

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MANAGUA, NIC.  
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THE GUARDIA NEWS LETTER N. 115 (24 AUGUST TO 2 SEPTEMBER 1932)

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

1st Sgt Leiva with half-way patrol ten other enlisted and one enlisted transferred from Matagalpa arrived Jinotega from half-way Matagalpa.

Lieuts Haubensack, Downey and twelve enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Jinotega.

Lieut Zeledon with eight enlisted cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias.

Cabo Salas with five other enlisted cleared La Fundadora to repair telegraph line east toward Matagalpa. Returned.

Lieut Uriza with nine enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo.

Lieut Leady with ten enlisted cleared Navarro on reconnaissance mission to Tuma River crossings.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega and one enlisted transferred cleared for Jinotega.

Lieut Bunn with twelve enlisted cleared San Isidro on combat mission vicinity El Naranjo.

Six enlisted returned Matagalpa from half-way Jinotega with one enlisted transferred.

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

Captain Puller and Central Area patrol had contact August 25 with bandit group of seventy five in mountain pass near Las Cruces (251-332), Jefe unknown. Bandits were defending pass but guardia patrol forced way through and put them to flight. Bandit casualties one known killed, several wounded. No Guardia casualties.

Lieut Krawie with two enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca via aviation field.

Lieut Zeledon with eight enlisted arrived La Fundadora from Las Camelias.

Lieut Rocha with seven enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Lieut Escobar with four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy.

Lieut Leady with ten enlisted returned Navarro from reconnaissance mission Tuma and Sardinal. No information gained.

Lieut Flippo with four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Ward with twenty enlisted cleared Navarro for Tuma and Sardinal on reconnaissance mission.

-----ooO- 26 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Frish and Sanchez with eight enlisted and ten auxiliares returned Sauce from patrol. Report firing at long range on small group, thought to be Inocente Blandon. Group scattered and patrol unable to pick up tracks. Patrol destroyed bandit camp and brought in two bandit suspects and two shotguns.

Five enlisted and three auxiliares arrived Sauce from Villanueva.

Captains Williams, Holmes and Lieut Howard with seven enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa and arrived.

Captain Holmes and Lieut Howard and Lieut Delgadillo with six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived Coco River and met by Ocotal patrol. Lieut Delgadillo with patrol returned Totogalpa. Captain Holmes and Lieut Howard proceeded Ocotal.

Lieut McDonald with twenty enlisted cleared Limay for Esteli and arrived.

Lieut Bell with twelve enlisted cleared La Trinidad for La Concepcion and returned.

Lieut Hays with twelve enlisted and two bandits cleared San Juan on reconnaissance mission and returned.

Lieuts Mahoney and Silva with patrol returned Esteli.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Hamas with twenty four enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro and arrived.

Captain Williams with seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Yalaguina and arrived.

1st Sgt Leiva and one civilian agent returned Jinotega from special mission vicinity Sisle. Captured one bandit spy.

Lieut Zeledon with eleven enlisted cleared La Fundadora on reconnaissance patrol for vicinity Babilonia.

Lieut Zeledon with eleven enlisted returned La Fundadora from reconnaissance patrol. Gained information Estrada and group twenty five at Salvadora August 24th.

Lieut Rocha with seven enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Lieut Krawie with fourteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Lieut Gutierrez P. and Lieut Gallardo with nine enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Captain Inman, Lieut Ekburg and five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and arrived.

Lieut Pavelko with four enlisted reported Matagalpa from Muy Muy.

Lieut Ward with twenty enlisted returned Navarro from reconnaissance mission vicinity Tuma River and Sardinal and Agua Amarilla. Nothing to report.

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

-----ooO- 27 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Schuh, four enlisted and four auxiliares cleared Somotillo for Villa Nueva.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Kalman, three enlisted and six civil prisoners arrived Leon from El Sauce.

Five enlisted cleared Chinandega for El Viejo on police mission.

Lieut Schoning with twelve enlisted, one armed civilian and civilian party cleared Telpaneca for Ocotal and arrived.

Captain Williams with seven enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto and arrived with patrol and one prisoner.

Lieut Stanko with eight enlisted and two civicos cleared Palacaguina for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Bilbrey with five enlisted cleared Yalaguina on patrol and returned.

Lieut Silva with fifteen enlisted and four armed civilians cleared on patrol from Esteli and returned.

Lieuts Stanley and Whitford with five enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived and cleared for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieuts Broderick and Montenegro with twenty five enlisted arrived Daraili from patrol.

Lieut Stevens with four enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission on Jinotega-Matagalpa road south and returned.

Lieuts Castillo and Matamoros with thirty eight enlisted returned San Rafael from combat mission Pantasma area. Information negative.

Captain Smith, Lieut Snyder and twenty six enlisted arrived Yali from combat mission vicinity 241-320.

Lieut Escobar reported Iuy Iuy from Esquipulas.

Captain Davis and Lieut Elliott cleared Iuy Iuy for Rio Grande to investigate drowning of Lieut Saenz.

Lieuts Halman and Castillo with five enlisted cleared El Sauce on information to point one mile south-west. Returned. Captured one pistol, one shot-gun and some Guardia clothing.

Lieut Schuh, four enlisted and four auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva for Sonotillo.

-----oo0- 28 AUGUST 1952 -Ooo-----

Lieut Zavala and four enlisted returned Leon from PoneLoya.

Lieut Spart with eight enlisted returned Chinandega after covering the Districts of La Boca, El Choro, El Grioman, Tampasqueipa, Macascola and El Tempisque. Reports all quiet and no contrabandistas were seen.

Lieut Chavarria with twenty two enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Staako with eight enlisted arrived Palacaguina from Pueblo Nuevo.

Captain Biebush and Lieuts Smith and Gutierrez with twenty-six enlisted cleared Quilali to operate vicinity north of Coco River.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Gutierrez with twenty enlisted cleared Jicaro for Jalapa.

Lieuts Broderick and Montenegro with combat patrol arrived Condega from Daraili.

Lieut McDonald with fourteen enlisted cleared Esteli for Limay.

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

Captain Small with twenve enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way to San Rafael.

Six enlisted telegraph repair party arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Six enlisted cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

Lieut Fonseca with fifteen enlisted cleared La Fundadora on combat mission vicinity La Mascota.

Lieut Fonseca with fifteen enlisted combat patrol returned La Fundadora. No information gained.



Lieut Castillo with combat patrol thirty-eight enlisted on combat mission and Lieut Matamoros enroute Jinotega, cleared San Rafael for half-way Jinotega.

Captain Smith, Lieut Wriston and twenty four enlisted cleared Yali for San Rafael.

Lieuts Gutierrez P. and Gallardo with nine enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Lieut Pavelko with five enlisted guard and five guardias prisoners passed enroute to Managua at Dario.

Lieut Pavelko with five guard and five Guardia prisoners cleared Matagalpa for Managua via truck.

Lieut Pennington, Lieut Warden (1<sup>st</sup>) and Lieut Aguado with thirty enlisted cleared Navarro to investigate bandit reports near Agua Amarilla.

Six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Chaguitillo as pack train guard and returned.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Gutierrez with patrol arrived Jalapa.

-----ooO- 29 AUGUST 1952 -OoO-----

Five enlisted returned Chinandega from El Viejo from special police mission.

Captain Williams with eight enlisted cleared Sonoto for Patate.

Sgt Olivas with three other enlisted cleared Yalaguina on patrol.

Lieuts Mahoney and Silva with combat patrol cleared Esteli for La Concordia.

Lieuts Chavarria and Burt with eight enlisted and one civico cleared Pueblo Nuevo on patrol. Returned.

Lieut McDonald with patrol arrived Limay from Esteli.

Captain Lakso, Lieuts Kalman and Castrillo with twelve enlisted arrived El Sauce from Punta Rieles.

Lieuts Weeks and Grieco and Corinto Finca patrol had contact with bandit group, jefe Rosa Irias at Gualte Mt. (247-332) August 29. Fight lasted five minutes when bandits scattered. Bandit casualties four killed, one known wounded. No Guardia casualties.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Kalman and three enlisted cleared Leon for El Sauce.

Lieut Castrillo with twelve enlisted cleared El Sauce for Punta Rieles to meet Captain Lakso and Lieut Kalman.

Lieuts Gutierrez P. and Gallardo with fourteen enlisted and one civil prisoner arrived Jinotega from Corinto Finca.

Lieuts Haubensack and Zeledon with twelve enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

Captain Griffin, Lieuts Darrah and Foster (M) with sixteen enlisted returned Jinotega from reconnaissance patrol vicinity Sisle.

Lieut Grieco with fifteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from Sisle.

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

Lieuts Gutierrez P. and Gallardo with fourteen enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega.

Lieut Warden (II) with four enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy.

Lieuts Pennington, Ward and Aguado with thirty enlisted returned Navarro from area Tuma, Agua Amarilla, Sardin. Gained information bandit group eighteen, Jefe Tomas Pineda crossed Tuma River headed south near Agua Amarilla on August 26th.

Six enlisted telegraph line repair party returned Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Gutierrez with twenty enlisted cleared Jalapa for Jicaro and arrived.

Lieut Schoning with patrol arrived Telpaneca.

Lieut Uriza and Lieut Jimenez with twenty five enlisted cleared Consuelo for Tuma crossings I. Lopez.

-----ooO- 30 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Burt and Chavarria with twenty-one enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Sinkule with seven enlisted cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieuts Mahoney and Silva with patrol arrived Concordia.

Lieut Lopez with twelve enlisted cleared Sonoto for half-way to Totogalpa and returned escorting Lieut Sinkule.

Lieut Bell with ten enlisted cleared La Trinidad for half-way to Esteli. Ten enlisted returned to La Trinidad. Sgt Garcia with fifteen other enlisted cleared half-way to La Trinidad and returned with Lieut Bell.

Lieuts McDonald and Barquero with Linay combat patrol cleared Linay for Esteli and arrived.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Hamas with ten enlisted cleared Jicaró for Apali and arrived.

Lieut Sinkule and Lieut Delgadillo with six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for half-way to Somoto. Lieut Delgadillo with six enlisted returned.

Lieut Bilbrey with four enlisted cleared Yalaguina on patrol and returned.

Cabo Gonzalez with Ocotal patrol cleared for Ocotal from Totogalpa and arrived.

1st Sgt Portocarrero with five other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for outskirts of town and returned.

Captain Williams with eight enlisted arrived Pataste from patrol and cleared for Somoto. Arrived. Lieuts Sinkule and Lopez with half-way patrol returned. Lieuts Bend and Lopez with nine enlisted cleared for Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieut Artola with ten enlisted from Pataste, cleared Somoto for point one league north of Pataste and returned.

Lieut Artola with ten enlisted and two civilians cleared Somoto on patrol and returned.

Lieut Bond with seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Chenoweth, three enlisted with 5 G.C.M. prisoners arrived Leon from Managua.

Lieut Haubensack with twelve enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Lieut Grieco with fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for Sisle.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., Major Whaley, Lieut Darrah and fifteen enlisted returned Jinotega from reconnaissance vicinity of Sisle.

Lieut Mahoney, Lieut Silva and twenty-five enlisted arrived La Concordia from Esteli.

Captain Smith, Lieut Wriston and twenty five enlisted cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Lieut Weeks and Lieut Grieco with thirty enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from combat patrol.

Lieut Pennington and Lieut Aguado with forty enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Navarro.

Lieut Martin returned Totogalpa from Managua.

Lieut Pennington and Lieut Aguado with forty enlisted cleared Navarro for Corinto Finca.

Lieut Ekburg with twelve enlisted cleared Consuelo for Sardinal via Chavarrias.

Lieut Flippo with ten enlisted cleared Cuatro Esquinas for Tuma.

Captain Davis, Lieut Elliott, Lieut Warden (M) with three enlisted arrived Muy Muy from Paso Real.

-----ooO- 31 AUGUST 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Schuler and Lieut Sotomayor cleared Chinandega for El Viejo on police mission. Returned.

Lieut Chenoweth with three enlisted cleared Leon for Managua.

Lieut Alonzo arrived Leon from Nagarote for duty Leon.

Lieut Cuadra Cea (M) arrived Leon from inspection Chinandega.

-----ooO- 1 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Major Arnett, four enlisted cleared Leon for Quezalguaque on inspection trip.

Lieut Bond arrived Chichigalpa from Managua for special temporary duty.

Major Arnett, four enlisted returned Leon from inspection in Quezalguaque.

Lieut Frisch, twelve enlisted and eight auxiliaries cleared El Sauce as escort for linemen repairing Esteli line.

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Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, ACOYAPA, NIC.  
22 AUGUST 1952.

From: The District Commander.  
To : The Department Commander, Juigalpa, Nic.  
Subject : Report of contact.  
Reference: (a)- Verbal Orders, Department Commander.

1. In accordance with reference (a), cleared on 19 August, 1950, for the place called El Zapotal, east of Santo Tomas on information of a group of bandits operating at that place. We were later informed that the bandits were at Llano de los Mollejones, proceeded for that place and on our arrival information was given to us that the bandits were headed for El Zapotal. Made camp for the night at Los Mollejones and cleared the next morning for El Zapotal 0600, 20 August and arrived at 1030.

At this place the point fired on a small group of bandits. Bandit casualties two killed. Patrol captured one horse with equipment, one cutacha and one pair of high boots.

Bandits estimated as eight. They fled toward north of Zapotal. Patrol pursued them but no further contact could be gained.

Contact lasted for three minutes.

Cleared for San Pedro de Lovago passing through Cangrejal, Lagitos and Potrero Cerrado. No signs of bandits were found. Arrived at San Pedro at 2230.

Arms used by the Guardia:  
1 STMG,  
6 Springfield Krag Rifles.

The names of the officer and enlisted men are as follows:-

|           |                       |       |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| 2nd Lieut | TERCERO, Antonio, GN. |       |
| Raso      | CHAVARRIA, Felipe     | #2112 |
| "         | GARCIA, Juan E.       | 4588  |
| "         | GARCIA, Asencion      | ----  |
| "         | FUENTES, Isabel       | 3194  |
| "         | DIAZ, Santiago        | ----  |
| "         | JIRON, Celestino      | ----  |

The conduct of all members of the patrol is worthy of praise.

A. TERCERO,  
2nd Lieutenant, GN.,  
Comdr. District of Acoyapa.

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, ESTELI, NIC.  
27 AUGUST 1932.

From: Lieut Michael H. Mahoney, GN de Nic.  
To : The Department Commander, Department of Esteli, Nic.

Subject : Contact, Report of.  
Reference: (a)- General Order 109-(1929).  
(b)- Marine Corps May of Nicaragua.  
Inclosure: Letter from Gen. Sandino to Col. T. Blandon.

1. In obedience to verbal orders of the Department Commander, Captain Walter S. Gaspar, GN de Nic., a patrol consisting of two officers and nineteen enlisted men cleared Esteli at 1600, 25 August, 1932 for Santa Cruz (200-303), with the mission to investigate bandit activities in that area and then to operate on local information.

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

Lieut Michael H. Mahoney, Patrol Commander.  
Lieut Carlos M. Silva, Second in Command.

|                       |       |              |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|
| Sgt. PANIAGUA, Carlos | # 166 | BAR          |
| Cabo ZELEDON, Tomas   | 2375  | STMG         |
| Raso ESMINOZA, Juan   | 4116  |              |
| " HERNANDEZ, Andres   | 3351  | BAR          |
| " CENTENO, Calixto    | 2521  |              |
| " OBREGON, Gustavo    | 880   |              |
| " GUTIERREZ, Nieves   | 2902  |              |
| " SUAREZ, Miguel      | 4252  |              |
| " GONZALEZ, Ramon     | 1548  |              |
| " GOMEZ, Esteban      | 1590  |              |
| " LOPEZ, Francisco    | 3628  | STMG         |
| " RAMIREZ, Juan       | 2647  | Lanza Bomba. |
| " RODRIGUEZ, Ventura  | 5144  |              |
| " ESCALANTE, Enemecio | 2872  | Lanza Bomba. |
| " SALGADO, Santos     | 4209  |              |
| " LOPEZ, Jose         | 3796  |              |
| " ZAIORA, Eduardo     | 4250  |              |
| " TORUÑO, Coronado    | 5143  |              |
| " MARADIAGA, Julian   | 4122  |              |

3. The patrol arrived at Santa Cruz at about 2000, and then proceeded to a point one mile south of Santa Cruz. Found that one Señor Mendoza had been killed by the bandits. Sent the body to Esteli and the patrol returned to Santa Cruz and there rested for the remainder of the night.

4. Cleared Santa Cruz at 0400, 26 August, 1932, for Espinol (217-307). When the patrol arrived at a house which is about two and one half miles east of Santa Cruz, we stopped there to question the people living there. A sentry observed a large group of bandits about seven hundred yards away and gave the alarm in a loud voice which was heard by the bandits. The patrol broke into a run in

order to close with the bandits. The bandits opened fire and maintained it at a furious rate for about two minutes in a vain attempt to halt the Guardia or force the patrol to deploy. This failing, the bandits began an orderly retreat to the north-east. The patrol pursued with fire and movement for two hours, or until the jefe of the group was killed by Lieut Silva. Upon the death of the jefe, the group scattered and fled leaving three dead behind. These three bodies were searched for identification papers. Two could not be identified, and the inclosed correspondence was found on the jefe.

5. The bandits were armed with Krag and Com-Con Rifles; pistols, cutachas and one automatic weapon which was either a BAR or a Lewis. The group numbered about forty and had six riding animals. The Guardia employed two BARs; two SMGs; two Lanza Bombas; hand grenades and Krag rifles.

6. CASUALTIES:  
Guardia: None.  
Bandits: 3 killed,  
Wounded unknown.

CAPTURES:  
5 horses,  
1 mule  
5 hats with red and black bands  
4 blankets  
2 cutachas  
2 ponchos  
Bandit correspondence  
(All animals complete with saddles  
and bridles)

7. All members of the patrol conducted themselves in a way usual and typical of the Guardia Nacional, that is, in a most praise worthy manner.

8. The patrol commander takes pleasure in commending the bravery and initiative of Carlos M. Silva, Lieut Silva, upon seeing several bandits trying to carry away the wounded jefe, ran forward alone and drove off the bandits. This brave deed resulted in the capture of the inclosed correspondence. The bandits, however, succeeded in taking with them all arms of the ones who were killed.

9. Its mission accomplished, the patrol returned to Esteli, arriving at 1140, 26 August, 1952.

MICHAEL M. MAHONEY.

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Quoted for information of all concerned:-

HEADQUARTERS, 2ND MARINE BRIGADE  
MANAGUA NICARAGUA

26 August, 1952

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTORAL SECURITY DETACHMENTS

1. During the forthcoming Electoral period, which extends from 7 September, 1952, to 6 November, 1952, both dates inclusive, Security Detachments composed of personnel of the 2d Marine Brigade will be placed on duty with certain electoral personnel of the United States Electoral Mission to Nicaragua at places other than in Managua.

THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WILL GOVERN:

(A) OPERATIONS.

Troops assigned to the security force have no offensive mission in connection with the suppression of banditry nor will they exercise any police functions except in emergency, or in the absence of the forces of the Guardia Nacional. These functions remain normally with the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua. Marines assigned to security duty will not leave the limits of the town to which assigned except in emergency and under orders of senior Marine officer present. If attacked they will defend themselves and the town in accordance with a plan formulated in cooperation with the Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua.

Detachments of security troops proceeding to and from Managua or traveling for any purpose will exercise extreme vigilance. They will travel in units of sufficient strength to insure their own security and every care and precaution will be taken to avoid contacts with armed bandits. In case of attack they will defend themselves, but in no case will the pursuit be taken up except to insure safe passage for the detail. In cases of extreme emergency, the senior Marine Officer present will assume command.

(B) THE TASKS OF EACH OF SAID SECURITY DETACHMENTS SHALL BE:

1. To protect the personnel of the United States on duty with the U.S. Electoral Mission, at and in the immediate vicinity of the places where said security Detachments are stationed:

2. To aid and assist the local detachments of the Guardia Nacional in safeguarding electoral property and records and in preserving order at, and in the immediate vicinity of, the polling places which are under the direct supervision of personnel of the United States on duty with the U.S. Electoral Mission at those places where said Security Detachments are stationed:



3. In extreme emergency only to relieve the local detachments of the Guardia Nacional from their duties of furnishing local security at, and in the immediate vicinity of, the places where said Security Detachments are stationed when said Guardia Nacional Detachments are employed on duty beyond the limits thereof and, during said periods, to perform all necessary and essential defensive functions of the said Guardia Nacional for and on behalf of electoral purposes:

(4) To otherwise aid and assist the local detachments of the Guardia Nacional in the exercise of their police functions at, and in the immediate vicinity of, the places where said Security Detachments are stationed, when said detachments of the Guardia Nacional are present thereat, only in such emergencies as are directly connected with matters of electoral concern which are beyond the control of the said detachments of the Guardia Nacional.

(C) - - - THE PURPOSES OF THE FOREGOING TASKS, HEREBY ASSIGNED SAID SECURITY DETACHMENTS ARE:

(1) To guarantee the safety of United States personnel on duty with the U.S. Electoral Mission at, and in the immediate vicinity of, the places where said Security Detachments are stationed;

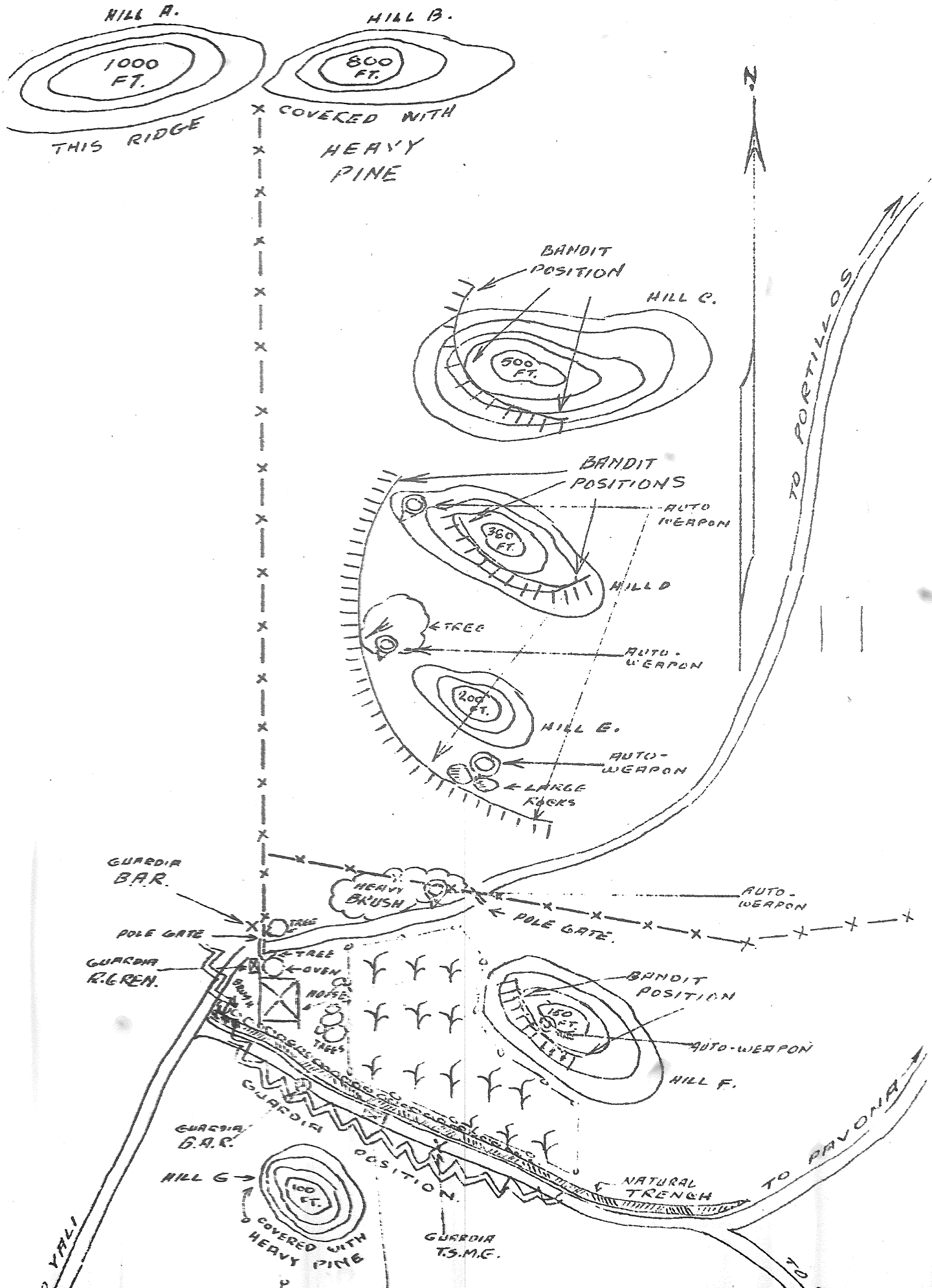
(2) To cooperate with the Guardia Nacional stationed in that vicinity in the protection and security of Electoral personnel and records; and

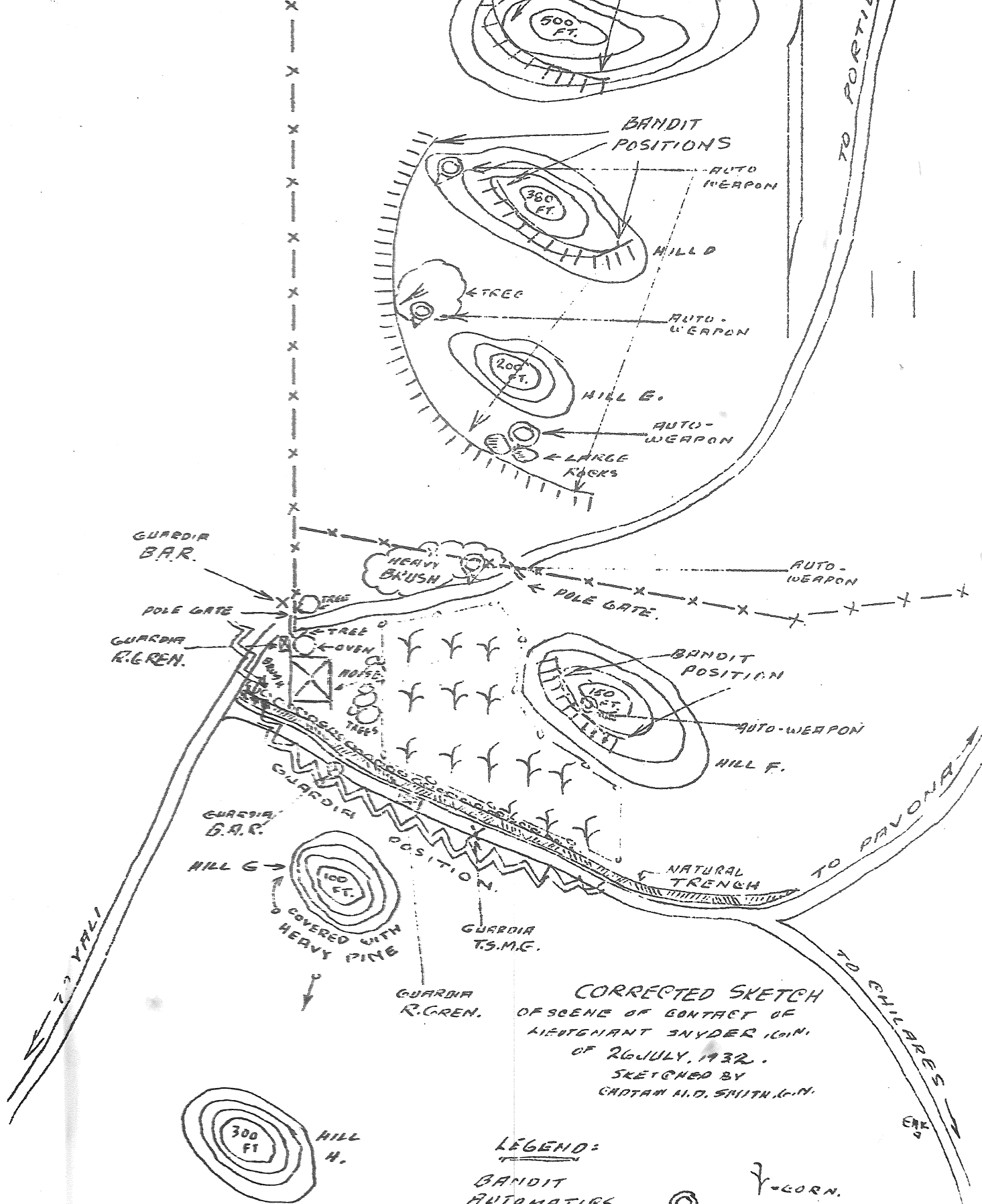
(3) To assist the U.S. Electoral Mission to Nicaragua in its efforts to guarantee, protect and defend the liberty of suffrage to the citizens of Nicaragua, and to insure a free and fair election of Supreme Authorities, without fraud or violence.

2. To the ends set forth above, the Security Detachments shall cooperate with the agencies of the U.S.

Electoral Mission, the National Board of Elections, and the Guardia Nacional located or stationed at, and in the immediate vicinity of, the places where said Security Detachments are stationed. In any case of dispute or disagreement with regard to the meaning or application of the foregoing provisions hereof, or as to the methods or measures to be adopted and pursued for the carrying out of same, the decision of the senior United States Marine or Naval officer present shall be conclusive and final.

/s/ R. C. Berkeley,  
R. C. BERKELEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding Second Marine Brigade  
U. S. Marine Corps in Nicaragua.





CORRECTED SKETCH  
 OF SCENE OF CONTACT OF  
 LIEUTENANT SNYDER (C.M.)  
 OF 26 JULY, 1932.  
 SKETCHED BY  
 CAPTAIN M.D. SMITH (C.M.)

LEGEND:  
 BANDIT AUTOMATICS — = CORN.

HILL F, E, H, and G  
 COVERED WITH BRUSH  
 4 FT. HIGH.

HILL G IS 100 YDS FROM HOUSE.  
 " F " 200 " " "  
 " E " 300 " " "

(ALL LOCATIONS TAKEN WITH HOUSE AS ZERO)

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

From: 2nd Lieut Policarpo Gutierrez L. GN.  
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.

subject : Contact report.  
Reference: (a)- Operations order No. 826-32, Aug 26 1932.

1. In accordance with reference (a) a contact with bandits was gained at about 800 yards west of Quebrada river, August 27, 1932.

Station of the patrol: Corinto Finca, Nic.

The mission of the patrol was to gain contact with bandits and destroy their groups operating in that area.

Date and hour of the contact: August 27, 1932 at 3:20 PM.

The contact was effected about 800 yards from Quebradon River, on the Coyolar road. Contact lasted about 30 minutes.

Following list of officers and enlisted men:

2nd Lieut Policarpo Gutierrez L., GN.  
2nd Lieut Jose Santos Gallardo, GN.

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Sgt. BARAFONA, Carlos  | #1184 |
| Cabo DELANTEAU, Carlos | 1406  |
| " GUTIERREZ, Feliz M.  | 4596  |
| Raso PICADO, Salvador  | 4517  |
| " HERRERA, Aristobulo  | 3891  |
| " PALACIOS, Meriberto  | 5208  |
| " RIZO, Jose Leon      | 4936  |
| " GUTIERREZ, Francisco | 4858  |
| " ROCHA, Jose          | 4904  |
| " GONZALEZ, Victor     | 4870  |
| " ALTAMIRANO, Justo    | 5120  |
| " FUENTES, Juan        | 3626  |
| " LANZA, Dionisio      | 4967  |
| " RIVAS, Carlos        | 3374  |
| " LAPATA, Arnulfo      | 4987  |
| " ZAMURIA, Rosendo     | 418   |

Group consisted of fifty armed bandits with rifles and machine guns. Guardia casualties: none. Bandit casualties: several wounded but number unknown. Many blood trails were found at the place of the contact.

Arms used by the Guardia during the contact:

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| 2 STIGs - - - - -              | 164 rounds. |
| 2 Springfield rifles - - - - - | 98 "        |
| 1 BAR - - - - -                | 111 "       |
| 11 Krag rifles - - - - -       | 452 "       |
| 1 Pistol .45 - - - - -         | 29 "        |
| 1 Pistol .38 - - - - -         | 25 "        |
| rifle grenades - - - - -       | 21 "        |



Bandits were armed with rifles and 4 STMGs.

While the patrol was on its return to home station after destroyed the bandit camp of Captain Perfecto Chavarria and the Sub-jefes Tiburcio and Lorenzo Ochoa, located on the Tuma River, was attacked by a strong bandit group at Coyolar road near Quebradon river. Patrol opened a heavy fire against the bandits who retreated towards the mountains. Bandits used a strong offensive against the patrol but fled in all directions after a half hour fight. Patrol did not search the place of contact to avoid an ambush because of a faulty BAR. Inclosed herewith correspondence captured at their camp which was destroyed.

The conduct of all members of the patrol was excellent. Rasos PICADO, Salvador #4517; RIVAS, Carlos #2374 and FERRERA, Aristobulo #3891 are worthy of praise for their courage.

P. GUTIERREZ L.  
2nd Lieutenant, GN.

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OPERATIONS REPORT FROM RIVAS, 25 to 31 AUGUST 1932:

25 AUGUST 0600 Lieut Adams cleared Rivas for Managua.  
0600 One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Jorge.  
0830 One enlisted returned from San Jorge.

26 AUGUST 1100 Lieut Bello cleared for Buenos Aires on inspection trip.  
2100 Lieut Bello returned from Buenos Aires.

27 AUGUST 0600 One enlisted arrived from Buenos Aires.  
1130 One enlisted cleared Buenos Aires for Rivas.  
1100 One enlisted arrived from Tola.  
1200 One enlisted cleared for Tola.

28 AUGUST 0600 Two enlisted cleared for San Jorge.  
1730 Two enlisted returned from San Jorge.  
1500 Two enlisted cleared for Los Cerros.

29 AUGUST 0300 Two enlisted returned from police mission to Los Cerros.  
1000 Two enlisted cleared for Palos Negros.  
1400 Two enlisted returned from Palos Negros.  
1600 Lieut Frieb and one enlisted cleared for Rosario.  
1745 Lieut Frieb and one enlisted returned from Rosario with one civil prisoner.

30 AUGUST 1530 Lieut Frieb and two enlisted cleared for Rosario.  
2000 Lieut Frieb and two enlisted returned from Rosario.  
1900 Two enlisted cleared for Tola on police mission.

31 AUGUST 0930 Two enlisted returned from Tola.  
0800 One enlisted arrived from Potosi.  
1230 One enlisted cleared Potosi for Rivas.  
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Colonel Wm. H. H. Turville, Medico Director, GN., to  
Brigade Hospital on 27 August, 1932.

Lieut Adams from Managua to Northern Area on 29, Au-  
gust, 1932.

Lieut Cipolloni (MC) to Brigade Hospital on 31 August,  
1932.

Lieut Bond from Ocotal to Managua on temporary duty,  
31 August, 1932.

Lieut Bond from Managua to Chinandega on September 1st,  
1932.

Lieut Hamas from Northern Area to Managua on September  
1st, 1932. Temporary duty.

Lieut Gray from Managua to Eastern Area on 2nd August,  
1932.

Lieut Truesdale from Leon to Managua on September 2nd,  
1932. Temporary duty.  
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Saturday morning, September 3rd, the Marines of the  
2d Brigade held a parade and review on the Loma in Managua.  
The occasion was the presentation of the CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL  
OF HONOR to Lieutenant Donald L. Truesdale, GN, and the  
NAVY CROSS to Lieutenant John Hamas, GN, by the Brigade  
Commander, Brigadier General R. C. Berkeley, USMC.

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