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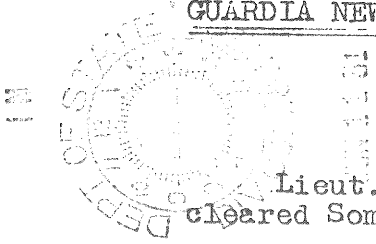
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14 MAY 1931



Lieut. Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Lieut. Hamas, Lieut. Titsworth and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Condega.

Lieut. Titsworth and guardia patrol cleared Condega (NA) for Daraili.

Lieut. Griffith and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for Callantu and returned to Totogalpa; nothing to report.

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

Lieut. McGorkle and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and Arrived Ocotal.

Lieut. Stanley, Lieut. Gedney and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan de Telpaneca for and arrived Telpaneca.

Lieut. Hancock and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for and Arrived Ocotal.

Lieut. Kipp and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Palacaguina.

Guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) for and arrived Yalaguina.

Lieut. McKeown and Jinotega (CA) guardia cleared for halfway to Matagalpa. Matagalpa guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met, Lieut. McKeown joined Matagalpa patrol and proceeded with it to Matagalpa. Jinotega patrol returned to home station.

Lieut. Gale and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned from combat mission. Covered the areas Paso Real, Mancotal, Yanki, Rio Grande, Embocaderos and Tumuyunca. Patrol burned three houses belonging to the Mercado Brothers, known bandits, who have been molesting people in that district for some time.

Lieut. Bryson and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for halfway to San Rafael. Lieut. Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met and each returned to home station.

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Lieut Alexander and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared for San Rafael. Arrived and cleared for La Concordia.

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

Captain Power, Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia returned from combat patrol. Patrolled the areas La Virgen, Pavona, and Pena Blanca. Fired on two men supposed to have been bandit lookouts and wounded one. Patrol brought in three prisoners.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived San Dionisio.

Patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for La Pinoda.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Cuatros Esquinos.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Dario.

Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol returned to Muy Muy from Mal Paso.

Dario (CA) guardia patrol cleared Dario for Nombre de Jesus.

Captain Bourne and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

Lieutenants Kerns and Martin cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Ramon. Cleared San Ramon and returned to Matagalpa.

15 MAY 1931

Lieut Spart and Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from combat patrol to Santa Rosa. Captured 1 krag rifle.

Guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from Las Mercedes and vicinity. Nothing to report.

Captain Craig, Department Commander of Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for Corinto.

Guardia patrol cleared Chinandega with three prisoners for El Tempisque.

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

Lieut Livermore and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) for and arrived Totogalpa.

Colonel Hunt, Captain Burwell and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Dipilto. Cleared Dipilto and returned to Ocotal.

Lieut Welsz and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria for Hato Viejo. Returned to Santa Maria.

Lieut Coffman and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Pataste.

Lieut Truesdale and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega to investigate firing heard in direction of Palacaguina. Patrol returned to Condega.

Lieut McGorkle and guardia patrol from Somoto (NA) cleared Ocotal for and arrived Yalaguina. Remaining at Yalaguina until return of Lieut Brown from combat patrol

Lieut Griffith and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol Cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal.

Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared to investigate firing heard in direction of Palaguina. Patrol returned to Yalaguina.

Lieut Berueffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for Suyatal.

Combined Esteli, Limay, San Francisco and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrols arrived Limay.

Lieut Bilbrey and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared to investigate firing heard in the direction of Palacaguina. Patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Captain Arnett, Lieut Ramirez, Lieut Fox and guardia patrol cleared Villa Nueva (NA) and arrived Somotillo.

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol arrived Palacaguina from Daraili.

Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for Aviation Field. Captain Skinner arrived aviation field from Managua. Captain Rosecrans, Captain Skinner and guardia patrol returned to Jinotega.

Captain Maynard, Lieut Bryson, Lieut Barrilas and San Rafael (CA) guardia cleared Jinotega for San Rafael. Patrol arrived.

Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Corinto Finca. Cleared Corinto finca for Sajonia.

Lieut Matamoras and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for and returned to Yali.

Lieut Schimerer and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Muy Muy and arrived.

San Ramon (CA) guardia cleared San Ramon for and arrived Matagalpa. Cleared Matagalpa for and arrived San Ramon.

Lieut Ekberg and guardia patrol cleared Bay Bay (CA) for La Pineda.

Lieut Elliott and guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for and arrived Sebaco. Cleared Sebaco and returned to San Isidro.

Lieut Martin and guardia cleared Matagalpa for Buena Vista (CA).

Guardia patrols arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro and Las Lajas.

16 MAY 1931

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol had contact with small bandit group near Cuje Mine. Bandit casualties 5 known killed. No guardia casualties. The guardia captured red flags, hat bands, cutachas and ammunition. Bandit camp destroyed.

Lieut Brauer, Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol had contact near Cuje Mine with a group of about 12 bandits under Orteoz. Guardia captured 1 bomb and miscellaneous articles, including 8 bolts of cloth stolen from Palacaguina merchants. Bandit casualties unknown. No guardia casualties.

Lieut Berueffly and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol returned to Dipilto from Suyatal; nothing to report.

Lieut Griffith and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) for Telpaneca. Patrol arrived.

Lieut Coffman and Patasto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Patasto.

Lieut Munoz and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for vicinity of Cuje Mines. Patrol returned.

Lieut McGorkle and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Somoto. Somoto guardia patrol cleared Somoto for halfway to Yalaguina. Patrols met, Lieut McGorkle joined Somoto patrol and with it returned to Somoto. Yalaguina patrol returned to home station.

Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission. Returned to Dipilto.

Lieut Brauer, Lieut Kipp and guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for vicinity of Cuje Mines. Patrol returned to Palacaguina after contact reported above.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared for vicinity of Cuje Mines. Patrol returned after contact reported above.

Lieut Martinez and guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina (NA) for Daraili. Patrol arrived.

Captain McQueen and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol, Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol and Lieut Hutchcroft and San Francisco (NA) guardia patrol, cleared Limay for home stations.

Lieut Smith and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli. Reported that his patrol fired on a group of 4 on the afternoon of the 13th at El Pajarito, three leagues southeast of Lagartillo, killing one Juan Castillo, a member of the Jose Leon Liaz group and recently named by Dias as Juez of Pajarito. Captured 1 revolver and small amount of ammunition. Located and destroyed camp consisting of 11 pole shacks on ridge about 1000 yards west of El Pajarito.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael. Lieut Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met and each returned to home stations.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Corinto Finca. Lieut McGhee, Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jinotega. Patrols met, Lieut Gutierrez joined Jinotega patrol and proceeded with it to Jinotega. Lieut McGhee and Corinto Finca patrol returned to Corinto Finca.

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Las Lajas.

Captain Bourne and guardia cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from San Isidro.

17 MAY 1931

Lieut Berueffy and Dipilto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for vicinity of El Horno. Patrol returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Stanley, Lieut Gedney and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca and returned to San Juan de Telpaneca.

Lieut Brauer, Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for area northeast of Palacaguina to investigate report of bandits. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Ramirez and guardia cleared Somotillo (NA) and returned to Villa Nueva.

Captain McQueen and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol returned to Somotillo from combat patrol.

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

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol reports having been fired on by a group of six from long range near Ocotal- Totogalpa road. Pursued the group but was unable to gain close contact.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to La Granja, on reports of robbery committed there. Patrol returned to Leon nothing to report.

Captain Craig, Commanding Department of Chinandega, cleared Chinandega for El Viejo.

Lieut Schuler and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol roads and trails. Returned; area quiet, nothing to report.

18 MAY 1931

Lieut Stevens and Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Hacienda Sta. Paula. Covered Comarca de Abangazca, vicinity of Quezalguaque and Telica areas. Patrol returned to Leon with one civil prisoner and one captured shotgun.

Lieut Makus and Leon guardia cleared Leon on patrol to vicinity of Telica. Returned to Leon with five civil prisoners, two captured pistols and one shotgun.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for El Tempisque.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for fincas north of Chinandega. Patrol returned to Chinandega with one captured revolver.

Lieut Griffith and Tolpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Tolpaneca for Cuje. Returned to Tolpaneca.

Lieut Bilbrey and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Condega. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

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

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

Captain Burwell, Lieut Broderick and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo.

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for vicinity west of Robles on combat mission.

Captain Holdahl and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for vicinity of San Diego on combat mission. Returned to Somoto.

Lieut Trosper and totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Totogalpa.

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

Lieut Bello and Cardenas (Rivas) guardia patrol cleared Cardenas for border patrol via Sabalos, Colon and Pizote.

Juigalpa (Chontales) guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa on police and patrol mission to La Libertad, Javali and Santo Domingo.

Guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa (Chontales) for Acoyapa.

Juigalpa (Chontales) guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Comalpa and Boaco on road patrol.

Department Commander, Leon, reports that a civilian attacked one of the Municipal Guardia at Quezalguaque wounding him. The Mayor of Quezalguaque, accompanied by the other two Municipal guardia of that place, arrested the civilian. Prisoner delivered to Leon.

Lieut Miller cleared Chinandega for Managua.

El Tempisque guardia arrived Chinandega with one prisoner.

Chinandega guardia cleared Chinandega to patrol all roads leading to Chinandega. Returned with one prisoner.

Lieut Munoz and Tolpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Tolpaneca on police mission.

Captain Arnett, Captain McQueen, Lieut Ramirez, Lieut Fox, and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo (NA) to meet patrols from Limay and San Francisco near Villa Nueva, to investigate bandit reports.

Lieut Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste for southwest Segovia. Returned with two prisoners and 1 shotgun.

Lieut Martinez and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol returned to Daraili; nothing to report.

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

Lieut Hamas and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for vicinity of mouth of Guayucali River on combat mission.

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

20 MAY 1931

Guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa (Chontales) on ten day patrol to Acoyapa, Javali Mine, and Betulia and Murra areas to the Rio Grande areas.

Lieut Miller returned to Chinandega from Managua.

Lieut Stevens and Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Nagarote.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and vicinity. Returned to Chinandega, nothing to report.

21 MAY 1931.

Guardia patrol returned to Corinto from Granada after delivering a prisoner.

Guardia patrol returned to Chinandega from El Ralijo and vicinity. Nothing to report.

Lieut Stevens and Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from Nagarote with 1 civil prisoner and three captured shot-guns.

22 MAY 1931

Captain Stafford, Lieut Sims and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) to inspect the district of Muy Muy.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito and vicinity. Returned to Chinandega with one prisoner and one captured cutacha.

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

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon returning to Granada after having delivered two prisoners.

Leon guardia patrol reported to Leon with five prisoners.

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

The Department Commander, Chinandega, reports that a municipal guardia force of 6 members has been organized for duty in Corinto and that, after a period of training in their duty, will assume police functions in Corinto, possibly by May 23.

The following is the report of a patrol made by Lieut. G. Spart, G.N., from Leon:

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF LEON
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA.
Leon, Nicaragua.
17 May 1931.

From: Second Lieut. Gust Spart, G.N.
To : The Department Commander, Department of Leon.
Subject: Patrol report.
Reference: G.O. #109-1929.

1. In compliance with verbal orders I cleared Leon with eight enlisted at 04311 May 1931.
11311 arrived at Valle de Las Zapatas.
12011 cleared Valle de Las Zapatas for Jicaral.
18311 arrived La Madroa. I camped here for the night with the patrol, as the trails were very muddy, and the horses were about played out.
06012 cleared with patrol for Jicaral.
11012 arrived El Jicaral.
11112 cleared El Jicaral for Santa Rosa.
13312 arrived Santa Rosa. I here gathered all of the information available. The store of Leonarda Cruz, woman, was robbed on the evening of the eighth of May by a group of seven. They were armed with one rifle, one pistol, two shotguns, and the rest with cut-throats. The leader of this gang was recognized as Julian Davila, resident of El Cacao. Felicitos Castillo, Pablo Centeno, Guacho Aguirre, and Ignacio Guardado were also recognized by the people of Santa Rosa. Two of the men were unknown.
14312 cleared Santa Rosa with two civilian guides, two jueces de Mesta and six enlisted. The animals were left in Santa Rosa with two enlisted due to the fact that they were exhausted, and patrol proceeded on foot.
20312 arrived in San Nicolas. Searched all the houses in the comarca. All quiet, no signs of bandit activities. Patrol camped here for the night.
04013 cleared for El Charco.
11313 arrived in El Charco. Searched all of the houses in the comarca, all was found quiet, and no signs of bandit activities were found.
13313 cleared El Charco for El Cacao.
18013 arrived in El Cacao. Searched the houses and found about fifteen dollars of the stolen goods, in the house of Julian Davila. Julian Davila ran from the house with a rifle and a pistol. He was fired on but not captured. He jumped over the bank of the river and could not be located because of darkness. In the search of the houses two shotguns were found. From the information gathered Felicitos Castillo and Pablo Centeno left on 12 May, 1931, for Esteli to dispose of the stolen goods. Patrol camped here overnight.

06014 cleared El Cocao for Santa Rita, on return to Santa Rosa.
 10314 arrived Santa Rita. Found all quiet.
 11314 cleared Santa Rita for Santa Rosa.
 15314 arrived in Santa Rosa.
 16314 cleared Santa Rosa for El Jicaral.
 18314 arrived in El Jicaral.
 19114 cleared El Jicaral for La Madrona.
 20314 Patrol encountered a small group of about twelve men, reported robbing a bull cart loaded with coffee. Patrol fired on men and made attempt to capture them. One man was seen to fall, and dropped his rifle (Krag). On investigation rifle with five rounds of Guardia combat ammunition was found. Due to heavy rains and darkness patrol was unable to locate any of the men. Bull-cart drivers reported to me that there were twelve men, and that they had robbed him of thirty cents and a bottle of guaro. Robbers were unloading the coffee at the time the Guardia arrived on the scene. Only three men were actually seen by the patrol. It is believed that man that dropped rifle and fell was wounded. Searched woods until storm got so strong that we had to return to the river bed to avoid falling of trees. Returned to scene about one hour later, and searched woods thoroughly, but nothing could be found of the robbers. Bull-cart drivers recognized two of the men, one Chanon Alvarez, of Buena Vista, near El Jicaral. (Note: This man was the leader of the gang that had contact with Lt. Castillo on 2 September, 1930).
 23014 cleared for La Madrona.
 02015 arrived La Madrona. Made camp here.
 07015 cleared La Madrona for Leon.
 12015 arrived Valle de Las Zapatas. Left six guardias with exhausted animals and one prisoner, captured on trail with shotgun.
 10015 Patrol was stopped by a woman who complained that her store had been robbed in El Corrito. Patrol detoured about one mile to investigate, and house of German Pulido, Juez de la Mesta, was searched after a gang of about five men ran from the house. One .45 calibre automatic and one shotgun were captured here.
 12115 Patrol cleared Valle de Las Zapatas. (Patrol of myself and two enlisted).
 17115 I with two enlisted arrived in Leon.
 13116 Six enlisted with one civil prisoner arrived Leon, from Valle de Las Zapatas.

2. The object of this patrol was to make contact with any bandits in the area patrolled. No organized bandits are in this area, from all reports, and all robberies are committed by local thieves who gather at night time for the purpose of looting.

/s/ Gust Spart.

 The patrol report of a patrol made by Captain L. E. Power, G.N., and guardia from Corinto Finca is quoted:

Company "A", Department of Jinotega,
 Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua,
 Corinto Finca, Nicaragua.

14 May 1931.

From: Company Commander.
 To : Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Report of Patrol Operations, May 11 to 14, 1931.

Reference: (a) Kenyon Map.

1. With Puller's patrol operating along the Rio Coco and Maynard's patrol operating in the Pantasma Valley, it was decided to lead a patrol from Corinto Finca into The Las Cuchillas-Pera Blanca area, in an attempt to gain contact with any bandit groups seeking to change areas due to the operations of these patrols.

11 May.

Cleared Corinto Finca at 0700 and proceeded North to Rio Tuma crossing at La Constancia Crossing. Passed through La Independencia at 1030 arriving at San Antonio at 1300. Upon our approach two men were seen to run from the sugar mill. Search was made as far west as Las Cuchillas returning to San Antonio at 1500.

12 May.

Cleared San Antonio at 0700 and started search of area north for bandit camp thought to be in that locality. Found this camp at 1100 located at 159-258, near San Antonio-Los Angeles trail. The camp was built to accommodate about thirty men, with jefe's tent about fifty yards distant and refuse, apparently about three weeks old, well buried. As the patrol re-entered the main trail the two men in the lead opened up, one with Thompson fire the other with rifle fire, on a group of three men who jumped down into the road. Due to the position of the patrol and the dense underbrush, the bandits succeeded in getting back out of sight. The area was searched as far north as Quebradon de La Virgen without further sign of bandits. The three bandits were plainly seen by four men of the point and the civilian guide and all had rifles and wore red on their hats. The bandits fired about three rounds of rifle fire upon gaining cover. Returned to main trail and arrived at the sugar mill near the destroyed finca of Los Angeles at 1600.

13 May.

0700 cleared Los Angeles over La Pavona trail. 0900 took trail to right thought to be Huato trail. 1130 arrived Pera Blanca 153-255. Went south over trail, for the most part closed, passing about one league north of Guasaca arriving at Blandon at 1700. It is noted that the points La Colonia, or Colonia and Blandon are interchanged on the reference map, Colonia being located at 137-250.

14 May.

Cleared Blandon at 0700 in direction of Santa Isabel. 0845 arrived at point near that place when point halted to observe two men about four hundred yards distant. These men ran into a small ravine but were seen running out of the head of the ravine about six hundred yards away. Fire was brought to bear and one man was knocked down but succeeded in getting away. The house, near which this firing took place, is owned by the owner of Santa Isabel, Jacinto Lopez, and occupied by one of the Estrada Swasa's family of Indians living along the trail from Santa Isabel to Pavona. No trace could be found of Swasa and the other main mozo house on the finca was vacant, with a meal ready for serving when the patrol arrived. 1330 arrived at Corinto Finca without further incident.

-----/s/ Lester E. Power -----

There is quoted below report of a patrol made by Lieutenant E. Navarro, G.N., and Esquipulas Guardia:

DISTRICT OF ESQUIPULAS, DEPARTMENT OF MATEGALPA,
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA.
Esquipulas, May 7, 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. Navarro Baltazar, G.N. de Nic.
To: Department Commander, Mategalpa, Nicaragua.

Subject: Patrol Report.

1. Carrying out the orders of the Department Commander I left with the following members of the G.N. in direction of La Pieta. The patrol consisted of the following members:

2nd Lt. Navarro, Baltazar, G.N. de Nic.	
Corporal Serrano, Constantino	# 1334
Private Cruz, Trinidad	3127
" Espino, Gregorio	3712
" Gonzalez, Filemon	2536
" Lainez, Alfredo	4293
" Rojas, Erasmo	3934
" Torres, Raul	3212
" Vargas, Francisco	4295

1000 - We left in direction of "La Pieta".

1500 - We arrived at La Pieta. Here I asked several persons about a group of men going around armed with rifles and pistols and they told me that they had not heard about them. I then decided to go to the place "Nombre de Jesus".

1530 - We left for "Nombre de Jesus".

1830 - We arrived at "Nombre de Jesus". Here we searched several houses and continued to inquire about the group of bandits. The people told us that they did not know anything about it, and that they had only seen a patrol of guardias pass thru the place. I then decided to go to the place "Cacao de Los Suarez".

1900 - We left for the place "Cacao de Los Suarez".

2100 - We arrived at the place "Cacao de Los Suarez". Here I again asked several persons about this same group of bandits, but they told me that nothing had been seen around this neighborhood and that everything was quiet. Here in this place we passed the night as it was already very late.

May 3, 1931.

0515 - We left for the place "Cacao de Los Chavarria" passing through El Coyol, La Laguna and Tomatoyita. At La Laguna we searched several houses and in one of them we found a shotgun, bridgeloading, cal. 12. In this same house we captured the owner of this shotgun, the man Bernardo Gonzalez. After searching the house without finding anymore we continued on our way toward "Cacao de Los Chavarria". After travelling about 2000 yards we arrived at the house of Lino Gonzalez, where we found him and searched his house finding a package of 8 rifle cartridges on a beam. We asked him how he had obtained these cartridges and he said that he had found them on the road. Not satisfied with this explanation we continued to ask him about the rifle, but he said that he did not have any firearms and that he was a honorable person. Convinced that he was not telling the truth we hit him

several times with a riding whip until he finally delivered a shotgun, bridgeloading, cal. 12. We then collected all these things together and continued on our way. After having travelled for about 800 yards we arrived at the house of Guillermo Sanchez finding him there, and we searched his house finding a muzzle loading shotgun and immediately took him prisoner. We continued to search the house but failed to find anything else. All these firearms were captured in the valley of La Laguna. We then continued on our way and arrived at the place "Tomatoyita". We searched all the houses in this place but did not find anything, only in the house of Juan F. Silva we found a blanket with the letter "S" painted in red in one corner. This blanket is one of those used by the Guardia for saddle pads. We confiscated this blanket from Sr. Silva and he told us that he would go to Matagalpa to reclaim his blanket. After finishing our search without finding anything else we continued on our way toward "Cacao de Los Chavarria".

1215 - We arrived at "Cacao de Los Chavarria". Here we searched all the houses but did not find any firearms, only four cutachas and those we found in houses where only women lived.

1620 - We left in direction of San Jose de Los Remates passing through "Espino" and "Las Mezas".

2100 - We arrived at Las Mezas. On our way through Cacao de Los Chavarria "El Espino" and "Las Mezas" we found only four more cutachas but no firearms.

May 5, 1931.

0615 - We left Las Mezas for San Jose de Los Remates.

0900 - We arrived at San Jose de Los Remates where we rested for 30 minutes.

0930 - We left for Esquipulas, the place where we are stationed.

1215 - We arrived at Esquipulas.

2. All the members of this patrol were very active and behaved themselves well during this trip.

/s/ Baltazar Navarrete F.,
2nd Lieut. G.N.

The following report covers a patrol made by Lieutenant Pinkey Gale, G.N., and Jinotega guardia, from May 11 to 14, 1931.

Guardia Nacional Barracks,
Jinotega, Nicaragua, 18 May 1931.

From: Lieut. Pinkey Gale, G.N.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.

Subject: Patrol, report of.

Reference: GO. #190, 1929.

1. A combat patrol consisting of myself and fifteen (15) enl. cleared Jinotega at 1600 in accordance with verbal orders of the Area Commander.

11 May 1931.

1600 cleared Jinotega for Paso Real.
1900 arrived Paso Real and camped for the night.

12 May 1931.

0730 cleared Paso Real for Hacienda Santa Lucia.
0930 arrived Hacienda Santa Lucia via Manestel.
1000 cleared Hacienda Santa Lucia for the Valley of Sisla and the District of Yanque. On definite information furnished by the Juez de la Mesta of Manestel, destroyed two (2) homes belonging to the Mercado brothers (banfits). These men had been molesting people in this vicinity for sometime.
1100 Cleared Yanque for the Hacienda Santa Lucia.
1300 arrived Santa Lucia.
1400 Cleared Hacienda Santa Lucia for the Rio Grande patrolled north along this river and destroyed one (1) house used by the banfits for storing rice, beans, corn. Further north along this river destroyed two (2) houses that were used as points of assembly by banfits. The information on all houses destroyed was furnished by Concepcion Gonzalez, Juez de la Mesta, Manestel.
1800 Arrived Hacienda Santa Lucia. Camped for night.

13 May 1931.

0730 Cleared Hacienda Santa Lucia. Patrolled District of Emboacero and Tunajuna.
1600 Arrived Paso Real. Camped for night.

14 May 1931.

0800 Cleared Paso Real for Jinotega.
1045 Arrived Jinotega.

2. Guardia Equipment.- 1 BAR; 1 TSMG; 1 Rifle Grenade Discharger; 240 rounds cal. 30; 140 rds. cal. 45; 1200 rds. cal. 30 (Mag); 15 grenades, rifle.

3. Received no reliable information on banfits. Trails were good. Discipline of the Guardia was satisfactory.

----- /s/ Pinky Gale -----

The following is a translation of a report of contact had with banfits on May 10 by a Guardia patrol under a non-commissioned officer:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
Yali, Nicaragua,
13 May 1931.

From: Sgt Mierisch, Francisco, #60, G.N.
To : Area Commander, Central Area.
Via : Commanding Officer of the Company.

Subject: Report of the contact with the banfits on
10 May 1931, about 11:00 AM.

Reference: (a) Orders received by the Commanding Officer of the Company to investigate the reports about bandit groups supposed to be North-east of Yali.

1. The patrol consisted of the following members:

Sgt Micrisch, Francisco,	" 60
Cpl Funguia, Aquilino	" 2393
Cpl Torres, Domingo	3347
Raso Yado, Carlos	502
" Rizo, Daniel Z.	4134
" Palacio, Anselmo	1548
" Chavarria, Juan	3071
" Lopez, Esceclastico	3907

Civics Tinco, Celso
" Castro, Ricardo
" Morgan, Jose

2. About two miles from Yali in the place called El Tamagaz the bandits were disclosed, who were laid in ambush. Upon approaching and discovering on the bandits I deployed my men and opened fire on them. We routed them and advanced on the road and took a stone which lays there at the half of the road where we routed them again and they fled in several directions.

3. The patrol used the following arms: 1 Lewis machine gun, 1 rifle grenade discharger and 9 Drag rifles.

Guardia casualties: None.
Civics casualties: None.
Bandit casualties: 2 bandits wounded.

Articles captured: a quantity of tobacco, food stuff and hat bands, all of which were destroyed.

4. The contact lasted 20 minutes.

5. The patrol returned at 1:00 pm.

/s/ Francisco Micrisch, #60,
Sgt. G. N.

NOTES FROM DEPARTMENT OF MANAGUA & CARAZO

APRIL 1931.

- 3rd - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol cleared Managua for Las Pilas to investigate report of bandits operating in that vicinity. Returned to Managua; nothing to report.
- 4th - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol patrolled to Tipitapa; confiscated 1 pistol and returned to Managua. Nothing else to report.
- 5th - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol patrolled to Diriamba, Jinotepe, San Marcos, Masatepe, La Concepcion and Masaya, and returned to Managua. Investigated report of ladrones supposed to be operating in areas mentioned, nothing to report.
- 7th - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol cleared Managua for Tipitapa and Las Maderas to investigate report of a large group milling around those sections. Further information disclosed that a raid had been made on a hacienda near San Francisco del Carnicero. Lieut. Ruth and another patrol cleared Managua to join Lieut. Gardner's patrol. Combined patrol arrived Las Maderas and Las Lojas. Received word that the hacienda San Roque was to be attacked. Lieut. Gardner and patrol cleared for the hacienda. Lieut. Ruth and patrol proceeded to San Francisco via Telochapa. Lieut. Gardner cleared San Roque for San Francisco. Both patrols arrived. Cleared April 8 for Managua.
- 11th - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol cleared Managua for Tipitapa to guard payment of road employees - all quiet.
- 13th - Lieut. Ruth and guardia patrol cleared for San Rafael del Sur. Returned same day. Nothing to report.
- 16th - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol cleared Managua for Sabana Grande to investigate criminal case.
- 18th - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol cleared for Las Banderas; returned to Managua, nothing to report.
- 22nd - Captain Carlson and Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol cleared Managua for San Rafael del Sur. Patrolled western section of Department and searched for escaped convicts. Returned to Managua, nothing to report.
- 26th - Lieut. Gardner and guardia patrol cleared Managua for La Independencia to investigate report of attack on a hacienda by a group of bandits.

The District of Carazo was patrolled tri-weekly and found to be quiet and peaceful. Trails good..

P E R S O N N E L

Captain J. A. Mixson cleared Managua by plane on May 18 for Jinotega, Central Area, for duty.

Captain L. E. Rea cleared Managua by plane on May 18 for Jinotega, Central Area, for duty.

Major M. C. Gregory, Quartermaster of the Guardia, cleared Managua for Leon on May 19, 1931, to look into the prisoner housing situation. Returned to Managua May 20, 1931.

Captain W. S. Fellers arrived Managua May 21, 1931 by plane from Ocotal.

Major S. B. O'Neill, Commanding the Department of Granada and Masaya, arrived Managua from Granada on May 22, 1931.

