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GUARDIA NEWS LETTER NO. 46- (30 APRIL - 9 MAY, 1931.)

( With delayed notes from the C.A.)

The following is a consolidated report of the results of the Guardias contacts with bandits during the month of April:

| PLACE                  | PATROL COLDR.   | DATE | CAPTURES  | BANDITS<br>Killed-Wounded |    |
|------------------------|-----------------|------|---|---------------------------|----|
| SAN RAFAEL             | N. C. O.        | 1    | ?   | ?                         | ?  |
| LAS CANAS              | Lt McGorkle     | 7    | Pistol, amm.  | ?                         | 2  |
| CEDERALES              | Capt Fricke     | 9    | 4 horses, 2 mules,<br>3 dynamite bombs,<br>1 bull, food, and<br>3 machetes. | ?                         | ?  |
| LOGTOWN                | Capt Pefley     | 11   | ?   | ?                         | ?  |
| MOSS FARM              | Lt Darrah       | 12   | ?   | ?                         | ?  |
| CUYUTIGHY              | Capt Wood       | 13   | Bandit supply train   | 8                         | 2  |
| ANUCUYAN               | Sgt Altamirano. | 14   | 1 rifle, 1 pistol,<br>2 machetes, food.                                     | 4                         | ?  |
| NEW VANCE TRACT        | Lt Darrah       | 16   | Misc. articles.   | ?                         | ?  |
| RIO ABAJO CERRO GRANDE | Lt Rodriguez    | 16   | ?   | ?                         | ?  |
|                        | Lt Kipp         | 19   | 5 machetes, food,<br>hat bands.   | 1                         | ?  |
| LECUS RIVER            | Capt Inman      | 23   | ?   | 4                         | 3  |
| AGUACATE               | Lt Truesdale    | 27   | 11 animals, and<br>blankets.  | 2                         | ?  |
| LAS CUCHILLAS          | Lt Truesdale    | 28   | 2 bombs, flashlight<br>hats, hat-bands,<br>clothing                         | 1                         | 10 |
|                        |                 |      |   | 20                        | 17 |

In the above contacts 20 bandits were killed, 17 wounded and 19 captures. The Guardia had 1 killed and 3 wounded. In addition to the above known number of killed and wounded bandits, many traces of others, either killed or wounded, were found at the scene of the contact but no estimate of these has been made.

In addition to the above captures, the Guardia captured various quantities of food, clothing, ammunition, equipment, etc. Several bandit camps also destroyed.

27 APRIL 1931

Lieut Ashbrood and guardia patrol arrived Jinotega (CA) from Fundadora.

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Captain Fricke, Licut Matamoras and Yali (CA) guardia patrol arrived San Rafael from combat mission, and cleared for Yali. Arrived Yali. Covered the areas El Volcan, La Hora, Santa Rosa, San Isidro, Coyolita, Colon, Buena Vista, El Zapote and Palo Blanco. No contacts and no information.

Licut Elliott cleared San Isidro (CA) for Sobaco and arrived.

Licut Ekberg and guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy (CA) for Matiguas and returned to Muy Muy.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia cleared Matagalpa with inspector of Hacienda for Las Escaleras on contraband patrol.

San Isidro (CA) guardia cleared San Isidro for and arrived Matagalpa.

#### 28 APRIL 1931

Jinotega (CA) guardia cleared Jinotega with inspector of hacienda on contraband patrol.

Captain Skinner, Licut Priebe and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Returned to Jinotega.

Captain Puller and Jinotega (CA) guardia cleared for halfway to Corinto Finca. Licut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met. and each returned to home station.

Captain Power, Licut Ashbrook and guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca (CA) for Sajonia to establish guardia post there.

La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for reconnaissance to the west of La Concordia. Returned, nothing to report.

Licut Withers and guardia cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Las Lajas and Algovia to establish guardia posts in those places.

Guardia cleared San Ramon (CA) for Matagalpa and arrived. Returned to San Ramon.

Licut Montenegro reported to Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

#### 29 APRIL 1931

Licut Montenegro and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for Cuatro Esquinas to establish guardia post.

Guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy (CA) for Matagalpa and arrived.

San Isidro (CA) guardia cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa. Arrived.

Lieut Navarotterand Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for and arrived Matagalpa.

Buena Vista (CA) guardia patrol cleared Buena Vista for Matagalpa and arrived.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

30 APRIL 1931

Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia cleared for aviation field. Returned to Jinotega.

Captain Fricke and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared for San Rafael. Arrived and Cleared for Jinotega. Arrived there.

Lieut Ashbrook and guardia patrol arrived Corinto Finca (CA) from Sajonia. Cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Lieut Alexander and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for and arrived San Rafael. Returned to La Concordia.

Guardia patrols cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Isidro and Muy Muy. Each arrived.

Captain McAfee cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived Dario.

1 MAY 1931

Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for Amucayan, Limon and Cuje.

Lieut Berueffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal.

Capatin Good, Lieut Keller and guardia patrol returned to Ocotal (NA). Nothing to report.

Villa Nueva (NA) guardia patrol cleared Villa Nueva for El Tamarindo to investigate report of small armed group at that place.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia cleared La Trinidad for Man-cayan to investigate report of group in that vicinity.

Lieut Truesdale and Condega (NA) guardia patrol returned to Condega.

Captain Holdahl and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal and returned to Somoto.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa and arrived Ocotal. Patrol returned to Totogalpa.

Somotillo (NA) guardia arrived Chinandega from Somotillo with one civil prisoner.

Guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from El Viejo, Atoya, Savannah Grande and La Garcia district. Nothing to report.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for La Florida district. Returned with two prisoners.

Guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Raisal and Uler district.

2 MAY 1931

Chinandega guardia patrol returned from El Raisal and Uler district with one prisoner and 1 shotgun.

Lieut Burns cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and Poseltega. Returned.

Chinandega guardia Cleared Chinandega for Corinto with one prisoner.

Chinandega guardia cleared with five hacienda guards for Poseltega. Returned with two prisoners and 1 pistol.

Guardia patrol reported to Leon from Telica with two civil prisoners and three shotguns.

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Nagarote to investigate report of murders in Tragaleguas near Nagarote.

Lieut Ragsdale and La Pineda (CA) guardia patrol had contact with a small bandit group in attack on the hacienda La Pineda at Gorrion. The guardia repulsed the attack, routed the bandits and pursued them. No guardia casualties. Bandits casualties one wounded, believed killed.

Lieut Stanley and guardia patrol returned to San Juan de Tolpaneca (NA) from Apali.

Villa Nueva (NA) guardia patrol returned from Tamarindo. Reports a small local group heading towards Valle de la Palmiras. Believed to be formed by people of that valley.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol returned to La Trinidad from Manayán; nothing to report.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia cleared Totogalpa. Patrolled Vera Paz and vicinity. Returned to Totogalpa. Nothing to report.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol returned to Jicaro. Reports having encountered group of 6 armed men going south on Jicaro River near Zapotillal. section patrolled is inhabited by bandits or outlaws and trails well traveled but no organized groups encountered other than above.

Lieut Berueffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia cleared Ocotal and returned to Dipilto.

Lieut Satterfield and San Juan de Tolpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan for Santo Domingo.

Lieut Bryson and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared for San Rafael and arrived.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia cleared for Navarro.

Lieut Navarette and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) on combat mission to La Picota.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Santa Cruz on police mission.

Lieut McGhee and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared on police mission to La Union. Patrol returned to Corinto Finca.

La Concordia (CA) guardia cleared La Concordia for and arrived San Rafael.

4 MAY 1931

Captain Howard and Juigalpa (Chontales) guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Puerto Diaz on police mission on May 3 and returned on May 4.

Guardia patrol arrived Juigalpa (Chontales) from Boaco with 11 prisoners.

Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for San Antonio on police mission. Returned to Ocotal.

Lieut. Satterfield and guardia patrol returned to San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) from Santo Domingo with three prisoners.

Lieut Bilbrey and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Yalaguina. Cleared with Lieut Titsworth and returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Clark and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) and arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Trosper, Lieut Kipp and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for Santo Domingo and returned.

Macuelizo (NA) guardia cleared Macuelizo. Patrolled Recuerdo, La Palma and Amatilla. Returned to Macuelizo.

Lieut Broderick and Macuelizo (NA) guardia cleared Macuelizo, patrolled Calpules, Jicaroto and Cerca de Piedras and returned to Macuelizo.

Lieut Welsz and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria and arrived Ocotal.

Captain McQueen and Somotillo (NA) guardia cleared Somotillo for Honduran border on police mission.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for Las Lajas.

Licut Munoz and Telpa noca (NA) guardia patrol returned from Limon, Cuje and Amucayan. Burned house in Limon in which were found red and black hat bands, detonators and empty cartridge shells.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Matagalpa, Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met and each returned to home station.

Captain Power, Licut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega. Arrived.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Buena Vista

Licut Navarette and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Dionisio and Esquipulas.

Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for San Dionisio and returned to Esquipulas.

Licut Pulver and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Myy Muy (CA) for El Balramo and returned to Muy Muy.

### 3 MAY 1931

Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Somotillo.

El Tempisque guardia patrol cleared El Tempisque for and arrived Chinandega.

Licut Makus and Leon guardia patrol with Juez de Mesta returned to Nagarote from Salinas Grande with 1 captured shotgun.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon to search for some stolen animals. Returned, unable to locate any.

Licut Berueffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared dipilto for vicinity of Nubes. Returned to Dipilto.

Licut Bilbrey and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo on police mission. Returned with two prisoners and one shot gun.

Licut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina and arrived Somoto. Patrol with Licut Titsworth in addition, returned to Yalaguina.

Captain Elmore, Licut Jackson and Apali (NA) guardia cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali.

Guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Santa Cruz on police mission.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Santa Cruz on police mission.

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia patrol cleared Nagarote for and arrived Leon.

Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Corinto on monthly inspection. Returned to Chinandega.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Tempisqual district.

Captain Fricke and guardia cleared Jinotega (CA) for Matagalpa. Arrived.

Guardia patrol cleared La Concordia (CA) for and arrived San Rafael.

Captain Maynard, Lieut Bryson, Lieut Barillas and San Rafael (CA) guardia cleared on combat patrol to the northeast.

Lieuts Atha and Pulver cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Managua.

Guardia cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Dionisio to establish post there. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Ekberg and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) in the direction of La Pineda and San Dionisio on combat patrol.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Elliott and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from San Isidro.

5 MAY 1931.

Lieut Ekberg and Muy Muy (CA) guardia returned to Muy Muy after having patrolled Gorrion area. Captured 4 men believed to have been implicated in attack on Gorrion (La Pineda Hacienda) on May 2, also located man wounded in same attack.

Lieut Fláppo and Muy Muy (CA) guardia cleared Muy Muy to again thoroughly patrol the Gorrion area.

Lieut Navarette and Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol, having operated to south and east of Esquipulas, returned to Esquipulas with three prisoners and the following captured articles: 3 shotguns, 8 springfield cartridges and one blanket.

Chinandega guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from Tempisqual district. Nothing to report.

Captain Craig cleared Chinandega for Leon and returned to Chinandega.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito district.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for El Apante.

Lieut Jackson and guardia patrol cleared Apali (NA) for Jalapa.

Lieut Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared to patrol area west of Pataste.

Lieut Kipp and guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa (NA) for and arrived Ocotul. Returned to Totogalpa.

Lieut Bilbrey and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Patrols met and returned to home stations.

Lieut Clark and guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina (NA) arrived Condega and cleared for Daraili.

Guardia patrol cleared Villa Nueva (NA) and arrived Somotillo.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia returned to La Trinidad from patrol to Las Lajas.

Colonel Smith, Captain Rosecrans and guardia cleared Jinotega (CA) for Matagalpa.

Guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for aviation field. Returned with Lieut Prieb.

Captain Puller, Lieut Lee and Central Area roving patrol cleared Jinotega on combat patrol to the north.

Captain Fricke and guardia arrived Jinotega (CA) from Matagalpa.

Captain Power, Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca. Arrived.

Captain Fricke and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for and arrived San Rafael.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for El Horno with Juez de Mesta on police mission.

San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael in the direction of Jinotega and returned.

Lieut Ekberg and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol returned to Muy Muy from Malpaso with three prisoners.

6 MAY 1931

Lieut Krebs and Juigalpa (Chontales) guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Acoyapa, Santo Tomas, San Pedro de Lovago, La Libertad, Javali and Santo Domingo.



Lieut Satterfield and guardia patrol cleared San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) for Ocotal.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for Jicaro.

Captain Good and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Cacao and vicinity.

Lieut Welsz and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Santa Maria via Macuelizo.

Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for Cacao and vicinity.

Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for San Francisco.

Lieut Cobb and La Trinidad (NA) guardia cleared La Trinidad for Oyancu on police mission.

Guardia arrived Leon from Telica and returned.

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia cleared Leon, with one civil prisoner, for Managua.

Guardia patrol returned to Leon from El Apante; captured two shotguns.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for hacienda (La Leona" Returned with two civil prisoners.

Lieut Spencer cleared Leon for Chinandega on temporary duty.

Chinandega guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from San Benito district. Nothing to report.

Captain Craig cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and San Antonio. Returned to Chinandega.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Savannah Grande and vicinity.

7 MAY 1961

Captain Howard and Juigalpa (Chontales) guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Tierra Blanco and Tesloaste on patrol and police mission.

Chinandega guardia patrol returned from Savannah Grande and vicinity. Nothing to report.

Guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Traponia. Santa Rosa and El Realejo.

Lieut Spencer arrived Chinandega from Leon for temporary duty and returned to Leon.

Captain O'Leary arrived Chinandega from Corinto for temporary duty and returned to Corinto.

Guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa. Returned to Chinandega with one prisoner and one cutacha.

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia returned to Leon from Managua.

Leon guardia cleared Leon on patrol to La Rosita. Returned to Leon with two prisoners.

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Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol returned to Quilali. Nothing to report.

Captain Williams, Captain Holdahl and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Truesdale and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega to investigate a report of many wounded bandits near Cuchillas.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned to Yalaguina. Patrolled Guanacaste. Sighted a group at that place and followed trail to a point west of Jocote. Opened fire on a lone bandit wearing hat with red and black hat band. According to information bandits are traveling in small groups looking for food.

Lieut Broderick and Macuelizo (NA) guardia cleared Macuelizo with two applicants, for enlistment, for and arrived Ocotal. Patrol returned to Macuelizo.

Captain Kelly and guardia returned to Jicaro (NA) from patrol.

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili and arrived Ocotal.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for Llano Largo on police mission.

Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to Limay from Police mission.

Captain Good, Lieut Keller and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for vicinity of Ensueno ranch near Achuapa.

NOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF CHONTALES

MARCH 1931

1st.

Lieut. Bell and Guardia patrol cleared Santo Domingo for La Libertad. Arrived and cleared for Juigalpa.

2nd.

Lieut. Kessler and Guardia patrol cleared Boaco for Juigalpa. Captain Howard and Guardia patrol from Juigalpa to La Poza on police mission.

3rd.

Lieuts. Martin and Krebs with Guardia patrol and civicos cleared Juigalpa on combat mission to operate in Olama area.

5th.

Guardia patrol cleared La Libertad for Juigalpa. Lieuts. Martin and Krebs and patrol cleared Olama area to operate in Murra area.

6th.

Captain Howard and Guardia patrol from Juigalpa to Comalapa on police mission and returned to Juigalpa. Lieut. McDonald cleared Juigalpa for Managua.

7th, 8th and 9th.

Guardia patrol under Lieuts. Martin and Krebs operating in vicinity of Masigue, Amores del Sol, El Castillo and Betulia. Returned to Juigalpa on 9th.

10th and 11th.

Lieut. Martin from Juigalpa to Santo Domingo and La Libertad and returned.

12th.

Lieuts. Martin and Bell and Guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Managua. Lieut. Krebs and patrol cleared Juigalpa for San Carlos.

13th and 14th.

Captain Howard and patrol cleared Juigalpa for Acoyapa. Lieut. Morse and patrol Juigalpa to Boaco, thence to Comalapa.

17th .

Captain Howard and patrol from Juigalpa to Piedra Colorada on police mission and returned.

21st, 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Capt. Howard, Lt McDonald and Juigalpa Guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa to patrol to La Libertad, Santo Domingo and Javali Mine areas. Returned April 25th.

26th

Captain Howard and Guardia patrol to Las Lajas and return on patrol and police mission. Lt. McDonald and patrol to and from Montiel on police patrol.

27th.

Captain Howard and Guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for San Isidro and Bramadero on police mission.

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M I S C E L L A N E O U S

The following extracts from the "Monthly Record of Events" for April 1931, for the Department of Chinandega, commanded by Captain E. A. Craig, G.N., are quoted:

POLICE OPERATIONS

No major crimes during the period covered. A few small robberies have been committed in the country districts by groups of from two to six men; these groups are believed to be men out of work looking for food as most of the articles stolen were foodstuffs

They have not harmed the inhabitants during these robberies. Municipal police are now functioning in all the principal towns of this Department with the exception of Corinto; their performance of duty to date has been very satisfactory.

INTELLIGENCE

State and territory occupied quiet with exception of the small robberies mentioned above. Groups mentioned have been armed mostly with cutchacs and one or two old rifles or shot guns. Due to the large number of unemployed roaming in the Department at this time more trouble is expected from these groups of ladrones, as they must steal to eat. Active patrolling is being carried out to prevent the formation of any large group of the people mentioned.

MILITARY SITUATION

No armed group of any size or importance is believed to be in this Department at the present time.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Prices of foodstuffs still unusually high. Prices of corn \$7.00 fanega; beans from \$20.00 to \$21.00 fanega; rice \$6.50 a hundred pounds. Forage for livestock very scarce and high. Difficulty is being experienced in foraging the Guardia Nacional animals at 8¢ a day.

WEATHER

Clean and unusually hot. No rains.

ROADS AND TRAILS

In good conditions but dusty. Road to Puente Real and Choluteca, Honduras, getting in bad shape due to heavy automobile traffic and bull carts.

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The following is a copy of a letter received by Major L.P. Hunt, G.N., Commanding the Northern Area, from Lieut. M. Welsz, G.N., Commanding the district of Santa Maria:

Santa Maria, Nueva Segovia, Nicaragua,  
29 April 1931.

Dear Major Hunt:

These few lines will explain the economic and general situation of the Santa Maria District.

There is very little change in economic conditions previously reported however, many Nicaraguans with their families have returned from Honduras to this District during this month and have settled down and are getting the fields ready for the planting season.

I have spread the word that, all men regardless of what they have been or being doing previously, are at liberty to return to this District and when they present themselves at these Headquarters, they will be given papers authorizing them to live in this District or any place they may desire to do so, providing, they behave and abide to the Nicaraguan Government and its laws. The result of this propaganda is, that many families have returned and settled down in Copalar, Aguacate, Occoona and various places in this District.

The Sandinistas in Honduras are spreading propaganda and warning the people not to trust the Guardia, but to remain in Honduras because the help and amnesty that is being promised them by the Guardia and their Yankee Jefes is nothing more than a trick to have them come over to Nicaragua and to kill them, but I earnestly believe that no propaganda will stop them from returning to their country, as long as the Guardia will continue to carry out the policy adopted by this area.

The school in Santa Maria is progressing rapidly, we have two clases, one in the morning and one in the afternoon and both are fully attended by boys and girls ranging in age from 7 to 17 years.

I am trying to organize a school in Occoona, but so far was not able to find a suitable teacher, as soon as one is found, we will open up the school thereat.

The civil functions are turned over to the newly appointed civil officials, who in turn are very proud of their appointments and are endeavoring to do everything to the best of their knowledge and ability, by cooperating with the Guardia. Friday, April 1, 1931, they will meet and elect a Treasurer, (there is no money), also they will decide about building new municipal buildings large enough to house the Guardia (local) two rooms for the

school, one room for the officer of the District Commander and one room for the Alcaldia; the Jefes de Canton and the Jueces de Mesta will also be selected and appointed later on; considering all the district of Santa Maria is progressing slowly but steadily.

Health of inhabitants and the Guardia is excellent, but the food is very scarce and the prices in Honduras (none obtainable in Santa Maria) are so high that it is impossible for these people to buy anything; it is believed that on account of Revolution in Honduras the next three or four months will be the hardest in the history of this district; in order to make the people feel better and to forget about their hunger and troubles, last Saturday 25th of April, the Guardia invited to a dinner all men, women and children from Santa Maria, Aguacate, Coyolar and vicinity which was attended approximately 150 persons (mostly women and children). After the dinner three girls and three guardias asked me for permission to let them dance, which was granted. The orchestra (Victrola) continuously played until midnight at which time all guests departed for their respective homes, happy and with, at least, one good meal under their skin. (the meal was prepared by the ladies).

The clothing for the school children is very badly needed, all they have on, was bought and paid for by Captain Holdahl; a little help from somewhere would be greatly appreciated and it would help the Guardia to gain confidence of all Nicaraguan people, also it would knock the Sandinistas and their propaganda on the head.

At present there is no bandit activity in this District however, later on when more food will become available, it is believed that they will return to the Northwestern Segovia, in the meantime the Guardia in this district should help the people out. It is believed that by doing so the Guardia will gain many friends, who will gladly inform them of any bandit movements and possible of their intentions.

If possible, I earnestly request that another officer be assigned for duty in this district, at present time and due to the shortage of food it is necessary for me to go to Ocotal (about 42 miles) after food supplies, during which time this post is left without an officer and sometimes without a noncommissioned officer; it would be no trouble whatever for bandits to capture this post with all machine guns and ammunition which is left at the post during my absence, also for some disloyal guardia to take a machine gun and go to Honduras where he can sell it for a large sum of money. Two officers in this district can accomplish more than one.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ M. Welsz.

Lieutenant J. M. Broderick, G.N., Commanding the District of Macuelizo, has submitted the following letter to his area Commander, Major L.P.Hunt, G.N.:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
Macuelizo, Nueva Segovia, Nic.  
3 May 1931.

Major Leroy P. Hunt, G.N.  
Area Commander, Northern Area.

Dear sir:

Enclosed are the two dollars for the Victrola spring, Music means a lot to the Guardia and they certainly appreciate it. We now have in town two Victrolas, half a dozen guitars, two accordions and one violin.

Six men arrived today from Suyatal, Nic., near El Horno and presented themselves. They tell me that several more will be in tomorrow. Suyatal is in the political jurisdiction of Macuelizo but in the military jurisdiction of Dipilto, but in accordance with the law the people must register their property here.

Eight houses are now occupied by civilians and they tell me that five more families will return in the coming week. The following is a list of the number of men who have presented themselves from the different Caseríos:

|                       |       |       |               |       |      |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|------|
| Calpules de Macuelizo | ----  | 16    | Las Oficinas  | ----- | 11   |
| Amatilla              | ----- | 50    | Ocoite Seco   | ----- | 16   |
| Macuelizo             | ----- | 24    | Paracito      | ----- | 9    |
| El Portillo           | ----- | 1     | La Mesa       | ----- | 14   |
| Los Encinos           | ----- | 6     | Loma Larga    | ----- | 3    |
| Ococona               | ----- | 4     | La Palma      | ----- | 6    |
| Las Cabullas          | ----- | 3     | Las Arroyones | ----- | 3    |
| Jicarito              | ----- | 1     | Calvaseras    | ----- | 2    |
| Suyatal               | ----- | 6     | Las Peñitas   | ----- | 1    |
|                       |       | TOTAL | -----         |       | 176. |

I expect at least fifty new ones to present themselves tomorrow.

Yesterday the sister of Umanzor's wife brought Umanzor's three year old daughter in and left it with it's mother, who is still confined in a house across the plaza from the barracks. She still claims that she knows nothing of Umanzor or his movements. She has denied knowledge of some things that I know she knows.

/s/ J. M. BRODERICK.

The following report covers a patrol made by Lieut. Makus and Leon guardia patrol:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF LEON,  
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, LEON, NICARAGUA.  
May 5, 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. Hugo A. Makus.  
To : The Department Commander.

Subject: Patrol report.

1. I cleared Leon at 10402 for Nagarote, arrived Nagarote at 12202. Cleared Nagarote for Tragaleguas at 13302 arrived Tragaleguas at 15002. Found that a group had murdered six men and wounded two women and one man. The dead are:

Gregorio Silva, mozo, working for the Lezama family.  
Cirilo Lezama,  
Marcial Lezama  
Elias Lezama  
Francisco Lezama, and  
Arcadio Lezama.

The wounded are:

Ana Maria Corea de Lezama,  
Alfredo Corea, and  
Dolores Lezama de Corea.

2. The killing took place at about one o'clock in the morning on May 2nd, 1931. The group is estimated at about fifteen. They were armed with Krag rifles, 44 caliber pistols, 38 caliber pistols, 12 gauge shotguns and machetes.

3. The Lezama family has had a feud existing in the family and it seems that the Lezamas who took part in the murder premeditated the murder and joined up with the group which happened along at an opportune time. The men recognized in the group are the following and were residents of the same vicinity:

Maximiliano Lezama,  
Gabriel Lezama,  
Exequiel Lopez, and  
Asuncion Lopez.

4. The following named men from Nagarote are suspected by the residents of Nagarote:

Felipe Blanco,  
Marcelino Blanco, and  
Jorge Blanco.

5. I received information that the group had passed by way of Trinidad for Salinas. I cleared Tragaleguas at 16002 for La Trinidad and arrived at 17302. Searched La Trinidad and tried to get some information but could not get any. I cleared La Trinidad for Las Salinas at 18302 and arrived at 02003, searched the place and obtained information that the group has passed at 12002. Searched house of Felipe Blanco and found one double barrel shot-



gun but there were no people at the house. I returned to Nagarote at 14003 and was informed that the group has passed Mateare sometime during the night. Later was informed that the group was in the vicinity of El Sauce, and headed for Matagalpa.

6. I cleared Nagarote at 03004 for Guanacastillo to search house of Jorge Blanco, arrived Guanacastillo at 04304, searched the place but found nothing. I cleared Guanacastillo for Nagarote at 05004 and arrived Nagarote at 06304. I cleared Nagarote for Leon at 08304, and arrived Leon at 10204.

/s/ Hugo L. Mokus,  
2nd Lt., G.N.

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13.04-seb. 1st Endorsement May 6, 1931.  
HEAD QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF LEON, GUARDIA NACIONAL, LEON, NICARAGUA.

From: The Department Commander.  
To : The Jefe Director.

1. Forwarded.

2. On the morning of May 2, 1931 a telegram was received from the Alcalde of Nagarote saying seven people had been killed and two wounded at Trahaleguas, which place is about two leagues east of Nagarote.

3. Lieutenant Mokus and five guardia were despatched to the scene by the train leaving Leon at ten thirty on May 2nd. He ascertained that six people were killed and three wounded and that the killing was the culmination of a feud existing in the Lezama family.

4. A thorough search was made of the countryside but none of the group could be located. Latest information indicates that the group cleared for the North.

/s/ J. W. WEBB.

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Report of W.W. Benson, G.N., covering patrol made of the Puerto Cabezas-Wawa Boom area, is quoted:

DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN BLUEFIELDS, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA, 15 April 1931.

From: 1st Lieut. William W. Benson, GN.,  
To : The Department Commander.

Subject: Patrol report.

1. A patrol consisting of myself, second lieutenant Leonard Curcey, and twenty enlisted Guardia cleared Puerto Cabezas at 0630 for reconnaissance of the Puerto Cabezas-Wawa Boom area.

2. The patrol searched each side of the railroad track from kilometer 11 to kilometer 26 for traces of bandits. At kilometer 19, where the railroad makes a sharp turn to the right, a position was found which indicated that a bandit group of about twenty men

had been in ambush there. Along the top of the bank to the left grooves had been cut and outlined of prone men were found. Decayed food, cigarettes butts, imprints of new rubber-soled and hob-nailed shoes, such as were included in the loots from the robbed commissaries were found at this place. A freshly cut trail through the adjacent brush indicated the route of approach and departure to and from this ambush. The barvous small Indian settlements along the railroad line were searched and found deserted, but no damage appeared to have been done. At kilometer 21 a railroad bridge had been burned and traffic blocked thereby. At kilometer 26 a group of about 75 Indians refugees was met on the railroad track. These people had left Kipla, Plato, and other farms in the Vance District and were returning to their homes along the coast.

3. Indians at kilometer 24, who had come in from Ayupini, Sissin and other towns to the North were questioned regarding bandit activities in those localities. Bandit groups had been in Ayupini and Sissin, but had left on the morning of April 14.

4. It is believed that the Puerto Cabezas-Wawa Boom area is free from bandits.

/s/ W. W. BENSON.

The following is the report of patrol made by Captain C. A. Inman, G.N., from Puerto Cabezas, and contact made on April 23rd:

DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN BLUEFIELDS, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA, 29 April 1931.

From: The Department Commander, Capt O.A. Inman, G.N.  
To : The Area Commander, Area of the East, Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua, Bluefields, Nicaragua.

Subject: Patrol report.

1. In compliance with verbal orders received from the Department Commander at 1200 22 April 1931 I left Puerto Cabezas with one officer, twenty five enlisted men and one civilian guide. The equipment other than the service rifles were three Browning Automatic Rifles and two Thompson sub-machine guns. The events of each day are set forth below:-

22 April - Left Puerto Cabezas at 1430 by rail and arrived Moss Farm 2300. Detrained at Moss and proceed on foot to Louisiana where we procured three pack mules and a mule driver from the Standard Fruit Co. Arrived Logtown at 0230, 23 April and went into camps.

23 April - Left Logtown 0600 following railroad to Cuyutigne. Took trail to Lecus Creek. Arrived Lecus 1400. Left trail at Lecus and proceeded up Lecus Creek. At 1500 surprised and engaged a group of approximately twenty bandits. Four bandits were killed and three known to be wounded. Engagement lasted about five minutes. The remainder of bandits scattering in thick underbrush. One sack of Company stores (Blankets, shoes, etc.) and four guns were captured, one Winchester 22 caliber; one 16 gage breech loader and two twelve gauge muzzle loaders. The patrol then proceeded rapidly back into the Lecus Sacklin trail and advanced toward Sacklin. Went into camp on the trail six kilometers out from Lecus 1730.

24 April - Broke camp at 0700 and arrived Saklin 1300 same day. Only one Nicaraguan, Slate, and a few Indian families remained in town. Saklin had been completely sacked with the exception of one store owned and operated by Adolf Cockburn. The bandits group under command of Abraham Rivera consisted of about forty five armed men and about sixty indians and boatmen. They arrived in Saklin Friday afternoon 17 April 1931 and left Saturday morning 18 April 1931, proceeding up river with eight large boats. The patrol spent night of 24 April in Saklin.

25 April - Three Indians returning down river reported that they had been used by Rivera as boatmen and that the Rivera group having met up with a few of the remaining men from the Blandon group had proceeded up the river, from Waspuk on Tuesday 21 April 31, with destination segovia. Left Saklin at 1230 and proceeded down the Wanks river by barge. At 1800 picked up small motor boat belonging to Mr. Lester from the Cape. This boat has been used by the bandits in their trip up the river and left on the bank by them when it ran out of gasoline.

26 April - At 0130 camped on bank of river, six kilometers below Kum. 0600 embarked and proceeded down river. 0900 obtained service of motor boat at Jacinto Chow to tow barge. 2100 arrived Cape Gracias a Dios. Andres Boom and Sawa. In each place the bandits had cleaned out all food and serviceable clothing. The people were still much frightened and in fear of the bandits return.

27 April - In Cape Gracias.

28 April - 0600 left Cape Gracias on Standard Fruit tug "North Star", left detachment one First Sgt. and six men and one B.A.R.; three weeks provisions at Cape. Arrived Puerto Cabezas 1600 hundred.

2. From reliable information received it is believed that the group encountered by the patrol is the one reported previous to have been operating around Ayupini and to the best of my knowledge was the last group remaining in this district. Informations gathered from several persons at the Cape indicate that the bandits under Rivera are endeavoring to reach Boca and on the Coco River where they have directed a long house, between one hundred and fifty, and two hundred feet long, which will be used as their headquarters. It is believed that airplanes will can wipe this place out.

/s/ O..N. INMLN.

There is quoted the report of a patrol made by Lieut. C. R. Darrah, G.N., and Puerto Cabezas Guardia on April 11, 1931:

NINTH COMPANY, DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN BLUEFIELDS,  
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA, PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA,  
29 April 1931:

From: First Lieut. Clyde R. Darrah, G.N.  
To : The Area Commander, Area of the East, Guardia  
Nacional, Bluefields, Nicaragua.  
Via : The Department Commander, Department of Northern  
Bluefields, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua.

Subject: Patrol Report.

Reference: (a) Letter of the Area Commander, dated 22 April 31.

Enclosure: (1).

1. In accordance with the reference the following report is submitted:

11 Apr 31. 12:30 PM received report that Captain Harlen Pefley had been killed and Raso Manuel Morales had been wounded by bandits at Logtown. 1:45 PM patrol including myself, fifteen enlisted men and one civico, Mr. Beardsley cleared Puerto Cabezas for Logtown by train, arrived at Tigne Junction (Moss Farm) at 4:35 PM where four enlisted from Toledo Wye were waiting our arrival. Continued on Logtown with eleven enlisted and one civico by train, having eight men to follow by motor car. Arrived Logtown 5:15 PM where Captain Pefley and patrol had contact, and where Captain Pefley was killed, searched all of Logtown and vicinity. Commissary house of the Overseer and food shed had been burned down. At 6:30 PM left Logtown with ten enlisted and one civico Mr. Beardsley for Cuyutigne, searched there and immediate vicinity, laid in ambush until 4:30 AM 12 April 31.

12 April 31. Left Cuyutigne at 5:15 AM arrived Logtown at 6:00 AM Researched Logtown 6:45 AM left Logtown arrived Louisiana Farm where we found the balance of the Guardia patrol awaiting us. We were notified that one half hour after our patrol left Moss Farm by train and motor car, that bandits attacked there, killing eight men, four of which were americans, two were commissary men, and two unknown. There were other bodies scattered between Moss Farm and Louisiana Farm. 8:15 AM left Louisiana Farm for Moss Farm where bandits were still in force 8:30 AM had contact with bandits forcing them to retire. Raso Pascual Rivera wounded twice, one shot entering left side of nose passing and tearing out the right eye, other entered right shoulder lodging in his body. At the time the bandit casualties were unknown but later reports were, that four were killed. Road before and behind us was blocked, also telephone lines had been cut. Tried to send report into Fort by motor car running along, but plan did not work as the Snaki bridge had been tampered with. Two amphibian planes arrived about 11:30 AM bombed at Vacarro Farm, and in the woods where it was latter learned that bandits had been hiding. 11.40 AM patrol including myself, thirteen enlisted and Mr. Beardsley cleared for Vacarro and D'antoni Farms, arriving D'antoni at 1.30, enroute searched vacarro and vicinity, also vicinity of D'antoni. At Vacarro Farm the bandits burned the Commissary, the mandador's house and three other houses belong to the laborers. Arrived Moss Farm at 3:00 PM. Mr. Augustin Murphy and one colored man arrived and notified me that five hundred (500) more bandits under Pearon were enroute from the Banks River and intended to take Puerto Cabezas. 3.30 PM left Moss Farm with intentions of cutting off bandits at Wakiwas. Had contact with bandits while trying to cross Snaki Bridge where rails had been torn up. While Mr. Beardsley with a detail of Guardia repaired the rails, a detail under me held the bandits in check and forced them to retreat. No casualties among Guardia, while repairing rails on the far side of the bridge two planes arrived and made a drop, wanting to know where they could drop provisions and ammunition. Did not have time to answer but made signals toward Wakiwas. 4.30 PM arrived Wakiwas, received rumor

there that bandits numbering five (500) hundred under Pedron were coming through to Port burning and robbing on the way in. Intended to kill all machos, (Americans). In Wakiwas we met Sgt Taylor with eleven guardia one applicant and one civico as re-inforcements. Made Camp at Wakiwas making tactical preparations for a defense. 7:00 PM in telephone communication with Guardia Headquarters in Puerto Cabezas, explained the situation and asked for food and ammunition. 9:00 AM received code message from Captain Wood, that h would arrive about 6:00 AM 13 April 31, with re-inforcements, food and ammunition, and for my detail to be prepared to move forward immediately upon his arrival.

13 April 31 - 5:20 AM. Captain Wood, Lieutenant Simmer and six enlisted men arrived. Captain Wood immediately taking charge of the entire patrol.

/s/ CLYDE R DARRAH

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The following items are extracts from the "MONTHLY RECORD OF EVENTS" of the Department of Leon, commanded by Major J.K. Webb, G.N., for the month of April, 1931.:

#### GENERAL POLICE CONDITIONS

Police conditions have been unusually good during the month. Due to the excitement and the number of refugees in Leon from Managua, curfew law was established, curfew being at 10:00 pm. in an effort to curb robberies at night. Curfew was maintained for a week and gave wonderful results. The people worked very well with the police in maintaining order and very few complaints were received.

#### INTELLIGENCE

General state of territory occupied: Few rumors of band being organized in Las Mercedes area, near Quezalguaque. Otherwise quiet.

#### MILITARY SITUATION

There are no organized bandits, but from rumors it is reported that Daniel Gomez, murderer and fugitive from justice, is trying to reorganize the Coto Diaz gang in the vicinity of Las Mercedes. It is reported that he has ten men gathering in that vicinity, but to date he has made no raids.

#### ECONOMIC SITUATION

Foodstuffs have increased in price, and due to necessity of sending food to Managua by the Red Cross of Leon, all of the surplus food stuffs have been expended. Corn and beans are scarce.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The city of Leon responded to the call for aid for the injured and refugees of Managua. A red cross unit was formed and work begun to gather food stuffs and medicines to be sent to Managua. Within seven hours after having received notice of the earthquake

the Red Cross was formed and a car load of supplies was under way for Managua together with medicines and civilian doctors. The city received the refugees, and the people together with the Red Cross received and care for about three thousand refugees. In addition, other supplies were sent to Managua.

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The following are extracts from the "MONTHLY RECORD OF EVENTS" for April 1931, from the Department of Rivas, commanded by Captain E. E. Larson, G.N.:

#### MILITARY OPERATIONS

District of Rivas: The District of Rivas was thoroughly patrolled by the Department Commander and the patrol officer during the month. Regular weekly inspection trips made to San Juan del Sur, San Jorge, Buenos Aires, and Potosi. Guardia and quarters inspected and civil officials interviewed. Pay guard furnished R.R. paymaster on pay days. Guardia supervised the food distribution and kept order among the refugees from the Managua earthquake..

District of Cardenas: Station of Cardenas taken over by Lieut. F. Bello on 25 April. During month regular patrols made to Rivas, Seppa, Sabalos, Orosi and surrounding cattle farms. Area quiet, no disorders of any kind. Regular inspections made by the Department Commander or patrol officer at least twice monthly.

#### GENERAL POLICE CONDITIONS.

No serious crimes committed in the Department during the past month.. Comparatively little police activity. Sale of Aguardiente has fallen off sharply, resulting in fewer cases of drunks confined.

#### ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Economic conditions very bad. Several wealthy cattle owners have been embargoed or presented themselves for bankruptcy during month, causing a general loss to creditors throughout the Department. Business is slow. Prices set by Jefe Politico's decree:

|        |         |           |             |
|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|
| Beans  | \$ 0.07 | per pound |             |
| Rice   | .07     | " "       |             |
| Flour  | .10     | " "       | (1st grade) |
|        | .08     | " "       | (2nd grade) |
| Lard   | 6.00    | " can     |             |
| Cheese | .18     | " pound   |             |

#### WEATHER

Very dry. High winds falling off slightly and rain is predicted for the first week in May.

#### ROADS AND TRAILS

Camino Real from Rivas to Granada can be made in 3.1/2 hrs. and Rivas-San Juan del Sur (2 leagues) in 1.1/ hrs. in an automobile. Both roads are badly cut up. San Jorge-San Juan del Sur Railroad progressing rapidly. Track laid 3 miles south of Rivas with grading ready for laying track 5 miles further on. Trails in all parts of Department good but dusty.

P E R S O N N E L

Colonel J. Marston detached from Eastern Area, Bluefields, on May 6 and cleared for Quantico, tour of duty in Nicaragua completed.

Captain E. L. Burwell reported to guardia for duty from the U. S. Will be assigned duty in Northern area.

Captain R. E. Forsyth arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal on May 4 and cleared by plane on May 6 for Panama en route to the U. S. on leave.

