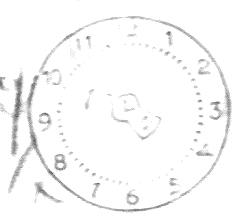


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Lieut Ledbetter and patrol cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Frye and patrol cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas (CA).

Lieut Ashbrook and patrol cleared Aron Juez for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Martin and patrol reported Navarro from Buena Vista.

14 JANUARY 1952

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa for Dario.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and reported.

Lieut Ashbrook and patrol cleared Matagalpa for Aron Juez (CA)

Captain Griffin and patrol cleared Cuatro Esquinas on combat patrol.

Enlisted patrol arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega (CA).

Lieut Ledbetter reported Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Lieut Zavala arrived El Sauce from Managua by plane on pay mission.

Lieut Cuadra cleared La Paz Centro for Granada.

Lieut Martínez arrived El Sauce from Managua, by plane, for duty.

Patrols have been sent from Achuapa and San Francisco to operate on information from Limay that a fifty bandit group, jefe unknown, headed southwest last night toward Los Tablones.

Captain Cox, Lieut Haubensak and patrol cleared Jinotega on combat patrol. Returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Yali for San Rafael (CA). Arrived.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Schoning (R) and fifteen enl cleared Jicaro for Apali and arrived.

Lieut Centeno and patrol cleared Condega for Esteli.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on patrol to El Poste and El Volcan area. Returned to station. Reports area quiet.

Lieuts Griffith and Whitford (MC) and patrol cleared for halfway to San Juan. Met halfway patrol from San Juan and returned to home station.

Lieut Delgadillo and patrol cleared San Juan for halfway to Telpaneca. Met halfway patrol from Telpaneca and returned to home station escorting Lieut Whitford.

Sgt Suaréz and patrol returned to Yalaguina and reported fifteen bandits of Diaz group camped at La Cruz (185-357) . When patrol arrived bandits cleared in direction of La Cruz Patrol proceeded to Santa Barbara and lost trail.

Sergeant Garcia and patrol cleared for halfway to Daraili escorting two other enlisted. Met halfway patrol and returned to home station.

Lieut Clark and patrol cleared for halfway to Condega from Daraili. . Met halfway patrol from Condega and returned to home station with two other enlisted.

Lieut Trosper and Lieut Wallace with patrol cleared for Jalapa from Apali.

Lieut Livermore and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Patrol arrived Condega.

Lieut Blanco and patrol returned from vicinity of Mailote to Santa Maria, nothing to report.

15 JANUARY 1932

Enlisted patrol reported Leon from Managua with civil prisoners for confinement.

Enlisted patrols from Leon to Hato Grande and return. Nothing to report.

Enlisted patrol cleared La Paz Centro on patrol to Hacienda Santa Matilde, Amatitan and Amatitan Viejo with one civilian guide. Patrol returned to La Paz.

Lieuts Martinez and Zavala with patrol cleared El Sauce to investigate report of small group south of Achaupa reported by reliable runner.

Fifteen Auxiliares cleared Villa Nueva for Achauap to operate between these two places.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for San Benito and returned with two civil prisoners.

Lieut Ekburg and patrol reported Esquipulas from La Pineda (CA.

Enlisted patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field and returned

Captain Fleming and patrol cleared Jinotega for aviation field and returned to Jinotega.

Captain Rea and patrol cleared for Aviation field and returned.

Captain Smith and patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to Matagalpa.

Lieuts Bryson and Castillo and patrol returned to San Rafael from combat mission.

Enlisted patrol cleared Matagalpa for Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Burt and patrol cleared Condega for Daraili and arrived.

Lieut Vogel and patrol arrived Pueblo Nuevo from Pataste escorting Lieut Jackson.

Captain Frisbie and patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Lieut Centeno and patrol cleared for and arrived Esteli from Condega.

Sgt. Garcia and patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Met halfway patrol from Pueblo Nuevo and returned to Condega escorting Lieut Jackson.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Palacaguina for point two miles west of station. Captured cususa still in operation, and two prisoners.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol arrived Ocotal from Macuelizo.

Sgt. Centeno and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega escorting Lieut Jackson. Met halfway patrol from Condega and returned to home station.

Lieut Keller and patrol returned to Apali from patrol. Captured three well known bandits, two rifles with new stocks, quantity of food and supplies. Destroyed bandit camp that was being used as overnight camp.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for finca east of Chinandega to make arrest, returned, nothing to report.

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

Lieut Kipp and patrol with prisoner cleared Palacaguina for Somoto and arrived Yalaguina, cleared with Lieut Brown and arrived Somoto. Cleared for Yalaguina and arrived. Lieut Brown remained at Yalaguina and Lieut Kipp and patrol proceeded to Palacaguina and arrived.

Lst Sgt Lovo and patrol returned to Somoto from patrol to Somoto Mountain and vicinity. Report all quiet in area covered.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo.

Lieuts Trosper and Wallace and patrol arrived Jalapa from Apali.

Lieut Zavala and Civico patrol arrived Villa Nueva from (?) for purpose of paying Auxiliares.

Enlisted patrol cleared Esteli for El Sauce.

Enlisted patrol arrived Matagalpa from Dario (CA).

Captain Smith arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

17 JANUARY 1932

Lieut Centeno and patrol cleared Esteli for El Sauce.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa for patrol. Returned.

Lieut Hamas and patrol cleared Jicaro for Muyuca on police mission .

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto for and arrived Ocotal. Cleared for Dipilto and arrived.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Totogalpa on police mission. Returned, Nothing to report.

Reliable agent, when returning from repairing telegraph line, encountered group of six and fired on them, one armed with pistol, remainder with cutachas, near 145-352 . Group scattered and fled. No known bandit casualties.

Lieut Hutchcroft and combat patrol returned to station from vicinity of Pajarito. Nothing to report.

Patrolled all roads leading into Chinandega from 2000 until 0200, reported all quiet.

Lieut Zavala and patrol arrived Villa Nueva from Achuapa with payroll for auxiliares.

Enlisted patrol cleared Esteli for El Sauce, transferred for duty.

Lieut Slattery and patrol cleared Matagalpa on road to Aron Juez to work on telegraph line and returned.

Lieuts Stewart and Ekburg with 1 enl cleared Esquipulas for La Tamarinda.

Lieut Ledbetter and patrol cleared Matagalpa for Consuelo via Buena Vista.

Captain Smith cleared Matagalpa for Algovia.

Enlisted patrol cleared Navarro for Buena Vista (CA).

18 JANUARY 1932

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for San Jose and San Antonio and vicinity, to investigate a murder, returned, nothing to report.

Enlisted patrol cleared for Nagarote and returned to La Paz Centro from patrol. Nothing to report. all quiet.

Lieut Lopez cleared Leon for Chinandega for Court Martial duty.

Lieut Herregodts and patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Quezalguaque and Telica areas.

Lieut Miller (MC) cleared Leon to La Paz Centro on duty.

Lieut Centeno and patrol arrived El Sauce from Esteli.

Lieut Levonski and guardia patrol of 20 enlisted from Puerto Cabezas had contact with group of 100 bandits, Jefe Unknown, at Brown's Camp (27.6-D.2 Fifth Regt. Spec. Map) One known bandit killed. No guardia casualties. Guardia patrol in pursuit.

Lieut Roberts and patrol cleared El Sauce for Punta de Rieles on reconnaissance mission.

Lieut Miller (MC) returned Leon from La Paz Centro.

Lieut Herregodts returned with patrol from Quezalguaque and Telica areas. Nothing to report.

One enl reported Leon from Punta de Rieles with two civil prisoners.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon by truck for Telica enroute to Las Colinas to act as guards for roadworkers on road being constructed from Telica to Las Colinas and Las Fortillas.

Major J.W.Webb, Lieut Miller (MC) and 1 enl cleared Leon for Chinandega on court martial duty .

Lieut Gedney (MC) arrived El Sauce from Managua by plane for duty in District of El Sauce.

Lieut Gutierrez and patrol cleared Jinotéga on police mission and returned.

Lieut Matamoros and patrol cleared La Concordia for La Mora on Police mission. Returned with 1 civil prisoner .

Lieut Ledbetter and patrol reported Consuelo from Buena Vista (CA)

Enlisted patrol reported Consuelo from Navarro (CA).

Enlisted patrol cleared Esteli for Moropotente where Lieut Mendoza and patrol will clear on combat mission.

Lieut Brown and patrol cleared Yalagina to investigate report that Diaz group was camped at point 178-348, patrolled that vicinity, and returned to Yalagina; nothing to report.

Captain Williams and patrol cleared Somoto for point 178-548, patrolled that vicinity, and returned to Somoto; nothing to report.

Lieut Griffith and patrol cleared with civilian party for Ocotal and arrived from Telpaneca.

Lieut Calcik and patrol cleared Daraili on combat mission.

Sgt Garcia and patrol cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Kipp and patrol escorting Sgt Suarez, Cleared for Condega. Arrived. Returned to Palacaguina.

Sgt Acevedo and patrol cleared Santa Maria for Macuelizo, arrived.

Captain Frisbie and patrol cleared Apali for Quilali. Arrived.

1st Sgt Ayala and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo on combat mission.

1st Sgt Solorzano and patrol cleared Jicaro to investigate report of small group stealing cattle and food supplies. Group escaped into heavy underbrush at approach of patrol. Patrol returned to Jicaro.

Lieut Zavala returned to Esteli from pay trip to Somotillo.

Sgt Tiffer and patrol cleared Daraili for Condega. Returned.

Cabo Rivera and patrol cleared for and arrived Spali from San Fernando.

Lieut Kipp cleared Condega for Palacaguina with patrol.

Cabo perez and patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Daraili. Returned. Mission completed.

Lieut Wallace and patrol cleared Jalapa for Jauli on ration patrol.

19 JANUARY 1932.

Lieut Lopez arrived Chinandega from Leon on court Martial Duty.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and vicinity in search of robbers, returned, nothing to report.

Enlisted patrol cleared El Viejo for Atoya and vicinity and returned with two civil prisoners.

First Sergeant Ayala and Condega guardia patrol of fifteen other enlisted had two contacts at 1100 and 1230 on the 19th with group of one hundred and fifty, Jefes Salgado, Morales and Benavides. All dressed in khaki and were wearing guardia hat cords and insignia. Contact near America (42.8-25.6 Esteli Map) Lieut Clark and twenty five enlisted arrived and participated in contact with same group. One jefe killed and eight or more bandits wounded. No guardia casualties. Captured 1 Krag rifle, pistol, dynamite bombs and correspondence. Bandits retreated in northwesterly direction from America.

Enlisted patrol reported Navarro from Buena Vista (CA).

Lieut Centeno and patrol cleared El Sauce for Villanueva.

Lieut Roberts arrived Leon from El Sauce.

Lieut Lopez returned to Leon from Chinandega.

Lieut Herregodts cleared Leon for Managua on duty.

C.O. La Paz Centro reports: Armed group of mounted men, about ten, entered La Paz Centro at 22019, firing on sentry on watch. Fire was answered by guardia and patrols of Leitu Castrillo and Auxiliares cleared for El Tamifando, and Enlisted patrol cleared to Moapa in pursuit of group. Patrols returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Roberts cleared Leon to Punta de Rieles by train, enroute to El Sauce for duty.

Dr. Sacasa arrived Leon at 16319. Parade and demonstration. Everything orderly and quiet.

Lieut Brown and patrol arrived Condega.

Lieut Kipp and patrol with civil prisoner cleared Palacaguina for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilito to patrol coffee fincas in vicinity of station. Returned. Reports all quiet.

1st Sgt Cortez and patrol cleared Macuelizo for and arrived Ocote

1st Sgt Lovo and patrol cleared Somoto for Espino and repaired telephone line which had been cut in six different places. Returned to station and reported rumors of small group of bandits operating near border, but no definite information could be obtained. Commanding Officer Somoto cleared to investigate.

Sgt Garcia and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega .

Lieut Wallace and patrol returned to Jalapa from combat patrol.

Lieuts Griffith and Stanke and Patrol cleared Ocotal for and Arrived Palacaguina. Lieut Stanke remained in temporary command at Palacaguina during absence of Lieut Kipp and Lieut Griffith cleared for Condega.

Lieut Brown and patrol cleared Yalaguina on combat mission.

Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Pataste for and arrived Somoto.

Lieut Price and patrol cleared for Pueblo Nuevo from Condega and arrived.

Lieuts Rutledge and Whitehead (MA) and patrol returned to Apali from San Juan.

Cabo Rivera and patrol cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Somoto to operate in area south and southwest of Pataste against bandit group reported proceeding in that direction.

Lieut Brown and patrol cleared for Condega from Pueblo Nuevo.

20 JANUARY 1932

Major Webb, Lieut Miller (MC) and 1 enl arrived Chinandega from Leon for Court Martial duty. Returned to Leon.

Captain Fellers arrived Chinandega from Corinto for Court-Martial duty; returned.

Lieut Lopez returned to Leon from Chinandega.

Lieut Centeno and patrol arrived Villa Nueva from El Sauce.

Lieut Martinez and patrol returned to Achuapa after searching area north east of achuapa in direction of Esteli. Reports no bandit activities noted.

Lieut Spart and patrol cleared Villa nueva for Somotillo.

Enlisted Patrol cleared Leon to patrol Valle de Las Zapatas area

21 JANUARY 1932

Rivas Operations Report- 14 Jan to 20 Jan, 1932.

- 14 Jan Captain Forsyth cleared Rivas for Managua on temporary duty.
One enl cleared Rivas on patrol with Hacienda Inspection.
One enlisted cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.
- 15 Jan Two enl cleared Rivas for Cardenas.
One enlisted cleared Rivas for La Chocholata on police mission.
One enlisted cleared Rivas for Potosi and returned.
- 16 Jan One enl and Hacienda Inspector returned to Rivas with one civil prisoner.
- 17 Jan Lieut Bello and 1 enl cleared Cardenas for Guajiniquil.
- 18 Jan Lieut Bello and 1 enl returned to Cardenas from Guajiniquil.
- 19 Jan Two enl cleared rivas for La Feon police mission. Returned.

"VARIOUS REPORTS RECEIVED CONCERNING FIRST SERGEANT ALAYA'S CONTACT, JANUARY 18TH AT AMERICA (42.8-25.6) ESTELI MAP, INDICATE THAT JEFE LADISLAO PALACIOS WAS KILLED AND THAT CARLOS SALGADO AND SANTOS BENAVIDES WERE BOTH WOUNDED. NATIVES LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE SCENE OF CONTACT REPORT FIFTEEN BANDITS KILLED DURING THE FIGHT. "

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Following contact report of Lt. Hamas, Dec. 14th. is quoted:

Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua.
District of Jicaro.

Jicaro, Nicaragua.

2 January 1932.

From: District Commander, Jicaro.
To : Area Commander Northern Area, Ocotal.

Subject: Contact, report of, at Las Mesas 14 December 1931.

1. Received information bandit group killing people at Las Mesas. Cleared patrol at 2300. Roster of patrol as follows:

First Lieutenant John Hamas.

Cabo Oviedo José	#3530
Raso Gonzalez Rito	#3564
Raso Talavera Sabino	#2551
Raso Alvarado Julio	#4299
Raso Rodríguez Salomon	#4825
Raso Matey José	#2036
Raso Rodríguez Víctor	#3744
Cívico Ríos Pedro	
Cívico Ríos Marcial	
Cívico Ríos Miguel	
Cívico Florian Luciano	
Cívico Cárdenas Pedro	
Civilian Santiago Hernández, Las Mesas.	
Civilian Narciso Blandón, Las Mesas.	

2. At La Podrida 222-380 heard bandits in house talking loudly. Approached house saw armed bandits, opened fire. Killed two and wounded many. Captured cutachas and other articles. Bandits, about fifty, returned fire from direction small hill top with 1 TSMG rifles and pistols. Contact lasted 35 minutes. Bandits retreated point 230-380. Jefe Colindres.

3. Guardia casualties 1 civico wounded. Miguel Ríos.

4. Patrol combed mountains, could not regain contact. Bandits dispersed in dark woods. Proceeded with wounded civico to Apali.

5. Arrived Apali at 0800. Returned Jicaro at 1700-17 DEC.

John Hamas.

DEPARTMENT OF RIVAS
OPERATIONS REPORT FROM 7 JANUARY TO 13 JANUARY 1932.

7 JAN 1000 Two enlisted cleared Rivas for Las Salinas on police mission.

1000 One enlisted cleared Rivas for Los Cerros on police mission.

8 Jan 1500 One enlisted cleared Rivas for Moyogalpa
2000 Lt. Bello and one enlisted arrived Rivas from Cardenas.

9 Jan 0730 Lt. Bello and one enlisted cleared Rivas for Cardenas.

10 Jan 0730 Lt. Pulver cleared Rivas for San Juan del Sur.
1900 Lt. Pulver and Lt. Adams arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur.
2000 Two enlisted returned Rivas from Las Salinas with one civil prisoner.

11 Jan No operations.

12 Jan 0800 Lt. Bello and one enlisted Cleared Cardenas for Sapoa.
1900 Lt. Adams cleared Rivas for Moyogalpa for temporary duty.

13 Jan 1130 One enlisted arrived Rivas from Cardenas.
1200 One enlisted arrived Rivas from San Juan del Sur.

Following Patrol report of contacts of December 28 - 29, Lt. Hamas, is quoted:

Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua.
District of Jicaro.

Jicaro, Nicaragua.

3 Jan 1932.

From: John Hamas First Lieut. G. N.
To : The Area Commander, Northern Area, Ocotal.

Subject: Patrol report.

Reference:--Secbrig. map Nueva Segovia R.F.1:150,000.

Enclosure:--Sandinista flag and correspondence.

1. In accordance with orders from Area Commander I cleared Jicaro at 4030 25 Dec. 1931 with Lieut. Rodriguez 32 enlisted and one civico as patrol 5. H. Lieuts. Muñoz Delgadillo 32 enlisted as patrol 3 H. on combat mission. Roster of patrol 5 H. as follows:

1st Sgt.	Solorzano, Anastacio,	#293	
Sgt.	Torrez, Rodolfo,	# 2288	
Cabo	Lopez, Pedro, U.	# 2332	San Fernando
Cabo	Lopez, Aquilino,	#.1222	Esteli
Raso	Alvarado, Julio,	#.4290	
Raso	Calero, Isidoro,	# ----	San Fernando
Raso	Calderón, Carmen,	# ----	apali
Raso	Caseres, Ramiro,	# 4301	
Raso	Castellón, Ramón,	# 3153	Limay
Raso	Carrasco, Manuel,	# 4600	Pueblo Nuevo
Raso	García, Jospe,	# 5307	Limay
Raso	Garcia, Roberto,	#.3068	Daraili
Raso	Gomez, Manuel,	# 4579	Ocotal
Raso	Gonzalez, Rito,	#.3564	

Raso	Gusman, Horacio,	# 3135	Limay
Raso	Laguna, Perfecto,	# 4188	San Fernando
Raso	Lopez, Santiago,	# 4195	Ocotal
Raso	Lopez, Macario,	# ----	Apali
Raso	Matey, Jose,	# 2036	
Raso	Martinez, Pablo,	# 2849	San Fernando
Raso	Iglesias, Elisco,	# 4049	Apali
Raso	Obregon, Lorenzo,	# 3510	Ocotal
Raso	Gomez, Gregorio,	# 4558	
Raso	Paguada, Bernardo,	# 2689	Ocotal
Raso	Palacios, Liborio,	# 4268	San Fernando
Raso	Pichardo, Domingo,	# 589	
Raso	Rivas, Andros,	# 4074	Apali
Raso	Rodriguez, Victor M	# 3744	
Raso	Rodriguez, Salomon,	# 4825	
Raso	Rugama, Antonio,	# 4005	Daraili
Raso	Talavera, Sabino	# 2551	
Raso	Tellez, Victor,	# 3001	

25 Dec. 1931.- Patrol 5 H. and 3 M. arrived San Gregorio (243-386) at 1500 by different route; combed all trails leading North and South of same point, camped on two hill tops during night.

26 Dec. 1931.- Patrol 5H. proceeded Murra. Patrol 3 M. followed slightly used trail toward San Pedro de Colindres (248-389) Patrol found no evidence of bandits in this area, laid ambushes on trails during night leading East and West near Murra. At 2400 Lt. Rodriguez and twelve (12) enlisted captured Marcelino Castellanos Sargento Major and Juez de Mesta for Sandino who wrote a letter to Jose Leon Diaz on 22 Nov. 1931 giving him all information how to attack Jicaro and take it. This letter has been forwarded to the Area Commander with report dated 21 Dec. 1931.

27 Dec. 1931.- Cleared at 0600 and proceeded toward point 257-386. Upon approach of patrol small group of bandits fired few shots on patrol from long range and direction Chupon. Two patrols were sent out to make contact but bandits disappeared in heavy woods. Camped same point, during night laid ambushes on trails.

28 Dec. 1931.- At 0700 Lts. Hamas, Rodriguez, Delgadillo and 26 (twenty-six) enlisted proceeded toward direction point 260-390. At the place called La Lima opened fire on small group of bandits by surprise, poorly armed, killed two (2) captured enclosed correspondence and the rest of group dispersed in heavy woods. Patrol made all possible efforts to find larger camps and groups. At point 260-390 large group of bandits evacuated burned camp and food supplies upon the approach of patrol and retreated toward Poteca River; same thing was noticeable at two other points. A woman, wife of a bandit stated Sandino was well informed about our movements and while Guardia concentrated on 24th. Dec. 1931, he and Colindres, his wife, two brothers, staff and strong guard crossed Coco River and entered Jinotega area near Guiguili. This information has been confirmed by other natives too. Camped in the Jungle; the whole patrol lived on roots and green bananas. Patrol 3 M. Lieut. Muñoz and 38 enlisted 1 civico remained in ambush position at point 257-386.

29 Dec. 1931.- At 0400 left point 260-390 to comb other part of mountains cutting trail. At 0600 at about point 255-385

discovered stronghold of bandits. Bandits letting Lieut. Rodriguez to pass by opening fire on main body and wounding Raso Pedro Moreno from Esteli. Patrol wounded Jefe of Group, Rafael Altamirano, and several others as judged by blood trails. Captured Altamirano's initials watch, small flag, hat bands and other articles. This group consisted of about 35 armed bandits. Some of them armed with rifles, pistols or cutachas, also employing 1 TSMG and one BAR. While driving bandits out of their stronghold -a very steep hill top- a charged large tin can bomb about ready to explode was discovered by Raso Emeterio Rodriguez, from San Juan, he pulled the burning fuse and prevented its explosion. Bandits retreated and dispersed in heavy woods. Patrol proceeded with wounded to Guardia to make contact with Lieut. Muñoz and patrol. Met patrol 3 M. at 1000. Ordered Lieut. Muñoz and 27 enlisted to evacuate wounded guardia to Jicaro. Lieut Delgadillo and 15 enlisted left for ambush position from point 257-586.

The following officers and men participated in contacts 28 December 1931 and 29th. December 1931:

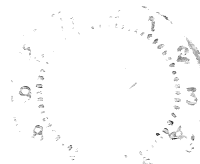
Fisrt Lieut. John Hamas.
 Lieut. Charles J. Rodriguez.
 Lieut. Lisandro Delgadillo.

1st Sgt	Solorzano, Anastacio,	#295	
Cabo	Lopez, Pedro, U.	#2334	San Fernando
"	Lopez, Aquilino,	#1222	Esteli
Cabo	Estrada, Pablo,	#----	San Juan Telp.
Raso	Matey, Jose,	#2035	
"	Alvarado, Rafael,	#----	San Juan de Telp.
"	Briñez, Ciriaco,	#----	San Juan de Telp.
"	Castellon, Ramon,	#5153	Limay
"	Gonzalez, Isidoro,	#4310	San Juan de Telp.
"	Gonzalez, Rato,	#3564	
"	Laguna, Perfecto,	#4138	San Fernando
"	Martinez, Pablo,	#2349	San Fernando
"	Moreno, Pedro,	#2363	Esteli
"	Palacio, Liborio,	#4628	San Fernando
"	Paiz, Eliseo,	#----	San Juan de Telp.
"	Pichardo, Domingo,	# 589	
"	Garcia, Jose,	#3307	Limay
"	Rodriguez, Emeterio,	#----	San Juan de Telp.
"	Rodriguez, Salomon,	#4225	
"	Rodriguez, Victor, M.	#3744	
"	Lopez, Jose,	#----	San Juan de Telp.
"	Rugana, Antonio,	#4005	Darcili
"	Rugana, Socorro,	#----	San Juan de Telp.
"	Romero, Victoriano,	#2612	
"	Talavera, Sabino,	#2551	
"	Vazquez, Carlos,	#----	San Juan de Telp.

30 Dec 1931.- At 0500 Lieut. Delgadillo and 15 enlisted joined main body patrol, proceeded toward Rio Tamis, via California to find more bandits. Could not find anymore evidence of bandits, followed abandoned trail cutting now toward Rio Murra. Arrived near abandoned village Murra camped overnight.

31 Dec 1931.- Arrived point 240-397. Natives reported Diaz and group passed to Honduras on 25th. Dec. 1931.

1 January 1932- Patrol returned to Jicaro at 1030.



2. I highly praise Lts. Muñoz, Delgadillo, Rodriguez and all men of patrols working under my direction for their splendid work.

3. I wish to commend Lieut Lynch (MC) for his devotion to duty displayed during operations and for his spirit of co-operations.

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P E R S O N N E L

Captain J. O. Brauer, GN, returned from leave in the US on 19 January and assigned to the Military Academy for duty.

First Lieutenant M. B. Alexander transferred from Dept. Managua to Jinotega on 22 January for duty.

Colonel T. E. Watson, Director of Operations returned to Headquarters from inspection Department of Chontales. 20 January.

Second Lieutenant J. Herregodts from Leon to Jinotega for duty on 22 January.

First Lieutenant Walter E. Anderson cleared Managua by plane to Ocotal on 18 January and returned to Managua on 21 Jan.

Lieut C. R. Gedney (MC) from Department Granada to District of El Sauce for duty on 19 January.

Captain C. A. Young (MC) arrived Managua from Jinotega by plane and returned to Jinotega 18 January.

Major V. Hernandez, (MC) arrived Managua by plane from Ocotal and returned to Ocotal on 18 January.

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