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-----ooO- 28 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Grieco with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on combat mission. Returned.

Captain Small with five enlisted and five civicos cleared San Rafael to repair telegraph line between San Gabriel and Tomatoya. Returned.

Lieut Ekberg with ten enlisted cleared Navarro for Agua Amarilla. Lieut Montes with five enlisted cleared San Isidro for San Andres.

Nine enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Palcala and returned.

Five enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Joyotepe and returned.

-----ooO- 29 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Captain Small, Lieut Hayward USMC., Cpl. Covington, USMC., and ten enlisted arrived San Rafael from half-way to Yali.

-----ooO- 30 SEPTEMBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Ten enlisted cleared Leon via train for Valle de las Zapatas and arrived.

Captain Brauer, three other officers and thirty-two Cadets cleared El Sauce on combat mission.

Captain Trumble, three other Officers, and thirty-five Cadets arrived at Punta Rieles and cleared on combat mission.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., Major Baker, USMC., Captain Nixon, Captain Young (II) and Lieutenants Barnes and Maradiaga (I) with two enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Captain Small, and five enlisted cleared La Concordia for half-way to San Rafael. Arrived.

Five enlisted returned La Concordia from half-way to San Rafael.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., Captain Young, Lieutenants Barnes, Maradiaga and two enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas and Matagalpa. Reported Matagalpa.

Captain Williams with ten enlisted cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Lieut Gutierrez with fourteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for half-way to Apali.

Lieut Cuadra with fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro, accompanied by Lieut Gomez, on leave, Lieut Cuadra with patrol returned.

Lieuts McCorkle and Barquero with 7th Combat patrol cleared Esteli on patrol and returned.

Lieut Ortiz with 6th Combat Patrol cleared Esteli on patrol.

-----ooO- 1 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieuts Price and Rabberman with 3rd Combat Patrol cleared Condega for Esteli and arrived.

Captain Yost and Lieut Stanko with 7 enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina and arrived. Captain Yost and Lieut Montenegro with 7 enlisted cleared for Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieuts Adams and Montenegro with six enlisted cleared Condega for Totogalpa and arrived. Lieut Adams with six enlisted cleared for Yalaguina and arrived.

Captain Yost, Lieuts Delgadillo and Montenegro with six enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Ocotal and Arrived. Lieut Delgadillo with six enlisted returned Totogalpa.

Lieut Monterrey with six enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal and arrived. Six enlisted returned to Dipilto.

Lieut Sandino with seven enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili and arrived.

Lieut Hammond with seven enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived and returned to Pueblo Nuevo with one prisoner.

Lieut Kipp with eight enlisted cleared Ocotal for half-way to Macuelizo escorting Lieut Howard, USMC; eight enlisted returned.

Lieut Aleman with ten enlisted cleared Macuelizo for half-way to Ocotal and returned escorting Lieuts Howard, USMC, and Lieut Kipp, GN.

Captain Williams with ten enlisted arrived Pataste. Cleared for Somoto and arrived.

Captain Elmore, Department Commander, Chinandega, GN., cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and San Antonio on inspection trip.

Captain Brauer reports from Punta Rieles arrived, covered Sabana Grande, Sebado, La Jolla and Coco. Indications bandits left there eight days ago. Expecting Capt Trumble to return tonight, awaiting his orders.

Captain Trumble arrived Punta Rieles. Reports no signs of bandits. All indications shows they left San Antonio valley at least two days ago before and believes Colindres had gone north, sometime ago.

Somotillo reports message from Lieut Artola (location not given but believed to be in Cinco Pinos) that more than 100 bandits were at 123-323. He was clearing in pursuit.

Patrols from 2 to 4 men cleared Leon for Comarcas and outskirts of town on election duty. Returned.

-----000- 2 OCTOBER 1932 -000-----

Captain Kelly and Lieut Goodwin with fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for Ciudad Antigua and San Fernando.

1st Sgt Cortez with five enlisted cleared Condega on line repair to Palacaguina. Arrived and returned to Condega.

Lieut Sandino with seven enlisted cleared Condega for and arrived Daraili.

Lieut Burt with eight enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo and arrived.

Lieut Ortiz with 6th Combat Patrol returned Esteli.

Four enlisted with three enlisted USMC, cleared Chinandega for El Relijo en electoral duty. Returned with reports that it was impossible to reach El Relijo by horse due to heavy rains. Ronds impassable with horses.

Lieut Downey with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way to Matagalpa taking one BAR, one STMG, one Lanza Bomba.

Captain Puller and thirty eight enlisted company "M", returned Jinotega from combat patrol. Lieut Lee to Managua by plane.

Lieut Downey and fifteen enlisted returned Jinotega from half-way to Matagalpa, escorting Captain Young (M), Lieut Maradiaga (M) and one enlisted.

Captain Young (M), Lieut Maradiaga (M) cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Uriza with six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega. Returned.

Lieut Escobar with five enlisted cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas.

Lieut Flippo with four enlisted reported Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

Nine enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Palcila, Mesa Guard.

Lieut Barner with eight enlisted cleared Sebaco for Casas Viejas via Dario.

Lieut Cuadra with fifteen enlisted cleared Jinotega on reconnaissance patrol, Apenas, Dantali, Los Robles and Laguna. Returned.

Captain Small with five enlisted returned San Rafael from half-way to La Concordia escorting Lieut Hayward, Electoral Mission.

Lieut Krawie, San Rafael patrol in La Guanabana patrolled areas Media Flores, Cebollal, Paraiso, Moropotente. Bandits reports negative.

Lieut Hayward Electoral mission with five guardia Nacional enlisted cleared La Concordia for half-way San Rafael.

Lieut Castillo with sixteen enlisted arrived La Concordia from Guanabana, Coyolito, San Jose. Repaired telegraph line to Esteli.

Message received from Lieut Wriston Yali combat patrol arrived Las Nubes. Information negative.

Lieut Gutierrez R. with fifteen enlisted cleared Yali and patrolled Los Achotes, Los Portillos and Los Chilares. Report group twenty jefe unknown passed Los Achotes toward El Tule.

Lieut Gutierrez P., Jinotega combat patrol reports: Lieut Fonseca with fifteen enlisted cleared for Embocaderos and returned. Bandit information negative.

Lieuts Hannas and Gutierrez with fifteen enlisted and one armed civilian cleared Jicaro for Sabana Grande and returned.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Godwin with patrol returned Apali from patrol.

Lieut Ortiz with patrol of six enlisted returned Esteli.

-----oo0- 3 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Receiving information of exact whereabouts of Angel Diaz and five other local bandits, Cabo Martinez, Rafael and seven auxiliares, cleared Leon on combat mission. Returned Leon with the bodies of Diaz and Pastor Juarez, and four prisoners. This is part of the group under Diaz that has terrorized the countryside around Telica for the passed six months.

Lieut Artola, nine enlisted and three auxiliares arrived Somotillo from San Francisco. Report Colindres and 200 at 120-320 at 17002, because of the presence of bandits there were no registration at Cinco Pinos and San Pedro on that day. People left these towns altho Guardia were present. Chinandega Departmental Chairman notified.

Sgt Munguia, seven enlisted, twelve auxiliaries arrived El Sauce from Leon for Election duty.

Lieut Buitrago, seven enlisted, thirteen auxiliares with election Officials for Olomeguita, cleared Valle de las Zapatas for Olomeguita.

Captain Trumble, seven other Officers, sixty-seven Cadets arrived Leon from Punta Rieles and cleared for Managua.

Sgt Munguia, with six other enlisted and eleven auxiliaries cleared El Sauce for Sabana Grande and Lieut Sanchez with eight enlisted and eight auxiliaries cleared for Campamento on election duty.

Captain Elmore, Department Commander, Chinandega, GN., returned Chinandega from San Antonio and Chichigalpa.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Cuadra with twenty five enlisted cleared Apali for half-way Jicaro. Major Burwell and Capt Kelly with fifteen enlisted returned.

Lieuts Kipp and Burt with eighteen enlisted escorting Lieut Howard USMC., cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal. Arrived.

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

Lieut Chavarria with six enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived and returned to Dipilto.

Captain Williams with seven enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way to Totogalpa and returned.

Lieut Livermore with fourteen enlisted cleared Telpaneca on patrol and returned.

Major Burwell and Lieut Harnas with nine enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro. Lieuts Harnas and Cuadra with nineteen enlisted returned.

Lieut Keller with fifteen enlisted arrived Apali from San Fernando. Major Burwell and Lieut Keller with fifteen enlisted cleared for San Fernando.

Lieut Saravia with eleven enlisted arrived Esteli from patrol.

Sgt Munguia, with six enlisted and thirteen auxiliaries cleared Leon for Punta Rieles on election duty.

Yali Combat Patrol cleared Las Nubes patrolled San Carlos, Zancudal and El Arco. Information negative.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Uriza and ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa for half-way to Jinotega. Returned.

Lieut Gumaelius with six enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and reported.

Six enlisted reported Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Cramer with four enlisted reported Matagalpa from San Isidro.

Lieut Krawie and Lieut Gallardo with twenty three enlisted arrived La Concordia from patrol.

Lieut Castillo with eight enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Arrived.

Lieut Navarrete with ten enlisted reported Matagalpa from reconnaissance patrol,

Nine enlisted reported Matagalpa from Palcala.

-----oo0- 4 OCTOBER 1932 -0oo-----

Sgt Munguia, five other enlisted and eleven auxiliares with election Officials returned to Sauce from Sabana Grande. Returned to Sabana Grande.

Lieut Frisch reports by runner to Sauce that his sentry at Santa Rosa fired on small group near camp. Reid reports all quiet at San Nicolas. The Santa Rosa Detachment moved to El Jicaral and the San Nicolas Detachment to Limay de San Nicolas.

Lieut Kemp with eight enlisted cleared Ocotal for half-way to San Fernando.

Major Burwell with patrol returned to San Fernando.

Major Burwell and Lieut Snyder with patrol cleared San Fernando for half-way to Ocotal.

Lieut Snyder with patrol returned to San fernando from Ocotal.

Lieut Livermore and Lieut Montenegro with patrol returned Telpaneca.

Lieuts Mamas and Cuadra with twenty two enlisted and 1 civico cleared Jicaro on patrol.

Lieuts McDonald and Barquero with 7th Combat Patrol cleared Limay on patrol and arrived Esteli.

Lieut Montenegro with twelve enlisted and four civicos cleared San Juan to Telpaneca and returned with Lieut Matthewson.

Lieuts Livermore and Matthewson with twelve enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to San Juan.

Lieuts Sinkule and Lopez with eight enlisted cleared Somoto for half-way to Pataste. Lieut Lopez with patrol returned. Lieut Artola with nine enlisted cleared Pataste for half-way to Somoto and returned with Lieut Sinkule.

Captain Yost and Lieuts Burt and Montenegro with nine enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo and arrived.

Lieut Price and twenty four enlisted arrived Condega from Esteli.

Lieut Maralson with fourteen enlisted cleared Jinotega for half-way to Matagalpa.

Captain Small and San Rafael patrol arrived Jinotega from San Rafael.

Lieuts Gutierrez, Fonseca with thirty eight enlisted returned Jinotega from outpost duty.

Lieut Maralson with fourteen enlisted returned to Jinotega from half-way to Matagalpa escorting Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area. GN.

Captain Small, Lieuts Foster (M), Lieut Maynard, Electoral Mission, Cpl Covington Electoral mission and eighteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for Jinotega.

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

Lieut Krawie, Lieut Gallardo with twenty three enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

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

Lieut Bunn with eight enlisted cleared Dario for San Isidro.

Captain Inman, Lieut Aguado and patrol returned Navarro from outpost duty.

Lieut Escobar with five enlisted returned Muy Muy from Saiz.

-----ooO- 5 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Sgt Munguia, five other enlisted and eleven auxiliares, returned to El Sauce from Sabana Grande, with Election Officials.

Lieut Sanchez and patrol returned to El Sauce from Campamento with Election Officials.

Carlos Medina, Alcalde from Dipilto arrived Leon yesterday. Report being robbed by four armed men near 152-254. Took everything he had including shoes off his feet and personal letters from some Officers in Ocotal.

Lieut Stanko with six enlisted cleared Palacaguina from Condega on reconnaissance and returned.

Captain Yost and Lieut Burt with nine enlisted arrived Santa Maria from patrol.

-----ooO- 6 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Eight enlisted cleared Macuelizo for half-way to Santa Maria. Captain Yost with same eight enlisted returned.

Lieut Delgadillo with six enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived and returned to Totogalpa.

Captain Yost with nine enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo. Enlisted returned.

Lieut Stanko with six enlisted cleared Condega on reconnaissance mission and returned.

Lieut Gooswin with fifteen enlisted cleared Apali to Jicaro and returned with Lieut Gomez and one other enlisted.

Lieut Bell with twelve enlisted cleared La Trinidad for half-way to Esteli. Lieut Silva with twenty enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to La Trinidad.

Lieuts Hamas and Cuadra with patrol returned Jicaro with one prisoners.

Lieut Ragsdale with ten enlisted cleared Jalapa on patrol.

Lieuts Roberts and Lopez with six enlisted and one civil prisoner cleared Leon for Cuatro Esquinas on Police mission. Returned. Nothing to report.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Sanchez, thirteen enlisted and fourteen auxiliares cleared El Sauce on combat mission.

The following report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, MANAGUA, NIC.
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGUA AND CARAZO,
4 OCTOBER, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut George Gardner, GN.
To : The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional.
Subject: Report of patrol to San Francisco del
Carnicero on 1 October, 1932.

1. At 8:30 AM, 1 October, 1932, I cleared the Playa of Managua with 10 guardia and arrived at San Francisco at about 12.45 PM. At San Francisco, I found that a group of bandits under command of UMANZOR, sub-jefes unknown, had attacked and sacked the town on 30 September, 1932.

2. The bandits arrived at San Francisco about 5 PM on 30 September, infiltrating into the town in groups from four different points. This infiltration was accomplished without any word of warning reaching the town since bandit cavalry patrols preceded the foottroops.

3. Of the four guardia stationed in the town, the man on duty was guarding a prisoner at work near the cuartel and the remaining three were on liberty. The Guardia were cut off from the cuartel by the bandits and were forced to flee. None were killed.

4. Having captured the town, the bandits commenced to loot as individuals, extorting money, food and clothing from the inhabitants. The town was completely sacked everything of any possible value being taken. Gasoline was taken from several of the tiendas, poured over the Comandancia, a wooden building where the Guardia Cuartel, and the telegraph and telephone office was located, and the building set afire. The building was completely destroyed. The bandits also attempted to burn the store of Daniel Uriarte but due to a heavy rain that sprang up and lack of gasoline they were unsuccessful.

5. The bandits killed no one and carried no one away. The bandits had as guides a number of men of Coyotepe who were known to the inhabitants of San Francisco.

6. The bandits cleared San Francisco by detachments commencing about midnight. The last group did not leave until about 7:00 AM, 1 October, 1932. They proceeded north along the road to Jicaral. I estimate the group to have numbered about 125 with five automatic weapons but with

very little ammunition. The bandits proceeded along this road and then crossed the river Viejo at Las Modadas.

7. After inspecting San Francisco on 1 October, I with my patrol proceeded to Rio Grande at about 8.00 PM, to investigate what damage if any had been done to the Haciendas in that region. I returned from Rio Grande to San Francisco about 10:00 AM, 3 October, 1932.

8. On 1 October, 1932, Lieut Pavelko of the Guardia with two enlisted men arrived at San Francisco with a new telegraph set but could not establish communication. I had the lines inspected for a league out of the town, were not found to be cut or down.

9. On October 3, 1932, a telegrafista from Managua arrived in San Francisco but could not establish communication due as he claimed to a defect in the instrument.

10. The original garrison of four men was reestablished in San Francisco on 3 October, 1932, on which date I returned to Managua with my patrol.

11. A number of the bandits were recognized by the inhabitants of San Francisco as men who live or have lived in Los Sarzales which lies near San Antonio on the River Santa Ana in the Department of Leon.

/s/ G. E. Gardner,
2nd Lieut GN.

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, SOMOTO, NIC.
27 SEPTEMBER, 1932.

From: B. G. Sinkule, Lieut GN.
To : The Area Commander, GN., Ocotal, Nic.
Via : The District Commander, Somoto, Nic.
Subject: Report of.

1. In compliance with orders from the District Commander, a patrol consisting of myself and the following named enlisted men cleared Somoto at 1300 September 16, 1932, for San Lucas (160-344) in an attempt to intercept a bandit group under Colindres reported having passed Zapatillo (150-352) at about 0300 that date:-

Sgto RODRIGUEZ, Maximo	#2842	STMG
Cabo GARACHE, Francisco	1955	STMG
Raso CACERES, Antonio	2203	Rifle
" CALDERON, Alberto	2837	RG

Raso	CALDERON, Celso	#4274	R
"	CARAZO, Macario	2950	STMG
"	CASTILLO, Guillermo	3361	R
"	ESPINOZA, Idelfonso	4061	R
"	GARCIA, J. Maria	4175	R
"	MARTINEZ, Eduardo	3196	R
"	MELGARA, Damian	2909	R
"	MERLO, Pascual	3022	R
"	OQUEL, Fernando	3116	R
"	RAMOS, Ciriaco	3086	R
"	RIVERA, Marcos	3287	R
"	VANEZAS, Manuel	2570	STMG
"	VANEZAS, Victoriano	2559	RG
"	UREINA, Jesus	2796	R
Civico	JIRON, Simeon (Pichingo)-		R

2. Arriving at San Lucas received information that a large bandit group under Colindres passed through there at 1000 that morning and were headed southeast over Somoto mountain. Resumed march in that direction and noted that bandits had blazed a trail with sugar cane and undoubtedly were mounted due to imprints of many hoofs in trail. Attempted to procure food for men which was difficult. After several hours food was procured, prepared and eaten. Rested patrol for a while and proceeded to take up trail down the mountain side, searching, stopping and inquiring, if bandits had been in the vicinity. At last house we stopped to inquire (which I judge to be about 0400) were told that bandits had a camp near there- exact location not known -about two hours marching time, which I believed to be about two leagues distant. Proceeded cautiously and as the moon was bright had entire patrol at a fifteen pace interval. In a small ravine, not deep, crossed a small stream and about 1000 yards over a trail between two groves of trees, with a small mountain on our right, a small hill to our left, front, the firing commenced at 0450. (165-40). There was very little cover and to our rear was a small ravine of underbrush. Firing commenced from rear approximately twenty yards off to the right of trail and continued from both flanks and front. After about fifteen minutes firing decreased and bandits withdrew to nearby hills. I then learned that two Guardia were hit in first burst of fire. Very little could be done for wounded at that time, one being shot through left shoulder, bullet coming our left arm. The other was dying, being shot through leg and dynamite bomb having exploded directly in front of him. At daybreak with eight Guardia, one civico and myself, leaving ten Guardia to guard trail and fire a few shots to attract bandits attention, we formed a skirmish line and started through cornfield on left flank of mountain to surprise bandits. When three-fourths of the distance up this mountain were met with a valley of fire, which we returned taking up a position on the mountain side. We charged the hill opening fire as we charged and noticed bandits running through field on our left. Sergeant Rodriguez, carrying BAR directed his fire on them and I saw one

drop. I heard more firing to our right front and reaching peak of mountain learned that Lieutenants Hammond, Montenegro and thirty enlisted had joined us. Firing continued for about fifteen minutes when bandits fled in all directions. Wounded men were treated by Corpseman immediately upon arrival of Lieutenant Hammond's patrol. Guardia hit by dynamite bomb died one half hour after being hit. The patrol then returned to Somoto with the wounded raso arriving at 1200. Lieuts Hammond, Montenegro and Condega patrol pursued bandits who fled in a southwesterly direction. Group of bandits estimated at between one hundred and one hundred fifty armed with three automatic weapons, rifles, cutachas and bombs.

3. Casualties:

Guardia- Dead 1, (Raso Oquel, Fernando #3116)
1 wounded (Vanegas, Manuel #2370)
Missing: none.
Bandits- 4 known killed.
Evidence of many wounded.

Captured:

1 Rifle, Krag #241613
1 Rifle, Remington
1 Bomb, dynamite
57 Rounds ammunition
9 Horses
4 Mules
13 Native saddles
4 Browning magazines
Spare parts for Browning.
Miscellaneous articles including hats,
-cutachas, haversacks, hatbands, etc.

4. The conduct of all members of patrol was excellent. Sergeant Rodriguez, Maximo #2842 is especially mentioned for his promptness in bringing his BAR into action.

/s/ B. G. Sinkule

Following patrol report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, JINOTEGA, NIC.
3 OCTOBER, 1932

From: The Commanding Officer, Company "M".
To : The Jefe Director, Guardia Nacional de Nic.
Via : The Dept Commander, Department of Jinotega.
Subject: Report of engagements with bandit groups at:
(1)- RIO AUYABAL (295-375), 1030,
26 September, 1932.

- (2)- LINDO LUGAR (291-379), 1130,
26 September, 1932.
- (3)- SAN ANTONIO (362-329), 0730,
30 September, 1932.
- (4)- LA CEIBA (249-326), 1300,
30 September, 1932.

1. The following named officers and men took part in the four (4) engagements listed above, with bandit groups, at the time and places shown:-

Captain LEWIS B. PULLER, GN.
1st Lieutenant WILLIAM A LEE, GN.

1st Sgto	GUTIERREZ, Carlos	# 800
Sgto	TORRES, Carmen	1998
Cabo	LOPEZ, Leoncio	1279
"	PINEDA, Fernando	2652
"	CAEZAS, Daniel	653
Raso	ALTAMIRANO, Juan A.	4998
"	ALTAMIRANO, Jose B.	1958
"	BATTODANO, Humberto	1161
"	CHAVARRIA, Juan	4287
"	DORMOS, Fernando	3545
"	GUIDO, Eusebio	2088
"	GUTIERREZ, Pedro	4922
"	GUTIERREZ, Tiburcio	3965
"	JIRON, Ursulo	4346
"	LAYORGA, Rodolfo	3144
"	NICARAGUA, Alberto	1224
"	RAMOS, Jose R.	3912
"	RUGAMA, Domingo	3329
"	SALGADO, Felipe	3465
"	RIZO, Rosa	4915
"	VALLES, Carmen	4030
"	ZELEDON, Hernan	4474
"	ZAMORAN, Antonio	4278
"	ZAMORA, Francisco	4571
"	ZAVALA, Manuel	3644
"	RAMIREZ, Alfredo	5122
"	BORJE, Antonio	3850
"	RUIZ, Jose	1816
"	ROCHA, Jose	4904
"	ABURTO, Francisco	5204
"	RAMOS, Francisco	5003
"	MAC LADO, Venecio	5203
"	ZEAS, Lodesto	5217
"	RIVAS, Carlos	2374
"	ALTAMIRANO, Justo	5120
"	SILVA, Robustiano	5025
"	HERNANDEZ, Pedro	4853
"	URBINO, Maximo	4372
"	GONZALEZ, Miguel	5184
"	ESPINALES, Encarnacion	5002

NOTE: Raso Alberto Nicaragua #1224 was killed in the second engagement and Raso Juan A. Altamirano #4998 died on the morning of 27 September from a wound received in the second engagement.

2. On this patrol from 20 September to 1 October, my plans approved by the Area Commander, were to locate and destroy large permanent camps of the bandit leaders, SANDINO and ALTAMIRANO, that I believed to be located east of the Rio COCO and between the Rio CUA and the Rio WAMBLAN. The Company had nineteen mules with it and carried thirty days rations. When SANDINO went north from SARAGAUCA (337-327) in 1930, he established his camp in MALACATE MOUNTAIN (367-345), from here he went further north and established his camp on the Rio CUA (279-367), later on he moved still further north. I believe that he now has three camps, one between the Rio CUA and the KILANDE Mountain (285-374), one east of QUIQUILI (272-379), and the other east of POTECA. (276-405). Since returning to Nicaragua last July, I have heard rumors of a large open road running north eastward of PENA BLANCA (284-328) and extending from the East Coast of Nicaragua to the border of Honduras. During the few days that I served as District Commander of CORINTO FINCA during July and August, I learned that the bandits were driving cattle northward around both ends of PENA BLANCA. I decided to go east from PAVONA (379-333) and cut a trail until I ran into the road that I believed to exist; within three miles of PAVONA this road was located. It is just about the same road that is shown on the map; from PAVONA, it runs eastward through the CHICHAGON PASS (284-331) and then northward. An open trail from the east joins this road about one days march north from the CHICHAGON PASS and another open trail runs south westward from GARROBO (301-370). These are more than trails, they are almost roads; it is hard to believe that they exist. Hundreds of head of cattle, pack animals, and men have been using these roads.

3. In planning this patrol, I had hopes that the Company would be able to get into this territory without being observed by the bandits as we did in the PANTASMA VALLEY and the JICALITA Mountain in August. From the moment that the Company crossed the CHICHAGON PASS, we were picked up by two (2) bandit scouts who kept just ahead of us for a day and a half and then pushed on ahead up the road. Twenty-four (24) temporary deserted bandit camps were passed all of which had been used in the last three months. From the time we were picked up, I knew that we would be ambushed at any moment; it was not practicable for me to employ flankers all the time if I wished to get any where. My only course was to push ahead and cover as much distance as practicable.

4. (1)- RIO AUYABAL (295-375), 1030,
26 September, 1932:

The Company was ambushed by a small group of bandits who employed rifle fire only. There were no Guardia casualties. There were no known bandit casualties. The bandits fired one volley and fled to the north westward. From what Lieutenant Lee told me and what I know, I believe this was an effort to get the officers of the Company. The guardias did not hesitate a second when the line went forward to the bandit position.

5. (2)- LINDO LUGAR (291-379), 1130,
26 September, 1932:

The Company was ambushed by a large group over one hundred fifty (150) bandits here, who employed seven (7) or more automatic weapons, rifle grenades, hand grenades, between one hundred fifty (150) and two hundred (200) dynamite bombs, and a great quantity of rifle ammunition. When I say one hundred fifty bandit and seven automatic weapons, it is a conservative statement; the Guardias estimate is much larger. I know that they employed one (1) Lewis Machine Gun, three (3) Browning Automatic Rifles, and from three (3) to six (6) Thompson Sub-Machine-Guns. After the fight, the guardias picked up empty cartridge cases by the hats full; a hat and a half full of Springfield ammunition was also picked up. The noise of their dynamite bombs drowned our fire out. Raso Alberto Nicaragua #1224 was killed by a burst of automatic fire and was buried a short distance from the scene of the engagement (grave concealed). Raso Juan A. Altamirano #4998 was shot through the head, died on the morning of 27 September, and buried near (295-355), (grave concealed); he never regained consciousness. Lieut William A. Lee was shot through the right arm and in the head; he was knocked unconscious and thought to be dead. Raso Fernando Dorman #3545 was wounded in the head and left hand by grenade or bomb fragments. Raso Felipe Salgado #3465 was wounded in the left leg by rifle or machine gun fire. Ten (10) bandits were killed and six (6) known wounded; during the fight when a bandit was hit you could hear the machette men being called up to drag them off. The machette platoons were also being urged to charge the Company during the entire fight. The bandit casualties were heavier than is being reported. This group was under an experienced leader and they had plenty of fight in them. SANDINO was some where in the vicinity as was evidenced by the constant vivas for him; also PEDRON ALTAMIRANO. The bandits took advantage of a natural "V" position which was seemingly made to order. This engagement lasted thirty (30) minutes. Lieutenant Lee after being unconscious for fifteen of twenty minutes, took over the Lewis Machine Gun and used it with telling effect; his six days of marching back to JINOTEGA was no joy ride. In the days of the wooden ships he would have been an iron man. The Company cleared the bandits from their position, went forward to a ridge that crossed the road, established out-posts, took care of the wounded, and buried Raso Nicaragua. Here due to my wounded, I was forced to begin my return to JINOTEGA. The terrain at the scene of this engagement is broken and covered with heavy forest and brush.

6. (3)- SAN ANTONIO (362-329), 0730,
30 September, 1932:

The Company was ambushed here by a group of eighty (80) or more bandits who employed two (2) automatic rifles, rifles, and many dynamite bombs. There was no shortage of bandit rifle ammunition. Before the bandits opened a heavy fire, one shot was fired and the Company at once took advantage of available cover. There were no Guardia casualties. One bandit was killed and seven or

more wounded. Here again the machette men were called when a bandit was hit. The Company went forward and drove the bandits through the woods. The bandits split in two main groups; one went south and the other south west. The spirit of the Company was excellent in this contact after expecting to be ambushed every foot of the trail for the past five days. Again Lieutenant Lee put the Lewis Machine Gun in action and set a splendid example for the Company.

7. (4)- LA CEIBA (249-326), 1300,
30 September, 1932:

The Company was ambushed here by a group of forty (40) or more bandits who employed two automatic weapons, rifles, and dynamite bombs. The trail here runs along a stream, crosses the stream, and enters thick brush and trees on the other side. On the near side of the stream is a bluff from twenty to thirty feet in height. The bandit position was along this bluff and to the south of the trail on the other side. The bandits opened fire one at a time and most of the Company was under cover. There were no Guardia casualties. Three or more bandits were killed or wounded in this engagement. Again the spirit of Lieutenant Lee and the men of the Company was excellent. The bandits were driven from their position and scattered in all directions.

8. I was strongly advised against making this patrol with small number of guardias and was told that SANDINO could concentrate more than five hundred (500) well armed bandits to employ against the Company.

9. Lieutenant Lee has been in twenty (20) some engagements against bandits while serving under me and has distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism a number of times in the line of his profession; I recommend him for the Cruz de Valor.

/s/ L. B. Puller.

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Lieut Lee from Jinotega to 2nd Brigade Hospital on 1 October, 1932.

Lieut Laverdiere from Guardia Nacional to 2nd Brigade on 1 October, 1932.

Lieut Foster (MC) arrived Managua from San Rafael (CA) on leave, October 6, 1932.

Lieut Rabberman to 2nd Brigade Hospital on October 6, 1932.

Captain Monson and Lieutenant Grieco returned to Jinotega from Managua following completion of temporary duty on 6 October, 1932.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, GN., arrived Managua from Jinotega on temporary duty on 6 October, 1932.

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