

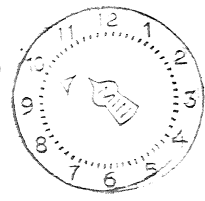
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Lieut Price, Lieut Kipp and patrol returned to Pueblo Nuevo from scene of 1st Sgt Ayala'a Contact.

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Lieut Johnson and patrol cleared La Trinidad on police mission .
Destroyed three casusu stills and returned with 1 prienner.

21 JANUARY 1932

Lieut Spart and patrol cleared Villanueva for Somotillo and
arrived. Returned to Somotillo.

Lieut Ledbetter and patrol cleared Consuelo for Matiguas.

Lieut Elliott and patrol cleared Matagalpa for San Isidro.

Captain Smith and 2 enl reported to Navarro
from La Isla.

Enlisted patrol cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista (CA).

Lieuts Schoning and Rutledge (R) and patrol cleared Apali for
Ocotal and arruved.

Lieut Trueeddale and patrol cleared Quilali for San Juan and arr
ived.

Lieut Hamas and patrol cleared Jicaro for Apali. Arrived.

Captain Good and patrol escorting the Jefe Politico of Ocotal
cleared for Dipilto and arrived.

Lieut Keller and patrol cleared Ocotal for San Fernando.

Captain Burwell, Lieut Jackson (M C) and patrol cleared Condega
for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Lieut Hamas and patrol cleared Apali for Jicaro and arrived.

Lieut Mendoza and patrol returned to Esteli from combat mission.

Captain Good and patrol returned to Ocotal from Dipilto escor-
ting the Jefe Politico of Ocotal.

Captain Williams and patrol with 1 civilian cleared Somoto on
combat mission. Returned to Station.

Cabo Perez (CH) and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega
and arrived.

Lieut Clark and patrol returned To Pueblo Nuevo from combat
mission.

Lieut Vogel and patrol arrived Pataste from combat mission.

Captain Holdahl and patrol arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal.

22 JANUARY 1932

Lieut Cuadra cleared Chinandega for Corinto and returned.
Inspection trip.

Lieut Dumas with 1 enl and 1 civil prisoner arrived Chinandega
from Chichigalpa.

Enlisted patrol returned to Leon from La Providencia with 5 prisoners suspected to be the ones who wounded policeman Cordoba #M-62, on night of 21 January, 1952.

Lieut Kalman and patrol cleared Somotillo to patrol border west of Somotillo. Patrol returned. Nothing to report.

Captain McQueen, Lieut Atwell and patrol cleared El Sauce on patrol to vicinity east of Achuapa, via Las Delicias and San Antonio, on information from Limay that group headed south.

Lieut Schuh cleared Punta de Rieles for San Antonio.

Captains Fleming and Young with enl cleared Jinotega for Aviation field. Returned with Lieuts Alexander and Barillas.

Lieut Escobar and patrol cleared Yali on combat patrol

Capt. Smith and 2 enl cleared Nazarro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Flippo and two enl cleared Dario for La Cruz on police mission and returned.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission. Patrolled coffee haciendas and returned to home station.

Captain Holdahl and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Somoto. Arrived.

Captain Frisbie, Lieut Whitford MC) and patrol cleared for half-way to San Juan. Lieut Rodriguez and patrol cleared San Juan for halfway to Quilali. Patrols met; each returned to its respective station.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Palacaguina for Pueblo Nuevo and arrived.

Lieut Griffith and Lieut Brown with patrol returned to Condega from combat mission.

Lieut Vogel and patrol returned to Somoto from combat mission in vicinity of Naranjo. Located small abandoned bandit camp of Tiburcio Diaz. Captured three prisoners.

23 JANUARY 1952

Lieut Kalman and patrol cleared Somotillo to patrol Santo tomas, Cinco Pinos and San Pedro area.

Enlisted patrol cleared San Francisco to meet Lt. Kalman's patrol at Cinco Pinos.

Lieut Martinez cleared Achapa with patrol to patrol areas north and east of Achuapa.

Enlisted patrol cleared Valle de Zapatas for and arrived Leon.

Lieut Dumas returned to San Antonio from Chinandega.

Captain Ski nner cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa and San Antonio and El Palvon on inspection trip.

Lieut Flippo and patrol cleared Dario for Totumbla. (CA).

23 JANUARY 1952

Captain Burwell, Captain O'Leary, Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Labranza. Returned.

Captain Williams and patrol cleared Somoto for Ocotal via Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieut Vogel and patrol cleared Somoto for Pataste.

Sgt. Acevedo and patrol cleared Telpaneca for halfway to San Juan. Captain Frisbie, Lieut Munoz and patrol with 1 prisoner cleared for halfway to Telpaneca. Patrols met. Captain Frisbie and 1 prisoner transferred to San Juan Patrol and cleared for that Station. Lieut Munoz and patrol returned to San Juan.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol cleared Limay on combat mission in area east of Achuapa.

Lieut Barrillas and patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to Corinto finca with one civil prisoner .

Lieut Hall and patrol cleared San Rafael for La Concordia. Arrived Yali.

Lieut Castillo and patrol cleared San Rafael on combat patrol.

Lieut Escobar and patrol returned to LaConcordia from combat patrol. Covered areas El Tigre, Bijagual, Guyabas, Las Lajas, Jocote and El Tule.

Lieut Matamoros and patrol cleared Yali on combat patrol.

24 JANUARY 1952

Lieut Martinez returned to Achuapa from patrol of areas north and east of Achuapa. Reports rumors that Salgado with 150 would arrive in Pajarito on the 23rd. That Umanzor is coming to Pajarito with well armed group.

Captain McQueen, Lieut Martinez and Lieut Atwell with patrol cleared Achuapa for point three leagues North east of Achuapa on information that Salgado and bandit group are in that location.

Captain Skinner returned to Chinandega from Chichigalpa, San Antonio and El Polvon. Monthly inspection trip.

Patrolled all roads leading into Chinandega from 1900 to 1200 . Returned; reported all quiet.

1st Sgt Reyes and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Keller and patrol with prisoners arrived Apali from San Fernando.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol returned to Limay from combat mission. Covered La Gracia and vicinity. No information.

Lieut Kloth, and patrol cleared Esteli on combat mission and returned.

Lieut Snyder and patrol arrived Jinotega from Las Camelias.

Lieut Castillo and patrol returned to San Rafael from combat patrol to Sisle and San Gabriel.

Lieut Hall and patrol, with 1 civil prisoner arrived San Rafael from La Concordia. Cleared for San Rafael.

Lieut Matamoras and patrol returned to La Concordia from combat patrol. Covered the areas Yupali, Buena Vista, Cerro Colorado Colon and Coyolito. Received information that group estimated as 50 passed Colon morning of 23rd. Guardia patrols from Moropotente and La Trinidad following.

Lieut Elliott reported Sebaco from San Isidro and returned.

25 JANUARY 1932

Lieut Lopez and patrol cleared Leon accompanied by the Director of Police to Los Partillos; Returned to Leon with about three hundred pounds of Contraband tobacco, captured; with three civil prisoners and seven animals.

Lieut Castrillo returned to Leon from temporary duty in La Paz Centro.

Following telegram from El Sauce:

Reliable native states group of fifty bandits well armed and well mounted were seen yesterday afternoon in vicinity of Esperilla on Esteli - El Sauce trail. No further information of movements of group. Captain McQueen and patrol were near there yesterday.

Colonel Smith, Captain Rosecrans and enl cleared for Aviation field. Captain Rosecrans and enl returned to Jinotega.

Lieut Snyder and enl cleared for Las Camelias from Jinotega.

Lieut Alexander and patrol cleared Jinotega for halfway to San Rafael.

Lieut Bryson and patrol cleared San Rafael for halfway to Jinotega. Returned with Lieut Alexander.

Lieut Matamoras and patrol cleared for La Pita on police mission and captured one prisoner, 1 still, cucusa and 50 lbs mash.

Lieut Schick (R) and patrol cleared Ocotal for halfway to Telpaneca. Captain Frisbie and patrol with 1 prisoner cleared Telpaneca cleared for halfway to Ocotal. Patrols met. Captain Frisbie and 1 prisoner joined Ocotal patrol and telpaneca patrol returned to its home station. Ocotal patrol returned to home station.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission. Returned to station with two prisoners.

Lieut Kipp and patrol cleared Puhlo Nuevo on combat mission. to operate for three days in the vicinity of Pedernal, Labarnza and Pire.

Lieut Hamas and patrol cleared Jicaro on police mission. Returned.

Lieut Griffith and patrol cleared Condega for Esteli on combat mission via Cuchillas, Pire, and Blandon.

Lieut Livermore and patrol cleared Condega to investigate report of large group operating near 208-338.

Lieut Brown and patrol cleared Condega for halfway to Pueblo Nuevo. Met Pueblo Nuevo patrol at halfway point. Lieut Brown proceeded to Pueblo Nuevo with patrol from that station and Condega patrol returned to Station escorting Captain Burwell and Lieut Jackson (MC).

Captain Burwell, Lieut Jackson and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for halfway to Condega. Met Condega patrol and returned to home station.

Lieuts Truesdale and Delgadillo and patrol arrived San Juan from combat mission. Nothing to report.

26 JANUARY 1932

Captain Skinner, Lieut Burns and patrol cleared Chinandega for San Juan de las Pencas and Bellia Vista and vicinity.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for Atoya and vicinity.

Lieut Lopez and patrol cleared Leon for El Sauce as guards for stores enroute.

Captain McQueen, Lieut Atwell and patrol returned to El Sauce from patrol to vicinity east of Achauapa.

Lieut Livermore and patrol returned to Condega from combat mission. Covered vicinities of 208-338 - 210-333 - 205-330.

Captain O'Leary and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega and arrived.

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

Lieuts Truesdale and Delgadillo and patrol cleared San Juan on combat mission.

Lieut Diaz and patrol cleared Dipilto on police mission. Returned with two prisoners.

Lieuts Mendoza and Zavala and patrol cleared Matagalpa on combat mission. Arrived Esteli.

Lieut Brown and patrol cleared Pueblo Nuevo for and arrived Yalaguina.

27 JANUARY 1932

Enlisted patrol returned to El Viejo from Atoya and vicinity with nothing to report.

Combined Somotillo - San Francisco patrol returned to El Sauce from patrolling San Pedro and Cinco Pinos area. Captured two shot-guns, two pistols, cususa, tobacco, cutachas and 1 prisoner.

Lieut Lopez and patrol arrived place called Coyolera, near to Valle de Zapatas, from Leon, at 0900. No bandit information.

Enlisted patrol arrived Punta de Rieles from El Sauce to meet bull cart with stores from Leon.

Captain Skinner, Lieut Burns and patrol returned to Chinandega from San Juan de las Pencas, Las Greates, El Palon, Argeli, Bellia Vista, Santa Treasa, Chichigalpa and vicinities. No bandit information.

Colonel Watson arrived Leon from Managua on duty.

Lieut Cuadra arrived Leon from La Paz Centro on duty.

Lieut Spart and patrol cleared Villa nueva to patrol area between Villanueva and Achuapa. Returned.

Captain Skinner arrived Leon from Chinandega on duty.

Enlisted patrol cleared Leon on patrol to Comarca El Convento, on reports that Juez de Mesta del Convento had been murdered. Returned to Leon with 1 shotgun, lead pellets. Unable to capture murderer of Juez de Mesta.

Colonel Watson, Major Webb and Captain Skinner cleared Leon for Punta de Rieles. Returned to Leon.

Lieut Martinez and patrol arrived El Sauce from Achuapa with two bandit prisoners.

Captain Skinner cleared Chinandega for Leon on special duty.

Lieut Burns and patrol cleared Chinandega for Sabana Grande and vicinity. Returned; nothing to report.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol La Quinta road and returned. Reported all quiet.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega to patrol Somotillo road and returned. Reported all quiet.

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

Following contact report is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA.
JICARO, NICARAGUA
8 JANUARY, 1932

From : 2nd. Lieut. Charles J. Rodriguez, G. N. de Nic.
To : Area Commander and Officer in charge of Operations.
Ocotal, Northern Area.
Via : District Commander, Jicaro.
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Subject : Patrol and contact, report of.

Reference: Verbal orders from the District Commander of Jicaro.

1. By orders of the District Commander of Jicaro, I cleared a patrol consisting of three Officers and fifty enlisted men with four days rations at 0500 January the 4th.
2. From Jicaro, the patrol proceeded southwest towards Susucayan where little information was obtained about the bandits. The patrol then proceeded southwest. While crossing the Guali River at point 227-375, Lt. Delgadillo and his point went up a little hill to investigate loud talking that was heard up there and to obtain information as to the whereabouts of the bandits. People up there seemed to know nothing, appeared to be good citizens, also had proper papers. The point returned about ten minutes later and as they advanced close with the main body, they were fired upon from the left flank; the point and main body covered and returned the fire at once, forcing the enemy to retreat and causing several casualties on their part. Contact started 0930 and lasted ten minutes.
3. The group appeared to be of about fifteen or twenty with Jefe unknown. They left many blood trails on their retreat.
4. Weapons employed.
 - (a) Guardia, one grenade rifle, STMGs, rifles and BAR.
 - (b) Bandits, one STMG, rifles and pistols.
5. Casualties.
 - (a) Guardia, none.
 - (b) Bandits had three known wounded.
6. Captured.
 - (a) Detonators, one knife, cutacha, correspondence, a mail sack and other miscellaneous.
7. Incidents.
 - (a) The bandits believed that our point composed the whole patrol because our main body was not on sight, even though it was close. When the bandits started to retreat, they were pursued but we could not see them due to the heavy underbrush. A small camp was destroyed about 250 yards from the scene of contact. It is believed that wounded bandits ran towards the river while the others took to the mountains.

(b) The Juez de Canton of that section reported to C O Jicaro that he found two dead in vicinity of contact and near the river after the firing.

8. Patrol proceeded towards 240-362, 231-360, 216-365 and then proceeded to point 224-368 after having combed above mentioned area. Stayed there overnight and received orders to exchange men of several stations which were with my patrol. I cleared San Juan de Telpaneca with one Officer and twenty-eight enlisted with orders to comb the area between point 224-368 and Station 28. Arrived Jicaro at 1730 January the 7th.

9. All members of the patrol were obedient at all times and willing to go anywhere. Had no sick throughout the patrol and every one was cool and calm at all times.

10. Lt. Delgadillo, who was in charge of the point, is mostly responsible for the good outcome of the contact because of his good leadership and experience as Patrol Officer.

11. The list of the members of the patrol is as follows:

2nd. Lt. Charles J. Rodriguez, G. N. Patrol Commander.
2nd. Lt. D. H. Wallace; 2nd. Lt. Delgadillo in charge of point.

Sgt. Acovedo, Francisco	#1272	Cabo Lopez, Pedro	#2334
Raso Alvarado, Rafael	#4399	Raso. Ceron, Arcadio	#2014
" Cruz, Juan	#4853	" Caceres, Ramiro	#4300
" Castellon, Ramon	#3133	" Gonzalez, Rito	#3564
" Gomez, Gregorio	#4158	" Gonzalez, Isidro	#4610
" Gomez, Manuel	#4579	" Garcia, Roberto	#3068
" Gomez, Julian	#4138	" Jimenez, Isidro	#4137
" Lopez, Romulo	#2810	" Medina, Humberto	#3535
" Martinez, Pablo	#2849	" Matey, Jose	#2036
" Obregon, Lorenzo	#3510	" Paguagua, Bernardo	#2689
" Palacios, Liborio	#4268	" Perez, Luis	#3348
" Rodriguez, Victor	#3744	" Rodriguez, Salomon	#4825
" Romero, Victoriano	#2612	" Rivas, Andres	#4074
" Salinas, Adolfo	#4139	" Torres, Miguel	#3365
" Talavera, Sabino	#2561	" Tinoco, Justino	#2525
" Vallecillo, Bonifacio	#4008	" Gutierrez, Jose (Jalapa)	"
" Herrera, Ramon (Jalapa)	"	" Ponce, Jose	"
" Romero, Juan	"	" Sanchez, Luis	"
" Alegria, Tiburcio (S Juan de	"	" Arauz, Pedro (San Juan de	"
" Aviles, Hipolito "Telpaneca)	"	" Blandon, Monico "Telpaneca)	"
" Briones, Ciriaco	"	" Guido, Virgilio	"
" Guzman, Horacio	"	" Laguna, Perfecto	"
" Muñoz, Maximo	"	" Palma, Ricardo	"
" Quiñonez, Dionisio	"	" Reyes, Cecilio	"
" Sandoval, Jose	"	" Velazquez, Segundo	"

/s/ Charles J. Rodriguez
CHARLES J. RODRIGUEZ.

Following contact report of Captain Trumbles at Guadalupe (Dept. of Leon) 30 December 1931 is quoted:

NICARAGUAN NATIONAL MILITARY ACADEMY,
MANAGUA NICARAGUA,

24 January, 1932.

From: The Director.
To: The Department Commander, Department of Leon.
Subject: Contact, report of.
References: (a). General Order No. 109 - 1929.
(b). Second Brigade Special Map.
Enclosures: Seven (7).

1. The following report of a contact which took place at Guadalupe, Department of Leon, is submitted in compliance with reference (a).

2. A patrol consisting of twenty cadets and twenty auxiliars, under my command, cleared Villa Nueva at 1300 Dec. 29, 1931, in compliance with your telegraphic orders received at 1200 same date.

3. The mission of this patrol was to proceed toward the "Valle de las Zapatas", gain contact with, and destroy a group of bandits reported as operating in that area.

4. The encounter took place at 1500 December 30, 1931, at a "quesera" called Guadalupe (Second Brigade Special Map, 150.7-260.7), nine miles southeast of Mayocunda; and lasted approximately one half hour.

5. The names of the officers, cadets, enlisted men and auxiliars who took part in the combat, are as follows:

	Captain Edward J. Trumble, G.N. de N.	
Cadete	ALONZO, Julio C.-----	#4709.
"	BARQUERO, Pedro-----	#4703.
"	BERHEIM, Jorge-----	#4671.
"	CERVANTES, Octavio-----	#4710.
"	FLORES, Julio C.-----	#4682.
"	GURDIAN, José R.-----	#4694.
"	GALLARDO, José S.-----	#4684.
"	MANTILLA, Ernesto-----	#4698.
"	MENDOZA, Abraham-----	#1881.
"	MONTENEGRO, Alfonso R.-----	#4672.
"	ORTIZ, Leoncio-----	# 620.
"	PADILLA, Hildebrando-----	#4723.
"	PRAVIA, Juan-----	#4701.
"	PICHARDO, Enrique-----	#4665.
"	ROCHA, Benjamín-----	#4699.
"	ROMERO, Pedro-----	#4677.
"	SAENZ, Enrique-----	#4700.
"	SOLORZANO, Leonidas-----	#4690.
Cabo	HERRERA, Julio-----	# 372.
"	TRANA, Rafael-----	#2761.
Auxiliars	AGUILAR, Apolonio-----	Chinandega.
"	NUNEZ, Cruz-----	"
"	ROJOS, Miguel-----	"
"	SANTO, María Feliciano-----	"

Auxiliares	GONZALEZ, José R. -----	Chinandega.
"	MOLINA, Benito -----	"
"	RIVAS, Antonio -----	"
"	LINDO, Trinidad -----	"
"	CENTENO, José R. -----	"
"	ORIAS, Julion -----	"
"	URBINA, Alberto -----	"
"	RODRIGUEZ, Ronaldo -----	"
"	RODRIGUEZ, José -----	"
"	ESTRADA, José -----	"
"	CHEVEZ, Juan J. -----	"
"	ESTRADA, Carlos -----	"
"	PATURA, Juan -----	"
"	DUROS, Santiago -----	"
"	CANO, José U. -----	"

6. The bandit group was composed of between sixty and seventy five men armed with pistols, rifles, dynamite bombs and one Thompson Submachine Gun. This group, as a whole, was well armed; but had little ammunition.

7. Our Guardia Patrol was armed with the following weapons:

- 2 Thompson Submachine Guns.
- 2 Browning Automatic Rifles.
- 3 Rifle grenade dischargers.
- 33 Krag rifles.

8. The following arms and articles were captured from the bandits:

- 1 Rifle Krag.
- 2 Revolvers, .38 Cal.
- 4 Dynamite bombs.
- 15 Rounds .38 cal. ammunition.
- Their entire food and medical supplies.
- 3 Cutachas.
- 7 Albardas.
- Clothing and loot (so destroyed by automatic weapon fire as to be of no value).

9. The casualties of the bandits were:

- 11 dead (known and reported)
- 15 wounded (estimated)

Six dead bandits and seven dead animals were left at the scene of action. On the afternoon of January 2, 1932, a native arrived at Villa Nueva and reported that he had found three more bodies at a point one half league to the northwest of the scene of action. On December 31, 1931, a "Juez de Mesta" reported to Lieutenant MacDonald that he had found two more bodies about a league and a half to the northeast of the scene of action, and that he had identified one of the bodies as that of Colonel Salinas, the Chief of Staff of Morales. Salinas is an ex-sergeant of the Guardia Nacional, and one of the group that mutinied in Telpaneca in 1929. The latter was seriously wounded in the contact, and is the man whom we thought to be Morales. Spies of General Escamilla, operating in the valley of the Villa Nueva River, reported that a part of the bandit group reorganized three days later, that they were carrying seven seriously wounded men in hammocks, and that several more were slightly wounded. Information from various sources indicates

that the bandit group was completely disorganized, and that they fled in panic following the contact. Three of the dead bandits left at the scene of action were identified as Colonel Solorzano, Colonel Tercero (both Hondurancans), and Santana Martínez ("Boleta de ocupación" attached).

10. There were no Guardia casualties.

11. The patrol cleared Villa Nueva at 1500, December 29, 1931, proceeded to San Pablo, and remained there during the night, there being insufficient moonlight for the marching. At 0600, December 30, 1931, we cleared San Pablo for Mayocunda; arriving at the latter place at 0800. Upon ascertaining from local information that no bandits had passed to the north and west of Mayocunda, the patrol cleared at 0850, proceeding in a southeasterly direction toward the "Valle de las Zapatas". At Mayocunda it was also learned that the bandits intended to burn that place on 31 December. Knowing that a Guardia patrol was operating south from El Sauce and another north (through the Valle de las Zapatas) from Leon, I decided to criss-cross and search the country between the probable routes of these two patrols. During the morning and early afternoon this included area was thoroughly searched. At 1450, same date, we passed a deserted "quesera", which gave rise to the suspicion that the bandits were in the immediate vicinity. The patrol turned left and marched up the side of a nearby mountain until out of sight. We then returned to the "quesera" through a hidden ravine. The fact that there is a scarcity of water in this vicinity, and that there is a good well in the ravine through which we returned, added to my suspicions of the nearness of the group of bandits which we were to destroy. Upon arriving at the "quesera" and quietly inspecting it, our suspicions were increased. The morning run of cheese had been made, the canoe (a hollowed log in which cheese is made) was still damp, and the workers of the "quesera" in their flight had not had sufficient time in which to hide or carry off their clothes and other personal articles. The terrain to the north of the "quesera" had been covered on our approach, and to the east on our march and countermarch. In order to cover the old trails leading to the west and south simultaneously two searching groups of ten men each were sent out with instructions to proceed no more than six hundred yards in the designated directions, and to thoroughly search their quadrants on their return to the "quesera". The remainder of the patrol (consisting of twenty men and myself) remained in the key position, prepared to support either searching group, or to attack the bandits if they managed to elude the searching groups and attempted to escape. The searching group to the west had not proceeded more than one hundred and fifty yards when it discovered two women about forty yards ahead on the trail. The group leader, thinking that they were inhabitants of the "quesera", challenged them. At his challenge, the two women turned and ran behind a riego. At the same moment, some ten or twelve bandits attempted to gain their animals which were tied nearby. It is believed this first group was composed of bandit jefes in conference, and that Morales, Umanzor, Salinas and four other colonos were present. The two women are also bandits, and were members of the same group. This detachment of bandits was completely surprised, and five of them, with seven of their animals, were killed in the first burst of firing. The main body of the bandits was in a hidden position behind a ridge about one hundred yards to the west. The fact that they saw only ten guardias

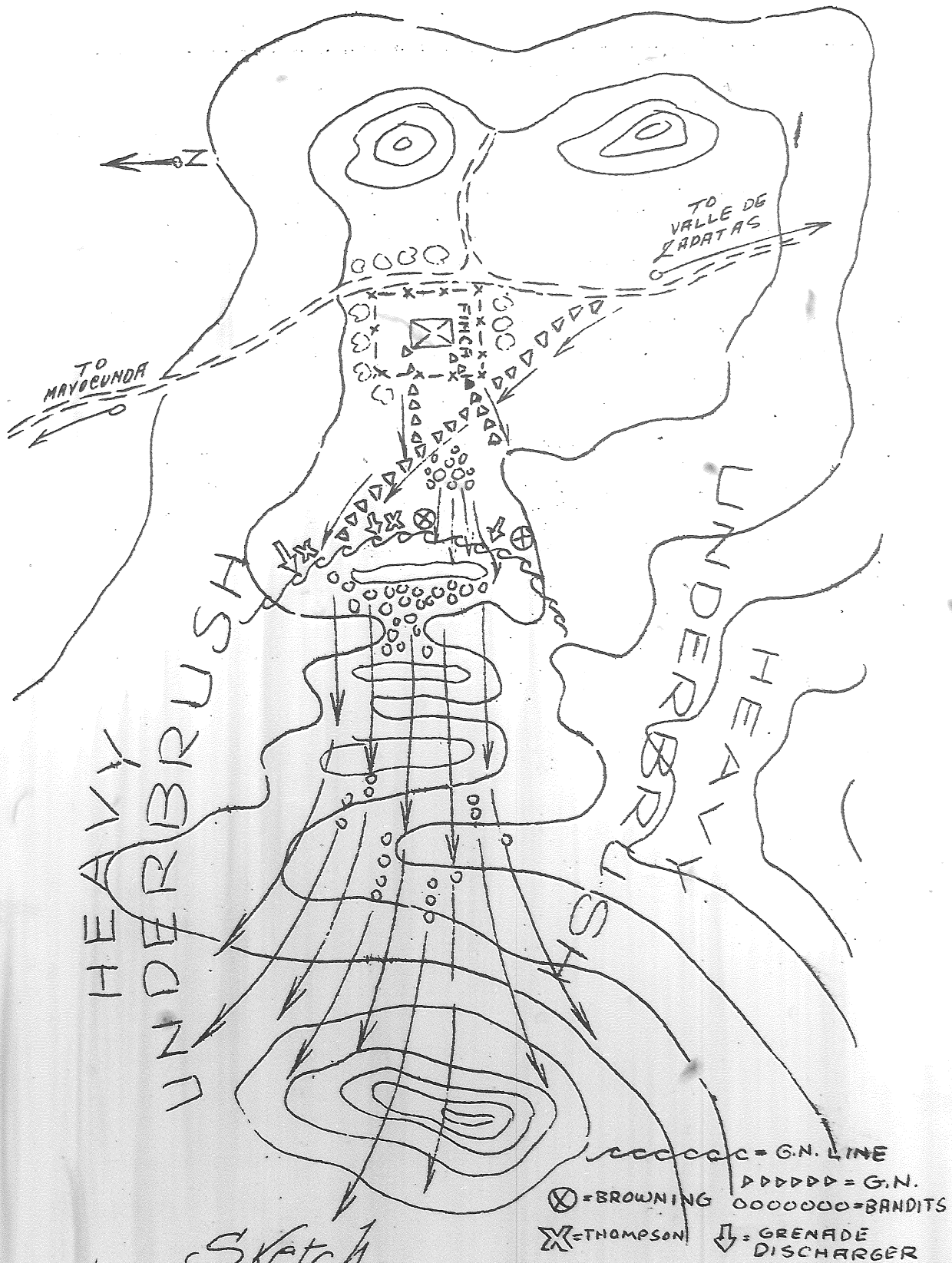
at this moment, the initial phase of the contact, served to draw them out of their position in an attempt to surround and destroy our small searching group. In the meantime, our main body less four men left in the "quesera" moved forward from the key position and to the left, in order to extend our line and surround the enemy right flank. The searching group which had proceeded toward the south returned and went into action on the right flank of our line, moving against the left flank of the bandits. Due to the high brush and grass, the bandits did not see our movements in the second phase until we were close on them. One bandit was killed and three were wounded in this phase of the action. It was at this point that the bandits ceased their "vivas", and broke and ran to their original position behind the ridge. They made the fatal error of concentrating their group in a line of insufficient length to straighten our line, and prevent us from continuing our combined frontal and flank attacks. They were dislodged from this first ridge, and from two successive ridges in the rear, in like fashion, our line continuing the advance by fire and movement. The last ridge was taken by assault, the bandits scattering and running in all directions through the heavy underbrush of a large valley to the west. We reorganized immediately, drummed the valley with rifle grenades, and laid down searching and traversing fire from two Browning Automatic Rifles. From the cries of pain and terror, it is believed that the bandits suffered many more casualties in this phase of the action.

12. Following the contact, the ground and bodies were carefully searched. The patrol then, at 1730, proceeded toward the upper mouth of the "Valle de las Zapatas". At 1800 we came across the ruins of a burned "quesera"; at 1830 a second burned "quesera" was discovered; and at 2030 we arrived at the ruins of "San Nicolas". The embers at this point were hotter than those among the ruins of the two "queseras"; but lacking necessary moonlight for further night trailing, we bedded down among the rocks surrounding the ruins of this finca. At 2100, our outpost to the south reported lights and suspicious noises at a distance of about one thousand yards to the south. At daybreak we proceeded toward this point and met Lieutenant MacDonald and the Leon patrol on the trail. It was they who had occupied the other position during the night. After exchanging information, Lieutenant MacDonald's patrol proceeded northeast, and our patrol returned to the scene of the contact. The ground and bodies were looked over again. The bandits had not returned to carry off their dead during the night. This fact more or less confirms the belief that they were completely disorganized following the contact. From this point we proceeded through the brush, searching between trails, to Mayocunda; arriving at the latter place at 1500, December 31, 1931. At 0530, January 1, 1932 the patrol cleared Mayocunda and proceeded to Villa Nueva, arriving at 1100.

13. I wish to commend the entire patrol for their spirit and gallantry before and after the contact; and to especially commend Cadete Abraham Mendoza #1881, Cadete Benjamin Rocha #4699, Cabo Julio Herrera #372, and Auxiliar Antonio Rivas of Chinandega for their coolness and effectiveness while under enemy fire.

/s/ E. J. Trumble.

EDWARD J. TRUMBLE



Sketch
 OF
 CAPTAIN TRUMBLE'S CONTACT.
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P E R S O N N E L

Captain F. M. Howard arrived Managua from Chontales 23 Jan. 1932 on temporary duty. Returned on Jan 26.

Captain J. D. O'Leary arrived Managua by plane from Northern Area on 26 Jan. 1932. Tour of duty in the Northern Area completed.

Captain G. A. Williams arrived Managua by plane from the Northern Area on temporary duty. 26 January, 1932.

Major Cheatham arrived Managua from Ocotal by plane on 26 January, 1932 on temporary duty.

Colonel T. E. Watson cleared Managua for El Sauce 28 January, 1932.

The Military Academy is again back to its regular routine in Managua. A very successful Evening Parade was held at the Academy Grounds on the evening of January 29th. A decided improvement has been noted in their drills.

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