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14 OCTOBER 1931

Lieut Livermore, Lieut Burt and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol returned to Totogalpa from vicinity north of Escarbadero and San Juan. Laid ambush without result. Nothing to report.

Lieut. McGorkle and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo to work on telephone line. Returned to Macuelizo.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia cleared Macuelizo to work on telephone line and returned.

Major Cheatham, Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol arrived Jinotega from Las Cam-elias.

Lieut Stewart and guardia patrol cleared Esqui-pulas (CA) for El Castillo and returned.

La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Con-cordia for Upali on police mission.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from San Isidro.

Cuatro Esquinas (CA) guardia patrol cleared Cuatro Esquinas for and arrived Matagalpa.

Lieut Navarette and guardia patrol cleared Muy Muy (CA) for San Geronimo.

15 OCTOBER 1931

Lieut Welsz, Lieut Keller and Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for San Fernando to make arrange-ments for establishing a post at that place. Returned to Ocotal.

Captain Arnett arrived Esteli by plane from Mana-gua and assumed command of the Northern Area.

Captain Brauer, Lieut Vogel and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for and arrived Totogalpa. Captain Brauer and patrol cleared for and arrived Pala-caguina.

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

Lieut Delgadillo, Lieut Whiteford and San Juan de Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for San Juan. Arrived.

Lieut Price, Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared totogalpa for and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina on police mission to Escarbadero. Returned with one confiscated firearm. and one cutacha.

Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for Rio Abajo to lay ambush.

Lieut Mendoza and Moropotente (NA) guardia patrol cleared Moropotente with two bandit prisoners for and arrived Esteli.

Lieut Henderson and El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol with ten cargo mules, arrived Limay.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol returned to La Trinidad with one bandit prisoner, 2 krag rifles and ten rounds of ammunition captured in the San Nicolas area.

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

Lieut Stanko and Condega (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega on combat mission to operate in vicinity of Santa Fe. Cleared via Pueblo Nuevo, arrived and cleared from there.

Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to Matagalpa and returned with one prisoner.

Lieut Snyder, Lieut German and Aron Juez (CA) guardia patrol arrived Jinotega from Aron Juez.

Lieut Rizo and Sajonia (CA) guardia patrol arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia. Cleared Corinto Finca for return trip.

C.O. Fundadora (CA) reports following patrol operations October 9 to 15, 1931:

OCT 9: Lieut Schmierer and Fundadora guardia patrol cleared for Concordia and El Gallo and returned to Fundadora. Aron Juez guardia patrol cleared Aron Juez for Laguna Verde and returned.

OCT 10: Lieut Gumaelius and Las Camalias guardia patrol cleared Las Camalias for Jinotega. Lieut Schmierer and Fundadora guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for La Meta, Las Mercedes and Chimborozo and returned. Lieut Snyder and Aron Juez guardia patrol cleared Aron Juez for Ocotal Espeso and returned.

OCT 11: Lieut Gumaeliuz and Las Camalias guardia patrol returned from Jinotega.

OCT 12: Las Camalias guardia patrol cleared Las Camalias for Datanli and El Salto and returned. Major Cheatham, Captain Rosecrans, Lieut German and guardia patrol arrived Fundadora from Jinotega. Lieut German and guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for Aron Juez; patrol returned to Fundadora.

OCT 13: Major Cheatham, Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Schmierer and Fundadora guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for Aron Juez and returned.

OCT 14: Major Cheatham, Captain Rosecrans, Lieut Schmierer and guardia patrol cleared Fundadora for Las Camalias and arrived. Major Cheatham, Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega patrol cleared ~~Fundadora~~ Las Camalias for Jinotega. Lieut Schmierer and Fundador guardia patrol returned to Fundadora.

OCT 15: Lieut Snyder, Lieut German and Aron Juez guardia patrol cleared for Jinotega.

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

Matagalpa (CA) guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa for halfway to Jinotega and returned.

Lieut Leadey and guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for and arrived Cuatro Esquinas.

Buena Vista (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa.

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

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El Tempisque (Dept Chinandega) guardia patrol arrived Chinandega from El Tempisque.

Captain Skinner, Department Commander, cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and San Antonio for inspection. Returned to Chinandega.

Lieut Dumas arrived Chinandega from San Antonio and returned.

Lieut A. Cuadra and Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from patrol to Comarca de Abangazca with stolen property located en route.

Captain Tebbs and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for Apali via Suscallon and arrived. Patrol returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Trosper, Lieut Oczkowicz and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Jalapa.

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

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

Lieut Price, Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste on combat mission in general direction of Colorado Santa Fe - Limon - San Jose area.

Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for La Tuma on police mission.

Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo for Condega to escort Captain O'Leary to Pueblo Nuevo.

Four U.S.M.C. land planes arrived Ocotal (NA) from Managua. Cleared Ocotal with Captain Burwell and Captain O'Leary on combat mission in general area of Colorado - Santa Fe - Limon - San Jose.

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina on combat mission in general area of Colorado - Santa Fe - Limon - San Jose.

Two U.S.M.C. land planes returned to Ocotal (NA) with Captain Burwell. Two planes landed Condega with Captain O'Leary.

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

Lieut Blanco and Santa Maria (NA) guardia patrol cleared Santa Maria for Santa Emilia to operate about six days in that vicinity.

Captain El ore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol arrived Telpaneca from Vicinity of Carbonal and Achiote. Reports area covered quiet.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned to Yalaguina with one prisoner.

Lieut Price and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pataste for vicinity southeast of Pataste on combat mission.

Lieut Hutchcroft and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Pajarito on combat mission.

Lieut Henderson, Lieut Reiner and Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay for La Flor near Achuapa on combat mission, to clear at daylight for Pajarito area.

La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol cleared La Trinidad for and arrived Esteli.

Lieut Mondoza and Moropotente (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for Moropotente.

Lieut Kalman and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol returned to Somotillo from Santo Tomas and Vicinity. Reports area covered quiet and that the people are more confident in the guardia.

Major Chetham, Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Returned to Jinotega.

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

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia on combat mission. Returned. Covered La Flor, Las Quebradas, Los Pireños, Moropotente, Rinconada, La Pita, Quebrada Hondo and Guiscanal.

Lieut Ashbrook and Corinto Finca (CA) guardia patrol cleared returned to Corinto Finca from reconnaissance mission. Covered La Trampa, Volcan Grande, Sajonia, Oreintal, Santa Maria and San Nicolas.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Algovia.

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

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Navarro.

Lieut Leady and guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Flipppo and guardia patrol arrived Esquipulas (CA) from Muy Muy.

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

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Lieut Martinez and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Limay.

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

Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay as escort of 45 mule cargo team to meet Pueblo Nuevo patrol at El Jicarito.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for La Trinidad and arrived.

Lieut McGorkle and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo. to work on telephone line and returned.

Same patrol cleared Macuelizo (NA) for San Jose on combat mission. Returned. Covered Amatillo, Las Pilas, San Jose, Las Lajas and La Mesa. Reports no information nor evidence of bandits.

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

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Colorado and San Jose.

Five Chinandega guardia patrols cleared Chinandega to patrol all roads leading to Chinandega. Returned with three prisoners and one confiscated firearm.

Lieut Alexander, Lieut Gedney and San Rafael del Norte (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael on combat mission. Returned. Covered the Mantanita area. Miguel Blandon, brother of the deceased bandit jefe Pedro Blandon, and two other bandits, armed with pistols, opened fire from a house en route, then fled. The patrol searched but could not find any trace of the bandits.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Esquipulas.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Cuatro Esquinas.

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

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Lieut Burt and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol had contact with a group of bandits under a minor jefe, Catalino Vargas, in the vicinity of La Muta, Nuevo Segovia. The bandits were armed with rifles, shotguns, pistols and cutachas. One bandit was killed. No guardia casualties. The guardia captured several hats with red and black bands and several cutachas. Destroyed a bandit camp. The guardia patrol pursued the bandits but were unable to regain contact.

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

Captain Frisbie and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for Quilali via Jicaro. Arrived Jicaro.

Captain Elmore and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for and arrived Apali.

Lieut Martinez and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo with cargo train from Casa Blanca. Cleared for halfway to Yalaguina with cargo.

Lieut Burt and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for vicinity of Sabana Grande to investigate reports that bandit group was in vicinity molesting people who have registered. Above contact resulted.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol returned to Condega from combat mission in general area of Colorado, Santa Fe and San Jose. Nothing to report.

Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo to meet cargo train.

Lieut Stanko and Condega (NA) guardia patrol arrived from combat mission in San Jose. Nothing to report.

Lieut Bilbrey and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Apali to repair buzzer line. Arrived Apali.

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned to Palacaguina from combat mission in general area of Limon, Casa Blanca, Santa Fe and San Jose. Nothing to report.

Lieut Stanko and Condega (NA) guardia patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo from combat mission in vicinity of San Jose. Reports having laid an ambush position on mountain ridge overlooking area being bombed. Men were seen to run for brush. After departure of planes searched the area but did not find anything of particular interest to report.

Lieut Hutchcroft and Esteli (NA) guardia patrol returned to Esteli from Pajarito area; nothing to report.

Lieut Henderson, Lieut Reiner and Limay (NA) guardia patrol returned to Limay from La Flor and Pajarito area. Nothing to report.

Lieut Kalman and Somotillo (NA) guardia patrol returned to Somotillo from Santo Tomas. Confiscated two firearms. Nothing else to report.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon, accompanying District Criminal Judge to Rota.

San Dionisio (CA) guardia patrol, cleared San Dionisio for and arrived Esquipulas.

Nacarro (CA) guardia patrol cleared Navarro for and arrived Matagalpa.

Lieut Price, Lieut Vogel and Pataste guardia patrol returned to Pataste from combat mission in vicinity of La Pova.

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Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned to Yalaguina from halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. with pack train to be escorted to Ocotal.

Captain Frisbie and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for Quilali. Patrol arrived.

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

Lieut Bilbrey and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali for and arrived Jicaro.

Lieut Griffith and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca for and arrived San Juan de Telpaneca.

Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa for La Cruz to meet pack train. Returned to Totogalpa with pack train routed to Ocotal.

Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Totogalpa escorting pack train. Met Totogalpa patrol, turned over train and returned to Yalaguina.

Lieut Price, Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol, with ten civil prisoners, cleared Pataste for and arrived Somoto.

Captain Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for Rio Arriba on special mission. Returned.

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

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for Santa Barbara on police mission.

Lieut Henderson and Lmay (NA) guardia patrol cleared Lmay for Achuapa in search of arms.

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

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for Concepcion. Returned with one confiscated firearm.

Lieut Burns and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol Belgica, Chihigalpa, San Antonio and vicinity.

Chinandega guardia patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito and vicinity in search of St. animals. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Dumas cleared Chinandega for and arrived San Antonio.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to El Zapote, on outskirts of the city. Returned to Leon, nothing to report.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon on patrol to El Zapote on outskirts of the city. Returned to Leon, nothing to report.

Lieut McDonald returned to Leon from Managua.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo to work on telegraph line. Patrol returned.

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

Lieut Torrez and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael on police mission. Returned to San Rafael.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

Consuelo (CA) guardia patrol cleared Consuelo for and arrived Agua Amarilla. Returned to Consuelo.

Captain Stafford, Lieut Fox and guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas (CA) for and arrived San Dionisio. Cleared San Dionisio for and arrived Matagalpa.

Lieut Flippo and guardia patrol cleared Esquipulas (CA) for La Pineda and Muy Muy. Arrived Muy Muy.

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

Lieut Martin and Buena Vista (CA) guardia patrol cleared Buena Vista for and arrived Consuelo.

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

Ocotal (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal with Jefe Politico of Nueva Segovia for and arrived Dipilto. Returned to Ocotal.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol returned from police mission at Santa Barbara. Confiscated 1 rifle, 1 pistol 1 shotgun and 1 cutchas

Bandit Group reported near Escarbadero, Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared to investigate. Patrol returned having ascertained group consisted of local civilians stealing oranges.

Lieut Livermore and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Totogalpa to investigate report of bandits in vicinity of La Cruz. Returned, nothing to report.

Captain Brauer and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for El Sappo on police mission. Returned. Destroyed large guaro still, seized quantity of guard and captured owner of still.

Esteli (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for vicinities of Condo Maya Potasti and Laguna on combat mission.

Captain Arnett and Captain Good arrived Ocotal by plane from Esteli.

Lieut Diaz and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared to work on telephone line. Returned. Reports line completed to Ochote.

Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Amatillo on police mission. Returned to Macuelizo, nothing to report.

Lieut Burns and Chinandega guardia patrol arrived San Antonio and cleared for El Polvon and vicinity. Lieut Dumas joined this patrol at San Antonio.

Leon guardia patrol cleared Leon for Telica and Quezalaguaque areas on special patrol.

Major Cheatham, Captain Rosecrans and Jinotega (CA) guardia patrol cleared for aviation field. Colonel Smith arrived by plane from Managua. Officers and patrol returned to Jinotega.

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

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

Lieut Martin and guardia patrol cleared Consuelo (CA) for the Uluse Valley on police mission.

Guardia patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro.

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Lieut Clark and Daraili (NA) guardia patrol cleared Daraili to investigate shots heard by sentry on watch. Reported from direction of San Geronimo. Patrol returned.

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

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

Lieut Johnson, Lieut Trosper, Lieut Collins and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jalapa for and arrived Apali.

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

Lieut McGorkle and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared Macuelizo for and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Palacaguina for Mala Ladera on police mission. Returned, nothing to report.

Lieut Bilbrey and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro for and arrived Apali.

Lieut Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol returned to La Trinidad and reported that the patrol was unable to gain contact with a small group of bandits under Lino Davila, armed with four rifles and two shotguns, who were in San Nicolas area and robbed a finca owner and wounded his son.

Lieut Henderson and El Sauce (NA) guardia patrol arrived El Sauce from Achuapa. Reports having arrived in Achuapa to investigate murder of Arnolodo Pineda. Received information that the murderers were in the house of one Gregorio Martinez, about three miles away. Cleared Achuapa with Lieut Reiner and part of his men and arrived at the house of Martinez. Found signs of recent occupancy but did not locate any of the suspected men. Camped there over night and cleared at daylight for and arrived Achupap. Interrogated the Juez Local and ascertained that the Juez Local in Limay is compiling some sort of charges against Juan Pineda. Lt. Reiner and his patrol returned to Limay from Achuapa.

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

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina for Rio Abajo on police mission. Returned to Yalaguina, nothing to report.

Lieut Burns and Chinandega guardia patrol cleared El Polvon for Poseltega and La Joya districts; arrived Chichigalpa with two prisoners and one confiscated firearm.

Leon guardia patrol returned to Leon from patrol to Telica and Quezalguaque areas with two civil prisoners.

La Paz Centro guardia patrol cleared La Paz Centro for Paso de Tabla.

Lieut Matamoras and La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared La Concordia for and arrived San Rafael. Cleared San Rafael and returned to La Concordia.

Lieut Alexander, Lieut Gedney, Lieut Torrez and San Rafael (CA) guardiapatrol cleared San Rafael for La Breyera. Patrol returned to San Rafael.

San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared San Rafael for Suni on police mission and returned to San Rafael.

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

La Pineda (CA) guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa.

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Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol located and destroyed small bandit camp near Limon. Camp consisted of two shacks occupied by five or six bandits armed with two shotguns and three pistols under a minor jefe named Rosendo Muñoz. The patrol killed one bandit who was identified as Quintero Cupertino. Captured 1 cutacha, 2 machetes, 3 hat bands, 1 flashlight, 1 powder horn, detonators for shotgun shells, 1 bag with medicines, small quantity of rifle and pistol ammunition, lead balls for shotguns, a Juez de Mesta commission signed by Orteiz and Salgado and miscellaneous articles such as soap, mochillas (Knapsacks) and scabbards. No guardia casualties.

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

The following are extracts from the "MONTHLY RECORD OF EVENTS" of the Eastern Area, commanded by Colonel L. L. Leech, G.N., for the month of September 1931:

"The Northern Department was more than normally active, during the period, in maintaining peace and good order, incident to the wholesale discharge of hundreds of negroes from the employ of the local fruit company. The Department Commander, Northern Bluefields, and his officers handled this situation in a most satisfactory manner. The absence of violence and unlawful assembly during this tense period is due to the activity and efficiency of these officers. The only abnormal conditions requiring action in the Southern Department were a few attempts to organize unlicensed political meetings in the streets of Bluefields. The parties involved were required to comply with the law, and meetings were properly controlled.

The general state of the territory occupied is quiet. There are two frontier points in this area which are potential trouble spots. Particular note is made of the fact that since Misalaya has been garrisoned by Guardia troops during this period there has been no reliable news, or even rumors of bandit activity in that section. The establishment of the post of Misalaya is believed to be a most valuable military addition to the area, in its denial of bandit approach from the northwest.

The bandits reported in the vicinity of Casa Vieja are not believed to be a formidable well organized force. Plans are being concluded for increasing the post of Neptune Mine to a strength of 20 enlisted, with an officer in charge, and one radio lieutenant on duty. This force will permit of active patrolling, and it is hoped, will check bandit depredations in the Neptune Mine region.

In the general trend of business depression in this area during the past year, it is noted that a slight, but perceptible feeling of optimism exists, specially among the business men of Bluefields. Some of the larger business concerns have even been able to report slight increase in turn over stock. The hope of the general public for better times is always based on the possibility of construction of the Nicaraguan Canal.

There is no friction between the Guardia and civil population.

" Political situation: During September, Bluefields has witnessed more political activity than in any other monthly period for the past year. The Vice President's visits to Puerto Cabezas, Rama and Bluefields have sharply focused the attention of political agents to the probabilities of success in the approaching elections. The situation has been active, but properly controlled by the Guardia, and without acute interest.

The weather has been unfavorable for patrolling. Increased storms and unusually early heavy rains.

Roads and trails, such as exist, have been very poor. "

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The following report covers the contact of Captain G. A. Williams and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol with a bandit group at Naranjo on October 3, 1931:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
SOMOTO NICARAGUA,
18 October 1931.

From: District Commander.
To : Area Commander, Northern Area.
Subject. Contact at Naranjo, report of.

1. On receipt of information that a group of about forty bandits under Colindres and Salinas, proceeding from the Northwest, had passed south of Somoto during the night of October 2-3, a patrol consisting of myself and the following named enlisted men cleared for Zapote Mountain (168-348) at 0730 October 3rd:

Cabo Rodriguez,	Maximo	# 2842	BMG
" Rodriguez,	Ruben	2095	TSMG
Raso Caceres,	Pedro	2203	R
" Calderon,	Alberto	2837	RG
" Castillo,	Julio	3124	R
" Garcia,	Jose M.	4175	R
" Gutierrez,	Concepcion	2986	TSMG
" Hernandez,	Toodoro	4354	R
" Mejia,	Isabel	4381	R
" Pastrana,	Geronimo	2185	R
" Perez,	Pio	3970	R
" Rivera,	Marcos	3287	R
" Vanegas,	Manuel	2570	R
" Videca,	Jose	3319	R
Civico Jiron,	Simeon (Pichingo)		R

2. Tracks of the group were picked up near 165-349 and followed to Zapote Mountain (168-348) where the group split up into small groups proceeding by various trails toward the southwest. The patrol followed a group of apparently eight or nine up a hidden trail and around the western slope of Somoto Mountain to the vicinity of 167-344 where the group reformed and proceeded southwest, avoiding all houses. At 1430 when the patrol was at the lower edge of a corn field located on a mountain side, a thin column of smoke was detected in the woods near the upper edge of the field. By advancing up the mountain side through the corn field the patrol was able to reach a position within approximately forty-five yards of the main group of bandits before being observed, among which group it was later learned were Colindres, Salinas and other minor Jefes. The camp, located in the woods at the upper edge of a corn field near Naranjo (165-343), was flanked on two sides and in rear by higher hills on which were located outposts. The fact that the bandits had just made camp and were heating water for coffee probably accounts for the fact that the patrol was able to approach through the corn field and pass directly between two outposts without being observed. The bandits attempted to offer resistance with rifles, revolvers and dynamite bombs, but when the hills to the flanks and rear were bombed with rifle grenades, they apparently believed they were surrounded and fled in various directions. The arms of the group also included two Thompson Sub-Machine guns, but no attempt was made to employ them. The bodies of two unidentified bandits were found in the camp and numerous blood trails. Five distinct blood trails led from a position occupied by a group of about fifteen bandits at which first burst of three machine guns had been directed. On October 8th three additional bodies were found by a native on his property located a short distance northeast of the scene of the contact.

3. Casualties: Bandits: 5 known killed.
Evidence of number wounded.
Guardia: None.

Captured: 2 rifles Krag, Nos. 276605 and 319237.
2 rifles Remington, 10 dynamite bombs, 12 dynamite sticks, 132 rounds misc. ammunition, 7 cutchas, 1 rifle grenade discharger, 1 leather rifle grenade carrier, 3 saddles, 4 bridles, 2 horses (later returned to owners from whom stolen). 12 blankets, 9 capotes, 4 hammocks, 10 haversacks. Large amount clothing and food. Miscellaneous articles such as canteens, knives, hats, etc. In addition to two horses captured, two others were killed during contact.

4. The conduct of all enlisted members of the patrol was excellent. Although the bandit tracks when picked up by the patrol at 0830 near 165-349 were between five and six hours old, according to a native prisoner who escaped from group during firing and other indications in the camp, the bandits had arrived at the scene of the contact less than an hour before the patrol caught up with them at 1430.

/s/ G. A. WILLIAMS

Report of a patrol made by Lieutenant Jose Escobar M., G.N., and Yali (Ca) guardia October 10 to 12, 1931:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
YALI NICARAGUA.

12 October 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. Jose Escobar M., G.N.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte.

Subject: Patrol report, 10 Oct. to 12 Oct. 1931.

1. 10 October

In obedience to verbal orders from the Commanding Officer, Yali, Nic., I cleared Yali with fifteen enlisted men at 1.10 p.m. to operate in the east, as per reports received we knew that a bandit group passed through Rio Arriba at 7:00 a.m., same day. We passed through Coyolar and arrived Rio Arriba at about 4.30 p.m. There I had information that the bandits had cleared in direction to La Sotana. In Buena Vista of Rio Arriba we camped for the night.

2. 11 October

Cleared Buena Vista at 7:00 a.m., passing through La Sotana, Rio Negro, Rio Grande and arrived to San Rafael at 3.10 p.m.

3. 12 October

At 8.20 a.m., cleared San Rafael and arrived Yali at 12.30 p.m., 12 October 1931.

No other events during the patrol.

/s/ Jose Escobar M.,
G.N.

The following two reports cover patrols made by Liout. Antonio Tercero, G.N., and Santo Domingo guardia and Liout. Walter F. Krebs, G.N., and Boaco guardia of parts of the Department of Chontales. Lieutenant Krebs's report is accompanied by a sketch:

TRANSLATION

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
Subdistrict of Santo Domingo, Chontales,
28 September 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. Antonio Tercero, G.N.
To : The Department Commander, Dept. of Chontales.

Subject: Report.

1. Upon verbal orders received from the Department Commander I cleared Juigalpa for Santo Domingo, Chontales, on the 16th September 1931, arriving in Santo Domingo on the 17th of the same month.

2. On the 20th of September I cleared Santo Domingo on a reconnoitering patrol for the mountains and inspected the following places: Curinguas, a place four leagues from Santo Domingo, making that distance in six hours. From Curinguas we went to Timuli, a distance of two leagues, taking us three hours to make it. From Timuli to Calamate, three fourths of a league, making it in one hour. From Calamate to Cerro Macana, two leagues and a half, three hours and forty-five minutes, from Cerro Macana to Amores del Sol, distance of one league and a half, making it in two hours. From Amores del Sol to Arenitas, one league and a half, making it in two hours and fifteen minutes. From Arenitas to Arenas four leagues, time six hours. From Arenas to Cerro del Mono, one fourth of a league, time fifty-five minutes, from Cerro del Mono to Paso del Rio Grande at Caña Brava, we crossed this river and headed to the encampment of El Achioté, we explored this said encampment, and did not find any sign of bandits in those places, and took us twenty four hours for this inspection. There is a distance of two leagues from Cerro del Mono to El Achioté. From El Achioté I made a crossing to a point called Quisaura, taking us two days to make this trip to that point, making a thorough inspection as best as it was possible. From Quisaura I went to Timuli, crossing Siquia River, and taking us two days in this trip, from this place I cleared for Santo Domingo, taking eight hours in this trip.

3. The patrol was made of the Second Lieutenant Antonio Tercero, G.N., one non-commissioned officer and seven rasos.

4. There was no sign of bandits in any of the places where the patrol went through.

5. The roads are very bad.

/s/ L. TERCERO,
Sub-Tnto., G.N.

DISTRICT OF BOACO, BOACO, CHONTALES,
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
30 September 1931.

From: District Commander, District of Boaco,
To: Department Commander, Dept. of Chontales.

Subject: Patrol report.

Reference: Dept. Comdr.'s Telegram, 09020 Sept. 31.

1. In compliance with the reference I cleared Boaco at 0732 Sept. 21, 1931 with a patrol of five enlisted for Camoapa with mission to investigate and report on trails and river crossings leading from Camoapa to Rio Murra and Rio Grande.

15121 arrived Camoapa. Questioned several persons from La Tablazon-Los Encuentros vicinity regarding recent bandit activities in that region and was informed that all was quiet.

07022 cleared for La Trinidad via El Congo and Las Lajas making camp for the night in La Trinidad at 17022. Everything quiet.

06423 cleared for El Loro via Masigue and La Union making camp in El Loro at 15023. Information received and verified that Pedron upon entering Department that the last time crossed the Rio Grande at El Platanar proceeding down via Montes Verdes and San Antonio, and upon leaving crossed Rio Murra at El Sajino coming from San Antonio and proceeding to El Javio and La Corona. From El Sajino bandits cut their own trail to El Javio. Since then there has been no bandits in that area.

07024 cleared for Los Encuentros via boat as all trails from El Loro to that point are indirect and pass so far from the river that it would be impossible to obtain information on crossings. In El Sajino investigated camp where bandits spent one night but nothing of any military value could be found. Search was made for some animals reported to have been left there by the bandits but found no trace of them. Cleared for Los Encuentros arriving at 10024 and proceeded to La Tablazon afoot arriving 12024. Report received that bandits had been in that place recently also found to be false. Cleared for Los Cimientos at 12024 arriving and making camp at 16024. Everything quiet and trails very bad.

06325 cleared for junction of Rio Grande-Rio Negro rivers via boat making camp in house near junction at 16025.

07026 cleared for Los Encuentros via boat arriving and making camp at 17226. Several men were interviewed who had been captured by bandits in August and used to carry cargo but nothing of any value could be ascertained.

06027 cleared for El Codo via boat arriving and making camp for the night at 17327.

05028 cleared for Camoapa via San Miguel arriving 11128 and cleared for Boaco arriving 18029.

2. In the entire area patrolled there were no signs of recent bandit activities of any kind. I believe that the Alcalde of Camoapa is the responsible party for the false reports that have been received of late and have explained to him as well as to the people of Camoapa the damage done by submitting false information to the Guardia. The Indians living in the Rio Murra-Rio Grande vicinity are exceptionally friendly towards the Guardia and it is believed that better cooperation can be expected from them in case the bandits enter the Department again.

3. The Rio Grande can be crossed at the following places proceeding up river from Vera Cruz:

El Platanar, trail leading from Vera Cruz-Los Encuentros main trail to Montes Verdes. Los Encuentros, trail leading from El Platanar to La Tablazon and Boaco. Los Cimientos, only on Chontales side, one trail leading to La Tablazon and other to La Corona and Boaco. El Tigre, only on Matagalpa side, trail leading to Siquia and Vera Cruz. Saiz, only on Chontales side, leading to main trail from Salto de Loya to Boaco. Junction of Rio Negro-Rio Grande Rivers, only on Chontales side, leading to main trail from Salto de Loya to Boaco. Salto del Loya, trail leading from Matiguas and branching off at Salto del Loya, one trail leading to Boaco and other to Tierra Azul. Vaghas, only on Chontales side, one trail leading to Tierra Azul and other to La Corona and Boaco. From this point to Tierra Azul is plain and crossing can be made practically wherever wished.

The Rio Murra can be crossed at the following places: proceeding up river from Los Encuentros:

El Sajino, leading from La Union to San Antonio. El Loro leading from Canoapa to San Antonio. Cusucas, leading from Canoapa-Los Encuentros main trail to San Antonio and Amores del Sol. El Mono leading from Canoapa-Los Encuentros main trail to Amores del Sol. El Achiate, leading from Canoapa-El Loro main trail to Arenas. Caña Brava, leading from Canoapa-El Loro main trail to Arenas. El Codo, leading from Canoapa to Betulia and Arenas. Caña de Yuca, leading from El Codo-Canoapa main trail to Betulia and Amores del Sol.

The trails in the entire Rio Murra-Rio Grande area are very bad and in places impassable.

Practically all travel is done by river.

At the present time the Rio Grande is practically impassable except by boat and the Rio Murra from Los Encuentros to El Codo.

/s/ WALTER F KREBS

The contact of Lieutenant G. K. Burt, and Totogalpa (NA) guardia on 18 October 1931, is covered in the following report:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
DISTRITO DE TOTOGALPA,
19 de Octubre 1931.

From: Second Lt. George K. Burt, Guardia Nacional.
To : Area Commander, Northern Area, Ocotal, Nic.
Via : District Commander, District of Totogalpa.

Subject: Contact, report of

1. The following is a report of the contact in the vicinity of La Muta (192-358) at 1700, 18 Oct. 1931.

2. Station of Patrol. Totogalpa, Nicaragua.

3. Mission of Patrol.

The patrol cleared in compliance with verbal orders from the District Commander, with instructions to seek and destroy a group of armed bandits reported in that area. The patrol cleared at 1400 on 18 October, 1931, with the following: 1st Officer and enlisted men:

2nd Lieut. George K. Burt, Commanding Patrol.
Cabo Martinez, Ventura # 933 Commanding Point
STMG.

Raso	Aguilar,	Nicanor	1405	Rifle
"	Accevedo,	Alejandro	2995	Rifle Grenades.
"	Gomez,	Victor	4562	Rifle
"	Lopez,	Santiago	4205	"
"	Ponce,	Indalecio	4176	"
"	Olivas,	Jose	4177	"
"	Gonzalez,	Bonancio	4189	"
"	Lainoz,	Lucio	4191	"
"	Lopez,	Martin	4190	"

4. Upon clearing Totogalpa, patrol used main trail to Yalaguina, for about one mile, then cut off to the left and followed this trail for about two leagues when patrol took a trail to the right. This trail had appearances of being seldom used. After following this trail for about one league. Point reported that a trail crossed and tracks were seen to be going to the left. Patrol immediately took this trail and followed it through very rough ground for distance of about three quarters of a mile.

Most of this distance was covered in a low crouching positions as the trail was heavily grown over and showed very little use. On the side of the trail in a cane patch, a steer with front feet tied was seen; just after passing the steer about one hundred yards ahead, a house top was seen. The patrol immediately moved forward. As the house was located on the top of a steep hill, some of the distance was covered in the open; at a point just in front and after the point had gained top of hill, patrol was fired on; the point took position and returned fire, with two rifles and one STMG. Rest of patrol, ex-

cepting rear guard was moved on line of fire. I took position with the Rifle Grenadier, and directed the discharger of two grenades. The contact lasted about seven minutes, I judged that the bandits fired between thirty to forty rounds and then ran scattering into the brush, after fire had ceased, patrol moved forward and found one dead bandit. A large quantity of beans and tortillas had been prepared for their meal; all of this was destroyed, and the shacs were burned. Could not follow bandits for any great distance on account of heavy underbrush and the approach of darkness.

5. Weapons employed by Guardia:

One STMG., One rifle Grenadier and 8 rifles.

Weapons employed by bandits:

Rifles and Escopetas (Shotguns).

6. Captured articles:

Four hats with bands, two cutachas.

7. The bandit group consisted of about ten men, armed with rifles, escopetas and cutachas, and several pistols. The group is known as the Catalino Vargas group. The dead bandit was identified as Candido Gomez.

8. Casualties:

Guardia: None.

Bandits: 1 man killed.

9. Discipline observed by the Guardia in this contact was excellent, all members quickly and without thought of hesitation obeyed the orders of the Patrol Commander.

10. It is highly recommended that Cabo Martinez V., #933 be commended for his handling of the Point; although under fire Cabo Martinez showed coolness in placing his men in a position that was of great importance to the maneuvering of the main body.

/s/ GEORGE K. BURT,
2nd Lt., G.N.

PATROL OPERATIONS, DEPT. OF RIVAS, OCTOBER 16 to 21.

- Oct. 16 - Lieut. Bello and Cardenas guardia patrol cleared Cardenas for Sava. Returned to Cardenas. Nothing to report.
- Oct. 17 - Lieut. Pulver and Rivas guardia patrol cleared Rivas for vicinity of Brito in search of contraband.
- Oct. 18 - Lieut. Pulver and guardia patrol returned to Rivas fater having searched the vicinity of Brito and Tola for contraband liquor without result.
- Oct. 19 - Lieut. Adams and guardia patrol cleared San Juan del Sur for La Cruz. Returned to San Juan del Sur.
- Lieut. Bello and Cardenas patrol cleared Cardenas. Patrolled area Las Piedras, Buena Vista, La Pita, Guanijiquil and Sapoa and returned to Cardenas.

Oct. 20 - Rivas guardia patrol cleared for Tola. Returned to Rivas with five civil prisoners.

Lieut. Bullo and patrol cleared Cardenas for Sabalos to cooperate with hacienda Inspector in search for contraband liquor. Patrol returned to Cardenas.

Oct. 21 - Lieut. Adams and guardia patrol cleared San Juan del Sur for vicinity of Puerto Saley in search of contraband. Patrol returned..

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Report of a patrol made by Captain A. C. Small, G. N., and Yali (CA) guardia, on October 6, is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL, YALI, NICARAGUA,
6 OCTOBER 1931.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte,
Subject: Patrol report.

1. At 1030, 6 October 1931, the Alcalde of Yali reported to me that the Juez de la Noche of El Tigre had been in and reported a group of bandits in El Tigre. It seems that this Juez was in very much of a hurry to clear out, for I have not been able to locate him up to the present time. However, on the strength of this report a patrol was cleared at 1100, 6 October 1931, to investigate this report. The patrol consisted of Lieut. Bryson, twenty six enlisted and myself.

2. Maria Centeno, a resident of El Tigre, reported that a short time before my patrol arrived in El Tigre three bandits had been in her home and that they had gone away in three different directions. This was verified by a boy about the age of fourteen years. These men were reported to have been carrying machetes and that none had fire-arms.

3. A search of the vicinity was made, but as these men had taken to the brush in different directions there was not much left for us to follow up. After about an hour I returned to Yali with my patrol.

4. The boy reported that C-lindros had been there in El Tigre sometime during the morning, but this could not be verified and I am of the opinion that the boy was mistaken..

s/ A. C. SMALL,
Captain, G.N.

P E R S O N N E L

Captain A. H. Fricke cleared Managua for Leon on October 18 for duty there.

Colonel J. C. Smith cleared Managua by plane on October 20 for Jinotega to resume duty as Area Commander, Central Area.

Doctor Hernandez cleared Managua by plane for Jinotega on October 23 for duty as Area Surgeon.

Captain Scholtes, arrived Managua by plane from Jinotega on October 23. He has been on duty as Area Surgeon of the Central Area for the past year. Will take leave in the U.S, before being assigned other duty.

Lieutenant C. A. Davis arrived Managua by plane from Bluefields on 22 October 1931 for temporary duty.

Lieutenant A. Firth arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal on 19 October and returned 20 October, 1931.

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