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-----oo0- 17 AUGUST 1932 -0oo-----

Lieut Perez with eleven enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way San Rafael.

1st Sgt Herrera with half-way patrol eleven enlisted arrived Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Lieut Stevens with five enlisted arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieut Muñoz with sixteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for half-way Jinotega.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, Captain Small, Lieut Muñoz and eighteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Haubensack, Lieut Escobar and Lieut Zeledon with twelve enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega.

Lieuts Matamoros, Haubensack and Fonseca with seven enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

Lieuts Matamoros, Haubensack and Zeledon with eight enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez.

Lieuts Grieco, Gutierrez P., Slattery and twenty-three enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from combat mission. Destroyed 2 bandit camps vicinity Paso Real.

Lieut Pavelko with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy.

Lieuts Gumaelious, Hodge (M) and four enlisted cleared Navarro for Buena Vista.

Lieut Stevens with five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega with half-way patrol eight enlisted.

Lieut Whitford with half-way patrol arrived Apali.

Lieut Hamas with patrol returned Jicaro.

Lieut McCorkle with twenty enlisted cleared Limay for half-way to Pueblo Nuevo escorting bull-cart train.

Lieut Chavarria with patrol returned to Esteli.

Lieut Silva with eighteen enlisted cleared Esteli on patrol.

-----ooO- 18 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Cabo Blandon with five other enlisted and line repair man arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa, telegraph line repair party.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., Captain Small, Lieut Hall (M) and fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for Yali.

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

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa with line men to repair Matagalpa-Jinotega telegraph line.

Lieut Bunn with twelve enlisted returned San Isidro with two prisoners. Had contact on August 17 with Juan Altamirano group. Bandit casualties two dead, Many wounded. No Guardia casualties.

Lieut Bunn with twelve enlisted and two prisoners guides cleared San Isidro on combat mission vicinity Chaguitillo.

Lieut Monterrey with eight enlisted and one civico cleared Dipilto for Los Planes. Returned.

Lieuts Stanko and Garcia with eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina on reconnaissance mission. Returned.

Lieut Livermore with twelve enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to San Juan. Returned with Capt. Diebush.

Captain Diebush and Lieut Montenegro with twelve enlisted cleared San Juan for half-way to Telpaneca.

Lieut Montenegro with patrol returned to San Juan.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with eight other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Condega. Returned.

1st Sgt Cortez with seven other enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Palacaguina.

Sgt Vilchez with six other enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Pueblo Nuevo. Returned.

Sgt Olivas with eight other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Totagalpa. Arrived. Returned to Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieut Hamas with fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali.

Captain Yost and Lieut Sandino with fourteen enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili. Arrived.

Lieut Saravia with fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to La Trinidad. Lieutenant Bell and patrol cleared La Trinidad for half-way to Esteli. Patrols met. Lieutenant Sarravia joined La Trinidad patrol. Both patrols returned to their home stations.

Lieuts Berry and Artola with fourteen enlisted arrived Pataste from patrol.

Lieut Bond with ten enlisted cleared Pataste and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Garcia with nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half-way to Condega. Nine enlisted returned to Palacaguina.

Lieut Garcia with Condega patrol arrived Condega.

-----ooO- 19 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Sotomayor with seven enlisted and fourteen auxiliaries cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa.

Lieut Maubensack, Lieut Matamoros and thirteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Captain Puller, Lieut Lee and forty enlisted, Company "M", arrived Jinotega from combat patrol. Had five contacts Pantasma Valley and one at Santa Fé. Killed seven bandits, wounded many. No Guardia casualties.

Lieut Matamoros with five enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way to San Rafael with half-way patrol of fifteen enlisted.

Lieut Matamoros and Lieut Maubensack with twelve enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard Area Commander, Central Area, CN., Captain Small, Lieut Hall (M) and fifteen enlisted cleared Yali for La Concordia. Arrived. Cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Arrived.

Cabo Castro with six other enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Hall (M) with five enlisted arrived San Rafael from Yali.

Lieut Hodge (M) with three enlisted returned Navarro from Buena Vista.

Lieuts Beans and Gutierrez with thirty enlisted cleared San Juan for half-way to Apali and returned, with thirty-one enlisted.

Lieut Lopez with twelve enlisted and two civilians cleared Ocotal for half way to Telpaneca. Returned.

Sgt Acevedo with twelve other enlisted and 1 civilian cleared Telpaneca for half-way to Ocotal. Returned.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with twelve other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half-way to Limay.

Captain Yost and Lieut Burt with 10 enlisted cleared Daraili for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Monterrey with five enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal and arrived. Returned to Dipilto and arrived.

Lieut Price with sixteen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to San Juan and returned.

Lieut Keller with sixteen enlisted cleared San Fernando and patrolled El Amparo and arrived Apali. Cleared for San Fernando.

Lieut McCorkle with twenty enlisted returned to Limay from patrol.

Lieut Barquero with fourteen enlisted cleared Limay for Achuapa.

-----ooO- 20 AUGUST 1930 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Atwell, Frisch and Cipolloni with eight enlisted, and six auxiliares arrived Sauce from Villa Nueva.

Lieut Spart with eight enlisted cleared Chinandega for the River Estero Real, in search of contrabandits.

Seven enlisted with thirteen auxiliares arrived Chinandega from Chichigalpa for duty.

Lieuts Weeks and Grieco with twenty five enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., Captain Small, Lieut Muñoz cleared San Rafael for Jinotega with patrol Arrived.

Lieut Castillo and thirty-three enlisted and one combat mission cleared San Rafael for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Snyder with twenty enlisted arrived, San Rafael from Yali.

1st Sgt Herrera with eleven other enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega.

Lieut Grieco and Lieut Summerfield with twenty five enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega. Arrived.

Captain Inman, Lieut Atha and forty enlisted returned Navarro from combat mission north of Tuma. Had contact vicinity Guasaca and again on crossing Tuma. One civilian guide wounded first contact. No other Guardia casualties either contact.

Lieut Navarrete with fifteen enlisted cleared Consuelo in direction Sagalar on reconnaissance patrol.

Seven enlisted reported Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Captain Inman, Lieut Atha and twenty enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Navarro.

Colonel T. E. Watson, Area Commander, Northern Area, GN., Lieuts Stanley and Blanco with eight enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander, Northern Area, Lieuts Stanley and Monterrey with fifteen enlisted cleared Dipilto for border and returned. Jefe Politico of Nueva Segovia accompanied patrol.

Lieut Bond with twelve enlisted and eight prisoners and one sick GN cleared Sonoto for Totogalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo with twelve enlisted and eight prisoners and one sick GN cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal and arrived. Cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Lieut Bond with twelve enlisted and twelve prisoners cleared Totogalpa for Sonoto and arrived.

Captain Biebush with twelve enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to San Juan. Cabo Gonzalez with patrol returned to Telpaneca.

Lieut Mays with fifteen enlisted cleared San Juan for half-way to Telpaneca. Captain Biebush with Mays and patrol returned to San Juan.

Lieut Burt with ten enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Garcia with nine enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Barquero with twenty enlisted returned Limay from Patrol

Sgt Vilchez with nineteen other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega and arrived.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Hamas and Jicaro patrol had contact with small group of bandits, jefe Roque Vargas, August 20 near (239-397). Bandit casualties four known killed. No Guardia casualties.

Lieut Tercero and Chontales patrol had contact with small group southwest of Santo Domingo (352-208). Bandit casualties, two killed. No Guardia casualties. This is remnant of same group which raided Pueblo Viejo on August 18 and with which contact was had on August 19. Guardia captured small amount ammunition.

Lieut Ragsdale with eighteen enlisted cleared Jalapa on patrol.

Lieut Hamas with fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro on patrol.

Lieut Castrillo, seven enlisted, eight auxiliaries, returned El Sauce from Achuapa.

-----oo0- 21 AUGUST 1932 -0oo-----

Colonel T. E. Watson, Area Commander, Northern Area, GN., Lieuts Stanley and Blanco with eight enlisted and Jefe Politico cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived.

Cabo Chevez with four other enlisted cleared Palacaguina on patrol.

Lieut Delgadillo with Lieut Whitford and six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieut Delgadillo with Lieut Garcia and six enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieut Sinkule with ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo and arrived.

Lieut Stanko with nine enlisted cleared Palacaguina on patrol. Returned.

Lieuts Hammond and Garcia with nine enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieut Hammond and Lieut Whitford with nine enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Captain Biebush, Lieuts Beans, Gutierrez and Hicks with twenty-eight enlisted cleared San Juan for Quilali.

Lieuts Bernheim and Lopez with eight enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa and arrived. Lieuts Bernheim and Garcia with eight enlisted returned to Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Zavala and Lieut Buitrago with twenty enlisted cleared Leon on combat mission.

Captain Puller, Lieut Lee and thirty eight enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Lieut Escobar with six enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Matagalpa.

Lieut Rocha with seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Four enlisted cleared Matagalpa with lineman to repair Matagalpa-Sebaco Telegraph line.

Lieut Leady with five enlisted cleared Navarro for Buena Vista.

Lieut Weeks and Lieut Grieco with twenty-five enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Lieut Rocha with seven enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Captain Biebush, Lieuts Beans, Hicks and Gutierrez with twenty seven enlisted arrived Quilali from San Juan.

Lieut Vogel with ten enlisted and two civicos cleared Santa Maria for border. Returned.

Lieut Hamas with patrol returned Jicaro.

-----ooO- 22 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Eight enlisted cleared Sauce for Punta Rieles to meet one enlisted transferred Leon to Sauce for duty. Returned El Sauce.

Lieuts Zavala and Buitrago with 20 enlisted cleared Telica on combat mission.

Lieuts Bryson, Atwell, six enlisted, eight auxiliaries cleared Sauce for Villa Nueva.

1st Sgt Herrera with eleven other enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega.

Lieut Fonseca with four enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Aranjuez.

Lieuts Weeks and Grieco with thirty enlisted cleared Corinto Finca on combat patrol.

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

Lieut Bunn with twelve enlisted returned San Isidro from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Sinkule with eleven enlisted and one prisoner cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieuts Beans and Smith with thirty enlisted cleared Quilali on patrol.

Lieuts Broderick and Montenegro with twenty-five enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili and arrived.

Lieut Gutierrez with fifteen enlisted and one civico cleared Jicaro on patrol. Returned.

Lieut Burt with eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega.

Lieuts Price and Castro with fifteen enlisted cleared Apali on patrol and returned.

Colonel Watson and Captain Yost with eight enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

-----ooO- 23 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Frisch and Sanchez, eight enlisted, eighteen auxiliaries cleared El Sauce on patrol in search of registrarion books.

Lieut Zavala and Lieut Buitrago and patrol arrived Valle de las Zapatas after passing through El Apante, Cortesal, Santa Clara, Tamarindo, El Cuadro. No bandit information gathered in these places.

Lieuts Stanley and Chavarria with twenty five enlisted cleared Ocotal for Condega and arrived Palaguina.

Colonel T. E. Watson, Area Commander, Northern Area, GN., Captain Yost and Lieut Whitford with eight enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Yalaguina and arrived.

Colonel T. E. Watson, Area Commander, Northern Area, GN., Lieut Bilbrey with eight enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Somoto. Lieut Bilbrey with patrol returned.

Captain Yost and Lieut Whitford with eight enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Palacaguina and arrived.

Lieut Bond with eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina with patrol plus Colonel Watson.

Lieut Sandino with eight enlisted arrived Condega from Daraili. Returned.

Captain Yost, Lieuts Stanley, Chavarria and Whitford with thirty one enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega and arrived.

Lieut Ragsdale with patrol returned to Jalapa.

Lieuts Broderick and Montenegro with twenty five enlisted cleared Daraili on patrol.

Lieuts Haubensack and Downey with twelve enlisted cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

1st Sgt Leiva with ten other enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa with one enlisted transferred and three civil prisoners for Matagalpa

Lieut Fonseca with two enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez.

Captain Smith, Lieut Snyder and twenty six enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Lieut s Pennington, Ward and Aguado with thirty enlisted reported Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

-----ooO- 24 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Reid, six enlisted, seven auxiliares arrived Sauce from Achuapa.

Lieuts Bryson and Atwell, thirteen enlisted and four auxiliares arrived Somotillo from Villa Nueva.

Lieut Reid, six enlisted, six auxiliares cleared El Sauce on police mission.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander, Northern Area, and Captain Williams with seven enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa and arrived.

Captain Holmes and Lieut Howard, USMC, and Lieuts Sinkule and Schick with ten enlisted and Jefe Politico cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa and arrived.

Colonel T. E. Watson, Area Commander, Northern Area, GN., Lieuts Sinkule and Schick, ten enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal and arrived.

Captain Holmes and Lieut Howard, U.S.M.C., and Captain Williams with seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Somoto and arrived.

Lieut Burt with eight enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Hamas with fourteen enlisted and two civicos cleared Jicaro on patrol.

Lieut Monterrey with patrol cleared Dipilto for Las Manos and returned.

Lieut Stanko with five enlisted cleared Palacuina on patrol and returned.

Lieuts Bryson and Atwell, nine enlisted, and five auxiliaries cleared Villa Nueva for Somotillo.

-----ooO- 25 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Surprenant with three enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for Posoltega and vicinity. Returned with one prisoner and one cutacha.

Lieut Reid, six enlisted and six auxiliaries returned sauce from patrol. Nothing to report.

Lieuts Zavala and Buitrago with patrol arrived Leon from combat mission.

Lieut Bilbrey with seven enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto and arrived. Cleared for Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieut Hamas with patrol returned to Apali.

Lieut Monterrey with eleven enlisted cleared Dipilto on combat mission and returned.

Lieut Aleman with six enlisted arrived Ocotal from Macuelizo. Returned to Macuelizo and arrived.

Captain Prichard, Lieut Sinkule with six enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived and returned.

Lieut Mahoney and Lieut Silva with combat patrol cleared Esteli on patrol.

Lieuts Beans and Smith with twenty-eight enlisted and two civicos returned to Quilali from patrol.

Following contact reports are quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, JINOTEGA.
21 AUGUST 1932.

From: The Commanding Officer, Company "M".
To : The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional.
Via : (1)- The Department Commander, Department
of Jinotega, Nic.
(2)- The Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Report of engagements with bandit groups at:
(1)- Pantasma Valley (257-347), 1330,
12 August, 1932.
(2)- Pantasma Valley (262-351), 1530,
12 August, 1932.
(3)- Jicalita Mountain (255-355), 1345,
13 August, 1932.
(4)- Jicalita Mountain (258-356), 1530,
13 August, 1932.
(5)- Pantasma Valley (261-349), 1200,
16 August, 1932.
(6)- Santa Fe (242-332), 0900,
19 August, 1932.

1. The following named officers and men took part in the six (6) engagements listed above with bandit groups, at the time and places shown:

Captain Lewis B. Puller.
1st Lieutenant William A. Lee.

1st Sgto	GUTIERREZ, Carlos	# 800
Sgto	TORREZ, Carmen	1998
Cabo	LOPEZ, Francisco	842
"	LOPEZ, Leoncio	1279
Raso	ALTAMIRANO, Juan A.	4998
"	ALTAMIRANO, Jose B.	1958
"	BALTODANO, Humberto	1161
"	CENTENO, Concepcion	4348
"	CARDENAS, Lauro R.	4357
"	CHAVARRIA, Juan J.	4287
"	DAVILA, Zenon C.	3927
"	DORMOS, Fernando	3543
"	DIAZ, Guillermo	2113
"	DAVILA, Juan J. P.	4930
"	FLORES, Francisco	4910
"	GARCIA, Lino	3584
"	GUTIERREZ, Tiburcio	3965
"	GUTIERREZ, Pedro	4922
"	GUIDO, Eusebio	3088
"	GAMEZ, Jorge	2821
"	HERNANDEZ, Santiago	4582

Raso	HERNANDEZ, Terencio	#4568
"	HERNANDEZ, Encarnacion	3935
"	JIRON, Ursulo	4346
"	LOPEZ, Jose M.	4117
"	MORENCO, Octavio	1773
"	MAYORGA, Rodolfo	3144
"	NICARAGUA, Alberto	1224
"	RIZO, Rosa L.	4915
"	ROMERO, Santos	2920
"	RAMOS, Jose R.	3912
"	RUGAMA, Domingo	3329
"	ROA, Antonio	3524
"	RAMIREZ, Alfredo	5122
"	ZAMORA, Francisco	4571
"	ZELEDON, Alejandro	4903
"	ZELEDON, Angel O.	4972
"	ZELEDON, Hernan R.	4474
"	VALLE, Carmen	4080

2. (1)- Pantasma Valley (257-347), 1330,
12 August, 1932.

The Company encountered and skirmished with a bandit group of about ten (10) who were driving cattle. There were no guardia casualties. One (1) known bandit wounded. Captured one (1) mule, one (1) horse, two (2) saddles, two (2) bridles, two (2) saddle pads, two (2) blanket rolls, forty (40) pounds of tobacco, and eleven (11) head of cattle. This group were armed with rifles, pistols, and cutachas; about half of them had rifles.

3. (2)- Pantasma Valley (262-351), 1530,
12 August, 1932.

The Company encountered and skirmished with a bandit group of about ten (10) who were driving cattle. There were no guardia casualties. One (1) or two (2) known bandit wounded. Captured one (1) horse, one (1) mule, two (2) saddles, two (2) bridles, two (2) saddle pads, two (2) blanket rolls, three (3) machettes, and fifteen (15) head of cattle. This group were armed with rifles, pistols and cutachas; about half of them had rifles.

4. (3)- Jicalita Mountain (255-355), 1345,
13 August, 1932.

On this patrol from 11 August to 19 August, my orders from the Area Commander were to go where I thought I could encounter bandit groups, act on local information, and use my own judgement. When I entered the Pantasma Valley, I understood that no Guardia patrols had been in that section for several months and I knew that if I crossed the Valley I would pick up a trail leading to a large bandit camp. Such a trail was encountered on the morning of 12 August. This trail had been used by the bandits for months and hundreds of head of cattle had been run over it. The Company marched north and west of this trail to the Jicalita River (on the Marine Corps Map this River

is shown as the Rosaro River). Here the trail ended. The Company marched down the river for some five (5) miles; average depth three (3) feet and average width twenty (20) feet. The River flows through rocky canyons along this stretch, the walls rising almost straight up on both sides as high as eighty (80) feet. It is a death trap to be caught in without a trench-mortar. Places had been selected and prepared along this canyon to defend and stop and approach down the River but it was unguarded on the 13 August. Correspondence captured later in the two (2) camps captured and destroyed shows that the camps had been in use since last December. As time went by and no Guardia patrols entered this section, I believe the River guards were withdrawn. About five (5) miles from the point where the Company entered the River, the trail commenced again and ran west into the Jicalita Mountains.

Attacked, captured and destroyed bandit camp of group of about forty (40). This camp contained eight (8) houses with bunks besides a number of lean-tos. There were no guardia casualties. Two (2) bandits killed (bodies left on field) and several wounded. Captured one (1) Krag rifle, one (1) ConCon Rifle, forty-seven (47) rounds of ammunition (assorted), eight (8) dynamite bombs, twenty-one (21) sticks of dynamite, quantity of dynamite fuse and caps, two (2) pack-saddles complete, two (2) horses, three (3) head of beef, thirty-five (35) pounds of tobacco, two hundred (200) pounds of salt, over five hundred (500) pounds of corn, over five hundred (500) pounds of beans, quantity of other food-stuffs, cooking utensils, three (3) tortilla stones, five (5) canteen, US, clothing, eight (8) machettes, knives and other loot.

The point of the Company observed a bandit sentry on the trail leading to the camp and could hear the bandits in their camp. There was heavy underbrush on both sides of the trail. The point consisting of ten (10) guardias and Lieut Lee attacked up the trail after giving me and fifteen (15) guardias time to enter the brush and attack from the flank. The brush was so heavy that only a few of the guardias in the point and flanking party could use their weapons to much advantage. The bandits did not put up much of a fight. They used no automatic fire. About half of them were armed with rifles.

5. (4)- Jicalita Mountain (258-356), 1530,
13 August, 1930.

Too much time was wasted in destroying the above camp (255-355) as the larger camp destroyed was within hearing of the fire. This provided the bandits in the second camp time to get out of their camp and take up firing positions on the hills surrounding it.

Destroyed bandit camp of group of about one hundred fifty (150). This camp contained thirty-

two (32) houses with bunks. There were no guardia casualties. Francisco Marin (guide for the Company) was shot and killed. One (1) bandit killed (body left on the trail) and a number wounded. Captured one (1) pistol, eighty-nine (89) rounds of ammunition (assorted, eleven (11) dynamite bombs, 42 sticks dynamite, quantity of dynamite fuse and caps, a quantity of black powder, shot and lead, six (6) saddles, six (6) bridles, six (6) saddle pads, eight (8) pairs of spurs, five (5) horses, seven (7) head of beef, over one hundred fifty (150) chickens, seventy-five (75) pounds of tobacco, about one thousand (1000) pounds of corn, about one thousand (1000) pounds of beans, coffee, lard, and other food-stuffs, four hundred (400) pounds of salt, cooking utensils among which were some lost by "M" Company at El Cenicerro, sixty-three (63) tin plates, many cups, knives, spoons, forks, eleven (11) tortilla stones, one (1) pair of post climbers, thirteen (13) machettes, nine (9) axes, clothing, shoe making plant with tools, leather, thread, etc., nine (9) canteen, US, correspondence, and much other loot. One of my men got a twenty dollar American bill, another had five (5) pair of cissors, others had one or two razors, etc. Also captured one (1) Marlin 44-40 repeating rifle, three (3) shotguns. The camp had been hurriedly deserted by the bandits when the Company entered it. A few minutes after the camp was occupied, the bandits opened fire from the hills surrounding it. I believe about half of this group had rifles and they employed two (2) Thompson sub-machine guns. Bandit fire is always high and when they fire down into a place it is higher than usual. The camp was fortified and the Company had good cover. When the bandits first opened fire, I had all my automatic weapons to cease firing and shouted that we were short of ammunition. As the Company was under cover, I had hopes that the bandits would rush us. As they would not do this, I used rifle grenades against the hill sides and then cleared them. The hill sides were covered with heavy brush. Carlos Salgado was the ranking Jefe of this group. I believe that Sandino had recently been in this camp.

6. (5)- Pantasma Valley (261-349), 1200,
16 August, 1932.

The Company encountered and skirmished with a bandit group of about fifteen (15). There were no guardia casualties. One known bandit wounded. About half of this group were armed with rifles.

7. (6)- Santa Fe (240-332), 0900,
19 August, 1932.

The Company was attacked by a group of about eighty (80) bandits. Before their fire opened, one bandit exposed himself and as the Company was on a sunken road there were no guardia casualties. Four (4) bandits were killed (bodies left on the field) and several wounded. The bandit position extended for

two hundred (200) yards on a ridge parallel to the road. Eleven (11) dynamite bombs and two (2) hand grenades thrown into the road by the bandits failed to function; over twenty-five (25) bombs thrown in or near the road did function. The bandits employed one (1) Thompson Sub-Machine Gun. The Company silenced the bandit fire, went forward, and the bandits fled to the eastward.

8. An inspection of the ammunition used by the bandits in the above six (6) engagements showed that the Thompson sub-machine guns were using F.A. 27 and U.S. 18; Krag rifles were using Krag combat and reloaded; Concon rifles were using Western 20 and F.N. C. 24 reloaded; Springfield rifle ammunition was F.A. 27 and U.S. 18. A machine press was used to set the primers and projectals in the reloaded ammunition. The primers are copper in the reloaded ammunition and the powder looks like smokeless powder used in shot gun shells; this was noticeable on the firing line by dull reports and large light colored smoke clouds.

9. The work of Lieut Lee and the guardias on this nine (9) day patrol and six (6) engagements with bandit groups was excellent and worthy of commendation. Lieut Lee is probably the best man in the U.S. Marine Corps, today, for combat patrol duty. I would like to see Lieutenant Lee made a Marine Gunner.

L. B. PULLER.

-The following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MATAGALPA.
11 AUGUST, 1932

From: Cabo Ines Montoya, #2651, GN.
To : The Department Commander, Dept of Matagalpa.
Subject : Contact report.
Reference: Verbal orders received.

1. On August 9, 1932, cleared Matagalpa with enlisted patrol and the Inspector of Telegraph and Telephone lines for Jinotega. The names of the enlisted men are as follows:

Raso, OLIVAS, Sabino	#2376
" DIAZ, Domingo	3151
" GARCIA, Miguel	3722
" RAMOS, Cecilio	2857
" FERNANDEZ, Adan	5153

9 AUGUST:- Cleared Matagalpa with the Inspector of Lines to repair the line between Matagalpa

Their courage and efficiency in battle, even when apparently hopelessly outnumbered, the physical hardships they endure without complaining when operating in the jungles and mountains, and their excellent morale in the face of handicaps due to lack of personnel all tend to prove that they are among the most able jungle warfare fighters in the world."

I am, my dear General Matthews,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ C. H. Woodward,
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Chairman, U. S. Electoral
Mission to Nicaragua.

Major General C. B. Matthews, G.N.,
Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional,
Managua, Nicaragua.

UNITED STATES ELECTORAL MISSION
TO
NICARAGUA.

Managua, Nicaragua,
23 August, 1932.

Dear General Matthews:

I am pleased to quote the following extract from a report made to me by Major Pedro A. del Valle, U.S. Marine Corps, Chairman, Department of Chontales, covering his preliminary reconnaissance of that Department:

" Captain Howard had arranged a reception for all the dignitaries and political leaders to meet us at his home. This ceremony was well attended and all persons of political importance were contacted. Captain Howard seems to be on equal good terms with all factions and impressed me as being well-informed, well-liked and as having the situation in his department well in hand. The Guardia present an excellent appearance, and from all accounts their performance equals their appearance.

I am, my dear General Matthews,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ C. H. Woodward,
Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy,
Chairman, U. S. Electoral
Mission to Nicaragua.

Major General C. D. Matthews, G.N.,
Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional,
Managua, Nicaragua.

OPERATIONS REPORT FROM RIVAS, 18 TO 24 AUGUST, 1932:

AUGUST 18- 0600 One enlisted cleared for San Jorge.
0840 One enlisted returned from San Jorge.
0830 One enlisted arrived from Belen.
1210 One enlisted cleared for Belen.
0830 One enlisted arrived from Potosi.
1230 One enlisted cleared for Potosi.

AUGUST 19- 0800 One enlisted arrived from Buenos
Aires.
1100 One enlisted cleared for Buenos Aires.

AUGUST 20- 0950 One enlisted arrived from San Jorge
with one civil prisoner and three
litros of cususa.
1130 One enlisted cleared for San Jorge.

AUGUST 21- ---- No Operations.

AUGUST 22- 0600 One enlisted cleared for San Juan
del Sur.
0830 One enlisted arrived from Tola.
1140 One enlisted cleared for Tola.

AUGUST 23- 1200 One enlisted cleared for half-way
to San Juan del Sur.
1930 One enlisted arrived from San Juan
del Sur.

AUGUST 24- 0800 One enlisted arrived from Potosi.
1200 One enlisted cleared for Potosi.
0800 One enlisted arrived from Buenos
Aires.
1130 One enlisted cleared for Buenos
Aires.

Following contact report is quoted:

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, NAVARRO.
21 AUGUST, 1932.

From: Captain C. A. Inman, GN.
To : The Department Commander, Department
of Matagalpa.
Subject : Combat patrol and contact report.
Reference: Marine Corps Map of Nicaragua.

1. In compliance with radio orders from the Area Commander, I cleared Navarro at 0600, 14 August with the following named officer, enlisted and equipment:

NAVARRO:

Captain INMAN, O. A.	- Patrol Commander.
Lieutenant ATHA, S. D.	- Second in Command.
Sgto PERALTA, Santiago	# 517 STMG
Cabo LAGOS, Modesto	2654 Rifle Grenade
" MATAMOROS, Inez	2962 STMG
" DELGADO, Reinaldo	3297 Practicante.
Raso ARAICA, Mariano	1524 Rifle Grenade
" AVENDANO, Humberto	2730 Rifle
" AGUINAGA, Paulino	4221 "
" BALLESTERO, Pedro	2731 "
" BLANDON, Domingo	3161 R.G. helper
" CARRASCO, Lucio	2054 Rifle
" DIAZ, Antonio	4020 "
" DIAZ, Ramon	4022 "
" ESCORCIA, Victor	2229 BAR
" GONZALEZ, Serapio	5132 Rifle
" GOMEZ, Roberto	2609 "
" IBARRA, Tomas	2823 "
" LAGUNA, Perfecto	4181 "
" LEZAMA, Julio	5115 R.G. Ayudante
" MATA, Isaac	1413 Rifle
" PENA, Ramon	4544 "
" QUINONEZ, Dionisio	4023 "
" RODAS, Erasmo	2956 "
" ROA, Placido	5133 BAR Ayudante
" SANCHEZ, Juan	3705 Rifle
" TORUNO, Asciclo	2497 BAR

MATAGALPA:

Sgto GUTIERREZ, Antonio	497 STMG
Cabo COREA, Francisco	1589 Rifle
" GUEVARA, Rodrigo	648 "
" MONTOYA, Inez	2651 "
Raso BOZA, Rinaldo	3756 "
" CARDENAS, Juan	4431 R.G.
" CABALLERO, Lorenzo	4261 R.G. Ayudante
" OCAIMPOS, Carlos	4233 R.G.

Raso OLIVAS, Sabino	#2376	R.G. Ayudante
" PASOS, Manuel	2932	Rifle
" PRADO, Leonardo	2532	"
" RAMOS, Cecilio	2867	"
" RIVERA, Pantaleon	2868	"
" RUIZ, Julian	4396	"
" SEQUEIRA, Marcelino	4010	"

The patrol arrived at the Tuma river crossing just above M. Rivas at 1400. The river was found to be impassable and no boats could be located. The patrol then returned to M. Rivas and camped for the night. The following morning a native was found who claimed to know the location of a pit-pan further up the river. The patrol cleared M. Rivas at 0800, and searched both banks of the river about a league. No boats were found and no place on the river that could be forded. We then cleared for Sardinal a distance of about four and half league and arrived at 1700 and went into camp for the night. Cleared Sardinal at 0700, 16 August, crossed the Tuma river with the aid of two pit pans and headed for Guasaca. All trails in that locality have grown over and the patrol had to cut their way through the entire distance. We arrived on eastern edge of Guasaca Valley at point 272-316 at 1630 and camped for the night. At 0700, 17 August, we cleared camp and cut our way through to "Chaslam", arriving at 1500 and went into camp. All trails to the north had completely grown over and the only indication of trails having been used was in the direction of Caratera. The patrol cleared in that direction at 0630, 18 August at "T Samora", fresh tracks were found crossing our trail in both directions. A native living there by the name of Louis Zamora, overseen for Robert Amort, told us that Pineda and his group had passed there the night before headed towards Pavona. The patrol proceeded on cautiously for about a half mile and was ambushed at point on the trail 267-313 at 0720. The contact lasted about five minutes. The bandits cleared out on the approach of a flanking detachment of Guardia. Their trail was followed for about a half mile to a small house when they scattered in all directions and the trail was lost. The bandits employed rifles, pistols, shotguns, dynamite bombs and one STMG. At the beginning of the contact, Scout Alfredo Haslam was wounded in the right breast and left jaw. It is not known whether any bandits were wounded or not. It is estimated that about forty bandits formed the group. Tomas Pineda was recognized by Haslam but it is not known whether he was leading the group or not. At J. B. Rivas, fresh tracks indicated that another ambush had been prepared. I ordered two rifle grenades to be placed in the most likely position and investigation proved that another group of about fifty had prepared an ambush but fled in all directions when the grenades exploded.

2. The patrol then proceeded to the Tuna River crossing just above M. Rivas arriving at 1230. The river was too high to ford, so a crude raft was made to transport the equipment, the wounded man and those of the patrol who could not swim. At 1430 while the first load was being pulled across the river the bandits again attacked the patrol from the cliff above and below the ford on the north side of the river. The contact lasted about five minutes when the bandits were driven off by the holding detachment we had left to cover our crossing. The crossing was completed at 1730 and due serious condition of Maslem the patrol pushed on to Navarro, arriving here at 0130, 19 August.

3. The conduct of all members of the patrol was excellent. The patrol Commander wished to especially commend 1st Lieut Atha for the excellent manner in which he conducted the advanced party, the promptness and thoroughness with which he formed his firing line and the coolness and securacy of command under fire. The under signed also desires to commend Alfredo Haslem for his spirit and bravery after being twice wounded, he insisted on leading the point which he did for a league and a half at which point I ordered him placed on one of the pack mules because of his weakened condition.

O. A. INMAN,
Captain, Guardia Nacional.

AUGUST 26:-

Lieuts Mahoney and Silva and Esteli patrol had contact with group of about forty, jefe Tomas Blandon, near point (207-304) between Esteli and La Trinidad at 0600. Contact consisted of running fight lasting over two hours when bandits were scattered in all directions. Bandit casualties three known killed including jefe Blandon and indications of several wounded. No Guardia casualties. Guardia captured correspondence, 6 animals with saddles, hats, cutachas and miscellaneous articles.

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Lieutenant Henderson from Managua to Eastern Area on 21 August 1932.

Captain Prichard arrived Managua from Northern Area on 22 August 1932.

Lieutenant Adams from
August 1932.

Rivas to Managua on 25

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