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THE GUARDIA NEWS LETTER N: 79: (16 TO 25 DECEMBER, 1931)..:

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The Jefe Director and Staff extend to the officers and men of the Guardia Nacional the Seasons Greetings; congratulate all on the highly efficient performance of the past year and wish for all continued and enlarged successes during the ensuing year.

16 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol cleared on police mission.

Lieut Brown and Yalaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Keller, Lieut Collins (R) and San Fernando (NA) guardia patrol cleared Ocotal and returned.

Lieut Johnson and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Esteli for duty La Trinidad.

Sergeant Olivas and Apali (NA) guardia patrol cleared for halfway to Jicaro and returned escorting bandsmen.

Lieut Delgadillo and San Juan (NA) guardia patrol cleared Apali on combat mission.

Reported that group with which Lieut. Zamora and Limay (NA) guardia patrol had contact December 15th, proceeded to Honduras with several wounded.

Lieut Livermore and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Limay on combat mission to north and returned. Quiet.

Captain Frisbie and (NA) guardia patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo from combat mission. Captured 500 pounds contraband tobacco.

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

Captain Holdahl, Lieut Sandino and (NA) guardia patrol returned to Palacaguina having found no bandits in area south-east of that station.

Lieut Berueffy and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol cleared on reconnaissance mission and returned, Covered area between (175-360) and (185-360).

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DECEMBER 16.

Lt. Whithead (MC) and Jicaro (NA) patrol cleared for halfway to Apali and returned turning over bandsmen to Apali patrol.

Lt. Delgadillo, Lt. Whitford (MC) and San Juan (NA) patrol cleared for and arrived Apali.

Captain Williams and Somoto (NA) patrol cleared for vicinity (145-345) on reconnaissance mission and returned having covered Megote, Maropote and San Lucas.

Cabo Ponce and Totogalpa (NA) patrol cleared for vicinity of 190-368 on police mission..

Lt. Johnson and Esteli (NA) patrol arrived La Trinidad.

Lt. Brown and Yalaguina (NA) patrol cleared Palacaguina and returned.

Lt. Hamas and Jicaro (NA) patrol cleared on combat mission to Suscallon to meet San Juan patrol to operate at Las Mesas and vicinity

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Lieut Truesdale and Quilali (NA) guardia patrol returned having patrolled Cerro Blanco and vicinity, all quiet.

Cabo Ponce and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol returned from police mission in vicinity of (190-368).

Lieut Berueffy and Totogalpa (NA) guardia patrol for ten enlisted cleared for Terrero Grande (193-365) NSM. Had contact with group of 25 to 30 bandits under Cosme Gutierrez at above point at 2200. Contact lasted fifteen minutes. Bandit casualties, one killed and some wounded. as indicated by blood trails found. No guardia casualties. Captured two sticks of dynamite and small quantity of ammunition, 45 cal. and 30 cal. Krag. Destroyed bandit camp.

Lieut Hamas and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol of seven enlisted and seven givicos had contact with a bandit group estimated at 50 at La Podrida (222-370) NSM. Jefe unknown. Armed with one Sub-Thompson, twenty rifles and balance with cutachas. Contact lasted thirty five minutes when bandits fled in direction of point (230-380). Bandit casualties two known killed and several wounded as evidenced by blood trails. Guardia casualties, enlisted none, civicos one wounded. Captured several cutachas and miscellaneous articles, including hats. Lieut Hamas and patrol returned to Jicaro.

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

Enlisted patrol (NA) cleared Limay for halfway to Achuapa to meet patrol from that point with supplies.

Lieut Gomez and (NA) guardia patrol of cadets and auxiliares cleared El Sauce to meet Lieut Barillas patrol of cadets and auxiliares which cleared Villa Nueva for halfway to El Sauce.

Lieut Kipp and Palacaguina (NA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Condega. Returned to Palacaguina.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Stanko and (NA) guardia patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo and arrived Condega. Cleared Condega and arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Collins (R) and San Fernando (NA) guardia patrol cleared for and arrived Apali. Returned San Fernando.

Lieut Troser and Jalapa (NA) guardia patrol cleared for Papokli (235-405- and vicinity on police mission. Returned having destroyed twenty five gallons of mash and large guaro still. Captured five prisoners who were working still.

Lieut Alwell and three cadets arrived El Sauce via plane from Managua.

Lieut Delgadillo and San Juan (NA) guardia patrol arrived Jicaro from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Gutierrez and (C)A guardia patrol cleared for aviation field and returned to Jinotega.

Enlisted patrol (CA) cleared Jinotega for halfway to Matagalpa. Returned.

Lieut Gutierrez and (CA) guardia patrol returned Jinotega from Aviation field.

Enlisted patrol (CA) cleared San Rafael for La Concordia. arrived.

18 DECEMBER 1931

Dept. Comdr. Leon reports:

Lieut Schuch and patrol cleared Leon on patrol to end of Leon - El Sauce R. R. line. Returned to Leon. Cleared Leon on Government truck to Telica as road guards on road being constructed to Las Colinas and returned.

Lieut Miller (MC) cleared Leon to Managua on duty.

Lieut Cuadro and patrol cleared Leon for Telica area.

Lieut Kelly and patrol cleared Chinandega for San Jose, San Antonio, Soilan and La Concha.

Captain Skinner, Lieut Cuadra cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa, San Antonio and el Palvon on inspection trip and returned.

Lieut Barillas and combined cadet and auxiliary patrol arrived El Sauce (NA) from Villa Nueva .

Lieut Gomez and combined Cadet and auxiliary patrol arrived Villa Nueva (NA) from El Sauce.

Lieut Hutchcroft and guardia patrol cleared San Juan de Limay (NA) for Esteli.

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

Lieut Atwell , relief of Lt. Henderson, cleared El Sauce with ten cadets and fifteen auxiliares for Achuapa.

Lieut Delgadillo, ten enl and 1 civico cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali.

Lieut Firth and Lieut Cortez (MC) cleared for Apali by plane. Arrived.

Lieut Firth and Lieut Whitehead (MC) cleared Apali for Quilali by plane. Arrived.

Lieut Firth Cleared Quilali for Condega by plane. Arrived.

1st Sgt Mondragon and guardia patrol cleared Yalaguina on police mission to point one mile north of Yalaguina (NA) Returned with prisoners.

Lieut Griffith and guardia patrol cleared Telpaneca (NA) for halfway to San Fernando. Returned to Telpaneca.

Lieut Sandino and nine enl , point of Holdahl patrol arrived from Palacaguina.

Lieut Livermore and guardia patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo (NA) has 1 officer and 2 enl sick and unable to travel further.

Lieut Delgadillo and fifteen enl and 1 civico cleared Apali and arrived Jicaro.

Captain Holdahl and patrol arrived Telpaneca (NA) from Palacaguina.

Lieut Blanco and patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) and returned to Santa Maria.

Lieut Zavala and patrol met Esteli (NA) patrol halfway between La Trinidad and Esteli and returned to Esteli with entire patrol; the six enl from Trinidad returned to that Station.

Lieut Kalman and patrol cleared Limay (NA) for halfway to San Francisco del Cuajiniquilapa; met patrol from that station and joined it to return to San F. de Cuajiniquilapa; limay patrol returned to home station.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol arrived Esteli from Limay (NA)

Captain Williams and patrol cleared Somoto (NA) for Tamarindo.

Captain Holdahl and patrol, Captain Frisbie and patrol, and Lieut Stanko and patrol cleared Palacaguina (NA) on patrol.

Lieut Gutierrez and Jinotega (CA) patrol w/ 20 civil prisoners cleared for aviation field and returned.

Captain Rosecrans and patrol cleared Jinotega (CA) for aviation field and returned.

Captain Gaspar, Lieut Torrez and patrol cleared on reconnaissance patrol from San Rafael (CA). Returned.

C. Ol Fundadora reports:

Dec 11- Lt Schmierer and patrol cleared Fundadora for Laguna and La Luz and returned. Lieut Snyder and patrol cleared Las Camelias for Jinotega.

Dec 12- Patrol cleared Aron Juez for Ocotal Esposa and returned. Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared Fundadora for Las Camelias and returned. Lieut Snyder and patrol returned to Las Camelias from Jinotega.

Dec 13- Patrol cleared Las Camelias for Datanli and returned.

Dec 14- Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared Fundadora for La Meta and Ocotillo and returned. Patrol cleared Las Camelias for Laguna, La Luz and Sultana and returned. Patrol cleared Aron for Aurora and Plestina and returned.

Dec 15- Patrol cleared Fundadora for El Oillo and Concordia and returned. Lieut Snyder and patrol cleared Las Camelias for El Salto and Los Miligros and returned. Patrol cleared Aron Juez for Escalares and returned.

Dec 16- Patrol cleared Aron Juez for Datanli, Los Nables and Sultana and returned. Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared Fundadora for Aron Juez and returned.

Dec 17- Patrol cleared Fundadora for Moscote and Laguna and returned. Lieut Snyder and patrol arrived Fundadora from Las Camelias and returned.

C. Ol Matagalpa reports:

Patrol cleared for El Naranjo. Lieut Fox and patrol cleared for San Isidro and reported. Major Whaley, Captains Cox and Mixson and patrol cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista. Patrol cleared San Isidro for Monte Grnade.

Guardia Patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) with hacienda Inspector on contraband patrol. Cleared Esquipulas.

Guardia patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Jinotega with one civil prisoner.

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

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

Lieut Miller (MC) returned Leon from Managua.

Lieut Delgadillo and San Juan (NA) patrol of fifteen enlisted guardia and six civicos from San Juan and Apali had contact with bandit group of twenty under Sebastian Montenegro at 1400 near Monte Rico (245-393) NSM. Bandit casualties Jefe Sebastian Montenegro killed and several wounded. Guardia casualties none. Captured one pistol, cal. 38, four cutachas and other miscellaneous articles, including important papers.

Lieut Kelly and patrol returned to Chinandega.

Lieuts Schuler and Kelly and patrol cleared Chinandega for El Bosque to investigate rumors of the presence of Morales with a group of 40 in that vicinity. Patrol at Posoltega reported all quiet.

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

Lieut Livermore ordered to clear San Juan de Limay (NA) and comb arenal, Horno, Jicarato, Pedernal, El Oasis area.

Captain Holdahl ordered to clear Palacaguina (NA) for San Andres, Laguna, Casa Blanca, area.

Captain Frisbie ordered to clear Condega (NA) for Pueblo Nuevo, Cerro Grande, San Jose, Laberinto, Colorado, Consuelo and Luje area.

Captain Holdahl reported from Daraili at 17315 area patrolled quiet, no signs or reports of recent bandits.

Captain Holdahl and patrol cleared Daraili and continued combing area assigned, arriving at Palacaguina at 17016; no information obtained.

Lieut Trosper and ten enlisted cleared for vicinity of 236-405.

Lieut Delgadillo and patrol of civicos and guardia cleared Jicaro to operate for several days on local information, in area vicinity of 243-386.

Captain Frisbie and patrol cleared Telpaneca (NA) for San Juan de Telpaneca via 212-371, combing area.

Lieut Stanko and patrol cleared Telpaneca (NA) for San Juan de Telpaneca via 217-365 with instructions to comb area.

Lieut Livermore, Lieut Zamora, Lieut Centeno and patrol cleared Pueblo Nueva and arrived Condega.

Lieut Griffith and patrol cleared on combat mission to operate in vicinity 210-365 and to return to Telpaneca night of 20 dec.

Sergeant Nunez and patrol cleared Dipilto (NA) and arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Burn and patrol cleared Condega and arrived Palacaguina. Nothing to report.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa (NA) arrived Somoto and cleared for Totogalpa.

Lieut Collins (R) and patrol arrived Apali (NA) from San Fernando; cleared for San Juan de Telpaneca.

Lieut Johnson, 11 enlisted and 2 civicos cleared La Trinidad (NA) for San Lorenzo and returned.

Lieut Gomez , 9 cadets and 9 auxiliares returned to El Sauce from Villa Nuevo .

Lieut Henderson and combined cadet and auxiliar patrol cleared Achupata (NA) and arrived El Sauce.

Lieut Kalman and patrol cleared S. F. De Cuajiniquilapa and arrived Somotillo.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Sandino and patrol arrived Telpaneca from Palacaguina.

Alcalde of Jicaro reports a group of bandits near 229-390.

1st Sgt Solorzano and patrol cleared Jicaro to Investigate above report.

Lieut Burt and patrol cleared Palacaguina and returned to Condega (NA)

Sergeant Nuñez and patrol cleared Ocotal (NA) and returned to Dipilto.

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

Lieut Haubensak with twenty four enl cleared on combat patrol. from Jinotega (CA).

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Cramer and guardia patrol returned to Corinto Finca (CA) from combat patrol.

Enlisted patrol cleared San Rafael (CA) on police mission. Returned.

Lieut Fox and guardia patrol cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Gumaelius and patrol returned to Navarro (CA) from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Stevens and one enl cleared Muy Muy for Mal Paso (CA).

Major Whaley, Captains Cox and Mixson, Lieut Martin and patrol arrived Matagalpa (CA) from Buena Vista.

Enlisted patrol returned to Matagalpa from El Naranjo (CA).

20 DECEMBER, 1931.

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Lieut Hamas and Jicaro (NA) guardia patrol of 11 enlisted and one civico had contact with small group of bandits about 1200 just north of San Albino mines (238-384). Bandit casualties unknown, Guardia Casualties none. Bandits dispersed into heavy underbrush. Captured one prisoner.

Lieut Cuadra returned Telica with patrol after covering El Pozo, Las Colinas, Tempisque Negro, Los Portillos, Los Mangles, Las Marias, Santa Mes, Olomeguita, Cerro San Isidro Los Planes and El Quizo. No bandit information gained.

Lieut Gastrillo and patrol cleared Malpaisillo and covered Valle Zapatas, El Cuadro, El Socorro, La Tabonera, El Ocoton, Agua Caliente, El Cortezal, El Zapote, Santa Anita La Primavera and Los Planes. Returned to Telica with Cuadra patrol. Did not gain any bandit information.

Lieut Haubensak and patrol returned to Jinotega (CA) from combat mission.

Captain Small and patrol cleared Yali (CA) for halfway to San Rafael.

Lieut Torrez and patrol cleared San Rafael (CA) for halfway to Yali. Returned.

Lieut Matamoros and patrol cleared La Concordia (CA) for San Rafael, returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Navarro; reported.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Eionicio. Arrived.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) with Inspector of Hacienda on contraband patrol.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for Managua.

Lieut Martin and patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for buena Vista.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa (CA) for San Isidro.

Lieut Stevens and one enl returned to Muy Muy (CA) from Mal Paso.

21 DECEMBER 1931

Advanced Headquarters, Northern Area, closed at Condega and re-opened at Ocotal.

Lieut Bryson and (CA) guardia patrol returned San Rafael from combat patrol. Had contact with small group of bandits at 1600 Dec 18 in the Valley of La Constancia near Santa Theresa. Destroyed large camp capable of holding three hundred and believed to be Estrada's main camp and held at time of contact by small garrison. Bandit casualties, one killed. Guardia casualties none. Captured pictures, correspondence, cutachas and ammunition.

Lieut Schuler and Kelly returned Chinandega from El Bosque and vicinity. Report that a Juez de Mesta with patrol operating under orders of Leon G.N. had been in El Bosque on night of 19th. People mistook this patrol for Morales. Otherwise all quiet.

Lieut Schuch and patrol cleared Leon on patrol to end of the El Sauce - Leon R.R. line and returned.

Lieut Cuadra and patrol of 10 enl and 15 auxiliares returned to Leon from Telica area. Nothing to report.

Lieut Castrillo and patrol of 5 enl and 25 auxiliares returned to Leon from patrol to Malpaisillo.

Captain Frickie cleared Leon for ;Corinto on leave.

22 December, 1931

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for La Gracia and vicinity, returned, all quiet.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for Las Ceres and vicinity, returned, all quiet.

Lieut Schuch and patrol cleared Leon on patrol to end of Leon- Sauce R.R.

Lieut Herregodts, 5 enl and 25 auxiliares cleared Leon on patrol to Malpaisillo, to act as guards on road being constructed from Malpaisillo to Valle Zapatas.

One enl and 10 auxiliares cleared Leon via Govt. truck to Telica to act as guards on road being constructed to Las Colines from Telica.

Major Webb and one enlisted cleared Leon by rail to Malpaisillo, Las Trozas, Punta Rielos and Valle de las Zapatas to inspect.

Bandit group estimated at over two hundred under Jorge Altamirano, Colonel Sandoval, Colonel Padilla, Colonel Herrera and Major Salinas attacked the Guardia Cuartel at San Isidro, Department of Matagalpa from all sides at 1630. Fight lasted for almost three hours until 1915 when bandits withdrew north ward. Bandits were equipped with two Sub-Thompson Machine Guns, one Browning or Lewis gun, rifles, pistols, dynamite bombs and plenty of ammunition. Bandit casualties, five killed and 18 wounded. Guardia casualties 2 killed and one wounded. Guardia patrols from Departments of Matagalpa and Esteli took up the pursuit. At time of the attack, the Cuartel was defended by Lieutenant Herman J. Elliott and seventeen enlisted guardia.

23 DECEMBER 1931

Lieut Johnson with La Trinidad (NA) guardia patrol of 11 enl and 3 civicos had contact with the group of bandits which attacked San Isidro earlier in day. Fight lasted 10 minutes when bandits scattered in all directions. Bandit casualties unknown. Guardia casualties None.

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

Tomas Hernandez, brother of Juez de la Liesta of Las Mesas (221-377) reports that group of bandits armed with rifles, jefe unknown, is killing people and burning houses at Las Mesas in reprisal for the fact that a group of civilians attacked a bandit foraging party at that place last week.

Jicaro reports bandits and bandit sympathizers are getting strong and spreading terror in many parts of that district, forcing peaceful friends of the Government and the Guardia to emigrate to other parts of the country or to Honduras. During last ten days (Dec. 6-16) about forty families left their homes near and west of Murra mountains and more families living between Apali and San Juan are planning to emigrate.

Matagalpa reports Gregorio Dormus Ramos, leader of small bandit group operating in vicinity of San Dionisio and Terrabona died December 20th as result of wounds inflicted by guardia patrol from San Dionisio on December 13th.

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Following is report of contact by Lt. Zamora and Limay patrol on December 14, near Grecia Mines.

DISTRICT OF LIMAY, DEPARTMENT OF ESTELI,
GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
17 December 1931.

From: 2nd Lt. Alejandro Zamora, G.N.
To : Area Commander, Northern Area,
Condega, Nicaragua.
Via : Patrol Commander.

Subject: Contact with bandits at El Colmillon.

1. I received orders from the Patrol Commander in Limay, Nicaragua, to clear with a patrol to the vicinity of 41.2-22.8 McDonald Map (El Colmillon) to investigate the report about a group of bandits under Julian Gutierrez and Ubaldo Mendez which were operating in that place. I cleared with the patrol at 10:00 a.m., 14 December 1931, in forced march for that vicinity.

2. I arrived at about 200 yards from the place where the bandits were encamped, we stopped there and I ordered Cpl. Vilchez, Lazaro, #3010 to take the right flank with eight guardias, and I proceeded with the balance of the patrol up to a distance of about 25 yards from where the bandits were, then the bandits opened fire upon us and took cover behind the stones. I immediately ordered to open fire and to force them to leave their positions. Cpl. Vilches with his men attacked the bandits by the rear when the bandits left their positions flying away in different directions. The contact lasted about ten minutes.

3. I pursued the bandits trying to regain contact following the trail of the blood spots left by the wounded bandits, but due to the troubles of the terrain we

were unable to gain new contact.

4. We returned to the bandit camp where we found the following:

3 Shotguns,
2 cutachas,
1 can of dynamite,
3 horns with powder,
50 rounds Krag rifle ammunition.

Also many other articles including a cow recently killed.

5. I returned with my patrol to Limay at 1:30 p.m., 14 December 1931.

6. Casualties: Guardia: NONE
Bandits: 1 dead, 3 wounded.
The last reports obtained say that the wounded were 10.

7. The patrol consisted of the following members:

Cpl. Vilchez Lazaro	# 3010	Raso Sanchez, Gabriel	# 3053
" Fernandez, Jose	2359	" Acuña, Euduvijes	3989
Raso Moreno, Timoteo	4424	" Castellon, Felipe	3131
" Laguna, Perfecto	4181	" Escoto, Gregorio	1864
" Alfaro, Francisco	3554	" Canas, Francisco	4061
" Castellon, Ramon	3133	" Cornejo, Antonio	
" Carmona, Tomas	3737	" Cano, Sebastian	3834
" Rivera, Carlos	2386	" Garcia, Jose	3507

8. Weapons employed by the Guardia Nacional during the contact: 2 BAR., 1 STMG, 1 Grenade Discharger, 12 Krag rifles and hand grenades.

Weapons employed by the bandits: 1 STMG, rifles, shotguns, pistols, revolvers, cutachas, dynamite cans.
Bandit chiefs: Julian Gutierrez and Ubaldo Mendez. Number of bandits 30 bandits.

9. All the members of the patrol had an excellent conduct, having a good discipline. Cpl. Vilchez, Lazaro, #3010 handled his men in very good positions and attacked the bandits in an effective and oportune time.

/s/ ALEJANDRO ZAMORA,
2nd Lt., G.N. de Nic.

The following report of Captain R. L. Griffin, G.N., is quoted:

COMPANY "M", GUARDIA NACIONAL,
JINOTEGA NICARAGUA.
16 December, 1931.

From: The Commanding Officer.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.
Subject: Patrol report 19 November to 12 December, 1931.
Reference: (a) Verbal orders Area Comdr., 18 November 1931.
(b) Various field orders Col. Watson, G.N.

1. The personnel of the patrol consisted of Capt. Robert L. Griffin, Jr., Licut. George P. Haubensack and twenty nine enlisted below named:

1st Sgt Gutierrez, Carlos L.	# 800	Sgt Rodriguez, Gonzalo	553
Cabo Castellon, G.	2554	Cabo Mendez, Cayetano	1378
Cabo Lopez, Francisco	842	Cabo Vado, Antonio	2489
Raso Aquino, Pablo	3200	Raso Alvarez, Adolfo	3158
" Blandon, Daniel	2713	" Borrias, Ofilio	4572
" Bolaños, Jesus	2906	" Castro, Valentin	3777
" Chavarria, Presentacion	3815	" Chavarria, Juan J.	4287
" Chavarria, Lanza A.	4400	" Desbos, Carlos	2991
" Dormos, Fernando	3545	" Flores, Eulogio	4432
" Hernandez, Heliodoro	1695	" Hernandez, Santiago	4582
" Jiron, Ursulo	4346	" Hedrano, Ignacio	2726
" Rosales, Jose E.	2765	" Rugama, Pedro	3324
" Talavera, Visitacion	3417	" Talavera, Pantaleon	4131
" Zamora, Francisco	4771	" Canales, Francisco	170
" Gaitan, Juan	3242	"	"

The patrol was armed with two BAR, four Sub-Thompsons, four Springfields with rifle grenade dischargers, 19 Krag rifles, two Springfield Rifles and two pistols Colt automatic.

2. Mission of patrol was to make Esteli with all possible speed without exhausting troops and to then operate under the orders of the Officer in Charge of field operations.

3. Thursday, November 19, 1931 cleared Jinotega at 0735 and hiked until 1900 when we made camp at the upper end of the Collon Valley. Men and animals were exhausted after a hike over a dry and rocky trail. Report received that a bandit group of about fifty had passed Santa Barbara toward Jinotega at about sundown on the 18th.

Friday, Nov. 20, 1931 at 0700 cleared for Esteli and arrived at 1245. Reported to Col. Watson and received orders, ate and fed patrol, rested until 1700, and cleared Esteli for Regadillo at 1730. Picked up one extra guardia at Esteli as guide. Arrived at Regadillo at 2345 and made camp.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 1931 at about 0400 sentry fired in the air to halt two civilians who proved alright and were passed unmolested. Cleared Regadillo at 0630, being delayed by the necessity of finding a new guide. Passed through Necedos and Rodeo Grande. Got a new guide at Rodeo Grande and proceeded to Moredo where we made camp at 1530. Planes were over at about noon & but they failed to sight patrol. Planes over again just before our arrival at Moredo. We signalled GN and AV. Message received by planes but no communication from planes. No bandits seen this date.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 1931 cleared Moredo at 0830 and going through San Antonio and Campamento we arrived at El Sauce at 1700. Reported to Col. Watson. Men quartered and fed with El Sauce guardia.

Monday, Nov. 23, 1931 spent in El Sauce at rest.

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1931 cleared El Sauce at 1500 with orders for Valle de Las Zapatas. Made camp at Santa Isabella at 2200.

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1931 cleared Santa Isabella at 0530 and arrived Valle de Las Zapatas at 1400. Reported to Col. Watson at El Sauce by telegraph and requested permission to combine Licut. Henderson and his patrol of 18 men with mine and to delay further operations until men could obtain needed rest. This request was granted by return telegram.

Thursday, Nov. 26, 1931 received telegraphic orders at about 0500 to clear at once for Mayocunda where small Guardia patrol had had contact on the 25th. Fed men and cleared for Mayocunda at 0600. Picked up Cadet straggler from Henrich patrol at 1000. Information from him that bandits had already cleared Mayocunda and were headed northeast to pass to the southwest of El Sauce after having had contact at San Pablo. Just after picking up this Cadet we heard airplane bombing in the direction of El Sauce. I immediately changed my objective from Mayocunda to the direction in which the bombing was heard which was also the direction in which the Cadet, reported the bandits to be. I arrived at Coniceras at 1600 and decided to get food, to rest the men and to get runner in to Col. Watson with the information of my change in objective and with my reasons for not going to Mayocunda. There were several natives here and my plan was to try to get further information on the route of the bandits and to continue pursuit as soon as my men had a few hours rest. On entering Coniceras I immediately posted two sentries on the main trail and an outpost of 12 men on a knoll (to the rear of the house) which had a good view to our rear and northeast. Incidentally the house spoken of was really a large shed open on all sides with low rock wall protection on three sides. Men other than the outpost and sentries were in the shed and well distributed on all sides. At 1630 I dispatched a runner on horseback with my report to Col. Watson. This runner had just cleared when a rifle shot sounded from the outpost and was immediately followed by machine gun fire from the northeast hill and heavy rifle and automatic weapon fire from the woods about 200 yards to the west of us. The patrol cleared the house fully armed immediately and Company "M" charged the woods to the West. Henderson's El Sauce patrol flanked the woods from the main trail from the southwest. The outpost silenced the machine gun on the northeast hill almost at once, killing the gunner. The fighting in the woods to the west continued for about an hour with the bandits continually retreating. The bandits by this time were out of range and there was no more bandit fire. The Guardia were scattered and many continued to fire. The left flank unit was well to the rear of Company "M" and we were in some danger from their fire. Licut. Haubensack got our men in one line and under control and had them cease firing. Raso Blandon was wounded in the left side of his chest but was still able to carry on. Licut. Henderson came up from my left rear and reported that the bandits were occupying the house. I told him to have his men cease firing and to move his patrol down to a natural trench along the trail below and to the southwest of the house while "M" Company went back through the woods to the house. There were no bandits at the house but just after we got into the clearing around the house the bandits counter attacked from the northeast hill and from the woods which we had just left. We took cover in front of the house and in the natural trench along the trail and returned the fire of the bandits. We were soon being subjected to very heavy fire from both flanks and from our front. The number of bandits is estimated at not less than 300. Both of the patrols had expended their entire supply of rifle grenades during the fight in the woods. Licut. Henderson reported that his men were practically all out of ammunition. Due to these four factors: (1) our undesirable position, (2) to the great superiority in number of the bandits, (3) the exhaustion of our supply of rifle grenades, (4) the scarcity of our other ammunition I decided to withdraw immediately to a hill position to our southeast.

Raso Blandon had in the meantime been shot through both ankles and had to be carried to our new position. I had hopes that the bandits would follow up our withdrawal because to do so they would have to cross open potrero in which case we would have had them where we wanted them. The men were disposed for all around defense on the hill but no bandits were seen during the night. Guardia casualties: one man, Blandon Daniel, #2713 wounded in chest and both ankles. Bandit casualties: seven known dead and many believed wounded. Duration of combat: one and one half hours. Bandit leaders: Colindres, Morales and Jose Leon Diaz.

Friday, Nov. 27, 1931 cleared Coniceras for vicinity of El Sauce at 0530 in order to draw ammunition, rations and clothing, and to get wounded man to hospital. Arrived El Sauce at 1300. Reported contact to Col. Watson. Got food for the men for the first time since the morning of the 26th, drew ammunition, clothing and blankets.

Saturday, Nov. 29th, 1931 rested in El Sauce, awaiting orders.

Sunday, Nov. 29, 1931 cleared at 0145 with Captain Small's combat patrol for Mayocunda area, total of 6 officers and 72 enlisted men. Covered districts of El Pelon, Las Casas and San Pablo. Made camp at San Pablo at 1400. Took prisoner messenger whom I had sent in as runner from Coniceras.

Monday, Nov. 30, 1931 cleared San Pablo early in the morning and received airplane drop orders at Mayocunda to proceed south. Made camp at La Palanca at 1530. Received orders to return to Mayocunda.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 1931 cleared for Mayocunda and made camp there at 1140. Area deserted by all inhabitants. No information obtained.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 1931 Spent at Mayocunda.

Thursday, Dec. 3, 1931 received orders to proceed to Achuapa. Asked for and received plane drop of rations.

Friday, Dec. 4, 1931 cleared at day light for Achuapa, covering San Pablo, San Pedro and Villanueva. Arrived Achuapa at 1600.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 1931 cleared Achuapita and arrived at Achuapa at 1545.

Sunday, December 6, 1931 cleared Achuapa at 0800 for Rio Grande. Met runner at 0900 with orders for Pajarito. Proceeded back to Achuapa and for the Pajarito district. Camped enroute at 1800.

Monday, Dec. 7, 1931 cleared early and covered districts Pajarito, El Horno, San Nicolas and San Antonio and camped at Nacascolo.

Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1931 received orders to cover area Nacascolo to El Sauce. Cleared early and covered areas Nacascolo, Las Pilas and El Sauce arriving El Sauce at 1530. Turned over prisoner to Col. Watson.

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1931 rested in El Sauce. Settled accounts

Thursday, Dec. 10, 1931 cleared El Sauce at 0810 and arrived Esteli at 1830. Captured two prisoners with cususa just before entering Esteli and turned them over to the Department Commander. Quartered the patrol in the cuartel for the night.

Friday, Dec. 11, 1931 cleared Esteli for Jinotega at 1030. Arrived Colon at 1630 and made camp nearby for the night.

Saturday, December 12, 1931 cleared Colon at 0620 and arrived Jinotega at 1230. No bandit information enroute.

4. Reports after the contact from most reliable civilian sources in El Sauce were that the bandits losses at Coniceras were forty killed and wounded and that desertions from the bandit forces were very heavy that night and the day after the contact. Captain Trumble who was over the ground after the contact reported that from the amount of blood spilled over the wooded hill he would judge the bandit casualties to be very heavy.

5. The Commanding Officer has the pleasant duty of reporting that the performance of duty by Lieut. Haubensack during the entire patrol was exceptionally efficient. It is a pleasure further to report that during the combat at Coniceras the qualities of leadership, courage, coolness under fire, and the general professional ability displayed by Lieut. Haubensack were of such nature as to merit the highest possible commendation.

6. The Commanding Officer recommends that Rase Blandon Daniel, #2713, be awarded the Cruz de Valor for the following reasons: 1. during the combat at Coniceras Rase Blandon as a member of the outpost first sighted the bandits and opened fire, 2. He was early in the fight wounded in the left side of the chest but continued to advance with his company and to efficiently use his weapon; 3. although later shot entirely through both ankles he continued to fire on the enemy in such a manner that no one knew he was seriously wounded until upon our withdrawing to new position it was found that Blandon could not walk; 4. even at this stage it was through no complaint of his that we learned that Blandon was seriously wounded for he was still carrying his rifle and attempting to drag himself to our new position without asking for help.

7. The conduct and performance of duty of the Company as a whole during the contact and during the entire twenty four days of hard patrolling was highly satisfactory. The Commanding Officer considers it worthy of mention that the Company's six automatic weapons functioned perfectly during the entire fire-fight which lasted about one and one half hours.

/s/ Robert L. Griffin, Jr.,

The following report of Captain A. C. Small is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
YALI, NICARAGUA,
14 DECEMBER, 1931.

From: Captain A. C. Small, G.N.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area and
Col. T. A. Watson, Field Operations Officer.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte.
Subject: Patrol report. Period 19 November to 13 December,
1931 inclusive.

1. At 0800, 19 November 1931 I received telegraphic instructions to clear immediately for La Concordia with 15 enlisted, where I would be joined by a patrol from San Rafael and would receive further instructions. The daily record of events are as follows:

19 November 1931 - Cleared at 0830 with 15 enlisted for La Concordia and arrived at 1240. Teniente Torres with 15 enlisted from San Rafael del Norte joined me at La Concordia. Received telegraphic instructions to proceed to Esteli and to arrive not later than noon, 20 November 1931. Cleared at 1340 and arrived at Brasil at 1800 where I made camp for the night.

20 November 1931 - Cleared at 0600 for Esteli and arrived at 1040. Received orders from Field Operations Officer. Cleared at 1340 for Nacascolo. Colonel Watson, Licut. Henrich and seven cadets accompanied my patrol. Arrived at Cusyucan at 1930 where I made camp for the night. This place is approximately five miles from Nacascolo.

21 November 1931 - Cleared at 0530 for Nacascolo and arrived at 0730. Sent Teniente Torres and 10 enlisted on to halfway point to El Sauce as escort to Col. Watson, Licut. Henrich and seven cadets. At 1300 Tnte. Torres and patrol returned to Nacascolo. At 1600 received an airplane drop requesting bandit information. Signalled what information I could and a short time later I heard bombing northwest of me. The planes returned and dropped message saying that they had bombed two houses and that bandits were seen to have worked west. I immediately cleared with 25 men and one officer to investigate, leaving five men to guard my pack animals and equipment. Just at dark I found a place where several men had passed to the west through a potrero. I was getting too dark to follow these trails through the potrero so I proceeded on to the houses that had been bombed, which was about five hundred yards from where I had found these tracts, and found that 3 persons had been wounded by bomb fragments. Just before arriving at the house of señor Mendoza we found machine gun hits along the trail. The wounded in this shack were Leonzo Mendoza, his wife and a small child named Toribio Bravo. The old man was slightly scratched on the back. The old woman had a couple small chunks of flesh torn from her left leg near the knee. The child, which in my opinion was the worse wounded of the three, had pieces of shrapnel in her right arm. First aid was given the wounded. The only information obtainable was to the effect that the planes had bombed two small children which were passing along the trail. It is possible that these people were not aware of the presence of a group of bandits in their vicinity, but I doubt it. The local name of this vicinity is Sabana Grande. I proceeded on west for some distance and finding nothing I returned to Nacascolo at 2330 where I spent the night.

22 November 1931 - Spent day in vicinity of Nacascolo.

23 November 1931 - At 0730 received orders from the Field Operations Officer to cover Nispero, Buena Vista area. Cleared at 0800. Gained information in Nispero that a small group of bandits had passed in the direction of Buena Vista and Jicaro. Proceeded to Jicaro where the point fired on a group of about 15 men. Bandits returned a few scattered shots and fled into the brush. One of my Guardia said he counted seven rifles. No known casualties. Split patrol immediately and covered two hill sides, but bandits had split up and it was impossible to follow them. Patrols joined after about

two hours and I proceeded on in the direction of Buena Vista. Heard information of a small group of bandits all along the way to the effect that they had passed in the direction of Jicaro. This group is believed to be just a small group of chicken thieves and not a part of the large group which reported in this area. Arrived in Buena Vista about 7:30 and found no information forthcoming. At about 0830 arrived on top of Buena Vista mountain where I made camp for the night.

24 November 1931 - Cleared at daybreak in the direction of Esteli and arrived at the finca called San Antonio about two leagues out of Esteli at 1000. Sent message to Esteli for rations and requested instructions. Runner returned at 1930 with rations and reported that he had lost the letter that was sent to me by him. Immediately sent him back to Esteli with this information. Runner returned about 0030, 25 Nov.

25 November 1931 - Received orders at 0030 to proceed to the Valle Occidental. Cleared at 0200 and arrived in Valle Occidental at 1200. Sent message to Field Operations Officer at El Sauce. Runner returned at 1930 with orders for me to send one officer and ten enlisted to El Sauce immediately. Tnte. Torres and 10 enlisted cleared at 2000. Spent night at the house of señora Flores in Valle Occidental.

26 November 1931 - At 0830 received orders to proceed to El Sauce. Cleared at 0900 and arrived in El Sauce at 1230. Received orders from the Field Operations Officer to clear that night to the South.

27 November 1931 - At 0030 cleared for Cenieceras with instructions to go on to the San Pablo area after seeing Capt. Griffin. About one mile away from Cenieceras a rifle shot was heard from a small knoll to the left of the trail. After scouting this knoll and finding nothing I came to the conclusion that one of my guardia had accidentally discharged his piece and would not admit it. Proceeded on to Cenieceras and found that there had been a contact between the Guardia and the bandits.

Not a person could be found near the place, so after spending about two hours looking over the place I decided to return to El Pilon and send a message to the Field Operations Officer asking instructions. I could neither find where the bandits were at this time nor where the Guardia were that had had the contact. Arrived at El Pilon at 1900 and sent runner to El Sauce requesting information and instructions. Runner had not returned at 1630 so I decided to send a second runner. First runner returned at 2200 with instructions to await orders. At 0030 28 Nov. 31 second runner returned.

28 November 1931 At 0030 received orders to return to El Sauce immediately. Cleared for and arrived at El Sauce at 0400. Received orders from the Field Operations Officer that my patrol would be joined with that of Capt. Griffin and Lt. Henderson and that I would clear that night for the vicinity of Mayocunda. Spent day getting the combined patrol organized.

29 November 1931 - At 0140 cleared for El Pilon and arrived at 0545. Had breakfast and cleared for the San Pablo Mayocunda area. Upon my arrival in Las Casas I learned that there had been a contact between the Guardia and the bandits at San Pablo the day before at about eight in the morning. The caretaker and his entire family were at Las Casas and he said

that he had cleared out just as the fighting started. Arrived at San Pablo at about 1430 and found the place deserted and pretty well cleaned out of any valuables. Found a mule here that belonged to Capt. Griffin's patrol and a bunch of chicken heads in the kitchen where the fire was still burning which leads me to believe that bandits were the last to leave the place just before my arrival. Made camp for the night near the San Pablo ranch house.

30 November 1931 - Cleared at 0630 for Mayocunda. Just before my arrival at the Mayocunda ranch house I received a plane drop with orders to proceed on south of Mayocunda. At 1530 received another plane drop ordering me to return to the Mayocunda area. Made camp for the night at a place called Las Palancas, which is about 10 miles south of Mayocunda. Cleared at 0500 for Mayocunda and arrived at 1200 where I made camp and awaited orders. No important information had been gained on this trip south of Mayocunda, other than that the bandits had not been in this area south of Mayocunda. 1 December 1931 was the date of this latter movement.

2 December 1931 - Spent day in Mayocunda awaiting orders.

3 December 1931 - at 1130 received plane drop ordering me to the vicinity of Achuapa. Being out of rations I requested the planes drop me ration immediately. Remained at Mayocunda awaiting the drop of rations as I did not think I could find a place along the way where it would be possible for the planes to make the drop. Drop of rations were made at 1530 and decided to clear early the following morning for Achuapa.

4 December 1931 - Cleared at day break for Achuapa. Arrived in Villanueva at 1200 where I replenished my ration supply and proceeded on in the direction of Achuapa. Made camp at a place called Achuapita at 1530.

5 December 1931 - Cleared at 0630 for Achuapa and arrived Achuapa at 1530 where I received orders to cover an area to the south and east of Achuapa. I reported my arrival to El Sauce by runner and sent out Lt. Rodriguez and 20 enlisted to cover the Rio Grande Crossing for the night. Lt Henderson was taken ill on the way to Achuapa. Spent night in Achuapa with the remainder of my patrol.

6 December 1931 - Gave orders to Lt Henderson to remain with his patrol in Achuapa until the morning of 7 Dec. 31 and then to proceed to El Sauce providing he had not received any orders from El Sauce to the contrary. Gave Lt Rodriguez orders to remain with Lt Henderson and then cleared for Rio Grande to carry out former orders. Met runner from El Sauce who had orders for me to proceed to Pajarito area. Returned to Achuapa where I gathered up a few more rations and cleared in the direction of Pajarito. Picked up a guide in a place called La Garcia and proceeded on in the direction of Pajarito to the house of Jose Castillo where I made camp for the night. I learned here that a good sized group had passed through this district about 36 hours before in the direction of Limay. Had no farther definite information this date.

7 December 1931 - Cleared at 0630 and covered Pajarito, San Nicolas, San Antonio and down the San Antonio river to Nacascolo. Found much information along the way that indicated that Colindres and Unanzor had passed through this district in the direction of Limay about 48 hours before my arrival.

Made camp in Nacascolo at 1630 and sent runner to El Sauce to report my position. Runner returned at 2400 with orders for me to return to El Sauce by way of San Antonio and Las Pilas.

8 December 1931 - Cleared at 0630 and covered Campamento, Limone valley and Las Pilas to El Sauce where I arrived at 1530. No bandit activities in this area reported. Spent night in El Sauce.

9 December 1931 - Resting in El Sauce.

10 December 1931 - Received orders and cleared for Esteli and arrived at 1900 where I spent night.

11 December 1931 - Captain Griffin's patrol cleared for Central Area by way of the Colon Valley and I cleared for La Concordia by way of Mesa de la Heropotente. Arrived at La Concordia at 1730 where I reported to the Area Commander. Received orders from the District Commander to proceed to San Rafael on the morning of 12 December, 1931.

12 December, 1931: Cleared at 0730 for San Rafael and arrived at 0930. Patrol was paid and spent day in San Rafael.

13 December, 1931: Cleared at 0830 for Yali with that portion of my patrol and arrived at Yali at 1230.

A. C. Small.
Captain. G.N.

Cabo Carlos Martinez #1849 and patrol of four guardia and nine civicos from Neptune Mine, Eastern Area had contact with a group of Chavarria bandits at Sulun, forty miles northeast of Neptune Mine on November 19th. Nine known bandits were killed. Guardia B.A.R. fire destroyed the Pitpans of the bandits as they were escaping and several more were drowned. Captured four rifles, one pistol three shotguns, twenty six miscellaneous cartridges, one pound of powder, one hundred pounds of beans, rice and corn and a correspondee signed by Abram Rivera. Bandit camp was destroyed. No guardia casualties.

P E R S O N N E L

Lieut. W. C. Smith (R) from Ocotal to managua by plane on 3 days leave. Returned.

Lieut. B. Klein from Ocotal to Managua by plane on 7 days leave.

Colonel T. El Watson cleared for corinto 23 December.

Captain E. F. Carlson cleared Managua for Corinto 23 December.

Lieut Rutledge (R) cleared Managua for (NA) by plane for duty

Lieut Collins (R) cleared Apali for Managua by plane on leave.

Lieut Reed cleared Masaya for Managua and returned on 25 December.

