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Lieut Elliott and Pennington and enl cleared Matagalpa for Navarro.

Lieut Elliott and patrol returned to San Isidro (CA) from Combat patrol.

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Lieut Gutierrez and patrol arrived Jinotega from combat patrol.

Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared Jinotega for La Fundadora.

Enlisted patrol cleared for Halfway to Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Enlisted patrol arrived Jinotega from halfway to Corinto Finca.

Lieuts Cramer and Brannon and thirty enl cleared on combat patrol.

Enlisted patrol cleared Corinto Finca for halfway to Jinotega and returned to home station.

4 FEBRUARY 1932

Lieut Ekborg and patrol cleared San Dionisio for Esquipulas.

Lieut Elliott and enl cleared San Isidro for Matagalpa and arrived.

Lieut Ekborg and enl cleared Esquipulas for La Pineda.

Lieut Pennington and enl reported Navarro from Cuatro Esquinas.

Lieut Martin and patrol reported Consuelo from Buena Vista

Lieut Gumaelius cleared Navarro for La Isla and returned.

Lieuts Ledbetter and Ragsdale with patrol reported Consuelo from Matiguas.

Lieut Darrah, Lieut Castrillo and patrol cleared Valle de las Zapatas for Mayocunda.

Enlisted patrol arrived Villanueva from San Francisco.

5 FEBRUARY 1932

Lieuts Pennington and Gumaelius and patrol cleared Matagalpa on combat mission.

Enlisted patrol cleared Consuelo for Agua Amarilla. (CA) .

Lieut Ekborg and enl reported Muy Muy from La Pineda.

Enl with District Judge cleared Matagalpa for San Marcos.

Enlisted patrol arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieut Thompson returned to Chinandega from Chichigalpa San Antonio and El Palvon.

Patrol cleared Chinandega for El Tempisque and vicinity to investigate report of launch landing arms.

6 FEBRUARY 1932

Captain Trumble- 5 other officers and 53 cadets from the Military Academy cleared Managua for Chinandega by special train 5 a.m. February 6 to re-enforce that Department due to alarming rumors of an intended attack on that city by Salgado and group of 300 or more.

Lieut Burt and patrol arrived Daraili from Condega.

Lieuts Hamas and Rutledge (R) and patrol cleared Ocotal for Apali and arrived.

Lieuts Munoz, Delgadillo and Whitford (IC) and patrol cleared San Juan for Telpaneca and arrived.

Lieut Stanko and patrol arrived Palacaguina from Yalaguina .

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

Lieuts Livermore and Zamora and patrol cleared Condega for Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieut Hutchcroft and patrol returned to Limay. 11 enlisted returned to La Trinidad from combat mission. Nothing to report.

Lieut Mendoza and patrol with property, arrived Esteli from Moropotente. Station abandoned.

Captain Skinner cleared Chinandega for Chichigalpa San Antonio and El Palvon and returned. Monthly inspection trip.

Patrol of enlisted returned to Chinandega from El Tempisque and vicinity, no information of any launch having landed with arms, reported all quiet.

Enlisted cleared Leon on patrol to El Convento. Returned. Nothing to report.

Lieut Martin and patrol cleared Consuelo for Buena Vista.

Lieut Navarette and enl cleared Muy Muy for Matiguas and returned.

Lieut Ekborg and enl cleared Muy Muy for La Pineda.

Enlisted patrol returned to Consuelo (CA) from Agua Amarilla.

Lieut Bryson and patrol cleared San Rafael on combat mission.

Captain Small, Lieut Alexander and patrol returned to Yali from combat patrol.

7 FEBRUARY 1952

Colonel Watson cleared El Sauce for Chinandega and arrived.

Lieut Centeno cleared Villa Nueva with patrol to Puente Real.

Lieut Schuch and enl arrived Leon from Las Lechuzas on duty.

Lieut Kalman and patrol cleared El Sauce to investigate bomb explosions which apparently took place about two leagues north of El Sauce.

Lieuts Darrah and Castrillo and patrol operating in Mayocunda area.

Sgt Nunez and patrol cleared Dipilto for Las Dificultades.

Lieuts Firth and Klein and patrol cleared Ocotal for Dipilto and Mosonte. Returned to Ocotal.

Lieut Zamora and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Condega.

Lieuts Bilbrey and Brown and patrol cleared Yalaguina for Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieut Rutledge (R) and patrol with 1 prisoner cleared Apali for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Trooper and patrol cleared Jicaro for Apali. Arrived.

Lieut Keller and patrol cleared Jicaro for apali and arrived.

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Patrol arrived.

Lieut Muhoz and Delgadillo and Whitford (MC) with patrol cleared Telpaneca for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Stanko and patrol cleared Palacaguina for Condega and arrived.

Lieut Bilbrey and patrol cleared Totogalpa for Yalaguina and arrived.

Lieuts Livermore, Brown and Berueffy with patrol cleared Totogalpa for Ocotal and arrived.

Lieut Keller and enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieut Berueffy and patrol cleared Ocotal for Totogalpa and arrived.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared Macuelizo on reconnaissance mission and returned. Covered Amatillo and vicinity. Nothing to report.

1st Sgt Cortez and patrol arrived Macuelizo from Ocotal.

Secretary of War, Captain Trumble, Captain Kiemling, Captain Brauer, Lieut Coffman, Lieut Colskey, Lieut Hancock Lieut Greico Lieut Raizo and 54 Cadets arrived from Managua to Chinandega via special train. Cleared for Chichigalpa and Poseltog. Secretary of War, Captain Keimling, Lieut Greico proceeded to Managua

Lieut Schuler and patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo to render military honors at funeral of Dr. Arana. Returned.

Enlisted patrol cleared Chinandega for El Viejo and returned with four civil prisoners.

Lieut Martin arrived Leon from Managua on special duty. Returned to Managua, duty completed.

Colonel T. E. Watson cleared Chinandega for Leon. Arrived.

Major Rideon (MC) cleared Chinandega for Managua and arrived.

Captain Williams and patrol cleared Ocotal for Somoto and arrived.

Lieuts Wallace and Collins (R) cleared Jalapa with patrol for Apali. Arrived.

Lieut McGorkle and patrol cleared Macuelizo and arrived Somoto.

Enlisted patrol cleared Esteli for halfway to La Trinidad. Met halfway patrol from that station; both patrols returned to home stations.

Sgt Garcia and patrol returned from halfway to Pueblo Nuevo escorting Lieut Jackson (MC).

Sgt Altamirano and patrol cleared Telpaneca for San Juan and arrived.

11 FEBRUARY 1932

Patrols of Captain Trumble, Captain Brauer, Lieut Darrah and Lieut Centeno in Valle de las Zapatas. Lieut Clark and patrol in vicinity of Olomega. Patrol of Lieut Spart at San Pablo. Patrol of Lieut Griffith at Cenicerias.

Lieut Snyder and patrol cleared Las Camelias for Datanli and Los Robles and returned. 1 Feb.

Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared Fundadora for El Paraiso and returned. 1 Feb.

Lieut Schmierer and patrol cleared Fundadora for Jinotega on 2 Feb.

Enlisted patrol cleared Las Camelias for Chimborazo and La Luz and returned on 2 Feb.

Lieut Snyder and patrol cleared Las Camelias for Los Milagros and Monte Verde and returned on 3 February.

Lieut Schmierer and patrol arrived Fundadora from Jindega on 3 Feb. Cleared Fundadora for Aron Juez and returned on 4 Feb.

11 February: Rumors prevalent in Chinandega that bandits were about to attack Chichigalpa. Lieut Mc. Donald and 25 enlisted from Leon dispatched by special train to strengthen detachment under Lieutenant Reid at Chichigalpa.

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

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At 10:20 PM Darrah reported from San Pablo via Villanueva that "Large group of from three hundred fifty to four hundred bandits passed through Bellavista enroute to Chinandega at about 12005 February 1932. Group butchered one large steer and took three more with them. Name of Jefe not known. are well armed and are all on foot. 17305 DARRAH".

Each of the above patrol leaders were directed to follow the bandits and to keep me informed.

The people south of the line El Sauce-Achuapa-Villanueva are alarmed and know that some movement is afoot but will not talk. Villanueva reported on the night of the 3rd that it was expected the town would be attacked. Much information and many rumors came in but the only thing that was agreed upon was that the bandits were well armed, 300 in number and headed south.

The towns along the railroad are well protected and it is not believed that an attack upon any of them was contemplated. With the many reports that this group has little ammunition it logical that they were expecting a supply. No additional information of forced contributions were received. Mendoza from Ceniceras came in last night with positive information of the whereabouts of the bandits but on close questioning admitted that he had not seen them. He did however know the strength and time of departure of the patrol from Las Zapatas the afternoon before. He appeared frightened and no doubt knew more that he would admit.

Lieut. Griffiths and Spart were still in the area around El Cangrejo but are being ordered to Mayocunda and Ceniceras respectively. This on the assumption that the other two patrols were moving south. Esteli was ordered to have a patrol of 20 men ready to leave for El Sauce by plane this morning and the Northern Area was directed to have a patrol ready to move to Esteli on further orders. A patrol of 20 civicos and guardias were ordered from Villanueva to Puente Real. Captain Trumble

with 30 will move this afternoon to Bellavista and then operate on local information. Captain Brauer will go to Posoltega by train and from there work on any local information he receives.

San Antonio later reports that 15 mounted men were near there last night but nothing further has been heard of them.

The situation up to 10:00 AM. 10 February 1932.

Reports from Valle de las Zapatas all quiet. Captain Trumble reports that he has thoroughly patrolled the Las Grietas-Olomega area and has made junction with combined patrols of Darrah and Centeno. All indications that bandits are to the east and north of Clocoton and Valle de las Zapatas. The patrols are moving into that area. Captain Trumble further reports that he is only 24 hours behind this group.

Rumors have been received that the group has not left this vicinity but are in the El Chonco Mountain.

Captain Trumble with his patrol and that of Lieuts Darrah and Centeno covering the area mentioned above.

Lieut. Clark now at San Juan ordered to cover the El Chonco Mountain and if no information to remain in area San Juan-Olomega Clocoton until Friday and then proceed north.

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7 FEBRUARY: Lieut Pennington and patrol from Navarro (CA) had contact with bandit group in vicinity of Blandon, near Santa Isabella (140-247) Kenyon Map. Contact lasted fifteen minutes. No guardia casualties. Bandit casualties unknown. Destroyed four bandit camps in immediate vicinity of contact. Captured 1 rifle, several articles of clothing and outachas. Destroyed quantity of food stuffs.

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Captain Small and San Rafael patrol returned Yali. Had contact February four at El Tule with group estimated at twenty five, Jefe unknown. One bandit killed and one wounded. No Guardia casualties.

Lts Cramer Branon Thirty enlisted returned from combat mission. At 10:30 AM February five in contact with bandit group between Los Angeles and Pavona, Jefe PERFECTO GUTIERREZ, group estimated forty, contact lasted fifteen minutes no guardia casualties bandit casualties unknown.

Lieut Pennington with Navarro patrol had contact at 2 PM on February eight at Carretera with group of forty contact lasted twenty minutes, no guardia casualties, bandit casualties two killed, one wounded, Jefe unknown.

P E R S O N N E L

Captain G. F. Good from Ocotal to Managua by plane on 11 February, 1932, for further transfer to the U.S. Tour of duty in Nicaragua completed.

Captain W. L. Elmore from Leave in the U.S. to temporary duty at Chinandega 9 February, 1932.

1st Lieutenant F. D. Beans joined the Guardia from the U.S. on 9 February, 1932. Transferred to Ocotal for duty.

Lieut Munoz from Ocotal to Managua by plane on leave. 11 February, 1932.

Lieut Brown from Ocotal to Managua by plane on February 9 Temporary duty.

Lieut Whitehead (MC) Ocotal to Managua by plane on 11 February, 1932. Temporary duty.

Lieut Zaval Esteli to Managua on temporary duty, 11 February 1932.

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