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THE GUARDIA NEWS LETTER No. 122 -(9 TO 21 OCTOBER, 1932).-

-----ooO- 9 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Martin and Navarro patrol, Central area, had contact with bandit group, size and jefe unknown vicinity of (257-313). Bandit casualties two known killed. Guardia casualties, none. Guardia captured two rifles.

-----ooO- 11 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

1st Sgt Velasquez with five enlisted and five auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for Jucuapa Arriba on combat mission. Returned. Made contact with Alfredo Rizo group.

Lieut Fonseca with fourteen enlisted arrived Jinotega from La Fundadora.

-----ooO- 13 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Stanko with seven enlisted arrived Pueblo-Nuevo from Palacaguina.

Captain Smith, Lieut Stevens with three enlisted and ten auxiliares cleared Jinotega to repair telegraph line Jinotega-San Rafael and returned.

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

By runner from Lieut Weeks at Jiguina river crossing: Combined Corinto Finca-Navarro patrol held up unable to cross river. River has gone down a little and expect to cross this evening.

Captain Kelly and Lieut Buechlein with fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro and arrived.

-----ooO- 14 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Krawie and San Rafael patrol had contact with small bandit group, jefe Sequeira near Tomatoya, coordinates unknown, bandit casualties believed some wounded. Guardia casualties, none. Bandits dispersed in all directions.

Guardia enlisted patrol from Jinotega had contact with bandit group of twenty, jefe Lopez on outskirts of Jinotega. Bandit casualties unknown. Guardia casualties, none. Bandits scattered in all directions. Pursuit hampered due to darkness. Bandits fired about fifty rounds and one bomb into town of Jinotega from surrounding hills at 0500 October 15. No damage done.

Lieut Lopez, five enlisted and four auxiliares cleared Leon for vicinity Quezalguaque on police mission.

Native reports Umanzor and group of eighty men entered Valle de las Zapatas at 11013, and cleared at 18013. Later report that local group of twenty-five poorly armed proceeded to El Apante from Valle del Ocotal with telegraph instruments. Lieut Quintanilla, six enlisted, seventeen auxiliares cleared Leon via train for Valle de las Zapatas on combat mission.

Cabo Martinez and patrol cleared El Sauce for Punta Rieles.

Lieut Lopez, five enlisted, four auxiliares returned Leon from police mission. Nothing to report.

El Sauce reports Lieut Reid and patrol arrived el Sauce from San Nicolas. Nothing to report.

Lieut Lopez, ten enlisted and seven auxiliares cleared Leon for El Apante on combat mission.

Major Arnett, Department Commander Leon, cleared Leon for Corinto.

Lieuts Frisch and Sanchez, twenty-five men cleared El Sauce on patrol to operate on local information. Returned to Sauce. Report unable to pass river San Jose.

Lieut Monterrey with fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for one league west and returned.

Lieuts Keller, Goodwin and Cuadra with fifty-one enlisted cleared Jicaro for Quilali.

Captain Kelly with fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali and arrived.

Patrol of twelve enlisted returned to Chichigalpa from El Cerro and vicinity, with one confiscated pistol. No bandit information.

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

Lieut Stanko with seven enlisted and one civico cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Palacaguina.

Lieut Hammond with seven enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega and arrived.

Lieut Mays with ten enlisted and four civicos cleared San Juan on patrol.

Lieut Fonseca with fifteen enlisted and ten auxiliares cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Ten enlisted and five auxiliares cleared Jinotega to repair telegraph line Jinotega-San Rafael and returned.

1st Sgt Leiva with fourteen other enlisted cleared Jinotega for Paso Real.

1st Sgt Leiva with fourteen other enlisted arrived Jinotega from Captain Fuller's patrol at Paso Real. Had contact with bandit group, jefe Ramiro Lopez, on outskirts Jinotega. Bandits dispersed and no results.

By runner from Captain Fuller at Paso Real: Lieut Weeks with combined Corinto Finca and Navarro patrols arrived.

By runner from Lieut Krawie at Tomatoya: Arrived at Tomatoya with twelve enlisted. Had contact with bandit group fifteen jefe believed Transito Sequeira enroute from San Rafael. Chased bandits for two hours but scattered different trails and could not regain contact. No Guardia casualties. Bandits believed to have suffered several wounded. Bandits killed Jinotega+San Rafael runner just before patrol made contact.

Captain Small, Lieut Snyder and patrol returned to San Rafael unable to cross rivers and complete mission. Reached point (264-357). Information negative except tracks of look-outs about point (252-353).

By runner from Lieut Weeks at Jiguina river crossing: Combined patrol crossed river and proceeding Chilamate to join Captain Fuller at Paso Real.

One enlisted and five civicos cleared Matagalpa for San Pablo.

-----ooO- 15 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Gutierrez P. with ten enlisted and ten auxiliares cleared Jinotega for half-way Matagalpa supply train escort. Returned.

Lieut Cuadra with seven enlisted and six auxiliared cleared Jinotega in direction of San Rafael to repair telegraph line. Returned.

Two enlisted and three auxiliares reported Jinotega from Matagalpa telegraph line repair party.

Lieut Gallardo and Gutierrez R. with eight enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia to repair telegraph line.

Lieut Krawie with thirteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia. (Delayed)

Lieut Gallardo with fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael in direction Jinotega to repair telegraph line. (Delayed)

Two enlisted and three auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Four enlisted and four auxiliares cleared Matagalpa for half-way Jinotega.

Lieut Ekberg with Consuelo patrol returned Consuelo. No information gained.

Lieut Aguado with twenty enlisted and fifteen auxiliares cleared Matagalpa on combat patrol.

Lieut Stanko with seven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega.

Lieut Mays with patrol returned San Juan.

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

Lieut Monterrey with twenty enlisted cleared Esteli for Mantaurita and returned.

Captain Yost, Lieut Mahoney and four enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived. Cleared for Ocotal and returned. Lost one rifle in Dipilto River when Guardia and animal were swept under by current.

* -----ooO- 16 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Fritz (R) and Velez with ten enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo and arrived. Lieuts Jones (R) and Velez with ten enlisted returned to Ocotal.

Lieut Bernheim with fifteen enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro and arrived.

Lieut Stanko with seven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega and arrived.

Lieuts Bernheim and Buschlein with fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali.

Lieut Jones (R) with ten enlisted cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo and arrived. Lieut Fritz (R) with ten enlisted returned to Santa Maria.

Sgt. Bolaños with ten enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for Argelia and vicinity to investigate report of group of 15 armed men that were seen on road about three miles north of Chichigalpa. Patrol returned. Report that about ten men all mounted armed with two shot guns, some pistols and others with cutachas had been seen near a finca about 1600 and cleared in northern direction.

Major Arnett, Department Commander Leon, returned Leon from Corinto.

Lieuts Lopez and Quintanilla, sixteen enlisted, twenty-four auxiliares returned Leon from vicinity Valle de las Zapatas. Report group that assaulted Valle was local group of thieves numbering about seventeen, poorly armed.

Lieut Bernheim, Lieut Buschlein (M) and fifteen enlisted arrived Apali from Jicaro.

Lieut Stanko and seven enlisted returned Palacaguina from Condega.

Three enlisted, five auxiliares with three civilian guides cleared Leon for Telica and cleared Telica on combat mission. Natives report seventeen poorly armed men vicinity (140-260) robbing and mistreating inhabitants.

Chichigalpa reports information received that fifty well armed bandits robbed hacienda three leagues north of there night 16-17, October and proceeded north. Also received information that Colindres with 300, again in Sauce District.

Lieut Dumas with seven enlisted cleared San Antonio (Department of Chinandega) to investigate report of armre group at a place called Los Mongos, on San Antonio property. Arrived and found group had cleared in western direction, later was informed by native that group was at a finca called "Trapichon". Patrol arrived there, being a large finca, the small patrol was unable to surround the house completely. Upon approaching house, guardia was discovered and fired upon by bandits who fled from house in all directions. One bandit killed and one known wounded. No Guardia casualties. Contact lasted about five minutes. Guardia using eight rifles, bandits rifles, shot guns and pistols. Guardia captures one repeating rifle, two shot-guns, one grenade discharger, two cutachas, eight horses with saddles complete, two rain-coats, fourteen blankets, three hammocks and a lot of other clothing. Patrol arrived Chinandega.

NOTE:- THE group that Dumas had contact with is a group of 25 very poorly armed. Lieut Blanco with patrol cleared Chinandega and will work on local information.

Lieut Sotomayor with twelve enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for Santa Teresa, Northeast of Chichigalpa, where it was reported another group was seen.

Lieut Fritz (R) and ten enlisted arrived Santa Maria from Macuelizo.

Lieut Chavarria and four enlisted arrived Ocotal from Dipilto.

Sgt Olivas and six other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto and arrived.

Sgt Roman and four other enlisted arrived Ocotal from Macuelizo.

By runner to San Juan de Telpaneca and patrol to Telpaneca: Lieut Keller, Lieut Goodwin, Lieut Cuadra and fifty enlisted arrived Quilali from Jicaro. Lieut Beans, Lieut Kiler, Lieut Goodwin, Lieut Cuadra, Lieut Gutierrez and seventy-five enlisted with one prisoner, cleared for Ocongvas (262-378) and vicinity on combat mission. Completed passage of Jicaro River at 10315.

1st Sgt Portocarrero and seven other enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived Condega.

Balance of San Juan de Telpaneca patrol completed passage of Coco River in boat made by Telpaneca Guardia.

Lieut Hays, ten enlisted and four civicos cleared San Juan de Telpaneca at 12015 to investigate ambush of civilians at point (233-368); after ambush bandits separated into small groups, -some proceeding towards point (230-365) and others towards point (230-373); patrol covered area surrounding ambush and proceeded to point (230-373) where a through search was made for a bandit camp which is believed to be in this vicinity; at 03016 heard two bombs direction San Juan de Telpaneca; cleared immediately for that place and arrived 08016; patrol exhausted; no bombs heard in San Juan de Telpaneca; at 10016 native living at point (218-364) reported group forty bandits passed that point at 05016 proceeding north; cleared patrol, Lieut Hays with eight fresh enlisted and six civicos and proceeded to point (218-368) where tracks of group crossed main trail; followed tracks to point (213-371) thence to point (214-375) where heavy rain obliterated tracks; then proceeded to Telpaneca to report. Lieut Hays arrived Telpaneca 10317 swimming Coco River as no boat was available, and patrol remained on other side of River.

Lieut Sandino, seven enlisted and one civico arrived Condega from Daraili; lost mule, one pistol caliber .45, eight magazines BAR, one belt BAR and five hand grenades with carrier in crossing Rio Esteli. Sgt Vilchez and three other enlisted cleared immediately to search for lost animal and equipment. Lieut Sandino, seven enlisted and one civico cleared for Daraili.

Sgt Olivas and six other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto and arrived.

1st Sgt Portocarrero and six other enlisted cleared Condega from Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Chavarria and four enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal and arrived.

Sgt Roman and four other enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Ocotal and arrived. Repaired telephone line.

-----ooO- 18 OCTOBER 1932 -Ooo-----

Lieut Blanco with ten enlisted cleared Chinandega for Santa Gretudes and vicinity to work on local information. Lieut Blanco reported from Chichigalpa that he searched the scene of Duma's contact at "Trapichon", found two more dead bodies who had died in the bushes, also five more horses all mounted.

Lieut Dumas and patrol cleared Chinandega for San Antonio and arrived.

Lieut Buitrago, five enlisted cleared Leon for Comarca El Convento on information that Mr. Telémaco Castellón had been wounded at his farm there by an unknown assassin. Returned Leon with two suspects. Castellon taken care of, by relatives and friends in Leon.

Lieut Zamora, two enlisted arrived Leon from Managua for duty.

Four enlisted, one auxiliar cleared Leon for Las Chacaras on police mission. Returned with one civil prisoner.

Lieut Delgadillo with seven enlisted cleared Totogalpa for Somoto. Arrived. Returned to Totogalpa.

Cabo Calix with eight enlisted cleared Condega for half-way to Palacaguina and returned with five enlisted.

Sgt Lopez with seven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half-way to Condega. Returned with eleven enlisted.

Lieut Chavarria with five enlisted cleared Dipilto for Occotal. Arrived. Cleared for Dipilto and arrived.

Sgt Lopez with eleven enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half-way to Yalaguina and returned with seven enlisted.

Sgt Montenegro with six enlisted cleared Yalaguina for half-way to Palacaguina and returned with ten enlisted.

Lieut Aleman with patrol arrived Esteli.

Lieuts Hays and Montenegro with seven enlisted cleared Telpaneca for San Juan.

Lieut Bernheim with twenty enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived escorting Lieut Howard, USMC.

-----oo0- 19 OCTOBER 1932 -0oo-----

Sgt Miguel Bolaños with ten other enlisted cleared Chichigalpa for Valle de las Sozas, two leagues north of Chichigalpa to investigate report of small armed group reported in that vicinity. Patrol trailed group to Bella Vista where contact was gained at 1030, contact lasted over twenty minutes running fight. Three bandits killed. Guardia casualties none. Indications of many bandits wounded. Captured three rifles, one revolver and ten horses with saddles. Patrol pursued bandits (which was group of 15) into Telica mountains where trail was lost. Patrol returned to Chichigalpa.

NOTE: The mandador of "Trapichon" where Dumas had contact, states that the bandits informed him that they were down in this siction to prevent voter coming to the pales on election day.

Captain Elmore, Department Commander Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for Corinto on special temporary duty.

Chichigalpa reports runner arrived that station reports patrol had contact at 11019 with group at (115-255), no Guardia casualties; bandit casualties: jefe killed and others believed to be wounded, captured one rifle, one pistol, bandits went north with patrol in pursuit.

Lieut Montenegro with five enlisted cleared Macuelizo for Valle de la Matillio and returned.

Lieut Aleman with twenty five enlisted cleared Esteli on patrol.

Sgt Olivas with ten other enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Totogalpa. Arrived. Cleared for Yalaguina with six enlisted and arrived.

Lieut Bernheim with nineteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali and arrived escorting Lieut Howard, USMC.

Capt Prichard with seven enl cleared Condega for Daraili.

Sgt Lopez with 6 enl cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

Lieuts Beans, Keller, Goodwin, Gutierrez and Cuadra with seventy-five enlisted arrived Quilali from patrol.

Sgt Bolaños, Higuell and Chichigalpa patrol had contact with bandit group of 15, jefe unknown at Bella Vista, 2 leagues N.E. of Chichigalpa, Oct 19, twenty minute running fight when remainder group fled into Telica Mountains. Bandit casualties three known killed and indication of several wounded. No Guardia casualties. Guardia captured 3 rifles, 1 revolver, 10 horses with saddles.

Cabo Martinez, two other enlisted, 5 auxiliares, 3 civilians guides returned Leon from patrol. Captured 4 sacks clothing, old and new, which is reported as being stolen from people in Valle de las Zapatas.

Capt Lakso, 1 enl for Sauce, 3 enlisted and 3 auxiliares for Punta Rieles cleared Leon via train.

Man reported killed in San Antonio near Telica. Sgto Latino and three other enlisted cleared Telica to investigate.

Five enlisted cleared Leon for Near Quezalguaque on information that 3 men wanted, were in hiding, returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Reid, nine enlisted, nine auxiliares cleared El Sauce for Punta Rieles.

Sauce reports Lieuts Frisch and Sanchez patrol returned. Covered areas (159-297), (159-301), (157-300), (163-300), report small foraging group probably Uanzor arrived hacienda (159-297), morning 18, headed west and then north. Patrol lost trail at (159-301).

Sauce reports Lieut Griffin cleared Sauce for Somotillo via plane. Arrived Somotillo.

Sgt Martinez and eight auxiliares cleared Quezalguaque for half-way to Telica on information brought in by native boy that 20 armed men were at Cuatro Esquinas. Three enlisted, two aux cleared Leon for Quezalguaque during patrol absence. Quezalguaque patrol returned Quezalguaque. Reported. No information.

Capt Lakso, 4 enl arrived Sauce. Lieut Reid and remainder of patrol remained with bull-cart of supplies at hacienda San Nicolas.

Somotillo reports Colindres with 250 well armed have been in camp at (132-306) for a week; information received indicates they intend to move east today 21st. Letter received in Somotillo signed by Colindres helps to bear out above information.

Lieut Blanco with ten enlisted returned Chinandega from Chichigalpa, San Benito and vicinity. Reports all quiet.

Captain Elmore, Department Commander Chinandega returned Chinandega from Corinto.

Following patrol report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, NAVARRO, NICARAGUA.
3 October, 1932

From: Captain C. A. Inman, GN.
To : The Department Commander, Depart. of Matagalpa.
Subject : Reconnaissance patrol and Contact report.
Reference: (a)- Radio Orders Dept Comdr. Dated 10 Sept, 1932.
(b)- Marine Corps Map of Nicaragua.

1. In compliance with reference (a)- I cleared NAVARRO at 1400 11 September with the following named Officers and enlisted men with arms as listed opposite their names:

Captain C. A. Inman, GN.
2nd Lieutenant Jose L. Aguado, GN.

Sgto PERALTA, Santiago	# 517	STMG
Cabo ALEJAN, Ramon	967	STMG
" LAGOS, Modesto	2654	BLR
" DELGADO, Runaldo	3297	Rifle
Raso ARAICA, Mariano	1524	"
" LAGUNA, Julio	5115	"
" LAGUNA, Perfecto	4181	STMG
" BLANDON, Daniel	4467	Rifle
" BLANDON, Domingo	3161	"
" BALLESTERO, Pedro	2731	BAR
" ENRIQUE, Dolmuz	4469	Rifle
" GOMEZ, Roberto	5134	"
" GARCIA, Jose	99	Grenade Discharger
" SANCHEZ, Juan	3105	Assistant grenadier
" GONZALEZ, Serapio	5132	Assistant BAR
" MATA, Isaac	1413	Rifle
" CARRASCO, Lucio	2654	"
" DIEZ, Antonio	4020	"
" IBARRA, Tomas	2823	Grenade Discharger
" AGUINAGA, Paulino	4227	Assistant Grenadier
" DIAZ, Ramon	4022	Rifle
" QUINONEZ, Diomico	4623	"
" CRUZ, Aureliano	4941	"
" ABENDANO, Humberto	2736	"
" MARIAL, Vicente	2532	Assistant Grenadier
" GONZALEZ, Antonio	4502	Rifle
" TERCERO, Aubrelío	4259	"
" CENTENO, Serapio	5194	"
" SEQUEIRA, Juan	4422	"
" RODO, Erasmo	2956	"

Due to heavy rains on the morning of the 12th a crossing of the TUMA RIVER was not effected until 0930 13 Sept at the regular crossing at TUMA. The patrol proceeded north on the GUASACA trail and at 1115 at the junction of the CARATARRA

trail gained contact with a group of about twenty five bandits. The bandits immediately scattered in the dense brush on both sides of the trail and continued a desolatory fire for about five minutes. The patrol followed the general direction taken by the bandits for about five hundred yards on both sides where all traces of their retreat was lost. From blood spots found it is estimated that at least three were wounded. The Jefe of the group is not known. They used rifles and pistols only in the contact. There were no Guardia casualties.

2. At 1145 the patrol again proceeded north towards GUASACA. From the CARATARRA trail on the trail was so overgrown with brush that it was impossible to see more than a few yards ahead. At 1500, when within about five hundred yards of "C. HASLAM", the point ran on a group led by two bandits on horse back. Fire was immediately opened and both horse men were shot from their horses. The number of bandits on foot can not be estimated as they all escaped through the dense, tall brush, and only one or two were seen by our point. The leading horseman, killed in his tracks, was TOMAS PENADA. The other armed with a rifle, managed to make his way several hundred yards through the brush before dying. His rifle was never found and nor was any means of identification found on the body. The patrol captured in this contact one pistol #38, two saddles, one horse (the other horse, that of Penadas, was killed in the contact), hats, hat bands and some very valuable papers on the body of PENADA. The patrol then proceeded to "C. HASLAM", or as it is now known, the Hacienda of ROBERT AMORT. A hasty defense position was established and the patrol went into camp for the night. As this location was the one chosen by the patrol commander for

his base of operations the following few days was spent by half of the force in constructing a more permanent defense position and the other half alternately on reconnaissance patrol throughout the surrounding country. On the morning of the 14th a civilian runner was dispatched to Cuatro Esquinas with the information of the previous days contacts and a resume of information found on PENADA. The runner was never heard from again and from information received from Cuatro Esquinas he never reached his destination. All other civilians refused to take the risk of traveling from GUASACA to the TUMA RIVER.

3. On 17th September planes dropped orders to me to protect the Mesa at Hacienda AMORT until further orders. At 0930 Lieut EKBERT and patrol of twenty men arrived from LA TRUNCA and left for the TUMA CROSSING at 1030. He informed me that he was also unable to get a runner through to the TUMA and was consequently taking the runner as far as the river himself and would await his return from CUATRO ESQUINAS. At 1730 Lieut URIZA and ten enlisted, and three members of the electoral mission arrived from NAVARRO.

4. In the morning of 13th September, Lieut URIZA and ten enlisted cleared for MATAGALPA leaving the electoral mission to establish a registration cantonment in GUASACA under the protection of my patrol. Patrols were again made through the GUASACA VALLEY and to CARATARRA for the purpose of informing the people of the cantonment and of the dates of inscription. A great many natives reported to the hacienda in the following few days but not for the purpose of inscription. All claimed they would be glad to register and vote if they could be moved out of their present location and safely conducted across the TUMA. Most of

them were without food and all were in deathly fear of the bandits. They were all promised a safe conduct at such a time as the patrol should return south of the TUMA.

5. At 1500 19 September, Lieut EKBERT and patrol returned from TUMA with orders for me to remain at the Hacienda until the third of October and that he would furnish me provisions from NAVARRO. His patrol left 0730, 20 September and twenty two September was set as the date on which I would send a patrol to TUMA to receive the provisions. At 0900 20th September planes dropped orders for me to move my patrol to the Hacienda LA ESTRELLA about four leagues north east of my present location and to remain in that vicinity until the 3rd of October.

6. On the 20th and 21st of September reconnaissance patrol were sent into that locality. It was found that all trails north on the GUASACA TRUNCA trail had completely grown over and in most places could not even be detected. Also that the Hacienda LA ESTRELLA and all out buildings had been burned by bandits nearly a year ago. The only solution was to proceed via the TUMA, SARDINAL and TRUNCA road and endeavor to locate a position north of TRUNCA from which the mission assigned could be accomplished.

7. At 0630 22 September. The entire patrol escorting thirty one families comprising one hundred and twelve men women and children and their few household effects cleared GUASACA for TUMA and arrived at 1245. It took four and a half hours with the assistance of both Lieut EBERT's and my patrol to get the column of natives across the river and at 1700 the entire procession went into camp at M. RIVAS. At 1730 a patrol arrived from NAVARRO with the information that a large group of bandits had burned the Hacienda LA VERONA and with orders for Lieut EKBERTS patrol to clear for LA ORIENTAL and attempt to head them off. I immediately dispatched a message to the Department Commander via NAVARRO stating my location and that I would guard the crossings above TUMA, TUMA and PUERTA VIEJA with my patrol. A detachment of ten men was immediately dispatched to hold the crossing above M. REVAS and at daylight 23 September a roving patrol was sent to protect the crossings at LIPO and PUERTO VIEJO.

8. As orders necessitated the taking of part of my provisions by Lieut EKBERT, on the morning of 25 September I dispatched Lieut AGUADO and ten enlisted to CUATRO ESQUINAS for more provisions; also to conduct the three members of the electoral mission and the one hundred and twelve civilians as far as that place. The civilians, upon hearing that there was a group of bandits loose in this vicinity, were afraid to travel through this section unguarded. The patrol returned at 1800.

9. At 0930 26 September, orders were received from the Department Commander to move my patrol into a position north of CUATRO ESQUINAS and to block bandit spies and supplies from passing through or molesting that sector. As patrols were already out to the east and west a move could not be made until 27 Sept.

10. Cleared TUMA at 0700 27 September and patrolled the territory through LA ORIENTAL, COYLAR and PROVIDENCIA and arrived at CUATRO ESQUINAS 1600 same date. PROVIDENCIA was selected as the best location to base on as it covers all roads from the north to CUATRO ESQUINAS except the direct trail from TUMA. At 0730

28 September, cleared CUATRO ESQUINAS and arrived at PROVIDENCIA at 1030. The vacant Hacienda there was taken over by the patrol and placed in a defensive position. At 1230 same date Lieut AGUADO and fifteen enlisted were sent to patrol roads to the east as far as COYOLAR and returned at 1700. No information was obtained on any group of bandits. At 0700 30 September, the patrol commander cleared PROVIDENCIA with ten Guardia for CUATRO ESQUINAS for a conference with the Area Commander. The Patrol returned the morning of 1 October. The 1st and 2nd of October were utilized in sending reconnaissance patrol to the west, north and east of PROVIDENCIA. Information was obtained at LA ORIENTAL that HERNANDEZ with his group of bandits crossed the TUMA south of CORINTO FINCA 29 September and was headed towards his Hacienda near CARATARRA. On the night of 2 October, the entire patrol moved to CUATRO ESQUINAS and cleared for NAVARRO at 0300 3 October arriving there at 1130.

11. The patrol commander desires to bring to the attention of the Department Commander the splendid moral of the Guardia comprising the patrol. Of the thirty enlisted, twenty-five have been on actual patrol, forty out of the past fifty days, most of them, of necessity, left on this last patrol with sore feet and other infections from insect bites, etc. From the sixteenth of September until the twenty third all members of the patrol were on half rations due to the unfulx of natives whose food stuffs had been taken by the bandits and who were being held in the District of GUASACA under the threat of death if they were caught traveling towards the TUMA RIVER. Each family brought what little food they could muster and in addition the men scoured the surrounding hills daily under protection of Guardia patrol for fruits and wild eatibles. Even this was insufficient and from noon of the 21st until the night of 22nd, all hands were without food. The people living in this district, while held there under duress and fear of their lives, were existing quietly comfortably on what little live stock they had and the food stuffs they could grow until a month ago when numerous guardia patrol were placed on the various TUMA crossings to prevent the passage of salt and food to the bandits. As a result of this the peaceful people in the District were the sufferers for the bandits who comprise a good seventy five percent of the population in this district confiscated all the provisions and live stock of the peaceful element. Still, under short rations, constant patrolling, nearly all with sore feet, many with only pieces of their clothing left, some with out shoes and five suffering from fever, every command executed and every detail undertaken and completed with the finest of spirit and cheerfulness.

/s/ C. S. Inman,
Captain, GN. de Nic.

Following contact report is quoted:-

HEADQUARTERS GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, PALACAGUINA, NIC.
7 October, 1932.

From: 2nd Lieut John M. Stanko, GN.
To : The Area Commander, GN. Ocotal, Northern AREA.

Subject : Patrol and Contact Report.
Reference: (a)- GN General Order #109-1929.

1. In accordance with reference (a) I wish to report a contact with bandits on 5 October, 1932 at RILLITO (197-358).

2. The patrol was composed of the following personnel:

2nd Lieut John M. Stanko. Patrol Commander.

Sgto LOPEZ, Jose	#2257
Raso GARAY, Fermin	951
" GARCIA, Roberto	4068
" MAIRENA, Horacio	3335
" MONTENEGRO, Pedro	2301
" PICADO, Ruperto	4065

3. On night of 5 October, 1932, at 2200 received information that small group of about fifteen bandits, had stolen animals from Guardia Potrero, I immediately cleared with patrol of six enlisted on reconnaissance and to pursue group that had stolen animals.

At 2230 arrived at G.N. Potrero and found that gate had been broken, and was thrown on one side of the trail, patrol cleared immediately in direction of RILLITO. At 2230 received information at RILLITO that group had passed with animals about ten minutes before our arrival. Patrol cleared to pursue group. At arrival of point 197-358, at ten thirty-five, patrol surprised group which had stopped to saddle one animal with saddle stolen from RILLITO. Patrol opened fire on group. Group returned fire with about four rifles, one pistol and shot guns. Contact lasted about three minutes. Group split and ran in all directions. Patrol reconnoitered area and was unable to gain further contact.

4. CASUALTIES:-

Guardia: None.

Bandits: Unknown due to darkness and heavy rain at that moment.

5. WEAPONS EMPLOYED BY GUARDIA:-

1 B.A.R.
1 STMG
1 Rifle Grenadier
1 Springfield Rifle
3 Krag Rifles.

WEAPONS EMPLOYED BY BANDITS:-

3 Rifles
1 Pistol
5 Shot Guns.

6. Patrol recovered three GN animals on scene of contact, and was unable to recover remaining animals due to darkness.

7. 2250 Patrol returned to home station.

8. The conduct of the Patrol during contact was excellent.

9. On 6 October, 1932, at 0500, I cleared combat patrol to cover scene of contact and patrol recovered the following articles left by the group on scene of contact:-

8 Animals (Mostly GN)
2 Saddles
1 Hat
1 Shot Gun (including powder horn and percussion caps)
Assorted cartridge cases (empty and discharged)

Patrol returned to home station at 10406.

/s/ J. M. Stanko,
2nd Lieut GN.

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Lieut Burns from Ocotal to Managua on 17 October, 1932.

Colonel T. L. Watson, Area Commander Northern Area, from Jinotega to Managua, 17 October, 1932.

Major Whaley from Jinotega to Managua on 17 October, 1932.

Colonel Walter G. Sheard, Area Commander, Central Area, from Managua to Jinotega on 17 October, 1932.

Lieut Foster, from Managua to Jinotega on 17 October, 1932.

Lieut Jones from Northern Area to Brigade Hospital on 17 October, 1932.

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