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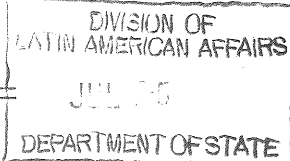
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28 MAY 1951



Lieut. Stanko and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol returned to Pataste from southwestern Segovia. Confiscated one revolver and one rifle.

Lieut. Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili on combat mission. Near Rio Coco the patrol fired on a group of ten men, armed with rifles. Fire opened at long range and bandits scattered in brush. No known casualties. Patrol returned to Daraili.

Captain Sims and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol arrived Apali from Jicaro.

Lieut. Vogel and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol arrived Apali from Jalapa.

Captain Good, Lieut. Trospen and guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa (NA) for Cacao and arrived at Sonoto. Nothing to report.

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

Captain Burwell, Captain Holdahl and Sonoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Sonoto for halfway to Pataste; not Pataste patrol which Captain Burwell joined, then returned to Sonoto.

Lieut. Trospen and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Sonoto and returned to Totogalpa. Nothing to report.

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

Lieut. Coffman and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste for halfway to Sonoto. Met Sonoto patrol with Captain Burwell and returned to Pataste.

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

Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali for San Rafael del Norte.

Lieut. Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy (CA) for Matiguas.

Lieut. Navarette and Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for Monte Verde.

Guardia patrol, cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

San Dionisio (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Dionisio for Monte Verde.

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

Lieut. Griffith and Telpaneca (M.) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca on police mission.

Lieut. Cobb and La Trinidad (M.) guardia patrol returned to La Trinidad. Confiscated 2 rifles, krag, 2 rifles, Con Con, 1 revolver, 1 shotgun and 14 rounds of ammunition.

Lieut. Brauer, Lieut. Kipp and Palacaguina (M.) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for vicinity southeast of Palacaguina to investigate report that a group was gathering there. Group scattered before arrival of patrol. Burned two suspected houses and captured one bandit who participated in recent attack on Palacaguina. Patrol returned to home station.

Lieut. Hamas, Lieut. Titsworth and Condega (M.) guardia patrol cleared Condega for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo. Patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo and returned to Condega.

Lieut. Brown and Yalaguina (M.) guardia patrol cleared for vicinity of San Antonio. Patrol returned, nothing to report.

Lieut. McGorkle and Sonoto (M.) guardia patrol cleared Sonoto for and arrived Ocotul.

Captain Davies and Pueblo Nuevo (M.) guardia patrol arrived Yalaguina. Cleared Yalaguina and returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Captain Sims and Quilali (M.) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for and arrived Quilali.

Lieut. Smith and Esteli (M.) guardia combat patrol which operated to vicinity west of Yali (C.) returned to Esteli. Nothing to report.

Lieut. Cobb and La Trinidad (M.) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad with 2 prisoners for and arrived Esteli.

Guardia patrol arrived Chinandega from El Viejo and returned to El Viejo.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for Chichigalpa.

Telida guardia reported to Leon with 4 civil prisoners, 1 krag rifle and 3 shotguns. Returned to Telica.

Captain Fuller and Jinotega (C.) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Returned to Jinotega.

Captain Power and Corinto Finca (C.) guardia patrol returned to Corinto Finca. Patrolled San Ramon, La Union, La Constanancia, Santa Gertrude, Barba del Tuna, Zapotal and Sajonia. Found all areas quiet.

Lieut. Hall and San Rafael del Norte (C.) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for direction of Jinotega and returned to San Rafael.

Captain Fricke, Lieut. Matamoros and Yali (C.) guardia patrol cleared Yali on combat mission to the north and northwest.

Lieut. Elliott cleared San Isidro (C.) for and arrived Sebaco. Returned to San Isidro.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (C.) for Naverro.

Lieut. Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy (C.) for El Balsamo on police mission. Returned to Muy Muy.

Lieut. Navarrette and guardia patrol returned to Esquipulas (C.) from Monte Verde with 4 prisoners, 2 pistols and 1 shotgun.

#### 30 JULY 1931

Captain Craig, Department Commander, and Lieut. Miller cleared Chinandega for Corinto on temporary duty.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Los Lechocaguas to notify Juez de mesa of red cross supplies to be hauled by bull carts. Patrol returned to Leon, mission completed.

Dipilto (H.) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal.

Captain Good and guardia patrol cleared Sonoto (H.) for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut. Bilbrey and Pueblo Nuevo (H.) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived Yalaguina. Returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut. McGorkle and guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Dipilto.

Guardia patrol cleared Ocotal (H.) with detachments for Pueblo Nuevo and Yalaguina and arrived Sonoto via Yalaguina.

Lieut. Hutchcroft and San Francisco (H.) guardia patrol cleared San Francisco for and arrived Linay.

Guardia patrol cleared Linay (H.) for San Francisco.

Guardia patrol cleared Linay (H.) for halfway to Esteli. Esteli guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Linay. Patrols met and all returned to Esteli.

Jinotega (C.) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for La Pita on police mission.

Lieut. McGhee and Lieut. Downey with Corinto Finca (C.) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for Datanli area on combat mission.

Muy Muy (C.) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa.

Lieut. Schmierer and Muy Muy (C.) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for Tapaste on police mission.



Guardia patrol cleared Consuelo (Ca) for Algevia.

Lieut. Ragsdale and guardia patrol cleared Navarro (Ca) for Matagalpa.

Guardia patrol ~~ekx~~cleared Matagalpa (Ca) for La Carita on police mission.

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Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol all roads leading to Chinandega. Patrol returned, nothing to report.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Loslechocucages on patrol. Returned, no incidents to report.

Lieut. Coffman and Pataste (H+) guardia patrol cleared Pataste with Captain Burwell for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Captain Davies, Lieut. Titsworth and Pueblo Nuevo (H) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Pataste. Patrols met. Captain Burwell joined Pueblo Nuevo patrol and returned with it to Pueblo Nuevo. Pataste patrol returned to home station.

Lieut. Hutchcroft and Linay (H+) guardia patrol cleared Linay for Achuapa.

El Sauce (H+) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Achuapa to meet Lieut. Hutchcroft.

La Trinidad (H+) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for San Isidro (Ca).

Lieut. Clark and Daraili (H+) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for vicinity of Bijagua. Returned, nothing to report.

Yalaguina (H+) guardia patrol cleared for vicinity of Yalaguina on police mission. Returned to Yalaguina.

Lieut. Livermore, Lieut. Tresper and Totogalpa (H+) guardia patrol cleared for Santo Domingo to investigate report of small machete group in that vicinity.

Guardia patrol returned to Jinotega (Ca) from police mission in La Pita.

Guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (Ca) for and arrived Matagalpa.

Lieut. McGhee, Lieut. Downey and Corinto Fines (Ca) guardia patrol returned from Datanli area with 2 prisoners.

Lieut. Ashbrook and guardia patrol arrived Jinotega (Ca) from Sajonia. Patrol returned to Sajonia.

Captain Fricke, Lieut. Matamoras and Yali (Ca) guardia patrol returned to Yali. No information. Covered areas El Tigre, Bijagua, San Carlos, Las Nubes, El Arco, Guachipilin, La Pavona, San Antonio, Coyolar and Rio Arriba.



Captain McJhee cleared Dario (Ca.) for and arrived Matagalpa.

Guardia patrol returned to Matagalpa (Ca.) from police mission in La Garita.

San Isidro (Ca.) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for and arrived Matagalpa.

Licut. Ragsdale and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (Ca.) for Navarro.

Ihuy Ihuy (Ca.) guardia patrol cleared Ihuy Ihuy for Tempate on police mission.

Captain Bourne, Licut. Pulver and guardia patrol cleared Navarro (Ca.) on combat patrol in Guasaca area.

Licut. Thompson and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (Ca.) from Algovia.

#### 1 JUNE 1931

Captain Howard, Licut. Krebs and Juigalpa (Chontales) guardia patrol cleared Juigalpa for Boaco via Concala and Camoapa and San Jose.

Licut. Schuler and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol all roads leading to Chinandega. Returned to Chinandega with 2 prisoners.

Licut. Livermore, Licut. Trosper and Totogalpa (N.) guardia patrol returned to Totogalpa from Danta Domingo with 1 prisoner.

Licut. McGorkle, Licut. Berueffy and Dipilto (N.) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal.

Lincy (N.) guardia patrol returned to Linay from Achuapa. Reports having fired at one bandit, wearing red and black hat band, about five miles north of Achuapa. Bandit escaped in the bushes.

Licut. Hutchcroft and El Sauce (N.) guardia patrol returned to El Sauce from Achuapa.

Licut. Livermore and Totogalpa (N.) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for and arrived Ocotal. Returned to Totogalpa with Licut. Berueffy.

Licut. McGorkle and Dipilto (N.) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Dipilto.

Somoto (N.) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for and arrived Totogalpa. Licut. Berueffy joined Somoto patrol and returned with it to Somoto.

Guardia patrol from Rota, Department of Leon, cleared Leon for Rota.

Guardia patrol arrived Leon from Masaya with 2 civil prisoners.

Licut. Striebinger and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to San Rafael. Met San Rafael patrol, transferred some of the men to it and returned to Jinotega.

Captain Power and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol with four civil prisoners cleared Corinto Finca for Jinotega.

Licut. Rittman and Fundadora (CA) guardia patrol arrived Jinotega from Fundadora.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega on police mission to Cicle. Returned to Jinotega with four prisoners.

Another Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega on police mission and returned to Jinotega.

Captain Power and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol, with civil prisoners, arrived Jinotega.

Licut. Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega; met Jinotega patrol and returned to San Rafael.

Guardia patrol cleared San Rafael del Norte (CA) and arrived Yali.

San Dionisio (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Dionisio for halfway to Esquipulas. Returned to San Dionisio.

Dario (CA) guardia cleared Dario for Managua.

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

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

Matagalpa\* (CA) guardia cleared Matagalpa for and arrived Sebaco.

Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for halfway to San Dionisio. Returned to Esquipulas.

Licut. Thompson and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Las Lajas.

#### 2 JUNE 1931

Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared Yali to escort cargo train to Yali. Returned with train.

Licut. Atha and Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for halfway to Huey Huey. Returned to Matagalpa.

Sebaco (CA) guardia patrol cleared Sebaco for and arrived San Isidro.

2 JUNE 1931 (cont)

Major J. W. Webb and Lieut. Spencer, Medical Officer of Department of Leon, cleared Leon for Corinto.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito and La Graca district. Returned, nothing to report.

Captain Holdahl and Sonoto (H.) guardia patrol cleared Sonoto for Terra Blanca. Located and destroyed camp being used by group of cattle thieves. Patrol returned to Sonoto.

Lieut. Griffith and Telpaneca (H.) guardia patrol arrived San Juan de Telpaneca from Telpaneca with 1 prisoner.

Lieut. Satterfield and San Juan de Telpaneca (H.) guardia patrol cleared San Juan for Jicaro.

Lieut. Trosper and Totogalpa (H.) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for Apuniguel to investigate report of a group of cattle thieves in that vicinity.

Macuelizo (H.) guardia patrol arrived Ocotal from Macuelizo.

Lieut. Brauer, Lieut. Kipp and Palacaguina (H.) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina to lay ambush at Rio Grande. Encountered three bandits, killed one and captured two with one revolver and two cutchas. Patrol returned to Palacaguina.

Linay (H.) guardia patrol cleared for San Pancho to meet Sonotillo (H.) patrol. Captain McQueen and Sonotillo guardia patrol cleared Sonotillo for San Pancho. Patrols met. Captain McQueen joined Linay patrol and with it returned to Linay. Sonotillo patrol returned to home station.

Linay (H.) guardia patrol cleared Linay on police mission. Returned to Linay with one prisoner.

El Sauce (H.) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for El Progreso.

El Sauce (H.) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for San Francisco de Carincero (Dept. Managua).

Lieut. Cobb and La Trinidad (H.) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for and arrived La Trinidad.

Colonel Smith, Captain Puller and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Captain Puller cleared for Managua by plane. Lieuts. Lopez and Rizo arrived from Managua by plane. Colonel Smith, Lieuts. Lopez, Rizo and Jinotega guardia patrol returned to Jinotega.

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

Captain Lixson and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived La Concordia, then cleared, along with Lieut. Alexander on reconnaissance to the north of La Concordia. Returned to La Concordia.



Licut. Stewart and guardia patrol cleared Consuelo (CA) for Buena Vista.

Guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas (CA) for La Pineda.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Las Lajas.

Hvarro (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa.

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

Licut. Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Huy Huy (CA) for halfway to Matagalpa and returned to Huy Huy.

Licut. Elliott and guardia patrol cleared Sebaco (CA) for and arrived San Isidro.

### 3 JUNE 1931

Guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) for Limay. Licut. Bell and Guardia patrol cleared Limay for Esteli.

Captain Burwell, Licut. Bilbrey and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Licut. Hams and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Patrols met. Captain Burwell joined Condega patrol and proceeded with it to Condega. Pueblo Nuevo patrol returned to home station.

Licut. Satterfield and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali.

Licut. Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol returned to Totogalpa from Apunigucl and vicinity; nothing to report.

Licut. Griffith and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan de Telpaneca for and arrived Telpaneca; nothing to report.

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

Licut. Johnson and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa and arrived Apali.

Licut. Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for and arrived Ocotal.

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

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

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

Licut. Barrilas arrived Jinotega (CA) from Managua.

Captain Mixson and San Rafael del Norte (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for and arrived San Rafael.

Licut. Schmicrer and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Matiguas.

Huy Huy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Huy Huy for and arrived Matagalpa.

San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for and arrived Sebaco.

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

Licut. Montenegro and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Guardia detachment cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Managua.

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Las Lajas.

Licut. Martin, Licut. Stewart and guardia patrol arrived Consuelo (CA) from Buena Vista.

Dario (CA) guardia patrol returned to Dario with Hacienda inspector.

Captain Craig cleared Chinandega for Leon on duty. Returned Chinandega.

Guardia hospital corpsman cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa on temporary duty. Returned to Chinandega.

Guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for Atoya and vicinity.

Major Webb returned to Leon from Corinto.

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from patrol to Progreso, escorting bullet train.

#### 4 JUNE 1931

Guardia patrol arrived Limay (NL) from Esteli.

Captain Kelly and Jicaro (NL) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Apali.

Licut. Brown and Yalaguina (NL) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Ocotal.

Licut. McGorkle and Dipilto (NL) guardia patrol cleared Dipilto for vicinity of Nubes. Returned to Dipilto; nothing to report.

Jicaro (NL) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro.

Licut. Satterfield and San Juan de Tolpanceca (NL) guardia patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut. Klein, Lieut. Brown and Yalaguina (M.) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Yalaguina.

Lieut. Martinez and Daraili (M.) guardia patrol cleared Daraili for and arrived Totogalpa.

Guardia detachment cleared Chinandega for Managua.

Chinandega guardia patrol returned from Atoya and vicinity with one prisoner.

Captain Skinner arrived Chinandega from Corinto for temporary duty. Returned to Corinto.

Lieut. Dumas and guardia arrived Chinandega from Managua.

Guardia patrol cleared Leon for Managua after delivering 5 civil prisoners.

Lieut. Spencer returned to Leon from Corinto.

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NOTES FROM CENTRAL de POLICIA, MANAGUA.

Ten of the twelve men who enlisted from the Policia Urbana in the Guardia have been discharged to again form the City Police, since the Distrito Nacional has authorized the enlistment of ten members for duty in Managua. The other two men wish to continue their service as regular Guardia. The organization of this force again is a source of pleasure, as the men so selected are Guardia with excellent discharges and make fine policemen. It is hoped that we will soon have our former strength again.

Petty robberies and traffic are the sources of all the worries of the Police at this time. Many people find it easier to steal than to work for a living. The arrests have reached such a number that it will soon be necessary to open an annex to hold the overflow.

Building in the city is going forward very rapidly and it will not be long until the unburned parts are the same as before the earthquake. The business section has shifted principally to the eastern part of town and second street south has become the Broadway of Managua.

Lieut. Long, U.S., has been temporarily detached for duty in Granada while the medical officer on duty there is on leave.

Lieut. Jack Davis has been on the sick list for a few days but is now back to duty. He intends to take leave shortly in Panama and expects to make the trip in a plane.

Captain H.H.H. Fleming, Chief of Police, reports economic conditions returning to normal.



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

The following is a summary of guardia contacts during the month of May 1931:

PLACE	PATROL COMDR.	DATE	CAPTURES	KILLED-WOUNDED
La Pineda	Lt Ragsdale	2 May		1
Yali	Capt Fricke	10 May		2
Cua River	Capt Puller	10 May	2 rifles, 2 cutachas, 5 rds. ammunition	2
Lagartillo	Lt Bell	13 May		2
El Salto	Lt Hutchcroft	13 May		2
Jocotillo	Capt McQueen	13 May		3
El Pajarito	Lt Smith	13 May	1 pistol, 5 rds. ammunition	1
Attack on Palacaguina	Lt Brauer	15 May		5
Palacaguina	Lt Tipp	15 May	1 rifle, 2 bombs, 1 mule, 6 rds. ammunition	1
Cuje Mine	Lt Trospen	16 May	2 cutachas	
Cuje Mine	Lt Brauer	16 May	1 bomb, miscellaneous arts.	
La Colmena	Lt Hamas	25 May	1 rifle, 3 ponchos	2 8

In the above contacts 25 bandits were killed and 11 wounded, the Guardia had one (1) 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.

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The following named Guardia and Brigade Officers were awarded the Presidential Gold Medal of Merit by the President of Nicaragua for their services after the recent earthquake:

BRIGADE

Colonel F.L. Bradman,  
Brigade Commander  
Lt Colonel F. B. Garrett  
Lt Colonel W. C. Wise, Jr.  
Major R. J. Mitchell, Cmdg.  
Aviation

U.S. Army Engineers

Colonel D. I. Sultan  
Major Hawley  
Lieut. Groves

GUARDIA

Major Genl. C. B. Matthews,  
Jefe Director.  
Colonel W. G. Sheard.  
Colonel G. D. Hale (MC)  
Major H. R. Boane, (MC)  
Major O. Salzman,  
Major M. C. Gregory,  
Captain H. M. H. Fleming  
Captain H. Heimling,  
Captain E. F. Carlson,  
Captain E. F. Trumble  
Lieut. C. Davis,  
Lieut. N. Grieco,  
Lieut. G. Castillo,  
Lieut. Delgado  
Lieut. Bello,  
Cadet J. Castrillo.

The citations were delivered by the President on June 1, 1931, and the medals forwarded to the Nicaraguan Minister in Washington for delivery through the State Department and the heads of the respective services.

On June 1, 1931, in the Chapel of the Christian Brothers building in Managua, the Military Academy of Nicaragua held its graduating exercises. Twenty eight students received diplomas and graduating certificates and commissioned. The President of the Republic delivered the commissions, followed by a few remarks. Other appropriate ceremonies followed. The Cadets who graduated and are now second lieutenants in the Guardia, will be assigned stations after returning from short leave.

Colonel J. C. Smith, Commanding the Central Area, reports the following:

" With the approval of the Area Commander, the Jefe Politico of Jinotega appointed the following committee to take charge of and distribute the food supplies received from the American Red Cross:

Senior Andres Rosales, Alcalde of Jinotega,  
Senior Pedro Lopez, Liberal.  
Senior Pedro Palma, Conservative,  
Lieut. Wm. A. Lee, Guardia Nacional.

This committee worked under the supervision of Captain Max Cox, G.N., Commanding the District of Jinotega.

One hundred bags (10,000 pounds) of beans and twenty five bags (4,125 pounds) of corn received by the committee and allotted to the four towns in this department as follows:

Yali	20 bags beans	6 bags corn
San Rafael	15 bags beans	3 bags corn
La Concordia	14 bags beans	5 bags corn
Jinotega	51 bags beans	11 bags corn.

The committee with the aid of a few enlisted guardia, distributed the supplies allotted to Jinotega to about six hundred needy families. The committee passed on each family that received a donation. The distribution covered a period of five days. Each family received about ten (10) pounds of foodstuff.

The supplies for San Rafael, Yali and La Concordia have been forwarded to the Alcalde of these towns. Report of distribution in these towns at a later date.

The following are extracts from the "MONTHLY RECORD OF EVENTS" for the Department of Chinandega, commanded by Captain E. A. Craig, G.N., for May, 1931:

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POLICE CONDITIONS: Very good. Only two major crimes during the month; one of which was the robbery of a watch and a small amount of money from a German citizen stopping at a local hotel, and the other the killing of a native by another near Posoltega. The murderer was captured and is being tried at the present time. Municipal police have been organized and are functioning in Corinto, in addition to the towns mentioned in previous reports.

INTELLIGENCE: State of territory occupied quite. Active patrolling has been carried out during the past month with the result that the small groups of ladrones mentioned in last report have been unable to operate and no robberies nor assaults on fincas have been reported. It has been ascertained that many of the ladrones, who have been causing troubles, came from the city of Chinandega and would return there after committing robberies. The plan of blocking all roads in and out of Chinandega two or three times a week with all available guardias and police was put into effect with excellent results. This was in addition to the regular patrols in the country, and in this way it has been possible to pick up a number of wanted criminals and ladrones in addition to some arms and make it very risky for the bad element to operate.

MILITARY SITUATION: No armed group of any size or importance is believed to be in this department at the present time.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: There has been no change in the prices of <sup>new</sup> staple <sup>local</sup> foodstuffs in the various towns. Due to the rains there is now plenty of fodder for the animals.

RELATIONS OF GUARDIA AND CIVIL POPULATION: There has been no friction between the Guardia and the civil population. Present attitude towards the Guardia favorable in local papers. The newspaper "Don Quijote", which was anti-Sandinista and very pro Guardia, has had to suspend operations as the editor was arrested on many complaints most of which appeared to be trumped up, and at the present time he has been banished to Leon where he is serving a sentence of 90 days given him by the Local Director of Police. This would make it appear that some people in Chinandega are against any favorable propaganda for the Guardia and resent any adverse comments against Sandino.

POLITICAL SITUATION: Normal. Campaigns for the election of new Alcaldes in the various towns are being carried out, but so far have not created any unusual excitement. Some few improvements in public works have been noticed in some of the towns; these were initiated by the local alcaldes to impress the people and gain reelection.

WEATHER: Warm and sultry. Heavy rains each day.

ROADS AND TRAILS: Getting in bad condition. Automobiles can travel only on the Chinandega-El Viejo road. All automobile traffic with Honduras has stopped and the trip to Choluteca now requires some twenty four hours or more, depending on the condition of the rivers at the different crossings. Most people travelling from Honduras and Salvador now go by gasoline launch from Amapala or La Union to El Tempisque which is eighteen miles by a bad road from Chinandega.



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

DISTRICT OF RIVAS: Regular weekly patrols made by the Department Commander and the patrol officer during the month. Guardia and civil officials in San Juan del Sur, San Jorge, Potosi and Buenos Aires visited weekly. Guardia pay guards furnished R.R. paymaster on pay days. Guardia at all out stations made regular weekly patrols to nearby villages and haciendas. Guardia patrol furnished Lt Talley, USA from Rivas May 8 to 11, on patrol covering Tola, Las Salinas, Brito, San Juan, El Ostial and Naranjo. Area quiet.

DISTRICT OF CARDENAS: Guardia in Cardenas under command of Lieut. Bello very active. Made patrols twice a week along border from Sapoa to Rio Pizote. All surrounding cattle fincas visited. Area quiet. Regular inspections made by Department Commander for pay purposes.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Still bad, but with the start of heavy rains on May 12 conditions are picking up.

ROADS AND TRAILS: Have become impassable for automobile traffic. Rivas-San Juan del Sur and Rivas-Potosi-Belen-Ochomogo roads already in bad shape. Lake trail to Cardenas still in good shape.

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The following patrol report of Lieut. Broderick, G.N., is quoted:

Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua, Macuelizo, Nueva Segovia,  
29 May 1931.

From: Commanding Officer.  
To : Area Commander, Northern Area.  
Subject: Patrol Report.

1. I cleared Macuelizo at 16327 with a patrol consisting of myself and ten enlisted. We proceeded to Portilla Palmas, 165-366, arriving at 1830 and laid in ambush along the eastern side of trail. It began to rain at 2000 and rained until 08028.

2. At 04028 patrol cleared Portilla Palmas and proceeded to 166.5-362.5, where an attempt was made to cross the Rio Coco. The Rio Coco was full from bank to bank and flowing swiftly. I left my arms and equipment on the north bank and attempted to swim it with my horse but failed. Only three members of my patrol could swim and we did not have enough rope to stretch a line from bank to bank, so I decided not to attempt the crossing because of the danger to the lives of the men and the danger of losing weapons, specially the rifle grenade outfit and the TSMG.

3. We then proceeded to the house of Rosendo Padilla and searched it (166-362), finding a pair of Guardia shoes and some mess gear, which we confiscated. Padilla began sounding off about being the son of Deputado Padilla and having more rights than the average citizens. I have been told by several people that the bandits pass Padillas' house frequently and that he does not report their passing. He sleeps in his house every night in an area where the bandits kill all honorable citizens they can lay hands on.

4. The patrol then proceeded to San Luis 164-5-361, arriving at 09028. The people here reported no recent bandit activities and advise us against attempting to cross the Coco, saying that it would be at least thirty-six hours before the river would lower enough to allow crossing.

5. We then proceeded down the north bank to Los Limas, 167-363, where Juez Tercero of Sonoto has an hacienda. His son Francisco and one mozo were working and advised us not to try crossing the river. We did not get to San Diego because the formation of land and the twistings of the river makes it necessary to cross it three times. We then patrolled the bank of the river and the pastures north of it until 15028, and not having heard firing from the other side, and being sure that the other patrols could cover the remainder of the triangle in three hours, we proceeded to Macuelizo, via Portilla Palmas, La Mesa, Ocote Seco and Recuerdo, arriving at 18328.

/s/ J. M. Broderick,  
SubTnte., G.N.de Nic.

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Lieut. Trospers' contact of May 16 between the Totogalpa guardia and a group of bandits, is reported as follows:

Totogalpa, Nic., 29 May 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. A. R. Trospers, G.N.  
To : The Area Commander.

Subject: Report of Contact.

1. May 16th received orders from Commanding Officer to clear Patrol for Cuje, Nueva Segovia, 201-363. Patrol consisted of the following:

Cabo Ponce Feliciano	# 3182	Raso Lopez Santiago	# 4205
Raso Acevedo Alejandro	2995	Lopez Martin	4190
Aguilar Nicamor	1405	Lainez Lusillo	4191
Caseres Jose	4204	Martinez Ventura	933
Farina Santos	3840	Olivas Jose	4177
Guzman Julio	3316	Ponce Indalecio	4176
Gaitan Julio	3690	Perez Romero	4192
Gonzalez Benancio	4189		

2. Patrol cleared at 0300 and arrived at vicinity of bandit camp about 1030. Split patrol and ordered Cabo Ponce to take eight men and approach camp from flank. Cabo managed his eight men skillfully, maneuvered into a good position and opened fire, the bandits returning the fire. Firing lasted about five minutes.

3. Casualties: Bandits - 5 dead, number wounded unknown.

Guardia: No casualties.

4. Camp was located on a spur leading from a large hill. Camp consisted of three houses. Houses contained red flags, black ribbons, drum, machetes, , small quantity of ammunition, sleeping mats and cooking utensils.

/s/ H. L. Tresper.

The following report covers the contact of Licut. J. Hmas, G.N., and Condega guardia patrol on May 25 at La Colmena:

District of Condega, 27 May 1931.

From: John Hmas, 1st Licut., G.N.

To : Area Commander, Northern Area, Central, Nic.

Subject: Contact Report.

1. On 24 May 1931 at 5:00 pm. upon receipt of reliable information that a group of fifty (50) bandits were robbing the people of Guayacali I cleared immediately with the following sixteen guardia and one civilian:

1st Sgt B. Movinos	Antiguo	440	TSM Gunner.
Raso	Alvarado Tiburcio	3932	Rifleman
	Basilio Matias G	3221	BAR Gunner
	Basilio Florian	3820	Rifleman
	Castellon Jose	3981	"
	Espinosa Inez	4039	"
	Flores Nicolas	3057	"
	Herniz Octavio	3782	"
	Melgara Damian	2909	"
	Meneses Ramon	3303	Rifle Grenadier
	Montalvan Remigio	3932	Rifleman
	Muñoz Bartolo	2212	"
	Rugama Antonio	4005	"
	Sanchez Luis F.	2904	"
	Vazquez Carlos	3967	"
	Zavala Ceferino	3795	"
Civilian	Castellon Calixto		Rifleman.

Taking the trail toward Santula which is a favorite bandit trail.

2. Arriving at Cacaala at 2300. Camped overnight. Obtained information bandits at Santula.

3. Cleared Cacaala at 0500 and arrived at Santula at 1000. Bandits had robbed many houses and had left in two groups toward Rodco. Followed bandits to Rodco where many natives verified the first information. Complaining about being robbed by a group of about fifty led by a man named Rivera.

4. Follow fresh trail for about ten hours leading through heavy woods and extensive potreros located on Miraflores mountain, gained contact at fourfifteen pm. at La Colmena, near Concepcion, Jinotega.



5. Bandits discovered, located on a high thickly wooded mountain top, near the house of Luisa Rodriguez at La Colmena. Upon approach of the point of the patrol the bandits opened fire. Apparently the rear guard of the Rivera group. The patrol was immediately deployed and fire directed upon the bandit position, using all the weapons available which was answered by the whole bandit group with rifles and one TSM and Lewis machine gun. Their fire was well directed and distributed toward our position. Our advance being held up for nearly ten minutes. Eleven rifle grenades were fired toward the bandit machine gun positions which were located on the top of the mountain well hidden behind a big tree and a heavy log. Five of the rifle grenades of the eleven fired exploded and silenced the machine gun fire. (Six rifle grenades were duds).

Patrol changed position under continue heavy rifle fire and after thirty-five minutes fighting with a determined rush the bandits were driven from their stronghold toward the direction of Volcan mountain located near Concordia. Bandits fled in every direction in scattered small groups apparently collecting again and proceeding in the direction of Volcan Mountain. They left two dead and took with them about eight wounded.

6. Captured: Rifle 1 Con-Con  
Small amount of ammunition  
Four animals.  
Three capotes.  
Food supplies, hats, hot bands and other miscellaneous articles.

7. The whole patrol endured the heavy marching in excellent and cheerful manner and fought persistently with great enthusiasm bravely to the end. Viva Guardia Nacional was heard from every member of the patrol from the beginning to the end of this short engagement.

8. Returned to Condega at 1400 on 26 May, 1931 via near Yali, Joeste, San Luis and San Diego..

/s/ JOHN MILLS

The following letter received by Colonel L. A. Hunt, G.H., Commanding the Northern Area from Lieut. J. Hamas, G.N., Commanding the District of Condega:

CONDEGA., NIC., 31 May 1931.

My dear Colonel:

Knowing that the Colonel is very much interested in the pacification progress made by each District Commander I have the following to report:

The Guardia of Condega, through good behaviour and work, have gained the full confidence of the people. At any time a patrol is to be sent out to pursue bandits there are always plenty of men who voluntarily report to me to help the post.

Notwithstanding the bad economical conditions, Condega and the other smaller settlements are boasting new homes, built under the protection of the Guardia.

Cususa almost eliminated. Extensive fields well cultivated and there is a strong sign of prospective progress which will lessen the misery and hunger now felt by the poor.

Banditry is kept well down and the people are moving about freely everywhere.

Ever since your approval to enlist a Cabo school teacher, the illiterate guardias are learning to read and write. The same teacher gives free instruction to the boys of the town. Girls' school is kept up by parents who employ a teacher paid a moderate sum by small contributions each month.

I have under cultivation a little piece of land for raising vegetables and to cultivate enough plants to donate to the poor also. The school boys are taught once each week in the art of cultivation. This will help them in the future.

Fruit trees: mangoes, oranges, etc. planted and still planting more in the grounds of the Plaza to give the town a better appearance in the future.

Sick and hungry citizens of town helped as much as we can. On the other hand, we have our difficulties also, food supplies running very low, but we trust the future crop which apparently will be very good.

Respectfully yours,

(s) John Thomas.

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The following is a report of patrol made by Lieut. W. E. McGhee, G.N., and guardia patrol from Corinto Finca:

COMPANY "L", DEPARTMENT OF JINOTEGA,  
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
Corinto Finca, 25 May 1951.

From: 2nd Lieut. William E. McGhee, G.N.  
To : The Company Commander, Company "L", Guardia Nacional,  
Corinto Finca, Nicaragua.

Subject: Patrol report of May 18th and 23rd, 1951.

1. In obedience to verbal orders received, cleared this post on the morning of the 18th, and returned in the afternoon of the 23rd.
2. Personnel of patrol, 2nd Lieut. W. E. McGhee and fifteen enlisted.
3. The object of the patrol was to find and destroy a group of bandits reported as moving north of San Antonio towards La Virgen. Information furnished by Captain Lower's patrol of the 14th. My object was to enter this area from the North.

April 18 - 0730 Cleared Corinto Finca.  
1640 Arrived Los Cedros, patrol route as follows:  
Embececeros. No information.

April 19 - 0700 Cleared Los Cedros north towards Guapinol area.  
Found two bandit camps about a league north east  
of Los Cedros. Had appearance of having been recently abandoned.  
Houses, numbering nine in all, were destroyed. No trails leading  
of this camp, only the one entering from the main trail.

April 20 - In Guapinol area.

Followed numerous trails that crossed the main trail  
north on this date. Found one small camp of three houses one of  
them a large one, contained three native saddles, small amount  
of medicine, one cutacha, two aparejos, and small amount of corn  
and rice. Various cooking utensils and a native outfit for the  
making of tortillas. Not having sufficient pack animals to take  
away the above listed articles they were destroyed along with the  
houses. It is my belief that this place was a sort of a message  
center, its equipment used for carrying food to the larger bandit  
camps.

April 21 - 1700 Arrived San Antonio. Patrol route as follows:  
Guapinol area and La Virgen.

About an hour and a half after breaking camp,  
found a small trail into the brush which led to a small camp of  
three lean-to that seemed to have been used only one night.  
They were built for three or four men each. In the trail to this  
camp was found the enclosed letter signed by Pedro Irias to a  
Captain Vallesio. Judged this letter to have been lost by the  
above mentioned bandit Captain during his trip south for food.  
Apparently this group had passed only a few hours before the  
letter was found. For it had rained steadily most of the night  
and the paper was only slightly damp. The surrounding ground  
was searched thoroughly for the next three hours, but was unable  
to pick up any new trail. Later in the day picked up a new trail  
just north of La Virgen. Looked as if ten or fifteen men with  
possibly four animals had passed there headed south. Passed the  
scene of the bandit camp, on the San Antonio-Los Angeles trail,  
that was destroyed by a patrol under Captain Tower on the 12th  
of this month. Two new lean-to had been built since the original  
camp was destroyed. The new structures were lightly built and it  
was quite obvious that were only in use for a short time. The  
trail from this camp led to a corn field behind the house of  
Gregorio Gutierrez. This man was captured by a patrol under  
Lt Withers on the 13th of March, after having admitted that he  
came into Jinotega and returned to his house with food and shoes  
for Peralta who was camped near his house in December 1930. At  
present this man is out on bond.

April 22 - Cleared San Antonio 0700. Arrived Sajonia, patrol  
route as follows: Tuma, La Colonia, Santa Isabel, La Union and  
Zapotlan. No information.

April 23 - Cleared Sajonia 0800. Arrived Corinto Finca 1240.  
Patrol route as follows: Quebrada Honda, La Trampa. Arrived at  
Corinto Finca without further incident.

/s/ WILLIAM E. LEGGEE



The following report covers the contact of Lieut. S. H. Ragsdale, G.W., and El Garrion (La Lineda) Guardia with a bandit group in the attempted attack on the Guardia garrison on 2 May 1931:

HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF LA LINEDA, DEPARTMENT OF MATAGALPA,  
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
El Garrion, Nicaragua, 3 May 1931.

From: 2nd Lieut. S. H. Ragsdale, G.W. de Nic.  
To: The Department Commander, Department of Matagalpa,  
Guardia Nacional, Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

Subject: Enemy demonstration against Guardia garrison at  
El Garrion, report of.

Reference: G.C. #100-1920.

1. The following is an account of a demonstration by armed enemy forces against the Guardia garrison at El Garrion, Department of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, and an engagement resulting thereby.

2. At 2130 on the night of 2 May 1931, the Guardia sentry on post #1 at the El Garrion barracks discovered three armed men about twenty yards away crawling towards him through the brush. Receiving no answer to his challenge the sentry opened fire upon the men who leaped forward out of the brush. At this moment the other eight Guardia in garrison went into position and opened fire, opposing some ten or twelve riflemen who appeared for a moment at the edge of the brush, turned and ran. Firing had lasted about one and one-half minutes. The Guardia had expended thirty rounds of rifle ammunition, and the bandits about ten or fifteen.

3. I ordered cease firing as soon as the bandits disappeared into the brush, and with two Guardia charged their flank and pursued, leaving seven men to hold the barracks. We followed five fleeing men at a hard pace for about four hundred yards, firing but drawing no return fire. (Natives assert that at this time some ten or twelve men opened fire upon us from a position some six hundred yards to our right flank, but if true we did not notice it during the hard chase and other firing). One of the men we were pursuing fell wounded near the edge of a deep ravine, as witnessed by both Guardia, but we were unable to secure his body. The bandits scattered and escaped down several coulees. We gave up the pursuit and returned to barracks. I found that there were no Guardia casualties, checked ammunition and cleared with two enlisted on reconnaissance, but could find no indications of a bandit group or encampment and after a three hour search returned again to barracks.

4. Guardia Casualties: None.  
Bandit Casualties: One wounded, believed dead.

Following articles were captured: one (1) machete, one (1) hand bomb, eight (8) rounds Springfield rifle ammunition, U.S. cal. 30.  
Note: Seven rounds of the ammunition captured was of mark F.A. 27, and one round was of mark U.S.C.C. 18. All was "dumdummed", marked by slicing off part of the point.

5. The following named officers and men participated in the engagement:

2nd Lt.	S. M. Ragsdale, G.M.de Nic.	1752
Sqto.	Bustamante, Sebastian	3771
Asso	Canteno, Manuel	2513
"	Flores, Esteban	4198
"	Flores, Pedro	881
"	Garacho, Francisco	2936
"	Rodriguez, Manuel	4239
"	Tercero, Aurelio	3637
"	Tinoco, Justo	3153
"	Velazquez, Juan Pablo	

The conduct and discipline of all Guardia was excellent.

C. It is the officer's belief that the group engaged was merely a small group of some eighteen or twenty local bad characters, who did not intend to engage in a fire fight, but who intended attempting to murder the sentry and stealing the arms of the sleeping Guardia.

/s/ S. M. RAGSDALE

#### PERSONNEL

Captain J. D. O'Leary arrived Managua from Corinto on May 30 and cleared Managua for return to Corinto on May 31.

Lieut. Klein cleared Managua by plane June 1, 1931 for Central, returning to duty.

Major M.C. Gregory, Quartermaster of the Guardia, completed his tour of duty in the Guardia Nacional and cleared Managua by plane on June 4, 1931 for Corinto en route to the U. S.

The following named officers joined the Guardia Nacional from the United States on June 3, 1931: Captain J.M. Smith, 1st Lieut. R.L. Griffin, 1st Lieut. M.L. Gramer, 1st Lieut. R. L. Peterson and 1st Lieut. B.H. Wolever.

Captain V. Hernandez, MC., joined the Guardia Nacional on June 3, 1931, from the Second Brigade.

Captain W. J. Kelly, Commanding the District of Jicaro, arrived Managua by plane from Central June 5, 1931.

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