

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MANAGUA, NIC.

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- 14 JULY 1932 -

Lieut Surprenant with four enlisted and ten Auxiliares arrived Posoltega from Bella Vista, Los Planos and vicinity. No bandit information. Lieut Surprenant with one enlisted remained in Posoltega, rest of patrol proceeded to Chichigalpa. Arrived.

Sgt Madriz and seven other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Condega.

Lieut Garcia (M) and eight enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Garcia (M) and eight enlisted arrived Pueblo Nuevo, Lieut Garcia having joined from Condega patrol.

Cabo Zuniga and seven other enlisted returned Condega from half-way to Pueblo Nuevo. Sgt Olivas and five other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for point 187-358 on foraging patrol. Returned.

Sgt Nuñez and four other enlisted cleared Dipilto on foraging patrol. Returned.

Lieut Brotherick, ten enlisted and twenty civicos cleared Condega for half-way to Daraili.

Lieut Garcia (M) and nine enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived.

Major Burwell, Lieut Keller and twenty-two enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando, Major Burwell having arrived Apali via plane this date on tour of inspection of Area.

Lieut Kipp, seven enlisted and seven civicos cleared Jicaró for Apali escorting cargo trail. Arrived.

Lieuts Hamas, and Kipp, eight enlisted and four civicos cleared Apali for Jicaró. Arrived.

Lieut Stancko and nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

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

Lieuts McDonald and Chavarria and Seventh Combat Patrol returned to Linay with two civil prisoners. Covered points 184-326, 194328, 189-323 and 189328. No indications of bandit activities in area covered.

Lieut Livermore and fourteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca on combat mission.

Lieut. Vogel, fifteen enlisted and one civico cleared Somoto on combat mission.

Lieuts Broderick and Sandino and thirty-one enlisted returned Condega from half-way to Daraili with one dead enlisted and one officer and three enlisted wounded.

- 15 JULY 1932 -

Lieut Broderick and Condega patrol had contact with large bandit group, size unknown, jefes Olivas and Padilla at 2100 July 15 near Tular (203-327). Bandit casualties two known killed, six known wounded. Guardia casualties three wounded. Fight lasted twenty minutes when bandits were dispersed in all directions. Guardia captured one rifle, small quantity of ammunition, twenty five animals, fifteen saddles, clothing, correspondence and hats.

Lieut Velez with four enlisted and five Auxiliares cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Obraje, La Virginia and vicinity to investigate the reports of four armed men seen in that vicinity, returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Jarquin, twenty enlisted, cleared Sauce for half-way to Esteli escorting prominent citizens. Returned to El Sauce not able to get any information about movement of group reported in that vicinity. Agent from Sauce now working in that area.

Fourteen enlisted cleared Sauce for Punta Rieles.

Lieut Castrillo, eighteen enlisted cleared El Sauce for Achuapa to pay and deliver funds.

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted arrived Palacaguina from Condega.

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

Lieuts Mahoney, Guadra and Gutierrez and thirty enlisted returned Apali from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Ragsdale, eighteen enlisted and seven civicos cleared Apali for Jalapa.

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

Lieut Ortiz and fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to El Sauce.

Lieuts Hughes, Silva and Saravia and thirty enlisted returned Esteli from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Major Burwell, Capt Biebusch, Lieuts Beans, Gustavo Gutierrez, Montenegro and Luis E. Gutierrez and forty enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Major Burwell, Lieut Keller, twenty-two enlisted and two civilians arrived San Fernando.

Major Burwell and fourteen enlisted cleared San Fernando and arrived Apali.

Lieuts Bilbrey and Lopez and seven enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Broderick and twenty enlisted cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieut Delgadillo and seven enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal.

Lieuts Bankule and Montenegro and fourteen enlisted cleared Ocotal. Arrived Palacaguina. Cleared for Condega and arrived.

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned Telpaneca from combat mission.

Lieut Wriston with sixteen enlisted and one civilian guide cleared Jinotega on reconnaissance and combat patrol.

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

Lieuts Ashbrook and Muñoz with twenty-four enlisted and one armed civic cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Captain Smith, Lieuts Lee and Fonseca, Company "M" twenty-seven enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Lieut Solorzano with ten enlisted arrived La Concordia from Ocotillo.

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

Lieuts Wriston and Summerfield with ten enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega.

Lieut Snyder and twenty five enlisted cleared Yali on combat patrol.

Five enlisted reported Sebaco from San Isidro.

- 16 JULY 1932 -

Lieut Stanley, five guards with twenty two prisoners arrived Leon from Managua.

Fourteen enlisted arrived Leon from El Sauce transferred for duty.

Lieut Sanchez, eight enlisted cleared Leon for Quebrada Seca on police mission. Returned with cigars contraband and one prisoner.

Lieut Velez with patrol cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Los Portillos, Los planes and Pozo Viejo and vicinity.

Five enlisted cleared Chinandega for San Benito and vicinity, returned with two civil prisoners.

Lieut Hammond and fifteen enlisted cleared Condega for point 204-331.

Major Burwell, Capt Biebus, Lieuts Beans, Montenegro and Gutierrez and twenty eight enlisted cleared Jicaro for Quilali. Arrived.

Lieut Ortiz and fifteen enlisted returned Esteli from half-way to El Sauce escorting civilian party.

Lieuts Hammond and Broderick, thirty-five enlisted and one civico arrived Condega.

Lieut Bilbrey and eight enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Yalaguina.

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

Sgt Olivas and seven other enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Yalaguina. Arrived.

Cpat Lakso, Lieut Cuadra and nineteen enlisted cleared apali for Ocotal. Captain Lakso and fifteen enlisted arrived. Lieut Cuadra and four enlisted having remained at San Fernando.

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

Lieut Escobar with fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Lieut Wriston and patrol returned Jinotega from combat mission. Killed two known bandits and wounded another, vicinity Chaguite Grande.

Captain Puller, Lieut Cramer and twenty enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on combat mission vicinity of Venicia. Returned. No information.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro and arrived.

Five enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Matamoros with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Aranjuez.

Lieut Matamoros with five enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Aranjuez.

Four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Buena-Vista.

Four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy.

Lieut Ragsdale, eighteen enlisted and seven civicos arrived Jalapa from Apali.

- 17 JULY 1932 -

Lieuts Lee, Fonseca and fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia on police mission.

Lieuts Lee and Fonseca and fifteen enlisted arrived La Concordia from San Rafael and cleared on police mission for El Porvenir.

Lieut Mahoney and seven enlisted cleared Apali on reconnaissance mission.

Lieuts Kipp and Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro to investigate report of small group at point 240-297. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Vogel and patrol returned Somoto from patrol.

Lieut Stanley and five enlisted returned to Managua from Leon.

Eight enlisted cleared Leon for Rota on police mission.

Lieut Castrillo and eighteen enlisted returned to El Sauce from Achuapa.

Manifestation for Drs. Leonardo Arguello and Castellon held in Leon afternoon of 17 July, 1932, no trouble of any kind.

Lieut Hall (M) and seven enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali via La Concordia.

Lieut Hall (M) and fourteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

Lieut Hall (M) with twelve enlisted arrived Yali from La Concordia.

Lieut Ashbrook and Muñoz with San Rafael patrol twenty-four enlisted and one armed civico arrived Yali from combat mission.

Lieut Hall (M) and fourteen enlisted cleared Yali for San Rafael.

Lieut Snyder and Yali patrol of twenty-five enlisted returned Yali from combat patrol.

Sgt Delgado with five enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez.

Cabo Rios with five enlisted cleared La Fundadora to repair telegraph line to Aranjuez. Returned.

Sgt Nicaragua with five enlisted arrived Aranjuez from patrol.

Lieut Escobar with four enlisted arrived Las Camelias from patrol.

Sgt Delgado with six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

Lieut Escobar with fifteen enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega.

Lieut Jimenez with seven enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Consuelo.

Lieut Prado with three enlisted cleared Matagalpa to repair La Fundadora Buzzer line and returned.

Ten enlisted cleared Navarro for Llopo and returned.

- 18 JULY 1932 -

Lieut Velez with patrol returned to San Juan de las Pencas from Los Planes, Santa Emilia, Agua Caliente and vicinity. Reports all quiet. No bandit information.

Captain Elmore cleared Chinandega for Corinto Finca on monthly inspection trip.

Lieuts Reid and Artola, seventeen enlisted, six auxiliares, returned to Somotillo with eight bandits, three pistols, three shotguns and five cutachas. Bandits captured within one league of Achuapa.

Eight enlisted returned Leon from police mission with two horses captured.

*Leon* Manifestation impromptu by or Sacasa followers on news of plebiscite, much concurrence, and no disturbances.

Lieuts Escobar, Zeledon, and fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

Lieuts Lee and Fonseca with fifteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieuts Lee and Fonseca with fourteen enlisted arrived La Concordia from El Porvenir.

Lieut Escobar and Zeledon with fourteen enlisted arrived La Fundadora from patrol.

Captain Puller, Lieut Cramer and eighteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Lieuts Weeks and Ashbrook with thirty enlisted cleared Yali on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Bunn with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way San Isidro and five enlisted returned Matagalpa.

Twelve enlisted cleared San Isidro for half-way Matagalpa and returned with Lieut Bunn.

Captain Inman, Lieut Montes and fifteen enlisted cleared Navarro on reconnaissance mission toward Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Martin with sixteen enlisted cleared San Isidro on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Stanko, ten enlisted and one civico cleared Palacaguina to reconnoiter point 201-365 and vicinity.

Stg Acevedo and fourteen other enlisted cleared Telpaneca on reconnaissance mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Monterrey and seven enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived. Cleared for Dipilto. Arrived.

Cabo Vallejos and seven other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Condega.

Lieut Garcia and nine enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Pueblo Nuevo.

Major Burwell, Capt Biebush, Lieuts Gutierrez and Montenegro and thirty-four enlisted cleared Quilali for San Juan.

Lieut Garcia and nine enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from half-way to Condega. Lieut Garcia having joined from Condega patrol.

Lieut Stanko and patrol returned Palacaguina from reconnaissance mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Artola and eight enlisted cleared Pataste, met Somoto patrol at half-way point and returned to station.

1st Sgt Lovo and nine other enlisted returned Somoto from half-way to Pataste.

Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for point 234-375 on reconnaissance mission.

Major Burwell and patrol arrived San Juan from patrol.

Lieut Hamas and fifteen enlisted returned Jicaro from reconnaissance mission. Nothing to report.

Lieuts Mahoney and Cuadra and eight enlisted returned Apali from reconnaissance mission via San Fernando. Lieut Cuadra having joined patrol from that station. Nothing to report.

Lieut Ragsdale, eight enlisted and eighteen civicos cleared Jalapa on combat mission. Returned.

- 19 JULY 1932 -

Lieut Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted arrived Jicaro from Apali escorting pack train.

Three enlisted and one hacienda inspector cleared Leon for Chacra-Seca on contraband mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Jarquin, fifteen enlisted cleared Sauce for Punta Rieles escorting Diputado Morales from Limay.

Lieut Price, Capt Kilbury (M), and four enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived. Returned to Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for half-way to Apali to escort pack train and repair buzzer line. Patrol proceeded to Apali, arriving. Cleared for Jicaro.

Lieut Saravia and sixteen enlisted cleared Estelifor half-way to La Trinidad.

Lieut Broderick and Montenegro and thirty enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili.

Lieuts McCorkle and Chavarria and Seventh Combat Patrol returned Esteli from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Three enlisted cleared Leon for Managua after delivering eight prisoners.

Lieuts Reid and Artola, eighteen enlisted and seven auxiliaries cleared Somotillo to patrol El Dante, Jocote, Chico area, on report that small group seen in that section.

Lieut Jarquin, fifteen enlisted returned El Sauce from escorting Diputado Morales to Punta Rieles.

Six enlisted, two Auxiliares and four civilian guides cleared Leon for La Morita on police mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Two enlisted with two civil prisoners cleared Chinandega for El Tempisque. Returned after delivering prisoners.

Lieut Vogel and nine enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa. Arrived. Cleared for Somoto. Arrived.

Major Burwell, Lieuts Hays and Montenegro and twenty-seven enlisted cleared San Juan for Telpaneca. Arrived.

Lieut McDonald and seventeen enlisted cleared Limay for Esteli. Arrived.

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

Lieuts Hughes and Silva and Combat Patrol Seven cleared Esteli on combat mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Stancko and eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Palacaguina.

Two enlisted, two auxiliaries arrived Leon from Quezalguaque for Duty.



Lieut Truesdale, G.N., arrived Leon from Managua for duty.

Group of size, arms, and Jefe unknown reported at 173-288. Lieut Castrillo and twenty enlisted cleared Sauce to investigate. Information believed reliable.

Four enlisted cleared Leon for outskirts of city on police mission.

Lieut Castrillo and patrol, returned to Leon from patrol. Had contact with group. Jefe and number unknown. Contact lasted about ten minutes. No Guardia casualties. One bandit killed and numerous trails of blood indicating many wounded. Captured two saddles, one rifle, two cutachas, five hats, food. Bandits poorly armed. No automatics MSGs.

Five enlisted cleared Chinandega for Amaya and vicinity to make arrest. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Burt and ten enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Ocotal. Arrived.

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

Lieut Montenegro and four enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived. Cleared for Dipilto. Arrived.

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

Lieut Stanko and eight enlisted arrived Palacaguina from Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieuts Hughes and Silva and Sixth Combat Patrol cleared Esteli for La Trinidad.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Hicks (R) and seventeen enlisted arrived Apali from Ocotal, via San Fernando.

Lieut Montenegro and twenty enlisted cleared Telpaneca for San Juan.

Lieut Artola and eight enlisted returned to Pataste from half-way to Somoto.

Lieut Berry, ten enlisted and one civico cleared Pataste for point 164-332 and 156-326. Returned to Pataste with one civil prisoner.

Lieut Artola and eight enlisted cleared Pataste on contraband mission to point 169-331. Returned to Pataste. Nothing to report.

Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, APALI, NICARAGUA.  
FIFTH DISTRICT, NORTHERN A.  
July 10, 1932.-

From: Patrol Commander, 1st Lieut M. M. Mahoney, G.N.  
To : The Area Commander, Ocotal.  
Via : The District Commander, Apali.

Subject : Contact, report of.  
Reference: Marine Corps Map, (Ocotal Sheet).

1. At 1300, 7 July, 1932, a patrol consisting of three officers and twenty-six enlisted men cleared apali for Jumuyca to investigate reports that Colindres had passed that place, and to act on local information.

2. The members of the patrol are as follows:

Cabo	TORRES, Miguel	#3365	BAR	Jicaro
"	GRANJA, Hernan	742	STMG	"
Raso	CAMELO, Pedro	4129	RG	"
"	GOMEZ, Gregorio	4153		"
"	LANDERO, Gregorio	4302		"
"	REYES, Victor	5095		"
"	SALINAS, Adolfo	4139		"
"	GONZALEZ, Asencion	4943		"
"	MARADIAGA, Teofilo	4942		"
"	GOMEZ, Julian	4138		Apali
CABO	LUMBI, Clemente	2973	STMG	Apali
Raso	CHAVARRIA, Adrian	4277		"
"	RUIZ, Santos Gomez	4148	BAR	"
"	CENTENO, Norberto	4304	BAR	"
"	CALDERON, Carmen	4037	STMG	"
"	BELLORIN, Juan	4095	RG	"
"	PONCE, Antonio	5154		"
"	GAITAN, Manuel	3880		"
"	BOLANOS, Pedro	1767		"
"	BENAVIDES, Julio	4012		"
"	PONCE, Jose	4123		"
"	RIZO, Marcelino	4642		"
"	ALVAREZ, Segundo	4722		"
"	LOPEZ, Ladislao	3012		"
"	GUTIERREZ, Fedrico	4031		"
Cabo	GUADAMUS, Jose	1750		"

(One civilian guide)

1st Lieut M. M. Mahoney, Patrol Commander.  
2nd Lieut Guillermo Cuadra, Second in Command.  
2nd Lieut Luis E. Gutierrez.

3. Upon arrival of the patrol in Jumuyca, it was learned that Colindres and Reyes had passed through and were headed in a southerly direction. The people complained that

the bandits had stolen forty cattle, a pig and some chickens. In many cases the people were left without any food, the bandits had taken everything with them. The patrol followed the bandits through Concepcion de Guali and Harrillay, (Baryal), and on toward Guanacastillo.

4. (See enclosed sketch) As the point reached X, about thirty men were seen to leave houses A. and B and disappear into the dense woods to the east. At Y, the patrol saw about fifty men run from house C and into the woods across the street to the east. At E some man was yelling commands to the bandits, evidently the jefe. As the point was half way up the hill, the bandits opened fire on the point. At this time the point was in a very perilous position. Automatic fire was coming from two directions. The point in this position was masking the fire of the entire main body. The point was so near to the enemy's fire that they were unable to hear my commands to retire, however with highly commendable coolness and initiative, Lieuts Cuadra and Gutierrez grasped the situation and began to withdraw the point so as to allow the main body to fire and were successful in withdrawing their men without suffering any casualties. The fire fight began at 1830 and lasted until about 1915. The bandit position was rushed but the bandits fled. At this time it was so dark that the advance had to be made slowly for fear of our men shooting wildly. The bandits were pursued for one hour but, due to darkness and the terrain the trail was lost. During the fight, three bandits were seen by several members of the patrol, who wore the Guardia uniform. A rifle grenade was directed at them and, due to the excellent work of Pedro Canelo #4129, the grenade burst one yard in front of the center khaki clad bandit.

5. The next morning searched the ground and found a hat of the Guardia type near the positions occupied by the three uniformed bandits. Examination of the entire terrain showed positive indications that twenty-three bandits had been either killed or wounded. It could be easily seen where they had been dragged through the brush and evacuated on horses.

6. Guardia casualties: None.  
Bandits casualties: Unknown.

Articles captured:

3 fighting machetes or cutachas.  
1 hat with appropriate bandit red and black band.  
25 rounds of assorted ammunition, Krag, .45, .30  
and Con-Con.  
1 Krag rifle, in good condition.

7. According to the people of Junuyca and Concepcion de Guili, the jefes were Reyes and Colindres and that their combined group numbered nearly two hundred well armed men.

8. I am of the opinion that Vargas was in the fight, and knowing his hang-outs, the patrol combed the area north of Guanacastillo. However, no other contact with the bandits was effected. Arrived at Jicaro in the late afternoon of 3 July.

# GUANACASTILLO

= CONTACT =

LIEN. MAHONEY - 17 JULY - 1932

LEGEND:

OOOOOO BANDITS

⊗ BAR "

☆ STMG "

△△ GUARDIA POINT. - 1830

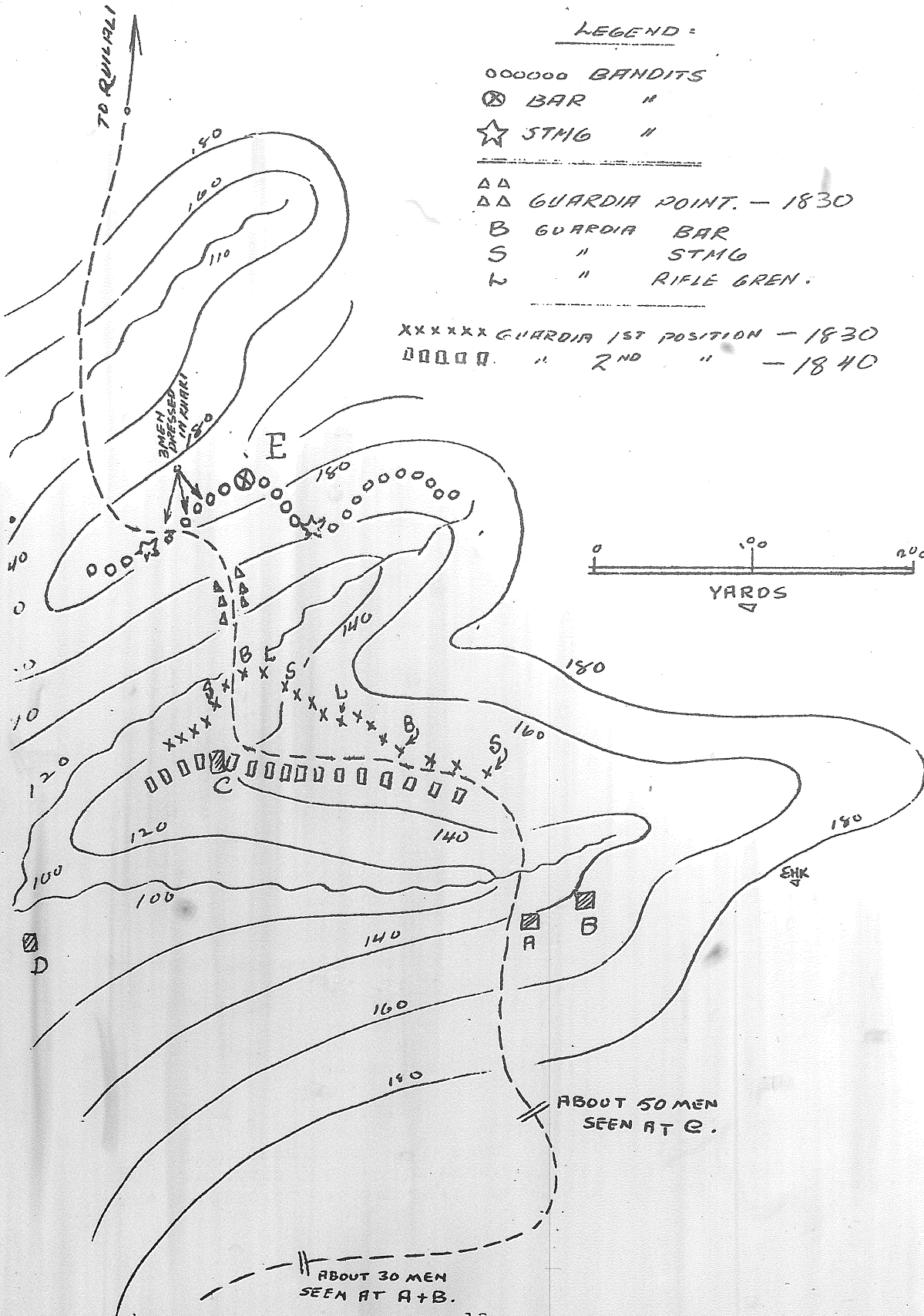
B GUARDIA BAR

S " STMG

L " RIFLE GREN.

XXXXXX GUARDIA 1ST POSITION - 1830

OOOOO " 2ND " - 1840



9. It is recommended that the following men be commended for their excellent work:

Cabo Lumbi, Clemente #3973, for his coolness and accurate delivery of STIG fire.  
Raso Bellorin, Juan #4095, for his accurate placing of Rifle Grenades,  
Raso Canelo, Pedro #4129, for such placing of Rifle Grenades that it seemed uncanny. I am certain his work resulted in bandit casualties among the khaki clad bandits who were firing the BAR.

It is recommended that the following men be especially commended. These men were members of the point which was caught in a precarious position under a withering fire of bandit automatic weapons and bombs. Their display of coolness under this fire and their implicit and cheerful obedience to the orders of the two officers in the point merits especial commendation:

Cabo GUADAMUS, Jose #1750  
Raso EOLONAS, Pedro  
" GUTIERREZ, Federico 4031  
" GOMEZ, Santos Ruiz 4148

The conduct of Lieuts Cuadra and Gutierrez cannot be too highly praised. These two officers were with the point and when the bandits opened fire with automatic weapons and bombs, they immediately grasped the situation and saw that the point masked the fire of the main body, and, entirely on their own initiative withdrew the point so as to permit the main body to open a more effective fire of the bandits position. These two officers were the last members of the point to withdraw. Their exceptional coolness under fire, their disregard for personal danger, their withdrawal of the point to a more favorable position without casualties, and their initiative in conducting the withdrawal is worthy of the highest commendation.

10. The conduct of members of the patrol was highly praiseworthy and in accordance with the traditions of the Guardia Nacional of Nicaragua.

MICHAEL M. MAHONEY.

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Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, APALI, NICARAGUA.  
FIFTH DISTRICT, NORTHERN AREA.  
June 14, 1932.-

From: 1st Lieut Michael M. Mahoney, GN, Patrol COMM.  
To : The Area Commander, Northern Area, Ocotal.  
Via : The District Commander, Apali.  
Subject : Contact, report of.

1. In obedience to verbal orders of the District Commander, a patrol consisting of two officers and fifteen enlisted men cleared Apali at 1900, June 11, 1932, to investigate reports of bandit activity in the Jemuyca Area.

2. The patrol consisted of the following Officers and men:

1st Lieut M. M. Mahoney, Patrol Commander.  
2nd Lieut Guillermo Cuadra, Second in Command.

Cabo LUMBI, Clemente	STMG
Raso RUIZ, Santos Gomez	BAR
" ALVARADO, Rafael	BAR
" ZAVALA, Castulo	STMG
" ROQUE, Francisco	RIFLE GRENADIER
" TORRES, Bruno	
" GUTIERREZ, Federico	
" PONCE, Jose	
" ZELEDON, Francisco	
" COLLADO, Jose	
" HERNANDEZ, Juan	
" BENVIDES, Julio	
" PASTRANO, Julio	
" VILCHEZ, Jose	
" BELLORIN, Juan.	

3. The patrol arrived at the supposed bandit camp at 200, June 11. Upon rushing the shacks, it was found that the bandits had cleared for parts unknown. No people could be found in or near the village of Jemuyca. The patrol camped there for the night.

4. On the morning of June 12, a native reported that the bandits had stolen all his clothes, cattle, and had robbed his home of everything of value. This man stated that the bandits had cleared the night before for Plan Grande. The patrol cleared for this place and upon reaching it, found that the bandits had learned of the presence of the Guardia and had gone to either Guali or Guanacastillo.

5. Near Guanacastillo, the point observed some men running out of a house and into the woods to the south. The patrol opened fire on these men and the fire was returned. After about ten minutes of firing, Lieut Mahoney and seven men rushed the bandits and Lieut Cuadra and eight men moved around to the bandits left. The combined frontal and flank attack was successful, but the bandits fled before the Guardia could engage into hand-to-hand combat. The patrol reunited and pursued the bandits about five miles in southward direction, but were unable to regain contact.

6. On positive information, it was learned that the group consisted of twenty-five to thirty men under Heriberto Reyes and Roque Vargas, (the one armed Vargas).

7. Bandit casualties: Unknown (probably none).  
Guardia " : None.

8. Articles captured:  
4 Fighting machetes or cutachas.  
1 Rifle.  
1 Dynamite bomb.  
50 Rounds .30 cal Springfield ammunition.  
8 Blanket rolls, (three Guardia blankets).

Destroyed:  
Four shacks which composed the bandit camp.  
Five hundred pounds corn.

9. The bandits used only rifles. The Guardia employed two STIGs, two BARs, and rifles.

10. The patrol returned to Apali passing through Guali, Las Mesas, Una Mina, Arada, Susucallon, San Pedro and Capules.

11. The patrol commander takes pleasure in commending Lieut Guillermo Cuadra for his strict obedience to orders, his coolness, and his initiative. His personal courage set an example to his men.

12. The entire patrol showed great willingness to close with the enemy, and behaved in a most praiseworthy manner.

MICHAEL M. MAHONEY

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Following contact report is quoted: (translation)

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, APALI, NICARAGUA.  
SUB-DISTRICT OF JALAPA, DEPT OF NUEVA SEGOVIA.  
July 6, 1932.-

From: 2nd Lieut Adolfo Montenegro, GN of Nic.  
To : The Area Commander, Northern area, Ocotal.

Subject : Patrol and contact, report of.  
Reference: (A) G.O. #109-1929.

1. In compliance with orders of the station Commander, Jalapa, I cleared Jalapa at 1040 25 June 1932 with a patrol of fourteen enlisted and six Auxiliares. Our mission was to proceed to the valley of Santa Cruz, point 227-400 2nd Brigade Map A-3, pick up the trail of a bandit group of thirty men under Sinfonso Gonzalez, follow and destroy the group.

2. Arrived Santa Cruz at 1300, located trail of the bandit group and followed it through heavy rains until at about 1900, and approximately at point 233-393 the advance guard saw two bandit sentries posted in a house some twenty-five yards above the trail. I ordered a cautious advance, attempting to surround the position, but the patrol was discovered by the bandit sentries, who opened fire. The patrol advanced immediately by rush and was met by heavy fire from the main bandit position, which was about seventy-five yards above us and well concealed in heavy growth. The bandit fire was heavy and well delivered, from rifles, pistols, shot-guns, and dynamite bombs. After four or five minutes fire fight the Guardia had advanced so close to the enemy position that the bandits scattered in all directions through the dense brush. Pursuit was immediately organized but due to the darkness, torrential rains, and the nature of the brush we were unable to find any traces of the bandit's direction.

3. Camp was made for the night at the scene of action. With the first light of morning on the 27th the patrol again attempted to find traces of the bandits but rains of the previous night had destroyed all signs. Accordingly, the patrol returned to its home station at Jalapa, arriving at 1310 on June 27 1932.

4. The patrol was armed with one BAR, one STMG, one rifle grenade discharger, hand and rifle grenades. The following was captured: 1 horse, with saddle and bridle, 2 dynamite bombs with detonator, 2 daggers, and quantity of foodstuffs.

5. There were no Guardia casualties. Bandit casualties unknown.

6. The patrol consisted of the following named officer and men:

2nd Lieut	Adolfo Montenegro,	G.N. de Nic.
Cabo	TORRES, Perfecto	#3387
Raso	ALVARADO, Julio	4299
"	AVILES, Hipolito	4832
"	CANELO, Pablo	4157
"	CERNA, Alfonso	4578
"	CUADRA, Ramiro	4996
"	HERRERA, Ramon	4575
"	JUAREZ, Alberto	4387
"	LOPEZ, Inez	4995
"	ROMERO, Ruperto	4135
"	RODRIGUEZ, Pablo	3375
"	MUNOZ, Sinforoso	4557
"	SALCEDO, Benito	3696
"	ZAVALA, Francisco	4309
Civ.	ANDARRA, Ernesto	
"	AGUIRREZ, Lucas	
"	BORGAS, Eulalio	
"	PAGUAGA, Jesus	
"	PEREZ, Hector	
"	SALCEDO, Justo	

The conduct of all members of the patrol was satisfactory.

ADOLFO MONTENEGRO.

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Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, EL CONSUELO, NIC.  
DEPARTMENT OF MATA GALPA.  
June 27, 1932.

From: The Post Commander.  
To : The Department Commander.  
Subject: Contact, report of.

1. Following is a complete report of a contact between a combined El Consuelo-Navarro Guardia patrol and a group



of one hundred bandits under Pedron Altamirano, and the events leading up to it.

07022 Positive information received that a group of bandits under Altamirano were at Portillo Grande, three leagues East of Consuelo.

07222 Patrol consisting of Lieut Gumaelious, Lieut Aguado, and twenty enlisted cleared EL Consuelo for Portillo Grande. Enroute we received information that had to be investigated, and we did not arrive at Portillo Grande until:

13022 We learned that the group had killed one Salvador Rocha, stolen seven mules and had cleared towards the south at 09022. The people at Portillo Grande said that the group was very well armed and that it consisted of about one-hundred men under Altamirano.

13222 We cleared Portillo Grande. About two miles South the bandits had turned East. Following the Easterly trail for about two leagues we came to an abandoned shack. A trail leading from the shack showed that the group had turned Southwest. We followed their trail and learned enroute that members of the group had been talking about attacking the Guardia Post at El Consuelo. At about six PM, we noted where the bandits had left the main trail and had cut a trail through the brush leading north-west. Due to the approaching darkness, and to the fact that we had left only seven guardias and five civicos at El Consuelo, we decided to reach our station, El Consuelo, so quickly as possibly via the main trails.

20322 Patrol arrived at El Consuelo. Re-enforcements, consisting of Lieut Uriza, Lieut Montes and twenty five enlisted had arrived at El Consuelo from Navarro.

06323 The following officers and enlisted men cleared El Consuelo:

2nd Lieut	Gumaelious, Otto J.	
"	"	Aguado, Jose Luis.
"	"	Montes, Eusebio G.
Sgto	PERALTA, Santiago	# 517
Cabo	CONTRERAS, Francisco	1299
"	GUTIERREZ, Juan R.	1875
"	LAGOS, Modesto	
"	ORTIZ, Tomas	2190
"	RAMIREZ, Ramon	
Raso	ABURTO, Julian	1010
"	ALIANZA, Carlos	4083
"	CENTENO, Salomon	2462
"	DOLMUZ, Vicente	
"	ESCORCIA, Victor	2299
"	FLOREZ, Esteban	
"	GARCIA, Virgilio	5180
"	GOMEZ, Roberto	2609
"	GONZALEZ, SERAPIO	
"	GUTIERREZ, Cristobal	5182
"	HUERTA, Nicolas	3415

Raso	MARTINEZ, Camilo	#3522
"	Morales, Santiago	3886
"	PINEDA, Guillermo	6593
"	PONCE, Gabino	3459
"	REINOZA, Felipe	5178
"	RIVERA, Pantaleon	2868
"	RUIZ, Marcos	
"	LEZAMA, Julio	5115
"	SANCHEZ, Juan	
"	TALAVERA, Pantaleon	4101
"	TORUNO, Aecisclo	
"	IBARRA, Tomas	
"	ZELAYA, Eduardo	4606

The patrol was armed with four BARS, four STMGs, four Rifle Grenade Dischargers, eighteen Rifles, two automatic pistols and fifteen hand grenades. About two miles northwest of El Consuelo we again picked up the bandits trail, which led toward Sardinal on the Tuma River. About a league farther on the bandits had cut a trail leading south east. We followed the trail, then turned due north. At a house about a league North of El Consuelo a native informed us that the group had approached this house from the Northeast, and that they had cleared North thirty minutes before our arrival at the house. At about twelve o'clock, our patrol spotted the outline of a sentry sitting on a cleared hill about two thousand yards from, or west of, the patrol. Investigation however, proved that the sentry was a rag dummy, with a stick for a rifle. Patrol proceeded North. Lieut Montes, Lieut Aguado and our civilian guide, Felipe Sanchez, suspected and avoided an ambush that we later learned had been prepared for us along the Northern trail. We were pretty certain that the group was in the immediate vicinity and North or Northwest of us. We decided to cut a trail between the two points, through dense underbrush.

In about two hours we came to the edge of the brush. On a knob in a field of young maiz (corn), there stood a large native shack. There were about thirty bandits in and around it. The shack was about seventy five yards from the patrol's position.

Feeling quite certain that our position was not yet been discovered, we quietly moved four Browning automatic Rifles, two STMGs and three Rifle Grenade Dischargers up to the head of the patrol, that being the only point from which visibility was perfect. The additional Thompsons and another Rifle Grenade Discharger were placed in the next best position, fifty yards below the point. At a signal, the Guardia automatic weapons opened fire simultaneously. The surprise seemed so complete that the bandits returned very little of our fire. After about five minutes of shooting and bombing, the patrol advanced to the shack, drummed the general direction of the bandits retreat, and proceeded to searching the vicinity for possible stragglers. Five bandits were killed. Blood trails indicated several wounded. Captured three rifles, two dynamite bombs, gunpowder, bomb fuses, shotgun caps, lead slugs, correspondence and **clothing** including a blue coat with red and black shoulder and sleeve stripes.

Recommended for citation are:

Lieut Jose Luis Aguado and Lieut Eusebio Montes. It was due to them that the aforementioned ambush was avoided. Both officers displayed skill and bravery during the contact. Lieut Aguado's left hand was bruised while operating on the bandits with a BAR, Lieut Montes handled his section of the patrol with excellent judgement.

Sergeant Peralta, Santiago #517 and Cabo Contreras, Francisco #1299. When the patrol advanced upon the shack, they led the way and did some effective shooting with a pair of STMGs.

The entire enlisted personnel of the patrol, everyone of whom had the right spirit, which is the main thing. Every man with an automatic weapon or a lanza bomba was especially effective during the contact and every rifleman played his part with a good will.

19322 Entire patrol returned to El Consuelo for more ammunition.

2. There were no Guardia casualties. There were no Guardia wounded.

C. J. GUMMELIOUS.

Following contact report is quoted: (translation)

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, QUILALI, NICARAGUA.  
DISTRICT No. 4, JULY 3, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut Gustavo Gutierrez L, G.N.  
To : The Area Commander, (Northern Area), Ocotal.  
Via : The District Commander No. 4.

Subject : Contact report.  
Reference: Verbal Orders from the District Commander.

1. Cleared Quilali at 0300 June 28, for point 238-375, where it was located the camp of Ezequiel Zamoran Zedon, who was a Brigade Lieutenant for the bandits force.

2. The patrol consisted of the following men:

2nd Lieut Gustavo Gutierrez,	Patrol Commander.
Sgto GARCIA, Concepcion	# 464 STMG
Cabo MARTINEZ, Ignacio	1914 STMG
" GARCIA, Blas	2624 BAR
Raso AVILES, Cicomedez	4595
" ALVARADO, Santos	4867
" ALEGRIA, Santos	2010
" AVILES, Cipriano	2924
" AMADOR, Santos	4137
" CARDENAS, Ignacio	4080

Raso	CARRION, David	#3798	
"	GOMEZ, Arcadio	2025	BAR
"	GONZALEZ, Feliciano	2030	
"	GONZALEZ, Natividad	4606	
"	HERNANDEZ, Juan	4991	
"	LUMBI, Pedro	3639	
"	MARTINEZ, Isidro	3993	
"	PADILLA, Juan	4085	RIFLE GRENADE D.
"	RIVERA, Ambrosio	4338	
"	RUGAMA, Socorro	3411	RIFLE GRENADE D.
"	REYES, Mauro	3743	
"	SALGADO, Donaciano	3745	

3. Arrived at 1600 near the camp with much difficulties due to the roughness of the ground and also we took the necessary precautions. We perceived the bandits huts at a distance of nearly fifty yards through the grove and opened fire on them; it was a complete surprise for the bandits; they did not have time enough to form on their firing line and answered our fire in a very disorganized manner. After five minutes fight the bandits fled running in all directions; we advanced and reached the huts firing at the same time upon the bandits who got lost in the thickness of the brush.

4. Found six dead bandits, including Jefe Zamoran, there were possibly eight wounded, due to the great number of blood trails that were found.

5. Articles captured: 1 pistol (that one belonging to Zamoran), 1 .44 rifle, 120 fuses, 4 dynamite sticks, 3 rds .38 pistol, 12 rds Krag rifle ammunition, red and black hat bands and much correspondence.

6. Destroyed the following: five huts, 300 pounds dried beef, 300 pounds beans, quantity of dried corn on the cob, (about 1000 pounds).

7. One of the bandits who died later stated that they were twenty-five, 15 armed with shot-guns, pistols, and one Krag rifle, the rest with machetes, that about eight days before they had arrived at Sandino's camp, which is located at Cerro Guambuco.

8. No Guardia casualties.

9. Bandits employed shot-guns, pistols and bombs, (natives).

10. The conduct of the patrol was excellent, especially that of Raso GOMEZ, Arcadio #2025, who recognizing Jefe Zamoran due to the fact that he (Zamoran) was wearing high boots, followed him during the contact until he (Zamoran) was killed.

GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ L.  
2nd Lieut G.N. de Nic.

JULY 17:-- Lieut STONE and EL GALLO patrol of eleven enlisted had contact with bandit group of forty, jefes IRIAS and MAIRENA near PAN AMERICA, Department of RIO GRANDE. Bandit casualties, two known killed. No Guardia casualties. Large amount of loot, previously captured by the bandits from one of the United Fruit Company Commissaries, was recovered.

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JULY 17:-- Lieut RAGSDALE and JALAPA patrol of twenty six had contact with bandit group, jefe unknown, near LAS SANDILLAS, West of Jalapa at 0330. Contact lasted seven minutes. Bandit casualties, two wounded. Guardia casualties, none. Guardia captured food, blankets, several head of cattle, and some clothing. Contact was a surprise attack on the bandit camp. Bandits fled across Honduran border.

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JULY 18:-- Lieut RAGSDALE and JALAPA patrol of twenty six had contact with bandit group of forty, jefe believed to be QUINTERO, near QUIATACO, West of Jalapa at 1000. Contact lasted seventeen minutes. Bandit casualties, three known wounded. Guardia casualties, none. Contact was a surprise attack on bandits lying in an ambush position waiting for Ragsdale's patrol. Bandits fled across Honduran border.

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JULY 17:-- Bandit group believed to be under IRIAS and MAIRENA sacked two stores located at PAN AMERICA and MORAZAN along RIO GRANDE in Department of RIO GRANDE on July 17. Eight employees of stores killed and merchandize of considerable value taken. Guardia patrols in pursuit and contact made with one group, two bandits killed and merchandise of one of stores recovered. Nationality of persons killed thought to be three British and five Nicaraguan. Owner of Morazan store nationality swiss, nationality of PAN AMERICA store British.

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JULY 22:-- Lieut Keller and San Fernando patrol of ten enlisted had contact with bandit group of twenty five, jefe unknown, at Ciudad Antigua (204-378) Depart of Nueva Segovia, at 0030. Fight lasted ten minutes. Bandits employed rifles, pistols, one automatic weapon and dynamite bombs. Bandit casualties, four known killed. Guardia casualties, one wounded. Guardia captured two rifles, one pistol, small amount of ammunition and equipment. Bandits were dispersed.

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Captain Griffin to Brigade Hospital on 15 July, 1932.

Lieutenant Truesdale from Brigade Hospital to duty.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander, Central Area, from Managua to Jinotega on 20 July, 1932 .

Lieutenant Grieco from Managua to Jinotega for duty on 20 July 1932.

Lieutenant Krawie from Managua to Corinto Finca on 20 July.

Lieutenants D. Floyd, W.J. Scheffer, L.K. Rodgers, (R), and A.E. Fritz, (R) joined the Guardia Nacional from the U.S. and the 2d Marine Brigade.

Captains C.E. Yost, C. Prichard and W.P. Kelly joined the Guardia Nacional from the U.S. This is the second tour of duty in the Guardia Nacional for Captain Kelly. 20 July, 1932.

Lieutenant Truesdale from Managua to Leon for duty on 21 July.

Lieutenant Satterfield from Bluefields to Managua on 22 July. Temporary duty.

Lieutenant Spart from Chinandega to Managua on 22 July 1932 Temporary duty.

Captain Puller from Managua to Corinto Finca for duty on 20 July, 1932.

Lieutenant Flippo from Matagalpa to Managua on 22 July 1932.

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