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Lieut Wallace and patrol cleared Jicaro and arrived Apali.

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Corporal Oveido arrived Jicaro from halfway to Jalapa with patrol.

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Captain Arnett and patrol cleared Esteli on pay and inspection trip. Returned.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol returned to Limay from escorting cart train halfway to Pueblo Nuevo.

Colonel Smith, Lieut Prieb and patrol cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Captain Smith arrived from Managua. (Jinotega).

Captains Fleming, Ressecrans and Young with two enl cleared Jinotega for aviation field. Patrol minus Captain Rosecrans returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Rizo and patrol cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Lieut Matamoros and patrol cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. Arrived and returned to Concordia.

9 JANUARY 1932.

Lieut Burns returned to Chinandega from Chichigalpa, San Antonio and El Polvon.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for (-) to make arrest returned with three civil prisoners.

Lieut Herregodts and patrol arrived Leon from El Sauce.

Lieut Satterfield and patrol returned to Villa Nueva from patrol north of Villa Nueva. Area well worked for five days and no bandit activities reported.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon on police mission to Comarca de Chacra Seca. Patrol returned; NCO in charge of this patrol reports that when patrol arrived at a house in Comarca Chacra Seca, patrol was fired upon by one man five times, 1 guardia wounded. Man fled; patrol unable to effect capture.

Lieut Lopez and patrol cleared Leon to investigate the shooting of guardia in Comarca de Chacra Seca. Returned to Leon with three prisoners, one shotgun and five cutachas.

Enlisted patrol cleared for halfway to Corinto Finca from Jinotega. Returned.

Lieut Rizo and patrol cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonio.

Lieut Brannon and patrol cleared Corinto Finca for halfway to Jinotega. Patrol returned.

Lieut Cramer and patrol arrived Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Captain Small. Lieut Escobar and patrol arrived Yali from combat patrol.

Lieuts Delgadillo, Whitehead and patrol returned from halfway to Quilali (San Juah)

Captain O'Leary and patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo escorting bull cart train.

Lieut Whitehead(MC) and patrol cleared San Juan for Telpaneca.

Enlisted patrol cleared Esteli for halfway to La Trinidad to meet Captain Arnett. Lieut Johnson and Esteli patrol met Captain Arnett, arrived Esteli.

Lieut Mendoza and patrol cleared Moropotente and arrived Esteli.

Lieuts Brown, Kipp and patrol cleared Ocotal for Yalaguina.

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Lieut Livermore and patrol cleared Daraili for and arrived Condega.

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Lieuts Kipp, Brown and patrol arrived Yalaguina from Ocotal.

Lieut Vogel returned Pataste from Limay with patrol.

Lieut Kipp and patrol Cleared Yalagina for and arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Burt and patrol cleared Condega on combat mission.

Lieut Elliott and patrol cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro.

Captain Smith and patrol cleared on trail to Fundadora and returned.

Lieut Martin and patrol cleared for Las Lajas.

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Captain Trumble, Lieut Satterfield and patrol cleared Villa Nueva for El Sauce.

Three patrols patrolled all roads leading in Chinandega. Returned; reported all quiet.

Lieut Zepeda and patrol cleared Matagalpa for muy muy and reported.

Major Whaley and 3 enl arrived Matagalpa from Managua.

1st Sgt Lovo and patrol cleared Somoto and arrived Yalaguina.

Lieut McGorkle cleared Macuelizo and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo with bull cart train and arrived Yalaguina.

Cabo Calix and patrol cleared Palacaguina for halfway to Condega. Returned, escorting Lieut Jackson (MC).

Captain Tebbs and patrol cleared Apali to investigate reports of bandits in vicinity 207-393. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Stanko and Rodriguez with patrol cleared Jicaro and arrived San Juan.

Lieuts Centeno, Jackson (MC) and patrol cleared for halfway to Palacaguina. Turned Lt. Jackson over to Palacaguina halfway patrol and returned to Condega.

Lieuts Johnson, Zavala and patrol cleared Esteli for Estanzuela on patrol. Covered area Estanzuela south to La Trinidad. Cleared La Trinidad and arrived Esteli.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Palacaguina to escort Lieut Jackson (MC) halfway to Yalaguina. Returned.

1st Sgt Mondragon and patrol cleared Yalaguina for halfway to Palacaguina to meet Palacaguina patrol. Patrols met: Lieut Jackson turned over to Yalaguina patrol.

Lieut Wallace and patrol cleared San Fernando for and arrived Ocotal.

Major Whaley, Captain Smith and patrol arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Enlisted patrol arrived Jinotega from Fundadora.

Enlisted patrol cleared La Concordia for San Rafael. and arrived. Returned to La Concordia.

Captain Small and patrol cleared Yali for San Rafael and arrived.

Lieut Herregodts and patrol escorting bull carts arrived Esteli from Limay.

Enlisted patrol cleared Esteli on police mission to Rodeo Grande. Returned to Esteli.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared Somoto for Macuelizo.

Cabo Rodriguez and patrol cleared Somoto for halfway to Yalaguina. Returned, escorting Lieut Jackson (MC).

Lieut Vogel, ten enlisted and one prisoner cleared Patate for and arrived Somoto.

1st Sgt Lovo and patrol arrived Somoto escorting bull cart train from Yalaguina.

Lieut Schoning and patrol cleared for halfway to San Juan. Met halfway patrol from San Juan and returned with Lieut Truesdale and original patrol plus two enl from San Juan.

Lieuts Munoz and Truesdale and patrol cleared for halfway to Quilali. At halfway point Lieut Truesdale and 2 enl joined Quilali patrol. San Juan patrol returned.

Lieut Klein and patrol cleared to escort Lieut Whitford (MC) to halfway to Telpaneca. Patrol returned to Ocotal.

Sgt Suarez and patrol escorting Lieut Jackson (MC) cleared for halfway to Somoto. Returned to Yalaguina.

Sgt Nuñez and patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal. Cleared Ocotal and arrived Dipilto.

Lieut Lopez and patrol cleared Leon by train to La Ceiba, enroute to Amatitan and La Ceiba area. to patrol. Returned to Leon. Nothing to report.

Lieut Cuadra returned to La Paz Centro with patrol from Sea coast. Nothing to report.

Lieut Kalman and patrol cleared Somotillo and arrived at Los Mogotes near border. Found camp of bandits about two months old. Camped at Los Mogotes overnight. Cleared for La Pena del Tigre, saw small bandit group but failed to make contact. Found camp of six houses occupied by two men and six women at Ojochal, also four cutachas, red hat bands, meat and other eatables. Lieut Kalman destroyed camp and took men as prisoners. Cleared for San Francisco. Arrived Lajeros. Cleared for Somotillo and arrived.

Lieut Colsky cleared El Sauce by plane for Managua with twenty cadets.

Lieut Gomez cleared el Sauce by plane for Managua with eighteen cadets.

Captain Trumble and Lieutenant Satterfield with thirty cadets and one civil prisoner arrived El Sauce from Villa Nueva.

Lieut Kalman cleared Somotillo for Villa Nueva with patrol to receive maintenance funds.

Lieut Spart arrived El Sauce by plane from Managua for duty.

Lieut Satterfield cleared El Sauce for Managua by plane with eight cadets.

Patrols covered road to San Benito, El Relijo and San Georgia, returned to Chinandega, reported all quiet.

Lieuts Atha and Ward with two enl cleared Navarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Flipppo and patrol cleared Dario for Terrabona and returned to Dario.

Lieut Stewart with 1 enl cleared Muy Muy for Esquipulas and reported.

Lieut Zepeda and two enl cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas.

Major Whaley, Captain Smith and 3 enl cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Ledbetter and patrol cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista.

Enlisted patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael.

Enlisted patrol cleared Jinotega for Fundadora.

Captain Small and patrol arrived Jinotega from halfway to San Rafael.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Brannon and patrol cleared Corinto Finca on reconnaissance patrol.

Enlisted patrol cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Lieut Castillo and patrol cleared Yali for San Rafael.

Captain Small, Lieut Bryson and patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega.

Lieut Castillo and patrol arrived San Rafael from Yali.

Enlisted patrol arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Bryson and patrol returned to San Rafael from halfway to Jinotega.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for finca east of Chinandega and returned with nothing to report.

Captain Trumble cleared El Sauce with cadets for managua by Plane.

Lieut Kalman cleared Somotillo on patrol to Villanueva. Patrol returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Comarca de Chacra Seca. Patrol returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Stevens and Steward with two enl cleared Esquipulas for San Dionicio and returned.

Lieut Atha and 1 enl cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and reported.

Lieut Ledbetter and patrol reported Matagalpa from Consuelo.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Palacaguina. Arrived Palacaguina.

Lieut Jackson (MC) and patrol with eight prisoners carrying one sick enlisted cleared Somoto for Totogalpa.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission. Returned. Reported all quiet.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission to El Horno and returned. Reported all quiet.

Lieuts Griffith and Whitford (M C) and patrol returned to Telpaneca from halfway patrol to Ocotal.

Lieut Price and patrol with eight prisoners cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa. Met patrol from Somoto and cleared for Ocotal with original patrol plus one sick enlisted and three enlisted from Somoto. Arrived Ocotal.

Lieut Stanko and patrol arrived Telpaneca from San Juan.

Lieut Jackson (MC) and patrol with eight prisoners arrived Totogalpa from Somoto.

Captain Arnett, Lieut Mendoza and patrol cleared Esteli for Moropotente on pay and inspection patrol. Patrol returned.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol cleared Limay on combat mission to point three leagues north-east of Limay to investigate report of bandit group in that area.

Lieut Jackson (MC) and Somoto patrol cleared Totogalpa and returned.

Lieut Burt and patrol returned to Condega from combat mission.

Cabo Aleman and patrol cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Patrol arrived Condega.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for Cosmapa and vicinity to make arrest, returned with no information.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for finca near El Viejo to make arrest. Returned with one prisoner.

Received information from agent that a group of fifty, Jefe Louis Lopez, all of chinandega planned to kill the Police, sack the city and take off for the hills. This was planned for the night of January 11-12th. At 1000 a combined Guardia, Municipal Police and Auxiliares patrol captured the Jefe and six of the suspects.

Captain Burwell, Lieut Price and patrol cleared Ocotal for halfway to Telpaneca. Met patrol from Telpaneca and returned to Ocotal escorting Lieut Whitehead (MC).

Lieuts Vogel and Jackson (Mc) and patrol cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Lieuts Berueffy and Stanko with patrol cleared Palacaguina for Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieut Hamas and patrol cleared Jicaro ti investigate report of small bandit group. Patrol returned, reported no evidence of bandits in vicinity covered.

Lieut Blanco and patrol cleared for Malote and vicinity.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Schoning (R) and patrol cleared for halfway to Ocotal. Met patrol from Ocotal at halfway point. Lieut Whitehead proceeded with Ocotal patrol and Telpaneca patrol returned.

Lieut Trosper and patrol cleared Jalapa for Apali. Patrol arrived.

Cabo Moncado and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Met halfway patrol from Condega and returned to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol returned to Limay from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Sgt Garcia and patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo escorting four enlisted from Pueblo Nuevo. Met halfway patrol from Pueblo Nuevo and turned over four guardia and returned to Condega.

Lieut Stanko and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal and arrived.

Captain O'Leary, patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo having patrolled Cofradillas, Lagunetas, El Rodeo, Rosario, Santa Fe, San Jose, La Pava, La Palagua and vicinity.

Lieut Spart cleared El Sauce on halfway patrol for Villa Nuevo.

Lieut Roberts cleared Villa Nueva with halfway patrol for El Sauce, patrols met. Lieut spart and patrol proceeded for Villa Nueva and arrived. Lieut Roberts proceeded to El Sauce and arrived.

Lieut McDonald cleared Leon to Managua enroute to Juigalpa on leave.

Lieut Castrillo cleared Leon on temporary duty to La Paz Centro.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon for La Paz Centro to act as guards over civilian prisoners being transferred to Leon.

Two enlisted and two civil prisoners arrived Chinandega from El Tempisque and a quantity of contraband. Returned to Ch Le El Tempisque.

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

Captain Small and San Rafael (CA) patrol had two contacts in Pantasma Valley exact locations unknown, on January 7 and again January 9. One bandit wounded in first contact and three wounded in second contact. No guardia casualties.

The following is a report of contact of Captain G. K Frisbie, G.N.:

DISTRICT OF QUILALI
QUILALI NICARAGUA

5 January 1932

From: The District Commander.
To: The Area Commander, Northern Area, Ocotal, Nic.
Subject: Report of contact of 26 December, 1931 .

1. The patrol under my command designated by the Area Commander as patrol 2-7 cleared this station at 1530 25 December 1931 and proceeded in a northerly direction along the Jicaro River for a distance of $2\frac{1}{2}$ leagues where it made camp for the night. At daylight on the 26th. the patrol proceeded north wading the River Jicaro to a point where the Murra River joins is at 244-372. (See Brig Map) as there are no roads or trails between Quilali and this point travel was slow.

2. From 244-372 the patrol picked up a fresh trail used by bandits leading northeast. At 1100 found "Creek de Oro" which we waded in a northerly direction to about point 251-377 at this point a second trail was discovered, leading to the east in the direction of Chupon (255-378) at about 1430 or later patrol reached the summit of a mountain where breastworks of a crude character had been erected as the opening of a clearing. The patrol reached the edge of this clearing and reconnoitered. A camp in this clearing was detected, several men lounging about same, one below in the field. The bandit in the field detected the Guardia, and the patrol opened fire on the camp and the man below. Firing was short duration, the few bandits in the camp fleeing, firing on the patrol from the brushes as they ran. Two were killed and the one below the camp wounded, who escaped. His wounds are believed to have been fatal, due to the loss of blood and the manner in which he fell when struck.

3. This camp was destroyed by fire, four explosions occurring caused by dynamite bombs, several more caused by cartridges. The following articles were captured: Small quantity of ammunition, one rubber stamp used for stamping letters "Departamento de Armas Nueva Segovia", three animals, and correspondence disclosing plans to ambush trail between Quilali and Jicaro, no date specified, including a letter addressed to "Major Rafael Altamirano" signed "A. C. Sandino" and dated 24 Dec. 1931.

4. One prisoner was captured, wife of Rafael Altamirano who disclosed that "General Colindres" and between forty and fifty men arrived after dark at this camp on 24 Dec 31 armed with three automatic weapons, six pistols, balance with rifles and spent the night leaving at daylight xmas morning for Sandino's

camp, there to include Sandino and would go south into the district of Jinotega where large gifts of tribute were expected. The correspondence, as was Sandino's letter, was nearly all addressed to "Sgto Major" and "Major Rafael Altamirano" at his camp" the presence of the correspondence and his wife would normally indicate this camp to be that of Altamirano. Such I believe was the case. Following this reasoning, the bandit wounded in the cornfield would seem very probable to be Rafael Altamirano, inasmuch as the camp was his, his wife, later positively identified as such, present along with Sandino's letter addressed to him of such recent date. However to the undersigned tends to confer in the other facts brought out. However, the identity is problematical. The Sandino letter was short and demanded Altamirano to produce the explosives, bringing them to the "Cuartel General" at once.

5. As soon as practicable the patrol proceeded eastward towards "Chipon" the reported headquarters of General Sandino in the Chipote regions. Spent the night enroute. At daylight on Dec 27, 1931 proceeded eastward using woman prisoner as a guide who conducted the patrol to a camp which she averred was Sandino's the Cuartel General she disclaimed knowing. These camps contained 100 bushel corn each, camps were destroyed. Every effort was made during the remainder of this day to uncover larger camps in this area which the prisoner indicated was "Chipon". Every trail was investigated without revealing further camps. The jungle in this region as well as every part of the terrain traversed since leaving Quilali being almost impenetrable, further searching seeming to be impracticable, the patrol worked further north in absence of orders. Spent the night enroute and on Dec 28 1931 arrived at 252-285 the northeast point north. The patrol found itself in an unknown wilderness and until dark on this date did not know its whereabouts.

6. At 1100. 28 Dec 31 the patrol entered a clearing containing a large camp itsey and about 100 lbs. beans, several additional bombs exploded where this camp burned. It contained sleeping space for about thirty and had been occupied within 48 hours. Proceeded south and west. Entered destroyed three additional camps, each of which contained dynamite bombs which exploded upon burning the camps. Several of these camps were of fairly good construction, being of split cedar shingle roofs. All had fields nearly of corn and sugar cane. Destroyed one field of tobacco. The patrol reached the northern tier of Chipote and camped for the night at Naranjal.

7. Patrol cleared at daylight for and reached Quilali at 1630 29 December 1931. The patrol's morale remained excellent in spite of the long hours of patrolling where neither sky nor landmarks could be ascertained. I gave each man 10 gr. Quinine sulphate upon retiring each night undoubtedly assisted in preventing sickness as the patrol slept and marched in wet clothing. The patrol arrived at Quilali nearly spent with but remnants of their clothing remaining on their backs.

8. The patrol consisted of the following officers and men:

Capt Grenville K. Frisbie G. N.
Lt. Donald L. Truesdale G. N.

Sgto. Flores, P. #879

Pedilla, J.

#40-5

Cabo García, D.	#2142	Suarez, S.	#6132
Cabo Madrid, S.	#3761	Sanchez, S.	#744
Raso Blandón E.	#3359	Castillon S.	#3320
" Gutierrez L.	#2772	Barreto ...	#4601
" Romero ...	#3016	Belgara ...	#2909
" Perez ...	#4016	Lopez ...	#4077
" Vasquez I.	#1850	Gurdian P.	#4024
" Ruiz L.	#5141	Castillo S.	#4033
" Lopez S.	#4140	Blandon ...	#4200
" Marin ...	#4037	Rizo S.	#3303
" Cardenas S.	#5717	Alvarado ...	#4067
" Duriez, T.	#3733	Navarrete, H.	#432
" Rubio, A.	#1924	Poveda, L.	#4237
" Olivas, E.	#4269	Zelaya, ...	#6130

/s/ Granville N. Misbie.
 GRANVILLE N. MISBIE.

Following report of contact of Kisalay patrol under Lieut. Stephenson, G.N. is quoted:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
 GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
 DISTRICT OF MISBIE
 KISALAYA, NIC.

December 6, 1961.

From: 2nd Lieut. G. N. Stephenson
 To: The Area Commander, Department of Northern Bluefields, Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua.

Subject: Contact with small group bandits, report of.

1. Upon the receipt of information from Indians that a large group of bandits had crossed Laimus Creek and proceeded in an Easterly direction, myself and the following enlisted cleared Kisalaya to reconnoiter area down river:

Sebastian Jiminez, Sgt., G. N.
 Ricardo Mondregon, Raso, G. N.
 Juan Pantoja, Raso, G. N.
 Bernadino Cordoza, Raso, G. N.
 Fernando Perez, Raso, G. N.
 Rosalio Canales, Raso, G. N.
 Federico Florez, Raso, G. N.
 Emilio Groniwald, Raso, G. N.
 Leonistine Onair, Raso, G. N.

2. About one and one half mile South of Kisalaya patrol picked up trail of bandits proceeding in the direction of Waspan; patrol followed clearly defined trail to Waspan Creek, when it became evident that bandits had cut trail thru dense underbrush towards the mouth of creek. Patrol followed and upon arriving within one hundred yards of the position taken by bandits, a warning was given them by someone some twenty-five yards from patrol with the firing of a pistol. Patrol approached with caution thru dense underbrush and opened fire in the general direction of bandits. Upon arriving at the mouth of Waspan Creek, where it flows into the Coco River, a clearly defined target of five bandits were found in a pitpan, attempting to escape towards the Coco River. Fire was immediately opened up on pit-pan with the result that in their

haste to escape pit-pan was overturned, and as they attempted to climb steep bank, three were killed and fell into the river. Patrol returned by same trail towards main trail to Waspan, and found bandit that had given signal badly wounded; we carried wounded bandit in the savanas, some hundred yards from main trail; his pistol was still in his hand. Myself and Sgt. Jiminez questioned him, and his answers is herewith attached, in as far as I am able to recall from memory.

3. While Indians reported a large group had crossed Lainus Creek, patrol found upon investigation no more than a group of fourteen under Chavarria, who offered but slight opposition and little leadership. At the completion of questioning patrol cleared towards Saupuca, but did not again gain contact with bandits. Laid ambush near Kum, but bandits did not come near.

4. The conduct of this patrol was all that could be required under the circumstances.

/s/ Theodore H. Stephenson.
THEODORE H. STEPHENSON.

P E R S O N N E L

Captain J. A. Tebbs arrived Managua from Apali on temporary duty January 14.

Captain Forsyth arrived from Rivas on temporary duty in Managua January 15.

Lieutenant Pennington arrived from Leave in the U.S. on 12 January. To Matagalpa for duty.

Lieut. Henderson to duty Eastern Area 15 January.

Lieut Walery arrived Managua from Granada and returned Jan 15.

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