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Lieut Trosper, Lieut Whotehead (MC) and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali.

Captain Williams and Somoto (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somoto and arrived Totogalpa. Returned to Somoto.

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

Lieut Keller and San Fernando (NA) cleared for and arrived Apali. Returned to San Fernando.

Captain O'Leary and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) guardia patrol returned from vicinity of La Calera (177-388).

Lieut Rodriguez and (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Limay.

Lieut McGorkle and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol returned to Macuelizo from Somoto.

First Sergeant Cortez and Macuelizo (NA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Ocotal.

Sergeant Suarez and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for vicinity of (204-353) on police mission. Returned with one prisoner and five pounds contraband tobacco.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol returned Condega from vicinity of Blandon, reporting all quiet.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Latuna on police mission. Returned also having covered Quemada. Nothing to report.

Lieut Zamora and Limay (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Esteli, picked up Lieut Livermore at Regadillo and returned Limay.

Esteli patrol cleared for halfway to Limay and returned.

Lieut Rodriguez and (NA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce for Limay.

Captain Small and Torres (CA) guardia patrol cleared El Sauce and arrived Esteli.

Captain Griffin, Lieut Haubensack and (CA) patrol cleared El Sauce and arrived Esteli.

Enlisted patrol (CA) cleared San Rafael and arrived La Condordia.

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Department Commander, Matagalpa, (CA) reports:
Enl. patrol cleared San Isidro for La Constancia on police mission. One enl. cleared Matagalpa for Buena Vista. Lt. Gumaelius and patrol cleared Navarro on police patrol and returned. Three enl. returned to Navarro from contraband patrol. Major Whaley, Capts. Cox and Mixon cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda.

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Lt. Lopez and patrol cleared Leon and patrolled to end of the El Sauce - Leon railroad and returned.

One enl. arrived Leon from Managua with civil prisoner and returned. One enl. cleared Leon for Nagarote.

Sgt. Rojas and San Fernando (NA) patrol cleared San Fernando and arrived Ocotal.

Lt. Sandino and Gandega (NA) patrol cleared for Blandon with ammunition and supplies.

1st Sgt Cortez and Macuelizo (NA) patrol cleared Ocotal and returned Macuelizo

Lt. Keller and San Fernando (NA) patrol cleared Apali and returned San Fernando.

Lt Brown and Yalaguina (NA) patrol returned from police mission.

Lt. Trosper and Lt. Whitehead (MC) and Jalapa (NA) patrol cleared Apali and arrived San Fernando. Sgt Rojas and San Fernando (NA) patrol cleared Ocotal for San Fernando escorting Guardia band.

Lt. Price and Santa Maria (NA) patrol returned Santa Maria from vicinity of Santa Emelia. Obtained reliable information that the Siercke stores in San Marcos (Honduras) are selling ammunition to the bandits.

Lt. Delgadillo and San Juan (NA) patrol cleared for Las Cañas (228-372) and returned, nothing to report.

Capt. McQueen and (NA) patrol cleared Esteli for Condega. Capt Small, Lt. Torres and (CA) patrol cleared Esteli for La Concordia, via Moropotente.. Capt. Griffin Lt Haubensack and (Ca) patrol cleared Esteli for Jinotega.

Lt. Kalman and (NA) patrol cleared Somotillo for Villanueva and arrived. Lt Livermore and (NA) patrol cleared Limay toward El Sauce to meet Lt Rodriguez patrol.

Jefe de Canton of Las Mesas 221-376, near Jicaro and seven other citizens armed with working machetes attacked a foraging group of 12 bandits armed with pistols and cutchas under Jefe Florentin Quintero. During fight one bandit was wounded and captured named Leonidas Lopez. Other members of group retreated toward Ologalpa. The captured bandit stated that the foraging group had received orders to prepare a large amount of beef and other food stuffs in preparation for the return of a large bandit group in the Jicaro area.

Capt Tebbs and Apali (NA) patrol cleared for Santa Clara on police mission and returned.

Capt Rosecrans and (CA) patrol cleared Jinotega for Aviation field and returned. Lt Snyder and (CA) patrol arrived Jinotega from Las Camelias.

Lt. Cramer and (CA) patrol returned Corinto Finca from reconnaissance patrol. Lt. Matamoros and (CA) patrol cleared La Concordia on combat mission and returned. Capt Small, Lt. Torres and (CA) patrol arrived La Concordia from Esteli.

Department Commander, Matagalpa, (CA), reports: One enl. arrived Matagalpa from Navarro. Lt. Gumaelius and patrol cleared Navarro for La Isla and returned Navarro. Lt. Fox and one enl. cleared Muy Muy and arrived Matagalpa. Major Whaley, Capt. Cox and Capt. Nixon and patrol arrived Esquipulas from La Pineda. Enlisted patrol returned to San Isidro from police patrol to La Concordia.

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Lt Dumas arrived Chinandega from San Antonio and returned San Antonio. Lt Thompson returned Chinandega from Corinto. Enl. patrol arrived Chinandega from El Viejo. Capt Skinner and patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo on inspection trip and returned. Lt McDonald and patrol cleared Leon for La Paz Centro, arrived and returned. Lts Bell and Cuadra and patrol cleared La Paz Centro and arrived Managua, temporary duty that place completed. Lt A. Cuadra and patrol returned Leon from Malpaisillo. Patrol cleared Leon and patrolled to end of El Sauce-Leon railroad and returned.

Lt Ostowicz (Radio) and (NA) patrol cleared Yali for San Fernando and arrived. Lt Diaz and Dipilto (NA) patrol cleared for and arrived Ocotal. Lt Brown and Yalaguina (NA) patrol cleared for 186-366. Patrol split at this point, eight returning to Yalaguina and balance proceeding to Ocotal. Lt Kalman and (NA) patrol cleared Villa nueva and arrived Somotillo. Lt Livermore and (NA) patrol returned to Limay from Achuapa. Lt Johnson and (NA) patrol cleared Esteli for two leagues west on police mission. Capt Good arrived Esteli from El Sauce via plane. Major Cheatham cleared Ocotal and arrived Condega via plane. Cadet Fidel Estrada cleared Esteli for El Sauce via Plane. Lt Satterfield and Cadet patrol cleared El Sauce and arrived Villanueva. Lt Kelly and (NA) patrol arrived Villanueva from combat mission. Lts Kelly and Barillas and (NA) patrol arrived Somotillo from Villanueva. Lt Diaz and Dipilto (NA) patrol arrived Dipilto from Ocotal.

Lt Hamas and Jicaro (NA) patrol having covered Cacao-Ula-Suscallon-Pimienta-Guali-Las Vueltas, learned from natives near Guali that two or three groups of about 25 each had passed headed towards Chipote area with food, hogs and beef.

Lt Downey and (CA) patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael and returned. Two enl cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa. Lt Snyder and patrol cleared Jinotega for Las Camelias. Capt Griffin, Lt Haubensack and patrol (CA) returned Jinotega from combat patrol in Northern Area.

Capt Small, Lt Torrez and (CA) patrol cleared La Concordia for San Rafael and arrived. Lt Bryson and (CA) patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega and returned. Lt Castillo and (CA) patrol cleared Yali on reconnaissance.

Department Commander, Matagalpa, (CA) reports: Two enlisted cleared with inspector of hacienda on contraband patrol and returned Matagalpa. Two enl with civil judge cleared Matagalpa for Saumelary and returned. One enl cleared Matagalpa and arrived Navarro. Major Whaley Cpts Cox and Mixson and patrol cleared Esquipulas and arrived Matagalpa. Two enl arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega. Lt Wallace and 3 enl arrived Matagalpa from Managua. One enl cleared Matagalpa for Muy Muy. One enl cleared Esquipulas and arrived Matagalpa. Lt Stewart and one enl cleared Esquipulas for San Dionisio and returned. Lt Frye and 2 enl arrived Navarro from Cuatro Esquinas.

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Enl patrol cleared Chinandega for El Tempisque with supplies and returned. Enl patrol cleared Leon for Amatitan, Amatitan-sito, La Ceiba and Las Castillas. Lt Trosper, Lt Whitehead (MC) and (NA) patrol returned to Yali from San Fernando and cleared for Jalapa (less Lt Whitehead). Capt McQueen, Lt Stanko and (NA) patrol arrived Condega from Esteli.

Lt Zavala and La Trinidad (NA) patrol cleared on police mission. Lts Hutcherift, Centeno and Titsworth (MC) and (NA) patrol cleared Villanueva for Limay. Lt Barillas and (NA) patrol cleared Somotillo for Villanueva. Sgt Lopez and patrol (NA) cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived Condega. Capt Hokdahl and (NA) patrol arrived Condega from Blandon. Lt Diaz and Dipilto (NA) patrol cleared for El Volcan and returned. Nothing to report. Sgt Lopez and Pueblo Nuevo (NA) patrol returned from Condeg. Capt Small and (CA) patrol cleared San Rafael for Yali and arrived. Lt Matamoros and (CA) patrol arrived La Concordia from San Rafael and returned.

CO La Fundadora (CA) reports by letter: Dec. 1, 0730 Lt. Schmierer and six enl cleared La Fundadora for Jinotega. 0800 Lt Snyder and seven enl cleared Las Camelias for Datanli and returned at 1500. Dec, 2, 1200 Lt Schmierer and six enl returned to La Fundadora from Jinotega. 1900 Lt Snyder and seven enl cleared Las Camelias for Datanli and Los Nobles. Dec 3, 0500 Lt Snyder and seven enl returned to Las Camelias. 0900 Lt Schmierer and five enl cleared La Fundadora for Aranjuez and returned at 1600. Dec 4, 0830 Lt Schmierer and 5 enl cleared La Fundadora for Las Camelias. 1100 Lts Schmierer and Snyder with 12 enl cleared Las Camelias for La Luz. 1700 Lt Snyder and 7 enl returned to Las Camelias. 1600 Lt Schmierer and 5 enl returned to La Fundadora. 1900 Lt Ashbrook and 7 enl cleared Aranjuez for Ocotal. Dec. 5 - 0800 Lt Ashbrokk and 7 enl returned to Aranjuez. 0800 8 enl cleared La Fundadora for La Meta and returned at 1600. 0800 6 enl cleared Las Camelias for La Fundadora and returned at 1500 Dec. 6, 0800 Lt Ashbrook and 7 enl cleared Aranjuez for Jinotega. 1900 8 enl cleared Las Camelias for Datanli. Dec. 7, 0600 8 enl returned to Las Camelias. 0730 Lt Schmierer and 4 enl cleared La Fundadora for La Concordia and El Gallo and returned at 1300. 1930 Lt Snyder and 7 enl cleared Las Camelias for El Salto. Dec. 8, 0400 Lt Snyder and 7 enl returned to Las Camelias. 0800 7 enl cleared La Fundadora for La Laguna and La Salvadora and returned at 1300. 0830 Lt Ashbrokk and 4 enl cleared Aranjuez for Aurora and returned at 1330. 0830 6 enl cleared Las Camelias for Datanli and returned at 1200. Dec 9, 0700 Lt Schmierer and 5 enl cleared La Fundadora for El Gallo and Ocotal Espeso and returned at 1800. 0800 Lt Snyder and 6 enl cleared Las Camelias for Aranjuez and returned at 1800.

10 December 0700 Lt. Snyder and 6 enl cleared Las Camelias for Jinotega. 0900 Lt Ashbrook and five enl cleared Aron Juez for fundadora and returned at 1500. 1230 Lt Schierer and 4 enl cleared Fundadora for Aurora and returned at 1600.

Department Commander, Matagalpa (CA) reports: One enl cleared for San Dionisio and arrived. Two enl cleared for Managua. Two enl cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa and arrived. Lt. Frye and 2enl cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Sandino and Condega (NA) guardia patrol arrived Condega from Blandon.

Palacaguina reports hearing one bomb explode in direction of Yalaguina.

Lieut Trosper and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol returned from Apali.

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One enl cleared for San Dionicio and reported at 1700.

Two enl cleared for Managua. two enl cleared Muy Muy for Matagalpa and arrived at 1600.

Lieut Frye and two enl cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Zamora and Limay N(A guardia patrol of twenty five enlisted had contact at 1130 with group of thirty bandits under Julian Gutierrez at a point halfway between Limay and Grecia Mine. Bandit casualties, one killed and three wounded. Guardia casualties, none. Captured one shotgun, two bombs, two cutachas, numerous hat bands, supplies and miscellaneous articles. Bandits were pursued by patrol and lasso by another patrol under Lieut Livermore. Further contact could not be made as bandits scattered in all directions.

Captain Fellers and three enl cleared Corinto via train for Chinandega. Arrived and returned Corinto.

1 Enl arrived Chinandega from El Tempisque.

Lieut Freda and 20 members of the Guardia Band arrived Chinandega from Managua to participate in funeral services for Señor Caldera.

Lieut Castrillo and patrol cleared Leon on patrol to end of Leon- El Sauce railroad and returned.

Enl patrol returned Leon from patrol to Amatitan, Amatitiansito, La Ceiba and Las Castillas with two prisoners.

Three enl cleared Leon for Managua.

Lieut Herregodts reported Leon from Managua for duty.

Lieut Schuch and 10 enl reported Leon from Managua for duty as railroad guards

Two enl reported Leon from Managua for duty.

Cabo Ponce and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared and arrived Ocotal.

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Sandino and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Condega and arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Montenegro and patrol (NA) cleared Totogalpa and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Barillos and patrol (NA) cleared Somotillo on combat mission.

Lieut Reiner, Lieut Rodriguez and (NA) guardia patrol arrived El Sauce from Achuapa.

Captain Good cleared Esteli and arrived Condega via plane.

Corporal Zelaya and patrol (NA) arrived Apali from San Fernando escorting the band.

Sgt Acevedo and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali and arrived San Fernando.

Natives near Somoto report hearing bombs in direction of Palacaguina.

Lieut Berueffy, Lieut Bueschlein (MC) and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Met Totogalpa patrol. Lieut Bueschlein and 5 enl returned to Ocotal with Lieut Montenegro who had broken arm. Lieut Berueffy and remainder of patrol returned to Totogalpa.

Lieut Vogel and Pataste (NA) guardia patrol and 4 civili prisoners cleared Patasta and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Kelly cleared Somotillo via plane and arrived Chinandega.

Lieut Reiner and Lieut Rodriguez cleared El Sauce via plane and arrived Managua.

Lieut Zamora and patrol (NA) cleared Limay on combat mission upon information given by Juez de Mesta from Quebrada Agua. Had contact reported above. Returned.

Lieut Livermore and patrol (NA) cleared Limay upon hearing firing of Lieut Zamora's contact. Returned to Limay after pursuing bandits.

First Sergeant Cortez and (NA) patrol returned Macuelizo from Ocotal.

Lieut Hutchcroft and Lieut Titsworth (MC) and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Villa Nueva and arrived Limay.

Lieut Brown and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal and arrived Totogalpa. Cleared Totogalpa and arrived Yalaguina with Yalaguina enlisted patrol which came to that point for him.

Yalaguina reports hearing bombs explode near Quemada.

Lieut Keller and (NA) patrol cleared San Fernando and arrived Telpaneca.

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Three enl returned Chinandega from Corinto.

Lieut Freda with 20 bandsmen returned to Managua from Chinandega.

Lieut Kelly arrived Chinandega from Somotillo via plane.

Lieut Schuch and patrol cleared Leon for end of El Sauce railroad and returned.

Enl patrol cleared Leon via truck with Telica road workers and returned.

Lieut Gardner and eighteen enl cleared Leon for Managua and arrived, temporary duty Leon completed.

Lieut Hamas and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jicaro.

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Sandino and (NA) guardia patrol cleared palacaguina on combat mission to area south of Palacaguina.

Lieut Whitehad (MC) and Apali (NA) patrol cleared for Halfway to Jicaro.

First Sergeant Mondragon and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for 188-348 to investigate firing of bombs and returned.

La Trinidad reports Peralta with group of 50 last night (Dec 14-15) near 47.9-23.0 Esteli Map.

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

Lieut Muñoz and San Juan (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Telpaneca and returned with Lieut Whiteford.

Lieut Keller and San Fernando (NA) patrol cleared Telpaneca and arrived Ocotal via Amucayan.

Lieut Whiteford (MC) and Telpaneca (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to San Juan and returned.

Lieut Kalman and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Somotillo for San Francisco de Guajiniquilapa.

Cabo Parrales and (NA) guardia patrol returned Apali from halfway to Jicaro.

Lieut Hamas, Lieut Whitehead (MC) and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol returned from halfway to Apali.

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

Enl patrol (NA) returned to Telpaneca from halfway to San Juan.

Two enl arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Department Commander Matagalpa reports:

Two enl cleared Dario for Sebaco. Two enl cleared for Jinotega. Two enl cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda. Lieut Navarette and three enl cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas. Two enl cleared San Isidro for Sebaco. Two enl returned to Esquipulas from San Dionicio.

Lieut Frieb with 16 enl and one civil prisoner cleared on combat mission.

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

Lieut Frieb and (CA) guardia patrol returned to Jinotega from combat patrol.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Cramer and 30 enl cleared Corinto Finca on combat patrol.

Captain Gaspar, Lieuts Bryson and Saenz and San Rafael (CA) guardia patrol cleared for Yali.

Guardia patrol arrived San Rafael (CA) from La Concordia.

Captain Gaspar, Lieuts Bryson and Saenz and guardia patrol arrived Yali from San Rafael.

Lieuts Bryson and Castillo with Yali (CA) guardia patrol cleared on combat mission.

La Concordia (CA) guardia patrol cleared for San Rafael.

C. O. Matagalpa reports:

Major Whaley, Captains Cox and Mixson and guardia patrol cleared for Cuatro Esquinas and Navarro and reported Navarro at 1640. Two enl cleared for San Isidro. Two enl cleared for Muy Muy. Three enl cleared Dario on police mission. 1 enl cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda. Lieut Navarette and guardia patrol returned to Muy Muy from Matiguas.

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Lieut Thompson and patrol cleared Chinandega for San Jose, San Antonio, Soilan and La Concha to investigate reported robberies. Returned reporting all quiet.

Lieut Hamas and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol of seven enl and seven civicos had contact at 01316 at La Podrilla 222- 370 with group of bandits estimated at fifty, jefe unknown. Bandits were armed with one Sub Thompson, twenty rifles and cutachas. Contact lasted thirty five minutes. Bandits retreated toward point 250-380 and further contact was impossible. Bandit casualties, two killed and several wounded. One civico wounded no enlisted guardia casualties. Captured ~~several~~ hats, cutachas and miscellaneous articles. Bandits scattered in all directions.

Lieut Berueffy and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol had contact with group of twenty five to thirty bandits, jefe Cosme Gutierrez at 2200 near Torrero Grande 100-365 N.S.H. Bandit casualties one killed. Guardia casualties none. Captured several rounds of 45 cal. ammunition and Krag .30 Destroyed camp.

Lieut Lopez and patrol cleared Leon for Comarca de las Mercedes in Quezalguaque area and returned with two stolen horses and other stolen goods.

Lieut Castrillo and patrol cleared Leon for Malpaisillo to act as road guard on road being constructed from Malpaisillo to Valle de las Zapatas.

Lieut Schuch and patrol cleared Leon for end of Leon- El Sauce railroad and returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon via truck for Telica as road guard on road being constructed from Telica to Las Colinas. and returned.

One enl cleared Leon for Managua and arrived.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega on police mission to finca north of town. returned.

Lieut Connelly and 10 enl arrived Chichigalpa from Managua for duty at El Polvon.

Enl patrol cleared Chichigalpa for Valle de los Mayorga to investigate robbery. Returned.

Captain Skinner cleared for Corinto.

Lieut Gutierrez and guardia patrol with 20 civil prisoners cleared Jinotega for aviation field and returned.

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

Captain Gaspar, Licut Saenz and guardia patrol cleared Yali (CA) for San Rafael. Arrived.

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C. Co Matagalpa reports:

Major Whaley, Captain Mixson and guardia patrol cleared Navarro for Consuelo and arrived. Lieut Gumaelius cleared Navarro for La Isla and returned. 2 enl cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived. Lieut Wallace and one enl cleared for Managua. 1 enl arrived from San Ramon and cleared to return. 1 enl reported Dario from Terrabona 1 enl reported Esquipulas from San Dionicio. Lieut Fryc and eight enl cleared Cuatro Esquinas on combat patrol. 3 enl reported Muy Muy from Matagalpa. Lieut Gumaelius and nine enl cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas. 5 enl returned to Dario from police mission.

Dept. Comdr. Leon reports:

Lieut Schuch and 10 enl cleared Leon on patrol to end of the Leon- El Sauce Railroad line. Returned.

One enl and four auxiliaries cleared Leon by truck to Telica as road guards on road being constructed to Las Colinas. Returned.

Captain Skinner returned Chinandega from Corinto. 1 enl arrived Chinandega from Managua for duty.

Enlisted patrol cleared for San Benito and vicinity. All quiet

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

The following patrol report of Lieut. McDonald is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, LEON.
12 DECEMBER 1931.

From: 1st Lt. D. McDonald, 5th Co., G.N.
To : The Department Commander, Dept. of Leon.

Subject: Patrol report.

Reference: Verbal orders of Dept. Comdr., Leon.

03313 December 1931 cleared Leon with Lt. Cuadra and twenty five enlisted on combat mission to El Jicaral which station had been abandoned by Sub-Tnte. Castrillo, G.N., and twelve enlisted with instructions to gain contact with group which it had been reported had ransacked El Jicaral, on the night of 12 December 1931.

08013 arrived at end of railroad at Las Trozas and arrived at Madroñal at about noon same date, where the patrol was fed. Cleared Madroñal at 1400 and passed through Las Brisas at about 1700 and arrived El Jicaral at 23113 same date. Distance travelled about sixty miles. Upon arrival El Jicaral found the Guardia barracks in flames, and the town deserted. Bandits had burned all Guardia property, and had taken two Krag rifles that Lt. Castillo claimed to have buried.

14 December 31. Rested patrol and fortified church to be used as barracks, as there were no other buildings in the town suitable for purpose. Cleared off all brush within radius of one hundred yards of church, as a field of fire, and cleared space to be used for plane pick up.

07015 Cleared El Jicaral with Lt. Cuadra and twenty five enlisted and patrolled to Cerro Negro, covered ridge running North into the basin of Rio Agua Fria, and North of Santa Rosa without incident where camp was made for the night, at the finca of one Aquilino Rosendo.

06016 Cleared camp and proceeded West, forded Rio Agua Fria, and arrived at Buena Vista at about noon where patrol was fed. Cleared Buena Vista at about 1400 and headed South, crossed trail that runs east and west from Rodes to Carrizal and arrived at Tierra Blanca at about 1900 same date where patrol camped for the night without incident.

07017 Cleared camp and arrived at Rodes and arrived at El Cofredea where it was learned that Colindres had been camped for five days, prior to his attack on El Jicaral. Patrol made camp at the finca of Narciso Vallejos, who reported that Sandino had offered him a Captaincy in his army, fifty dollars in cash, and a forty five automatic pistol. (This man was formerly a lieutenant of Sandino and was used as a guide by Colindres when he entered El Jicaral). This same man warned Lt. Castillo that Colindres was at El Cofrades and that he intended to enter El Jicaral. Vallejos reported that Colindres bandit gang numbered about one

hundred and fifty men, including several boys, and that they were all armed with 38 Winchester repeating rifles, with plenty of ammunition, and that he had several automatic weapons, the makes of which he was not certain.

Patrol cleared El Cofrades at about 1500 and arrived at El Jicaral at about 21017.

18018. Spent day in El Jicaral resting patrol. Planes came over at about 10.30 a.m., and picked up message for Leon.

06019. Patrol cleared for Mira Flor, Cerro del Tigre and returned to El Jicaral without incident or bandit information.

20 Dec. 31. Planes came over and dropped message from the Department Commander of Leon. Made pick up poles and station and sent out patrols in search of food.

07021. Lts. McDonald and Cuadra with twenty five enlisted cleared camp for Las Pilas, Tigre Negro and vicinity of Achuapa and returned without incident. Planes came over patrol both in am. and pm. At Tigre Negro one Chano Alvarez, reported that Colindres had, in the name of Sandino, offered him fifty dollars cash, a forty five pistol and a high position in his army of liberty, if he would join the cause. This man was formerly a bandit jefe, and jefe of a group that ranged around El Sauce, San Nicolas and El Jicaral. Said to still have arms.

06022. Lt. Cuadra and eight enlisted cleared camp with Juez de Mesta of Vallo de Asacualpa and returned at 1700 with six prisoners for killing two cows, stealing a horse and some corn the property of one señor Luis Acuña. Prisoners turned over to Juez Local of El Jicaral. No bandit information.

23 Dec. 31. Patrol in camp. Lt. MacDonald and fifteen enlisted cleared El Jicaral at 2400 and arrived at Madroño at about 0400 24 Dec. 31. Cleared Madroño Finca at about 0600 and arrived San Antonio at about noon, proceeded to Las Trozas where took train to Leon where patrol arrived without incident 18124.

1. Colindres entered El Jicaral between seven and seven thirty p.m., with a group variously estimated at between eighty and hundred and fifty men.

2. After the Guardia barracks had been burned this group split into two groups, Colindres turning North to Palo Blanco, on the El Sauce trail, and Umanzor went South to Milpa Vieja, where according to best information available, a junction was made with a group under one Juan Manuel Morales, who had come south from Salala, and who had raided some bull carts on the Sauce trail.

3. Reported that Lt. Castillo had been in communication with Colindres by various persons in El Jicaral, who had seen the communications, and that the Guardia retired from Jicaral some four hours prior to the arrival of Colindres, who did not expect trouble, as he was at the head of his bandits when they entered Jicaral and headed straight to the Guardia barracks.

4. Reported by Narciso Vallejos and Chano Alvarez, and the residents of El Jicaral, that Colindres had stated that Sandino was on the Esteli-Jinotega border, and that Pedron had arrived in the Villa Nueva area from Chontales. That Sandino had decided to stop railroad construction and would exert every effort to that end, and that a big drive would be made on Chinandega.

Following were members of the patrol:

Sub-Tnte. Aldardo Cuadra		Cabo Martinez H.	# 1928
Cabo Valladares Eliseo	# 630	Cabo Gutierrez D.	3529
Raso Peña Guillermo	4613	Raso Gutierrez D.	1715
Raso Hernandez Inocencio	4625	Raso Sandoval Juan	2569
Raso Lanzas, Antonio	4641	Raso Espinosa Cleo	4604
Raso Cisne, Fernando	1808	Raso Dominic, Felix	4623
Raso Sanchez, Cruz	3542	Raso Lopez, Hart	3232
Raso Martinez, Rafael	324	Raso Escoto G.	1864
Raso Alfaro, Francisco	3554	Raso Hernandez N.	3454
Raso Moto, Catarino	4648	Raso Rodriguez V.	4649
Raso Lopez, Francisco	334	Raso Rivas, Fernando	300
Raso Vargas, Julio	4519	Raso Rugama Franco	1681
Raso Arias, Pedro	3557	Raso Mayorga, Ruben	4768

5. Patrol was armed with twenty five hand grenades, twenty five rifle grenades, two lanza-bombas and one Lewis gun, and Krag rifles.

/s/ D. McDONALD.

The following order for the creation of the New District of El Sauce, Department of Leon, is quoted for general information:

HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
5-LPH/ja. MANAGUA NICARAGUA;
15 December 1931.

OPERATIONS ORDER NO. 1:

1. Effective December 20, 1931 for Operations and effective January 1st, 1932 for accountability of rations, funds and property, the following Guardia posts will stand detached from the Northern Area and will be formed into a district known as the District of El Sauce, with Headquarters at El Sauce. This new unit will become a district of the Department of Leon effective on the above date (December 20th):

EL SAUCE
VILLA NUEVA
ACHUAPA
SONOTILLO
SAN FRANCISCO DE GUANAJIQUILAPA

2. Captain John C. McQueen, G.N., is designated as Commanding Officer, District of El Sauce.

3. The Commanding Officer, District of El Sauce will issue the necessary instructions to his post commanders of Somotillo, Villa Nueva and San Francisco de Guanajiquilapa, which lie in the political department of Chinandega, to allow them to deal direct with the appropriate civil officials of Chinandega in all cases involving the civilians living in that portion of the political department of Chinandega lying within the District.

4. PERSONNEL:

a. All Officers and enlisted men now regularly attached to the five posts mentioned will be transferred by staff returns to the Department of Leon as of the effective date, (Jan. 1st, 1932).

b. Authorized strength of posts to become part of the Department of Leon is given as follows:

	Off	Men	Enl Med	Total
EL SAUCE	1	21	1	23
VILLA NUEVA	1	21		22
SAN FRANCISCO	1	16		17
ACHUAPA	1	12		13
SOMOTILLO	1	13	1	15
	5	83	2	90

5. a. The Department, Esteli, will transfer, by invoice, all Guardia property on charge to the units transferred to the Department Commander, Leon, who will take the property up on his property account and account for same to the Quartermaster.

b. Any Marine Corps property that may be affected by the above transfer of units should be reported by the Department Commander, Esteli, to the Quartermaster immediately in order that new receipts may be prepared and credit given to those concerned.

c. Any records or correspondence in the files at Esteli relative to Quartermaster activities in connection with the districts affected and which, in the opinion of the Department Commander, Esteli, would be of benefit to the Department Commander, Leon, in the administration of Quartermaster work should be furnished the latter officer.

BY ORDER OF THE JEFE DIRECTOR MAJOR GENERAL C B MATTHEWS, GN.

WALTER G SHEARD,
Colonel, G.N.,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

LeRoy P. Hunt,
Colonel, G.N.,
GN-3.

The following patrol report of Licut. Kelly is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
CHINANDEGA, NICARAGUA.
14 December 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. I. N. Kelly, G.N.
To : The Department Commander.
Subject: Patrol report.
Reference: Orders received from the Department Comdr.,
10 December 1931.

1. In compliance with the above reference, I and a patrol of forty eight Auxiliars and ten Guardia cleared Chinandega for Villa Nueva at 1500. The auxiliars were assigned to the Department of Esteli on detached temporary duty and the Guardia transferred to the Northern Area. We cleared in automobiles and trucks furnished through the help of the Jefe Politico. Tire trouble developed at 2330 and an automobile was dispatched to Chinandega to bring back extra tires as replacements which returned at 0230, 11 December, 1931. We cleared at 0345 arriving at hacienda El Obraje at 0445. Preparations were made to feed the men. The Mandador of this place reported all quiet in that section. We cleared at 0545 arriving at Puente Real at 0630. Roads were reported in good condition from Puente to Villa Nueva. Cleared at 0700, arrived at 1300 at hacienda Las Pozas and finding this place deserted. Cleared at 1515. Arrived at Quebrantadero and finding one mozo there who was left when the Mandadors deserted their haciendas as caretaker. He reported as hearing the contact of Licut. Thompson and investigated the following day finding eight dead bodies. Cleared at 1400. Arrived at Hato Grande at 1500 and noticing that there was unusual activity at the hacienda inquired and learned that all of the population of Las Pozas and Quebrantadero were staying at the hacienda and the mandadors of both were making preparations to return to their haciendas the following day. The Mandador of the hacienda Hato Grande reported that numerous groups passed to the rear of his hacienda on the Northern trail the dates of November 26, 27, 28 and 29, all headed North with utmost haste. These groups numbered from three to five. Quite a few cattle was killed during these dates but this stopped as suddenly as it began. Cleared at 1630. Arrived Rio Negro at 1730 and trucks unable to pass guard was posted and proceeded to Villa Nueva arriving at 1800. As per instructions of the Department Commander the patrol was turned over to Licut. Hutchcroft. I cleared for Somotillo with Licut. Barillas and Guardia at 1100, 12 December, 1931 arriving at 1415. I cleared Somotillo for Aviation field at 0900, 14 December 1931. Planes arrived at 0940 and I cleared for Chinandega arriving at 1050 and reported to the Department Commander.

/s/ IRVING N. KELLY.

Extracts from the "RECORD OF EVENTS" of the Eastern Area for the month of November, 1931, states as follows:

TRAINING : Greater emphasis has been laid on open order, combat training, rifle marksmanship and automatic weapons. Recruit training has been held apart as there have been sufficient recruits to form a platoon. School has been held as usual for all Guardia lacking in education with unusual interest shown by the Guardias and Cabo Maestro.

Unemployment continues in the Eastern Area.

Routine patrols along the rivers have been carried out and the usual guards furnished for the various paymasters on pay trips.

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ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS, N. A.
Condega, Nicaragua,
15 December 1931.

SUMMARY OF FIELD OPERATIONS AND RELATED EVENTS 14 Dec. 1931.

Major Choatham commanding field operations.

Transport plane arrived with Capt. Good and Capt. Frisbie. Took off for Ocotal and returned with Lt. Jackson (MC). Frisbie relieved Capt. McQueen who cleared by plane for El Sauce to relieve Capt. Trumble.

Group reported by Esteli at 22.8-41.2 Lt. Zamora and Limay patrol of 25 enlisted cleared. Lt. Livermore heard firing and cleared for same vicinity with 20 enlisted from Limay. Lts Livermore and Zamora returned Limay 13014. Zamora and patrol had contact at 22.8-42.2 with group of 30 under Julian Gutierrez. One bandit killed, three wounded. No Guardia casualties. Bandits scattered and patrols unable to regain contact. Gutierrez is local Jefe who has operated in vicinity of contact for some time.

Lts. Reiner and Rodriguez cleared El Sauce for Managua by plane.

Lts. Hutchcroft, Centeno and Titsworth (MC) and 36 enlisted arrived Limay from Villanueva at 16014. Hutchcroft to take command District of Limay. Centeno and as many enlisted required to join Livermore's patrol. Remainder of enlisted to garrison Limay.

Leon reports information from Escamilla that Colindres group with many wounded and little ammunition is in vicinity of El Sauce. McQueen notified.

Palacaguina reported five bombs heard in direction Yalaguina between 22013 and 24013.

All stations ordered to send all bandit information to Condega.

Livermore ordered to clear 15 Dec. and comb Arenal-Horno-Jicarito-Pedernal-El Oasis area returning to Limay not later than 18016. (Area north Limay).

Holdahl ordered to clear Palacaguina and comb San Andres-Laguna-Casa Blanca area returning not later than 18016 to Palacaguina. (Area South-east Palacaguina).

Frisbie ordered to clear Condega 15 Dec. and comb Pueblo Nuevo-Cerro Grande-San Jose-Laberi to-Colorado-Consuelo-Luje Area, returning not later than 18016. (Area south-west Condega).

Lt. Firth ordered to report to Advanced Area Hdq. as QM field Operations Force.

Holdahl's patrol basing at Palacaguina. Frisbie's patrol basing at Condega. Livermore's patrol basing at Limay.

16 December 1931.

Capt. Frisbie's patrol cleared Condega 07315 on mission assigned southwest of Condega.

Capt. Holdahl's patrol cleared Palacaguina at 07415 on mission assigned southeast of Palacaguina.

Capt. Holdahl reported from Daraili at 17315 area patrolled quiet. No signs or reports of recent bandit activity.

La Trinidad reported Peralta with group of fifty last night at 47.9-23 (McDonald Map), Jinotega notified.

Reliable native returning from Esteli to Ocotal reports Colindres, Umanzor and group passed north of Yali on 7 Dec. heading North or northeast. NOTE: This report has been received from several sources and reports are corroborative. Reports also state that group was well armed, carrying wounded numbered at between three and ten, that blood from wounds was fresh (probably received in Frisbie contact on 5 Dec.), that group numbered between 85 and 100, that group was last seen at Pavona and left there in a northeasterly direction. (Pavona 238-345).

Natives from San Juan de Telpaneca report receiving demands from bandits for contributions. Same natives report that Umanzor has been ordered by Sandino to control the Dipilto area. If this is true it probably indicates that the bandits are going to use the old Ortez camp in the vicinity of Los Arados (192-381).

Telegraph operator at Yalaguina reports firing heard at 10015 between there and Pueblo Nuevo. Yalaguina has a patrol in that section. No further reports from patrol or operator have been received.

El Sauce reports unconfirmed information from Escamilla that Colindres group is hiding in San Nicolas, near Achuapa. Report is being investigated. Believe this to be false information spread by bandit agents to mislead Guardia in view of persistent reports of passing of group through Pavona.

Somoto reports native information that large group, dressed in khaki, passed through Hatillo (179-346) morning of 13 Dec. heading north or northeast.

CO Somoto received warnings from natives to be on the alert. Patrol will make a reconnaissance to the southwest of Somoto 16 Dec.

Daraili reports at 20115 that small group under Reyes Lopez passed near San Jose heading in direction of Las Cuchillas. Rumor unconfirmed. Holdahl will investigate.

Reliable native of Totogalpa who returned from Honduras 14 Dec. reports that bandit agents are gathering large supply of ammunition at Choluteca for movement in near future against Chinandega.

Capt Holdahl patrol cleared Daraili at 07016 and continued combing area assigned arriving at Palacaguina at 17016. No information.

Palacaguina reports food supply in vicinity sufficient to subsist patrol of 50 at that station for a period of several weeks if necessary.

Capt. Frisbie patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo 14316. Covered area assigned, no signs or information of bandits. His patrol will remain in Pueblo Nuevo until morning of 17 Dec., then return to Condega.

Additional automatic weapons and grenade dischargers have been requested for Lt. Livermore patrol in order to properly equip it.

Lt. Livermore patrol arrived Limay 16416. Covered area assigned. Received information that Gutierrez group which was in contact with Lt. Zamora's patrol on 14 Dec. has crossed into Honduras with several wounded.

Investigation of reported presence of Colindres group in San Nicolas (near Achuapa, Dept. of Esteli) disclosed that group was not there but three graves several days old were found.

CO Jicaro received report from very reliable native that bandit group, armed with rifles, jefe unknown, is killing natives and burning houses near Las Mesas (221-377). Reprisal for attack on bandit foraging group by natives of that section this week which resulted in capturing of one bandit. Jicaro and Apali patrols, augmented by civicos are clearing.

Unless new information is received Holdahl, Frisbie and Livermore patrols will rest until 18 Dec. If the situation does not change it is proposed to start Holdahl and Frisbie patrols to Telpaneca and Palacaguina respectively on that date. Shoes will arrive tomorrow to refit patrols. Disposition of Livermore patrol awaiting decision on auxiliaries.

Later developments make it seem advisable to reorganize Holdahl and Frisbie patrols into three patrols of thirty odd each and start them into the area north of the Coco River between stations Telpaneca, Quilali and Apali.

CO Jicaro reports bandit activity increasing in that section and an exodus of peaceful families to other parts.

/s/ T. P. CHEATHAM.

OPERATIONS REPORT, DEPARTMENT OF RIVAS,
FROM 10 DECEMBER to
16 DECEMBER, 1931.

- 10 Dec. - No operations.
- 11 Dec. - 1900 five enlisted returned from patrol of Costa Rica border. Nothing to report.
- 12 Dec. - 0700 Captain Forsyth cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur on inspection trip.
- 13 Dec. - 1600 Captain Forsyth returned Rivas from San Juan del Sur.
- 14 Dec. - 0700 one enlisted cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.
0730 one enlisted cleared Rivas for Cardenas.
1500 one enlisted cleared Rivas for Moyogalpa.
- 15 Dec. - 0900 one enlisted returned Rivas from Moyogalpa.
- 16 Dec. - one enlisted cleared Rivas for Tola on police mission.

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P E R S O N N E L

Captain Trumble from El Sauce to Hospital, Managua, December 15.

Colonel Watson sick in Hospital with malaria.

Lieut. Schneeman from leave in the U. S. 16 December.

Lieut. G. C. Smith, sick in Hospital with malaria, 18 December.

Lieut. Reiner from Esteli to Hospital, Managua, 15 December.

Lieut. Schuh to duty at Railroad guard at Rota, Dec. 16 with 10 guardia.

Lieut. Connolly to duty El Polvon, sugar estate, with 10 guardia, December 17.

Lieut. Herryodt to duty Leon, 16 December.

Lieut. Pulver reported Managua from Rivas on temporary duty.

Following is quoted from the "MONTHLY RECORD OF EVENTS" from Department of Granada and Masaya:

POLICE CONDITIONS:

Police conditions have been normal for the past months. The Municipal Elections for Alcaldes were held throughout the Department. Guardias from Managua and Chontales and additional officers from Managua were on duty to assist in keeping order. The elections in Masaya were all very quiet and in the smaller towns of Granada the voting was without incident. In Granada there was a great deal of party feeling and although trouble was anticipated, the elections were held without any serious trouble. The voting Urns were collected by the Guardia and held at La Polvora until the time for the Escrutinio by the Alcaldes. Reports of the elections and the escrutinio have been made by separate letters to the Jefe Director.

