seven other enlisted returned Dipilto from police mission.

Lieuts Kloth and Ortiz and Sixth Combat Patrol cleared Esteli on combat mission.

Sgt Sanchez and twelve other enlisted returned Condega from half-way to Esteli.

Lieut Broderick and eighteen enlisted arrived Darailly. Patrolled area of points 210-336, 215-334 and 216-334. Captured one bandit suspect.

Cabo Rodriguez and fourteen other enlisted cleared Jicaro for half-way to Apali. Returned escorting Capt Lakso and Lieut Cuadra (M), who joined from Apali patrol.

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

Lieut Saravia and ten enlisted returned to La Trinidad from police mission. Captured two prisoners, one rifle and one pistol.

Lieut Silva and patrol returned Esteli from half-way to Condega.

Lieuts Kloth and Ortiz and patrol returned Esteli. Nothing to report.

Lieut Escobar and thirteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from Las Camelias.

Captain Smith with ten enlisted cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

Lieut Escobar with six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias.

Six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias.

Five enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez.

Lieut Elliott cleared Matagalpa for La Pineda via Esquipulas.

Lieut Montes with five enlisted cleared Navarro for La Corona on police mission.

Five enlisted cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and reported.

Lieut Leady with ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa for La Harmonia and Apalili on police mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

15 JUNE 1932

Lieut Castrillo, 8 enlisted, 7 auxiliares cleared Sauce for Achuapa escorting four enlisted transferred.

Lieuts Martinez and Reid, 10 enlisted, and five auxiliares cleared Somotillo for San Francisco. Lieut Martinez to command that place.

Captain Small, Lieut Castillo and Zeledon with sixteen enlisted and four civilian prisoners arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieut Rocha with fourteen enlisted returned Jinotega from patrol to Tomatoya repairing telegraph line.

Five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for half-way to Matagalpa.

Lieut Fox (M) with six enlisted arrived La Fundadora from half-way Matagalpa.

Lieuts Castillo and Zeledon with twenty five enlisted returned San Rafael from combat mission.

Captain Small, Lieuts Castillo and Zeledon with sixteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

Lieut Cramer with fifteen enlisted cleared Corinto. Finca on police and reconnaissance mission. Returned with two civil prisoners.

Five enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Leady and ten enlisted reported Matagalpa from police mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Schmierer and fifteen enlisted cleared San Isidro on reconnaissance patrol.

Captain Smith with ten enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

16 JUNE 1932

Lieut Castrillo, 8 enlisted, 7 auxiliares returned El Sauce from escorting men transferred to Achuapa.

In the house of Concepcion Pineda in Chacra Seca, three men entered armed with one rifle, 2 pistols and machettes at 00317. Juez de Mesta Gilberto Hernandez was sent for and arrived with five Jefes de Canton and civilians, had contact with the group. One bandit, Francisco Barrera, aid of the late Paiz, killed, the other two wounded but escaped. Two Jefes de Canton wounded. Captured one Krag Rifle with six rounds of ammunition which were expended in combat.

Following report concerning operations in the vicinity of NEPTUNE MINE is quoted:-

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN BLUEFIELDS, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
DISTRICT OF NEPTUNE MINES.
27 May, 1932.-

From: 2nd Lieut E. T. Gray, G.N.,
District of Neptune Mine.

To : The Department Commander, Bluefields, Nicaragua.

subject: Detail of activities since 18th May 1932,
to present date.

1. On the morning of the 18th, received a report that a large group of bandits were in the vicinity of WAUNI and SIUNA. It was generally assumed in NEPTUNE that the bandits were a long way from this District, however finqueros were coming in bringing all their possessions but would not give any information regarding location or even infer that there were bandits in the area. Their manner was very strange and unusual. We dispatched a runner to try and discover the disturbance. About ten thirty same morning a native came running into NEPTUNE very excited and reported a group of three hundred men under PEDRON ALTAMIRANO about one hour and a half from NEPTUNE MINES. Also reported another group about one hundred fifty under Jefe PERALTA. Native stated both groups were advancing on our station. Considered immediate offensive action impractical as our automatic weapon was with patrol in TUNKY and further believed the reported circumstance necessitated the defense of the Mine, primarily, until we could further ascertain just what the situation might be. The people living in the Mine of course got terribly excited and with some difficulty they were quieted and assured of their safety. Dispatched a runner to TUNKEY patrol notifying them to return to the MINE and expect trouble en-route. Also started runner to WAUNI who was captured same day. Formed heavy guard through out night.

2. Morning of the 19th, patrol returned from TUNKEY with nothing more then rumors. Sent two men to try and reach WAUNI, and attempt to get definite information location of bandits. One of these men was captured, the other escaped and returned NEPTUNE, bringing authentic data on bandit groups. Dispatched one more men to WAUNI who reached there and reported to Lieut CURCEY. Throughout night a machine gun or automatic weapon was fired twice. Up to the morning of the twenty first I still could not get any direct location of bandit forces. In the afternoon of the twenty first I cleared with ten Guardia and five Civicos to ascertain and verify reports and to be able to give CURCEY an accurate point when he arrived as I was expecting him then. My direction was due SOUTH of NEPTUNE to destination of largest group. It was about six miles to this place and when we were about half way I ran up to the

guide and ask how much farther to go. He told me and I turned half around to motion the patrol on when I glanced through the bush and saw five armed men pass slowly by and looking direct at me. For a minute I thought it was Lieut CURCY's civicos. I flank the patrol through the bush, which was very heavy, and found another new well worn trail along side of a very steep hill, right angles to our original one. Patrol gathered together in the trail and we ran to catch up with this group, (then the trail showed evidence of many having past). The bandits opened fire on us at about thirty yards. The growth was so large that we could not see but only a few of them, however from their position and amount of firing I estimate about one hundred fifty, but I do not believe PEDRON was in this group as was previously reported. Patrol was unable to ascertain any bandit casualties if any at all. There were no Guardia casualties. We captured three mules and one horse all equipt for riding, with saddles. Patrol then cleared for the MINE and when we were within half-mile heard rifle and pistol shots to our right and left. Then the heavy browning from our CUARTEL was fired. I assumed the MINE was being attacked so proceeded cautiously and fast to do what I could. On arrival, however, found out Lieut SOMARRIBA, who was manning and holding that position, had fired at a small group that were seen creeping along toward the Cuartel. These bandits were dispersed. Lieut SOMARRIBA remained in the Cuartel on the hill to hold that position and I took up a station in the lower part of the town with ten armed Guardia and Civicos to maintain a guard over the trails and ravines. Sergeant GARCIA was placed on the other hill overlooking NEPTUNE to take care of that point using the B.A.R. there, being the most effective position for it. Bandits fired on him during the night and he routed them with about five minuted fire. My position was not bothered.

3. Morning of the twenty second, planes came over and bombed area SOUTH, SOUTH by SOUTH-WEST and EAST. Fortunately they hit a group almost square, who was reported to be PERALTA and group. A woman he had captured along with her husband reported that Capt. MULEAHY and planes killed five including her husband but she escaped and reported to me, stating that the group had been completely scattered. I received other similar statements almost identical from natives who had been hiding from the bandits in that vicinity. At this time I had Sgt GARCIA and ten men patrol over to the COMPANY BODEGA to confirm a report of a group in that location. When he arrived the building had been partially looted but bombing cleared them out. In the afternoon SOMARRIBA cleared with twenty men to the EDEN MINE on report of main group passing through there. The main group had passed through. It was about four o'clock so he returned to the MINE. While SOMARRIBA was in that vicinity we heard a very heavy fire for about ten minutes, and assumed he was in contact with them, but on his return found that it must have been GONZALEZ and group, who had been to our north, not recognizing PEDRON and opened fire. Throughout the night we kept the same positions as stated above.

4. Activities had quieted during the night and on the twentythird bandits were reported to be taking the BILTIGNI

trail and leaving. Believing they could not travel fast with the stolen cattle, I cleared with a patrol of twenty Guardia and Civicos leaving from Neptune WEST over a longer trail but which I thought would not take me between two big groups and get in front of both of them to the NORTH. I slipped my patrol out one by one as secret as possible and formed them a mile WEST of NEPTUNE. We had hardly gone two hundred yards, when they opened fire on us in the open trail but thickly wooded on each side. My point, which in this firing position became the right flank was forced into hand to hand conflict to get out of and gain combat position. PEDRON blew a bugle during the contact and at the beginning called out. (Now I have you Macho, you and all of your dogs) as interpreted by patrol. The contact lasted for an hour and a half and we killed known seventeen bandits. There were no serious Guardia casualties. I was dazed for a few minutes by bomb explosion close to me and three men were slightly cut by machettes. No one shot, some grazed but it did not bother them. I tried to get their automatic weapons and machine gun and I placed rifle grenades mighty close to them and the bugle, but they got away. Captured three more riding animals and saddles, little correspondents and pick up some of their spent and good ammunition. Planes arrived just as I got back to NEPTUNE and the CUARTEL was again firing at group in rear of the MINE. During my contact the power plant was being attacked at BIG FALLS but Civicos dispersed them from that point. Planes again hit the right spot to the WEST and I am certain they created casualties from the mess of torn flesh and blood found in that area. Bandits to the SOUTH fired on plane with machine gun or automatic weapon when planes fired machine gun. The airplanes were a decisive end to the bandits contemplated attacked on NEPTUNE MINES.

5. On the twenty fifth I again cleared with a combined patrol of twenty two to meet CURCEY at the STAR MINE and continue after bandits. About twelve noon a native appeared, who was identified and well known in this vicinity, and reported that at ten o'clock a group had passed into his place and robbed him of everything. I cleared for that district and the house had been torn up. The man's mule and some cattle were stolen. Proceeded to the PIS-PIS BODEGA, did not locate group and returned NEPTUNE after dark. Lieut CURCEY arrived the next afternoon twenty-sixth and reported many large camps en-route from WAUNI. Lieut CURCEY cleared this morning, twenty-seventh for bandits. Believe he will get them too.

6. I am very positive that no bandit force can ever enter the NEPTUNE MINES as long as there is a good armed force here.

7. Official contact reports being forwarded next mail.

8. These recent bandit activities were the most unusual and perplexing than any I have ever seen in NICARAGUA.

9. Bandit Jefes were as follows: PEDRON ALTAMIRANO, PEDRO IRIAS, SOMON GONZALEZ, PERALTA and a COL. PINEDA. All of them were identified.

/s/ E. T. GRAY.

Following contact report is quoted:-

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTHERN BLUEFIELDS, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
DISTRICT OF NEPTUNE MINE.
28 May, 1952.-

From: Lieut E. T. GRAY, G.N., District of
Neptune Mine, Nic.

To : The Department Commander, Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Subject: Contact report.

Reference: (Harlen Pefley Map), where contact took place.
(110-6 - 300.7)

1. Upon learning accurate location of one bandit group, I cleared with the following patrol, at 1330, 21 May 1952.

Sgt. GARCIA, Agustin	#2518
Cabo MARTINEZ, Carlos	1849
Raso ALVAREZ, Gilberto	4948
" CHAVEZ, Rafael	4776
" GOMEZ, Leonardo	3282
" GORGONA, Alejandro	3489
" LOPEZ, Calixto	4895
" MAIRENA, Inocente	4892
" Jeshua, Erdenso	4897
" SANCHEZ, Felix	4791
" SEVILLA, Eusebio	4895

Civicos MARTINEZ, Domingo
" ESPINOZA, Francisco
" DUARTE, Juan
" CRUZ, Ramon
" BARAHONA, Ramon

Patrol took a due south direction, our destination about six miles from NEPTUNE MINE. After about forty-five minutes traveling I ask my guide how much farther the group reported, was from our present position. He told me we were almost half-way. I turned to motion the patrol on, and glancing through the woods, I saw five men pass and look directly at me. For the minute I thought they were Civicos of Lieut CURCEY's patrol, who we had been expecting. These bandits were traveling over a new trail, about fifteen yards from and parallel to our own, going in direction of NEPTUNE. I immediately flanked my patrol to try and encounter entire group, before they (the bandits) could scatter. Patrol moved fast in order to catch them, and on enter their trail I found it turned to sharp right angles to our original one, along a steep and thickly wooded hill-side.

2. We opened fire with B.A.R. after learning location of bandits automatic weapon and gathered patrol back into the trail. The flank movement was mis-calculated. We could not see any bandits during first of the fire and patrol ceased firing. Immediately bandits gave us a heavy fire, then the firing became irregular. I made an aggressive advance toward

the group but to have continued would of placed patrol in a deep ravine with the bandits about ten yards above us on the opposite side. Patrol moved around to the right, for an offensive position and this action routed the bandits. The bandits used rifles, TSMG, shot-guns and bombs.

3. From evidence in the trail, reports, and bandits firing position, I estimate this group to be about 100 men, under IRIAS and well armed with weapons and plenty of ammunition, as they expended as much or more than my patrol.

4. We captured four riding animals, two blanket rolls containing personal clothing, and fifty rounds of various cal. ammunition, Springfield, Krag, Forty-five ammunition, and shot-gun shells, which were all spent. The animals were equipt with native saddles. The usual supply of machettes were also captured. About 20 of them.

5. Patrol was unable to ascertain or verify any bandit casualties, however indications and reports, are, that there were several killed and a large number wounded. My opinion, there were not many killed if any at all. There were no Guardia casualties. The contact lasted approximately one hour. My patrol expended 400 rounds Springfield, 900 rounds Krag and fifty shot-gun shells. We were armed with 11 rifles, Krag, one B.A.R., two Springfield rifles, one grenade discharger with 6 grenades, (unable to use grenades due to heavy brush) and three shot-guns. This contact took place at about 1430. Cleared scene at 1550 and returned to Neptune Mine about 1635.

6. The conduct of my patrol was of the most commendable and praise worthy manner during the entire contact. Sgt GARCIA handled the B.A.R. with utmost effectiveness.

/s/ E.T. GRAY.

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DISTRICT OF NEPTUNE MINE.
28 May, 1932.

From: Lieut E. T. GRAY, G.N.,
District of Neptune Mine, Nic.

To : The Department Commander, Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Subject: Contact, report of.

Reference: (Harlen Pefley Map), (110.5 - 300.7) where
contact took place.

1. On information that main group of bandits under PEDRON, were traveling toward BILTIGNI and apparently leaving our immediate vicinity, I cleared with the following patrol at

0840, 23, May, 1932.

Sgt. GARCIA, Agustine	#2318
Cabo VARGAS, Eliseo	2130
Raso AGURCIA, Rosendo	4644
" AVILA, Domingo	4458
" CHEAVEZ, Rafael	4776
" CUAREZMA, Emilio	4772
" FERNANDEZ, Narciso	4745
" SANCHEZ, Felix	4791
" VILLABELO, Ricardo	4808
" LOPEZ, Calixto	4893

Civicos MARTINEZ, Domingo
" CASTRO, Dolores
" SILES, Eustaquio
" ESPINOZA, Francisco
" DUARTE, Juan
" GUERRERO, Juan
" LOPEZ, Juan
" CRUZ, Julio
" BARAHONA, Ramon
" GUTIERREZ, Francisco

2. Patrol proceeded due WEST of NEPTUNE MINE on a trail which would not place us between the two largest groups which were reported NORTH of the station and in this manner assumed we might gain contact with both groups separately. I cleared to a given place, through the bush and formed them as secret as possible, as all our actions were being spied upon from the near-by hills. This was a distance of about one mile from NEPTUNE MINE. Patrol proceeded down the trail. There was a large ravine, with a low wooden bridge with the (BAR), myself and the rifle Grenade man. Bandits immediately opened fire on patrol, completely surrounding us. My guide was struck down by a machette and fired upon. The point then had hand to hand conflict with the bandits. Heavy B.A.R. fire cleared a position to our left and Sgt GARCIA took charge of that point. I re-crossed the bridge to get to the main body, as they were receiving heavy automatic fire from the bandits. Crossing the bridge, I was stunned by a bomb explosion for a minute and get up to the main body placing Cabo VARGAS in charge the left flank and Sgt GARCIA on my right flank. We then gave all of our attention to the bandit automatic fire

on the higher ground, ignoring the single fire action in our rear. I placed rifle grenades in the most effective positions and patrol gained the offensive position. In a short time this action routed the bandits.

3. This group was reported to be three hundred, and all evidence shows there were at least two hundred well armed with 2 BAR's, 1 STMG, 1 LEWIS MG, KRAG and SPRINGFIELD rifles, shot-guns, pistols, bombs, etc. Bandits used some sort of bomb or grenade, which was discharged by rifle.

It does not have the detonation or effect of a rifle grenade, however. Bandit group was again under IRIAS, instead of PEDRON as earlier reported. It seems IRIAS acted both as PEDRON's rear guard and avanzaria, during

entire bandit activities this week. A bugle was blown through the contact and bandit jefe called out; (now I have you Macho, you and all of your dogs). This lasted about one hour and a half of almost continuous fire and the bandits must have expended as much or more ammunition than my patrol. At the same time of my contact, the power plant at BIG FALLS was being attacked and on my arrival in NEPTUNE, the two fortifications on hills overlooking the town were also being attacked. The airplanes timely arrival was a decisive end to bandit contemplation and plans. I laid Help panel in order to get more forces to defend the mine properly and continue offensive action. -The men were all exhausted here.

4. Patrol captured the following:-

- 3 riding animals and saddles.
- 5 blanket rolls containing personal clothing.
- Correspondents.
- 6 large cans salt.
- Other articles of food.
- 20 Rounds Krag and Springfield and picked up a great quantity of spent Krag, Springfield, .45 cal. and shot-gun shells

5. Bandit casualties known:-

17 Dead and a number wounded.

No Guardia casualties.

Bandit Jefes were PEDRON ALTAMIRANO, PEDRO IRIAS, PERALTA, SANCHEZ, SALINAS, SIMON PINEDA, TOMAS PINEDA, HERNANDEZ, CENTENO, SIMON GONZALEZ and a brother of PEDRON was known to be with the groups.

6. My patrol was armed with 14 Krag Rifles, 2 Springfield Rifles, 1 BAR, 4 shot-guns, six rifle grenades and discharger. The contact took place at about 0900 23 May. I cleared for and arrived NEPTUNE MINE 1115 23 May 1932.

7. The conduct of the patrol was most commendable, and I recommend that Sgt GARCIA, Agustino #2318 and Cabo VARGAS, Eliseo #2130 be specially commended for their praise worthy performance. The Civico group all voluntarily participated in the most excellent manner.

/s/ E.T. GRAY.

Following translation of contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, LA CONCORDIA, JIN.
JINOTECA, June 7, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut G. Castillo C.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte.
Subject: Contact report.

1. On June 3rd 1932 at 1415 I cleared with a patrol of 15 enlisted to investigate on information received of a group of bandits who were at ESTRECHURA, half-way to YALI.

3 JUNE - 1415:-

Cleared LA CONCORDIA for ESTRECHURA via EL SALTO and LA COLMENA. Arrived at ESTRECHURA and no information was obtained there. Returned to LA CONCORDIA through CAMINO REAL of YALI to LA CONCORDIA and LA MORA, at this place found telegraph line cut out. Juez de Mesta at LA MORA informed us that a group had passed there ten minutes before and that they had cut off the line; he pointed towards direction bandits had gone and we saw the group about 1000 yards away; that happened about 6:00 PM; they were pursued. We arrived at MINADURA, one half league North of LA CONCORDIA and we were told that the group had passed headed East, we continued on pursuing them, but no further information was obtained and decided to return to LA CONCORDIA at 2000.

4 JUNE - 0600:-

Cleared LA CONCORDIA with same enlisted men for EL HUISCANAL; there we were informed that the group had passed through the town that night numbering thirty, jefe unknown. We followed the tracks going through SANTA ANA and LA PITA, at this last place information was given to us that bandits were carrying five prisoners, and that one of them was the Juez de Mesta of LA PITA. We found two of the prisoners who informed that the group was of thirty-two bandits, jefes TRANSITO SEQUEIRA and ROSALIO CHAVARRIA and that only had very few rifles and pistols. We found the bandits at GUANAVANA and contact lasted about twenty minutes. Bandit casualties; one known dead. Guardia casualties: none. A few minutes later, one of the other prisoners arrived, SANTOS RIVERA, ex-local Judge of LA CONCORDIA and informed that the jefes were TRANSITO SEQUEIRA and ROSALIO CHAVARRIA, that the group consisted of thirty-two bandits, some armed with rifles and some others with pistols, that SEQUEIRA and CHAVARRIA and many more were wounded. Articles captured:- 1 rifle, 1 pistol, 6 horses equipt, one of them loaded with a pack of salt, food stuffs, clothing, rifle and pistol ammunition. Returned to LA CONCORDIA passing through SAN JOSE and arrived at 1530.

2. Bandits used during this contact:- rifles and pistols. Guardia used:- one B.A.R., one STIG, one Rifle Grenade Discharger, 12 Krag Rifles and one .38 pistol.

3. Following list of the men who participated during the contact:-

2nd Lieut G. Castillo C.

Cabo CASTRO, Nasario	#2541
Raso DUARTE, Rafael	4216
" GRADIS, Jose	4214
" GUTIERREZ, Joaquin	3824
" GUTIERREZ, Felipe	4219
" HERRERA, Julio	4212
" LOPEZ, Escolastico	3907

Raso PRADO, Leonardo	#4532
" CASTRO, Patricio	3734
" REYES, Felipe	3255
" RUGAMA, Gregorio	3764
" QUINTERO, Celestino	4359
" SEGOVIA, Jesus	3525
" TALAVERA, Salomon	4076
" UBEDA, Ignacio	4232

/s/ G. CASTILLO C.

RIVAS OPERATIONS REPORT FROM 9 TO 15 JUNE, 1932:-

9 JUNE 0630 Three enlisted cleared Rivas for Managua.
 1400 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.

10 JUNE 0730 Three enlisted cleared Rivas for Cardenas.

11 JUNE 0600 Lieut Rodriguez cleared Rivas for Cardenas.
 2100 Lieut Rodriguez arrived Rivas from Cardenas.

12 JUNE ---- No Operations.

13 JUNE ---- No Operations.

14 JUNE 1600 Lieut Prieb and two enlisted arrived Rivas from Managua.

15 JUNE 1000 Lieut Adams arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur.

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CO LA FUNDADORA REPORTS BY LETTER:-

4 JUNE 0930 Lieut Escobar with five enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.
 1430 Lieuts Barillas, Matamoros and Elliott arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega with eighteen enlisted.
 1830 Lieut Escobar with ten enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias.

5 JUNE 0700 Lieut Escobar with five enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.
 0730 Lieut Escobar with fifteen enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega.

6 JUNE 1600 Lieut Escobar with fourteen enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega.

7 JUNE 0800 Lieuts Flippo and Elliott with six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for half-way to Matagalpa.
 0815 Lieut Escobar with five enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias.
 0825 Raso Villegas with two other enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

- 1200 Sgt Pavon with five other enlisted returned La Fundadora from half-way to Matagalpa.
- 1240 Lieut Matamoros with seven enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez.
- 1540 Raso Diaz with six other enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.
- 1600 Lieut Matamoros with twenty enlisted cleared La Fundadora on combat patrol on the road between Matagalpa-Jinotega.

8 JUNE ----- No Operations.

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Lieut. Hoskins joined the Guardia from the 1st Marine Brigade on 12 June, 1932.

Lieut. Preibs transferred from 1st Co. Managua to Rivas on 13 June, 1932.

Lieutenants Beans, Hamas and Keller arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal on 13 June 1932 for temporary duty.

Lieut. Jackson transferred from Brigade Hospital to duty on 14 June, 1932.

Lieut. Hancock arrived Managua from Leon on 15 June, 1932.

Major T.P. Cheatham, Commanding Northern Area, arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal on 16 June, 1932. Temporary duty.

Major Burwell cleared Managua by plane for Ocotal on 16 June, 1932.

Captain Williams arrived Managua by plane from the Northern Area on 16 June, 1932. On leave.

Lieut. Pulver arrived Managua from Rivas on 17 June, 1932. Detailed to duty Military Academy.

Lieut. Klein arrived Managua from Chinandega on 17 June, 1932.

Lieutenants Hancock and Johnson cleared Managua for Leon for duty on 17 June, 1932.

Captain Mixson arrived Managua from Matagalpa on 17 June, 1932. In on leave.

"Last minute news"

Lieutenant Martin and Buena Vista guardia patrol of 10 enlisted had contact with a group of about 11 bandits, jefe Alfredo Rizo, northeast of San Ramon at 7.30 PM, 15 of June. Bandit casualties: 3 killed and 4 wounded. No guardia casualties. Contact lasted for approximately 15 minutes. The guardia captured 2 shotguns, 2 pistols, 2 rifles, 5 animals and a quantity of clothing.

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