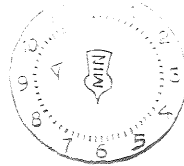


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20 AUGUST, 1931

Lieut Bryson, Lieut Alexander, Lieut Hall and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for and arrived Jinotega.

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

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Flippo and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for and arrived Muy Muy.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from San Ramon.

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

21 AUGUST, 1931

Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for Espino. Returned to Somoto.

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

Lieut Bilbrey, Lieut Whitehead and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for San Juan.

Lieut Kalman and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for San Fernando.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Moropotente.

Lieut Mendoza and Moropotente (NA) guardia patrol cleared Moropotente for vicinity of La Mesa del Carbonal.

Lieut Klein and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo. Returned to Yalaguina.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Smith and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Quilali for San Juan de Telpaneca.

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

Lieut Stanko and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for and arrived Pueblo Nueva.

Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol arrived Limay.

Captain Tebbs and Jicaro (NA) guarda patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Jicaro.

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Lieut Blanco and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo.

Captain Craig returned to Chinandega from Corinto.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for northern part of Chinandega to make an arrest. Returned with one prisoner.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for La Ceiba, Hato Grande and Chacraseca areas to patrol area and search for criminals. Returned nothing to report.

Lieut Alexander, Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for and arrived Matagalpa.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and Central Area roving patrol cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Captain Rea, Lieut Bryson and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Lieut Bryson cleared for Managua by plane. Captain Rea and patrol returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Gunelius and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega on combat mission.

Lieut Torrez and Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared San rafael for Yali.

CO Fundadora (CA) reports following patrols during the period August 14 to 20, 1931: Aug. 14: Aron Juez guardia patrol cleared for Ocotal Espeso and returned to Aron Juez. Lieut Lopez and Las Camalias guardia patrol cleared for Datanli and returned to Las Camalias. Lieut Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for Las Camalias and returned. Aug. 15: Las Camalias guardia patrol cleared for El Salto and returned to Las Camalias. Aug. 16: No operations. Aug. 17: Las Camalias guardia patrol cleared Las Camalias for El Pelon and returned. Lieut Schmierer and Fundadora guardia patrol cleared for Aron Juez and returned. Aug. 18: Lieut Snyder and guardia patrol cleared Aron Juez for Laguna Verde and returned. Lieut Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for Chimborozza and returned. Aug. 19: Lieut Lopez and guardia patrol cleared Las Camalias for Aron Juez and returned. Guardia patrol cleared Aron Juez for Babilonia and returned. Aug. 20: Lieut Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for Moscote and returned. Lieut Snyder and guardia patrol cleared Aron Juez for Fundadora and returned.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Buena Vista.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

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Lieut Stanko and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Condega.

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

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Met patrol and returned to Condega.

Lieut Jackson and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Met Condega patrol and returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Smith and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared San Juan for and arrived Quilali.

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

Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for pataste.

Lieut Kalman and guardia patrol returned to Somotillo (NA) from San Fernando.

Lieut Mendoza and Moropotente (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for Moropotente.

El Viejo guardia patrol arrived Chinandega with one prisoner. Returned to El Viejo after delivering prisoner.

Lieut Gale and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for and arrived Corinto Finca.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega, with Hacienda Inspector, on contraband mission.

Lieut Gutierrez and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca for and arrived Jinotega.

Lieut Gumelius and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned to Jinotega from combat mission. Covered the vicinities of Las Mercedes, Moscote, Chimborozza, Las Camelias and Fundadora.

Lieut Cramer, Lieut Rizo and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol and eleven civil prisoners returned to Corinto Finca from patrol

Captain Small, Lieut Escobar and Yali (CA) guardia patrol arrived La Concordia from combat mission; cleared for and arrived Yali. Covered the Yali-Esteli trail to La Mesa and southwest through Brazil and La Concordia.

Lieut Mendoza and Moropotente (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia (CA) for Moropotente.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and Central Area roving patrol cleared La Concordia for and arrived San Rafael.

Captain Stafford, Lieut Sims and Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for San Ramon, Las Lajas, Algovia, Buena Vista, Consuelo, La Isla, Navarro and Cuatro Esquinas. Arrived San Ramon and cleared for Algovia.

Lieut Snyder and aron Juez (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Aron Juez.

Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Dionisio.

Guardia patrol cleared Dario (CA) for Matagalpa.

Lieut Navarette cleared Esquipulas (CA) for San Dionisio.

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

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol, with Hacienda Inspector, returned to Matagalpa from contraband patrol.

23 AUGUST, 1931

Lieut Stanko and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Palacaguina. Met Palacaguina patrol and returned to Condega.

Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for halfway to Condega. Met Condega patrol and returned to Palacaguina.

Captain Davies, Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Centeno and guardia patrol cleared Esteli (NA) guardia patrol for Limay.

Lieut Trosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for vicinity southeast of La Muta.

Lieut Bilbrey, Lieut Wysaski and San Juan (NA) guardia patrol arrived San Juan.

Lieut Blanco and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for Santa Maria and arrived.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Relijo and Amaya districts to investigate alleged robbery. Returned; nothing to report.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Lee and Central area roving patrol cleared San Rafael for and arrived Jinotega.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Lieut Snyder and Aron Juez (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for Aron Juez.

Lieut Stewart, Lieut Navarette and patrol cleared San Dionisio (CA) for Esquipulas and arrived.

Captain Stafford, Lieut Sims and guardia patrol arrived Consueño (CA) from Buena Vista.

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Isidro on police mission.

Lieut Stanko and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol had contact with a small group, headed by Catarino Vargas, in vicinity of La Muta. One bandit wounded. No guardia casualties. Bandits armed with pistols except two who had rifles.

Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol returned to Telpaneca from combat mission.

Lieut Stanko and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Esteli . Met Esteli patrol at Blandon and returned to Condega.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for halfway to Condega Met Condega patrol at Blandon and returned to Esteli .

Lieut Bell, Lieut Centeno and Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to limay from Esteli.

Lieut Zamora and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Truezdale, Lieut Smith and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol arrived Apali from Quilali.

Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol arrived Somoto from Pataste.

Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol arrived Condega from Daraili.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Met Pueblo Nuevo patrol and returned to Condega with Lieut Jackson.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito and vicinity. Returned to Chinandega, reported all quiet.

Lieut Campbell and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field and returned to Jinotega.

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

Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Corinto Finca and cleared for return to Sajonia.

Lieut Uriza and Muy Muy (CA) guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy for Mal Paso.

Lieut Navarette and Esquipulas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas for Muy Muy and arrived.

Lieut Alexander cleared Matagapa (CA) for Jinotega.

Captain Stafford, Lieut Sims and guardia patrol cleared Consuelo (CA) for and arrived Buena Vista.

25 AUGUST, 1931

Lieut Brosper and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa on reconnaissance patrol to the southwest. Returned to Totogalpa, nothing to report.

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

Lieut Stanko, Lieut Jackson and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Pueblo Nuevo guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Patrols met, Lieut Jackson joined Pueblo Nuevo patrol and proceeded with it to Pueblo Nuevo. Lieut Stanko and Condega patrol returned to Condega.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad on combat mission. Returned to Trinidad.

Lieut Centeno and guardia patrol cleared Limay (NA) for halfway to San Francisco.

Lieut Kalman and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo (NA) for Villanueva.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Comarca de Abangazca and vicinities.

El Viejo (Dept Chontales) guardia patrol cleared El Viejo for Toto Blanco district to make an arrest. Returned to El Viejo with one prisoner.

Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field. Lieut Bryson arrived from Managua by plane. Major Huefe arrived by plane. Major Huefe, Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Bryson, Lieut Gedney and guardia patrol returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Campbell and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega on combat patrol.

Lieut Bryson, Lieut Alexander and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to San Rafael. Patrol returned after turning over officers to San Rafael patrol.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega, with Hacienda Inspector, on contraband patrol.

Captain Mixson and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega. Patrol returned with Lieut Bryson and Lieut Alexander.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Jinotega.

Lieut Martin arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Buena Vista.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa from Algovia (CA).

Lieut Elliott and San Isidro (CA) guardia patrol returned to San Isidro from Altamiranda.

#### 26 AUGUST

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

Lieut Johnson and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for Apali. Patrol arrived.

Lieut. Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for Botadero in search of contraband. Returned to Macuelizo. Patrol then cleared for Ococona.

Captain Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Returned to Palacaguina.

Captain O'Leary and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Palacaguina and arrived.

Lieut. Truesdale, Lieut. Smith and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Quilali.

Lieut. Centeno and guardia patrol arrived Limay (NA) from Somotillo.

Lieut. Kalman and guardia patrol arrived Somotillo (NA) from Villa Nueva.

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from Comarca de Abangarez and its vicinities. Nothing to report.

Lieut. B. Fox, MC., G.N., arrived Leon from Managua for duty.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Paso de Lajas, near Telica. Returned to Leon with one civil prisoner.

Lieut. Castrillo cleared Leon on patrol to Comarca El Jicarito with guardia detachment.

Lieut. Delgadillo and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol had contact with a group of twenty five bandits at point 227-302 (Second Brigade Wp), Jefe unknown. The guardia captured several cutting weapons, considerable correspondence of Colindres, black and red handkerchiefs. Two bandits killed and one wounded. No guardia casualties.

Major Huefe, Captain Rea, Captain Rosecrans and guardia cleared Jinotega (CA) for Matagalpa. Arrived.

Lieut. Campbell and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol returned to Jinotega from combat patrol. Covered San Marcos, Suni, San Gabriel, Mojon, Yuca Puca and Paso Real. Patrol captured one Trinidad Mendez, an admitted bandit. Patrol destroyed two fabricas of Cususa.

Lieut. Rizo and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared Corinto Finca on reconnaissance patrol.

Lieut. Bryson, Lieut. Torres and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for Yali. Lieut. Torrez and patrol returned to San Rafael.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Managua.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

Captain Stafford, Lieut. Sims, and guardia patrol arrived Cuatro Esquinas from Navarro. Cleared for and arrived Matagalpa.

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

Lieut. Jackson and guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina (NA) for halfway to Yalaguina. Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Palacaguina. Patrols met; Lieut. Jackson joined Yalaguina patrol and returned with it to Yalaguina. Palacaguina patrol returned to home station.

August 27

Lieut. Castrillo and Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from El Jicarito with four civil prisoners.

Guardia patrol cleared La Paz Centro on patrol to Tucuman. Returned to La Paz Centro with five confiscated firearms.

Lieut. Dumas and guardia patrol cleared San Antonio for El Polvon and vicinity in search of cattle thieves. Returned to San Antonio; nothing to report.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Real-ejo and San Benito roads.

Another Chinandega guardia patrol cleared for La Quinta and Somotillo roads.

A third Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and El Tempisque roads. Three patrols returned to Chinandega.

Lieut. Schuber and Chinandega guardia, with one civilian guide, cleared Chinandega for Ameya River and San Georgia road; was fired at from ambush by an unknown group near river. Fire was returned and the group fled in underbrush and scattered. Estimated to have been ten or twelve armed with revolvers only. No guardia casualties. Civilian guide received two bullet wounds in right leg. Patrol returned to Chinandega.

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

Captain Williams and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto for vicinity of Las Cañas. Returned to Somoto.

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

Captain Tebbs and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Apali. Cleared Apali and returned to Jicar

Lieut Centeno and guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for Vill Nueva.

Lieut Griffith and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for halfway to Palacaguina and returned to Telpaneca.

Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for half way to Telpaneca and returned to Palacaguina.



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

The following report covers a patrol made by Lieutenant J. M. Broderick, G.N., and Macuelizo (NA) guardia to the Honduran border August 18 to 21, 1931:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,  
Macuelizo, N.S., Nicaragua,  
21 August 1931.

From: Sub-Tnte. Joseph M. Broderick, G.N.  
To: Area Commander, Northern Area.

Subject: Patrol, report of.

1. In accordance with your verbal instructions I cleared Macuelizo with ten enlisted for the purpose of apprehending Honduran revolucionarios reported to be near Oyote (134-263).

18 August 1931

0700 Cleared Macuelizo.  
0750 Passed Amatillo (163-374).  
0830 Crossed Cerro Marimacho (160-375).  
0920 Passed La Palma (156-373).  
1130 Passed Icalupe (143-370).  
1200 Passed Los Lumbreros (139-371).  
1250 Arrived Yaraje (137-372) and camped. Nothing to report. Trails dry and in fair condition.

19 August 1931

0630 Cleared Yaraje (137-372).  
0820 Arrived Santa Emelia (129-374). Don Ramon Moncada gave me the following information: "Carlos Salgado is reported to have died of fever about nine days ago in the Department of Chinandega. A woman passed here about eight days ago and said she saw Juan Pablo Umanzor in a house near Las Manos, Honduras (190-409) and that he appeared to be dying of small-pox. I know nothing of armed Hondurans who are supposed to be hiding out near the border. All the border is talking of a rumor that says that the thief Ventura Rodriguez was shot "por ellos mismos".  
1000 Cleared Santa Emelia (129-374).  
1203 Passed Las Manos de Leon (130-370).  
1310 Passed Yare, Honduras (129-371).  
1245 Arrived at Hacienda Oyoto (134-363) and camped. Nothing unusual noted. The hacienda Oyoto and the house of the Yakis family are the only two houses in Oyoto that are on the Nicaraguan side of the Border. Questioned all people who arrived on the Nicaraguan side of the Border but all appeared to be ignorant of the presence of Honduran rebels hiding in or near Oyoto. I do not think it likely that Honduran rebels would attempt to hide in or near Oyoto due to the fact that General Plata's Headquarters are in San Marcos, Honduras, about an hour and a half from Oyoto.

20 August 1931

0730 Cleared Oyoto (134-363).  
0900 Arrived Tamarindo (130-5-362).

0930 Cleared Tamarindo (139.5-363).  
0955 Arrived La Presa (148-361).  
1010 Cleared La Presa (148-361).  
1400 Arrived Los Ranchos (155-365) and camped. Three men  
posted on trail to pick up people who passed.

21 August 1931

0800 Cleared Los Ranchos (155-365).  
0930 Passed San Jose (155-367).  
1030 Arrived Carriza (152-370).  
1230 Cleared Carriza (152-370).  
1715 Arrived Macuelizo. (

/s/ J. M. BRODERICK,  
Sub-Tnte., G.N.de Nic.

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The following report covers patrol made by Captain Griffin,  
Lieutenant Lee and Central Area roving patrol from August 21 to  
23, 1931:

" M " COMPANY, GUARDIA NACIONAL,  
JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA.  
24 August 1931.

From: The Commanding Officer.  
To : The Area Commander.

Subject: Patrol report, 21 August 1931 - 23 August 1931

Reference Verbal orders of Area Commander, 21 August 1931.

1. The patrol consisted of Captain R. L. Griffin, Jr.,  
Lieut. Wm. A. Lee, and twenty-one enlisted. The patrol was arm-  
ed with two (2) BAR's, four (4) Sub-Thompsons, six (6) Rifle  
Grenade Dischargers, nine (9) Krag Rifles and two (2) pistols,  
Colt .45 automatic.

2. The mission of the patrol was to investigate reports  
of a large group of bandits in the vicinity of La Concordia and  
to cooperate with patrols from Esteli and Yali.

3. Friday, Aug. 21, 1931 - Patrol cleared Jinotega at  
0710 with objective the Colon Valley to South west of La Concor-  
dia. One Guardia was taken sick just out of Jinotega and return-  
ed to Jinotega leaving patrol with twenty (20) enlisted. Patrol  
proceeded via Ocotalia, Mesita, Santa Barbara, Loma Lanza, Espi-  
nales, Sacaseli, Lomita and Nomanji into the Colon Valley. Made  
a circuit of the Colon Valley and met Esteli patrol at Ubeda's  
sugar mill in Colon Valley at 1530. Esteli patrol reported to  
us that they had information of bandits in Carbonales the morn-  
ing of the twenty-first. All inhabitants enroute were question-  
ed and side trails in valley examined but we were unable to get  
any reports of or see any signs of bandits. My patrol at about  
1400 was within one-half league of Carbonales and found no re-  
ports or signs of bandit activities. At decided to rest for  
the night at Ubeda's sugar mill and to proceed to La Concordia  
Saturday morning for information. Directed Esteli patrol to  
sleep at other sugar mill about one thousand yards up trail and  
to be ready to proceed to La Concordia at 0630 Saturday morning.

Saturday, Aug. 22, 1931 - Cleared Sugar mill at 0620, pick-  
ed up Esteli patrol which was mounted and sent them ahead as

point. Arrived La Concordia at 0820. No reports or signs of bandits enroute. Captain Small (and patrol from Yali) was in La Concordia.

Upon our arrival, Captain Small had received no bandit information since clearing Yali on Friday. Captain Small telegraphed situation to San Rafael and requested information. Answer from San Rafael at 1100. No information except Area Commander ordered all patrols into their respective stations. Reported to the Area Commander by telegraph at 1100 and acknowledged orders. Cleared La Concordia at 1310 for San Rafael and reported departure to San Rafael and Jinotega. Arrived San Rafael at 1440. Reported to Area Commander and spent night at San Rafael.

Sunday, August 23, 1931 - Cleared San Rafael at 0840 for Jinotega and reported departure to Jinotega. Arrived Jinotega 1220.

4. The patrol was unable to find any indication of bandit activity. Information received was that there has been no bandits in the territory covered within the last fifteen days. It is the opinion of the patrol commander that the original report of a large bandit group near La Concordia was based on misinformation.

/s/ Robert L. Griffin, Jr.

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The following letter describing some of the conditions in Totogalpa, is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA  
DISTRITO DE TOTOGALPA.  
21 DE AGOSTO, 1931.

From: District Commander.  
To : Area Commander, Northern Area, Ocotal, Nic.  
Subject: System used for issuing Boletas de Ocupacion at this station.

1. The following is a report of the system used for issuing Boletas de Ocupacion in this District.

2. Took command of this Station 16 May, 1931. At that time there were 250 men with Boletas de Ocupacion.

3. Instructed Alcalde to order all Jueces de Mesta and Jefes de Canton to report in here for instructions. Upon their reporting, they were given instructions in their duties, Laws of the Republic, cleaning their districts of thieves, and part time bandits.

Instructed them and told them that they had authority to arrest thieves, and bring them to this Headquarters for punishment; also informed them that all honest citizens would have to present themselves here, and that they would be issued Boletas de Ocupacion. Sunday was the day chosen, for on that day it would not interfere with their work. On the second Sunday, 450 presented themselves, an increase of 200 over previous week.

Jueces de Mesta and Jefes de Canton began to arrest thieves, bringing them with the cattle they had killed as evid-

ence. The Jueces de Mesta and Jefes de Canton have arrested a total of 18 cow and corn thieves; after this more people began to present themselves. They would send in word by their friends, asking if they could come in or not. The reply was that if they were willing to give the District a days work, such as cleaning trails, they could come in. The total up to this date that have presented themselves here has reached the 600 mark, there are more yet.

Out of the 600, thirty six were either bandits or part time bandits. One Blas Gonzalez, named Captain by Sandino, turned in with a Rifle. another Abraham Zamora, of Blas Gonzalez group, with a serviceable Con-Con Remington Model Rifle. Pascasio Gonzalez of the same group turned in with a cutacha, and several others with cutachas and others with information.

4. The gente from all six Valles of this District have cleaned all main trails, and a greater part of the small cross trails. A close check is kept on those that have worked and they are given credit for their work.

5. On each Sunday at 1:00 p.m., they fall in at these Headquarters and are given talks on their Government, supporting their Government, instructed to plant and harvest more crops, the value of peace, and a clean life; that the Guardia Nacional are ~~not~~ their enemies, but their friends; after all of this they "vivan" the Republic and the President of the Republic.

They were told that if they did not participate in the Parades they would be punished by giving them a days work on the trails, that snapped them out of it.

6. On 5 July three head of cattle were killed and stews and soups were made and given to the gente. At the same time they were vaccinated by the Area Surgeon, Dr. Bach. From then on it has been easy here, for a bandit group can not move in any Valle without either the Gente or Jueces de Mesta notifying me.

7. A list of all the Valles are kept separate at these Headquarters. Boletas are numbered from one up for each Valle. There are six Valles, seven with the Pueblo:

Totogalpa .....	with	51	men	presenting
Cuje .....	"	102	"	"
Terrero Grande .....	"	60	"	"
Callantu .....	"	85	"	"
Vera Paz .....	"	100	"	"
Sabana Grande .....	"	110	"	"
Santo Domingo .....	"	<u>105</u>	"	"
Total		613		

8. The Jueces have been authorized to carry cutachas and are giving the best of services.

9. It is believed that if the Parades were organized in all Districts much better results would be gained.

10. One of the ex-bandits, Pascasio Gonzalez of Cuje, invited the guardias of this Station to his house for a Corn Roasting party on 19 August; cleared with a patrol of twelve enlisted, and several civilians, arriving at his house about 10:00 A.M.

He had trails all decorated with flowers, foliage, etc., all Jueces were present, and a total of about twenty-five civilians. They gave the guardias, Roasting Ears, can-

dies made from new corn and dulce, hot coffee and queso.

The guardias enjoyed it very much, I myself enjoyed it, for it was the most peaceful scene I have seen during 26 months in the Segovias.

/s/ L. L. Livermore,  
Sub-Inte., G. N.

PATROL OPERATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF RIVAS, AUG. 19 to 26.

Aug. 21 - Buenos Aires guardia patrol cleared Buenos Aires with one civil prisoner for and arrived Rivas. Returned to Buenos Aires.

Aug. 22 - Captain Forsyth, Department Commander, and guardia patrol cleared Rivas for and arrived San Juan del Sur.

Aug. 23 - Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas for Tola to maintain order during a local political meeting. Returned to Rivas.

Lieut. Schneeman cleared Rivas for El Rosario; returned to Rivas; nothing to report.

Aug. 24 - Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas for Tola in search of lost animals. Returned to Rivas with the recovered property.

Captain Forsyth and guardia patrol returned to Rivas from San Juan del Sur.

Lieut. Poore cleared San Juan del Sur by seaplane for Managua.

Guardia patrol and Juez de Mesta cleared San Jorge for La Virgen to capture three thieves. Returned to San Jorge, mission successfully accomplished.

Lieut. Bello and Cardenas guardia patrol cleared Cardenas on reconnaissance patrol. Patrolled Punta de Las Piedras, Buena Vista, Guanijiquil, Peña Blanca and Sapoa and returned to Cardenas; area reported as quiet.

Aug. 25 - Captain Forsyth and Lieut. Schneeman cleared Rivas for San Jorge to inspect. Returned to Rivas.

Aug. 26 - Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas for Tola. Patrol returned to Rivas with one civil prisoner.

NOTES FROM THE POLICE COMPANY OF MANAGUA

Now that the conditions in Chontales have quieted we are awaiting the return of our men so that we can increase the patrolmen on the streets of the city. Also the return of the Lieut. Boll will release Lieut. Martin from desk work, and he can resume his functions in charge of traffic and finger prints.

The Distrito Nacional has authorized the enlistment of ten more Policías Urbanos, which will bring our total up to twenty-four. The greater part of these men will be those who were with us in the same capacity before the earthquake. Needless to say the enlistment of these men will be of great assistance as soon as we can get uniforms for them.

Traffic accidents have been on the increase for the past month, and as soon as Lieut. Martin is free, a strong campaign will be started against speeders.

Robberies in the city continue but they are all of a petty nature, and have decreased during the course of this month.

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#### P E R S O N N E L

Captain E. A. Craig, Commanding the Department of Chinandega, arrived Managua from Chinandega August 24, 1931.

Captain W. W. Davies, Commanding the District of Pueblo Nuevo, Nueva Segovia, arrived Managua, by plane, from Ocotal, August 24, 1931.

Major E. G. Huffe, Quartermaster of the Guardia, cleared Managua, by plane, August 25, 1931, for Jinotega for inspection of quartermaster activities in the Jinotega-Matagalpa area.

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