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3 MAY 1932

Lieut Delgadillo, seven enlisted and one civico cleared Totogalpa for Somoto. Arrived Somoto and returned to Totogalpa.

Lieuts Beans, Chenoweth, Mathewson (M) and Gutierrez with patrol arrived Quilali.

Lieuts Vogel, Berueffy, Aleman and Cabrera and twenty-one enlisted arrived Apali from Jalapa. Left Lieut Keller and twelve enlisted at Santa Clara, proceeding for San Fernando.

Lieut Bilbrey and eight enlisted cleared Yalaguina for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieut Hamas and twenty one enlisted cleared Apali for Jicaro. Arrived.

Capt Gaspar, Lieuts Bell and Silva and thirty enlisted arrived La Trinidad. Covered area of Santa Cruz. Nothing to report.

Capt Gaspar, Lieuts Bell and Silva, thirty one enlisted and one civico cleared La Trinidad. Arrived Esteli.

Lieut Keller and twelve enlisted arrived San Fernando.

Lieut Zamora and twelve enlisted cleared San Fernando. Arrived Apali.

Lieut Bilbrey and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for Yalaguina.

Lieut Delgadillo, seven enlisted and one civico cleared Somoto for Totogalpa.

Lieut Burns and twenty five enlisted arrived Telpaneca from Apali.

Lieut Bilbrey and eight enlisted arrived Yalaguina from Somoto.

5 MAY 1932

Lieut Fonseca with five enlisted and Inspector de Hacienda cleared Jinotega for direction Matagalpa on escort mission and returned.

Lieut Weeks and nineteen enlisted and one civil prisoner cleared Jinotega for San Rafael.

Captain Schwerin, Lieuts Cramer and Gutierrez with eighteen enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Capt Smith, Lieut Darrah with thirty enlisted arrived Corinto Finca from Jinotega.

Capt Schwerin, Lieuts Cramer and Gutierrez with twenty one enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Capt Smith, Lieut Darrah with thirty enlisted cleared Jinotega for Corinto Finca.

Lieut Castillo with twelve enlisted cleared La Concordia on combat patrol to Hungria and Coyolito.

Lieut Castillo with twelve enlisted and two civilian prisoners returned La Concordia from combat patrol. Had contact in Colon, no Guardia casualties, one bandit killed, several wounded.

Lieut Elliott with sixteen enlisted arrived La Fundadora.

One Cpl with twelve enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Lieut Montenegro with thirty enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

Lieuts Gumaelius and Aguado with six enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo and reported.

Capt Lakso with six enlisted cleared Navarro for Cuatro Esquinas and returned.

Lieuts Stevens and Saenz with three enlisted cleared Esquipulas for Muy Muy via La Pineda.

Lieut Schmierer with sixteen enlisted returned San Isidro from combat patrol.

6 MAY 1932

Lieuts Price and Burt and twenty two enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from combat mission.

Lieut Rodriguez, ten enlisted and one civico cleared Santa Maria for Ocotal. Arrived.

Capt Williams and eight enlisted cleared Somoto for half way to Pataste.

Lieut Burnheim and fifteen enlisted cleared San Juan for half way to Quilali.

Lieut Price and ten enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Brown and nine enlisted cleared Pataste for half-way to Somoto. Met Capt Williams and Somoto patrol at half-way point. Both patrols returned to stations.

Lieut Brown and eight enlisted cleared Pataste on police mission to San Francisco. Searched hacienda and found ten fighting cutachas. Returned.

Lieuts Wallace and Cabrera and twenty one enlisted returned Apali from half-way to Jalapa.

Lieut Haubensacak with twenty five enlisted cleared Jino-tega on combat patrol direction el Horno.

Lieuts Cramer and Gutierrez with seven enlisted returned Corinto Finca from Sajonia.

Capt Schwerin, Lieut Krawie with twenty five enlisted and Capt Smith, Lieut Darrah with thirty enlisted cleared on combat mission from Corinto Finca.

Lieuts Cramer and Gutierrez with seven enlisted cleared Corinto Finca for Sajonia.

Capt Lakso with Lieut Montes and thirty enlisted cleared Navarro for combat mission.

Nineteen enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Navarro and arrived.

Twelve enlisted cleared Muy Muy on police mission and returned.

Lieut Herregodts with ten enlisted cleared Matiguas on combat mission.

7 MAY 1932

Eight enlisted arrived Leon from Chichigalpa for duty.

Lieut Reid with ten enlisted and ten auxiliares cleared Somotillo and arrived Villa Nueva.

Lieut Atweel and twenty enlisted cleared Somotillo for border on investigation mission.

Agents from San Pablo-Moyocunda-San Nicolas-Rio Tecomapa returned Somotillo. No bandit information.

Lieut Schuch reports camp at Santa Lucia abandoned 7 May at suggestion of civil engineer. All guardia now at Punta Rieles.

Sauce reports Lieuts Buitrago and Artola, five enlisted and four auxiliares for transfer to Somotillo escorted by Lieut Jarquin and seven enlisted cleared El Sauce to meet half way patrol from Villa Nueva. Lieut Jarquin will return to Sauce escorting 5 enlisted and three auxiliares transferred to El Sauce.

Sgt Tiffer and eight other enlisted cleared Palacaguina for half way to Pueblo Nuevo.

Lieut Hammond and ten enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for half way to Palacaguina.

Cabo Ruiz and six other enlisted cleared Dipilto for Ocotal. Arrived.

Lieut Cabrera and fifteen enlisted cleared Apali to repair buzzer line to Jicaro.

Lieut Montenegro and fifteen enlisted returned Jalapa from half way to Apali.

Lieut Hammond and nine enlisted arrived Palacaguina from half way to Pueblo Nuevo. (Lieut Hammond joined from Pueblo Nuevo Patrol).

Lieuts Hammond and Stanko and eight enlisted cleared Palacaguina for Condega. Arrived.

Cabo Robleto and nine other enlisted returned Pueblo Nuevo from half way to Palacaguina.

Lieut Kipp and thirteen enlisted cleared Ocotal for Macuelizo. Arrived.

Cabo Mendez and five other enlisted cleared Ocotal for Dipilto. Arrived.

Lieut Cabrera and fifteen enlisted returned Apali from direction of Jicaro.

Lieut Stanko and nine enlisted cleared Condega for Palacaguina. Arrived.

Lieut Brown and nine enlisted returned Pataste from half-way to Somoto.

Lieut Pravia with four enlisted and fourteen Auxiliares returned San Juan de las Pencas from near border of Honduras.

Eight enlisted cleared Chichigalpa to Leon for Duty.

Lieut Castillo with six enlisted cleared La Concordia for La Gradilla on police mission. Returned La Concordia after having covered La Gradilla, Ocotillo, San Cristobal and Valerio.

Eight enlisted cleared Navarro for Consuelo and reported.

Capt Mixon cleared Matagalpa for Managua.

Lieut Gonzalez with seven enlisted cleared San Isidro on police mission.

Lieut Herregodts with nine enlisted returned Matiguas from combat mission vicinity Anzuelo.

8 MAY 1932

Lieut Muñoz with three enlisted and twelve auxiliaries cleared San Juan de las Pencas for Chinandega. Arrived.

Lieuts Martinez, Buitrago and Artola and nine enlisted, escorting five enlisted and three auxiliaries, arrived Villa Nueva from half-way to El Sauce.

Lieut Jarquin with seven enlisted returned El Sauce from half way to Villa Nueva.

Lieut Sanchez Cesar, five enlisted and five auxiliaries returned Leon from Talica after several days of patrolling that area, report all quiet.

El Sauce reports Lieut Reid with ten enlisted and 11 aux cleared Villa Nueva for Somotillo.

Lieuts Hammond and Price and ten enlisted cleared Condega for Daraili. Arrived.

Lieut Beans and seventeen enlisted cleared Telpaneca for half-way to Telpaneca.

Lieut Silva and fifteen enlisted cleared Esteli for half-way to La Trinidad.

Sgt Rodriguez and nine other enlisted cleared La Trinidad for half-way to Esteli. Patrols met and returned to stations.

Lieut Vogel and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro to repair buzzer line between Jicaro and Apali.

Lieut Keller and nine enlisted cleared San Fernando. Arrived Apali.

Patrol returned San Juan from half way to Telpaneca.

Lieuts Wallace and Cabrera and twenty enlisted cleared Apali for Las Puertas on reconnaissance mission. Returned.

Lieut Keller and nine enlisted cleared Apali for San Fernando.

Lieuts Hammond and Price and ten enlisted cleared Daraili for Condega. Arrived.

Lieut Kipp and thirteen enlisted arrived Santa Maria.

Lieuts Hays and Gutierrez and twenty enlisted cleared Quilali on police mission.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander, Central Area GN., with Lieut Leady and ten enlisted arrived Jinotega from Matagalpa.

Lieut Haubensack with twenty five enlisted returned Jinotega from combat patrol.

Major Whaley, Lieut Leady with ten enlisted cleared Jinotega for Matagalpa.

Lieut Flippo with twenty enlisted returned La Fundadora from combat patrol. Covered Ocotal, Espeso, Santa Inez and Rincon Largo, La Concordia.

Lieut Castillo with four enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael via La Vuelta del Roble. Returned.

Lieuts Weeks, Rocha with nineteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from Jinotega.

Captain Small, Lieut Rocha with fifteen enlisted cleared San Rafael for half-way Yali.

Lieut Castillo with four enlisted arrived San Rafael from La Concordia.

Lieut Ashbrook with thirteen enlisted arrived San Rafael from half-way Yali.,

Lieut Castillo with four enlisted cleared San Rafael for La Concordia.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander Central Area, CN., Capt Davis with three enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Managua.

Five enlisted reported Matagalpa from Cuatro Esquinas.

9 MAY 1932

Lieuts Mahoney, Hamas, Zamora, Gutierrez and Aleman and Northern Area patrol of thirty six enlisted had contact with bandit group under Sinforoso Gonzalez at zero seven hundred May eighth at Mulagros two four two dash three eight six period. Fight lasted fifteen minutes, known bandit casualties four killed including Sebastian Caceras Chief of Police for Sandino. Number of wounded unknown. Bandits scattered in all direction. Camp destroyed. Captured large quantity food supplies and miscellaneous articles. No Guardia casualties.

Five enlisted with five auxiliares cleared Chichigalpa for el Pellisco. Returned. Reported all quiet.

Seventeen enlisted Guardia band cleared Leon for Managua. Duty completed here.

Capt McQueen, Lieuts Griffin (M), and Sanchez with five enlisted and ten auxiliares cleared El Sauce for Achuapa to pay and inspect.

Captain Schwerin, Lieut Krawie and twenty five enlisted, Captain Smith, Lieut Darrah and thirty enlisted returned Corinto Finca from combat mission.

Lieut Solorzano with ten enlisted cleared San Rafael for half-way La Concordia.

Captain Small, Lieut Solorzano with ten enlisted arrived San Rafael from half way La Concordia.

Lieut Castillo with ten enlisted cleared La Concordia for half-way Yali.

Captain Small with ten enlisted cleared La Concordia for San Rafael.

Ten enlisted returned La Concordia from half-way San Rafael.

Colonel Watson, Area Commander Central Area GN., Lieut Leady with ten enlisted cleared Matagalpa for Jinotega.

Patrol of nine enlisted cleared Consuelo for Navarro and arrived.

Lieut Schmierer with nine enlisted cleared San Isidro for Chaguitillo.

Major Whaley, Lieut Leady and ten enlisted arrived Matagalpa from Jinotega.

Captain Lakso, Lieut Montes and thirty enlisted returned Navarro from combat patrol.

Lieuts Mahoney, Vogel, Zamora, Aleman and twenty enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali. Arrived.

Capt Gaspar, Lieuts Bell and Saravia, twenty five enlisted and four civil prisoners cleared Esteli with supplies for Limay. Arrived.

Lieuts Vogel, Wallace, Aleman, Cabrera and Zamora and thirty enlisted cleared Apali for Ocotal via San Fernando. Lieut Zamora to remain at San Fernando and Lieut Keller to join patrol and proceed to Ocotal. Patrol arrived Ocotal.

10 MAY 1932

Sgt Martinez, four enlisted, two auxiliars with Hacienda Inspector, cleared Leon for vicinity Quezalaguaque on contraband mission.

Lieuts Broderick and Monterrey and fourteen enlisted arrived Dipilto from Ocotal.

Lieuts Broderick and Monterrey and nineteen enlisted cleared Dipilto on combat mission.

Lieuts McDonald, Vogel and Cabrera and sixteen enlisted arrived Totogalpa from Ocotal. Cleared for Somoto. Arrived.

Lieuts Burns and Lopez and eleven enlisted cleared Condega for Pueblo Nuevo. Arrived.

Lieut Pallais and seventeen enlisted cleared Apali for half-way to Jicaro. Returned having met Jicaro patrol at half way point.

Lieut Gutierrez and fifteen enlisted cleared Jicaro for Apali. Met Lieut Pallais and patrol at half-way point, and returned to station.

11 MAY 1932

Sgt Martinez, four enlisted, two auxiliares and one Hacienda Inspector returned Leon from Quezalguaque. Nothing to report.

Lieut Muñoz with five enlisted cleared Chinandega for San Juan de las Pencas. Arrived.

Lieut Burt and Burns and sixteen enlisted cleared Pueblo Nuevo for Ocotal. Arrived.

Capt Gaspar, Lieuts Bell and Saravia and twenty-six enlisted cleared Limay for Esteli. Arrived.

Lieut Ragsdale and eighteen enlisted cleared Jalapa on half-way patrol to Apali.

Lieut Pallais and twenty-two enlisted cleared Apali for a half-way to Jalapa.

Lieut Pallais and twenty enlisted returned Apali from half-way to Jalapa. Met Jalapa patrol at half-way point and completed mission.

Lieut Ragsdale and twenty enlisted arrived Jalapa from half-way to Apali.

Lieuts Hays and Bernheim and twenty five enlisted cleared San Juan on combat mission.

12 MAY 1932

Capt McQueen, Lieut Griffin, ten auxiliares and six enlisted arrived El Sauce from Achuapa.

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

Following contact report is quoted:-

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA
LA CONCORDIA, JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA,
April 22, - - - 1952

From: 2nd Lieut G. Castillo, GN,
To : Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega, Nic.

Via : District Commander, San Rafael del Norte.
Subject : Contact report of.
Reference: Telegram 19318 from District Commander and
Verbal orders of same.

1. In accordance with telegram 19318 from District Commander, a patrol of seventeen enlisted cleared for San Rafael at 8:00 PM on 17 April, 1952.

2. Arrived San Rafael about 10:00 PM and reported to District Commander where I received orders to clear with a patrol of 25 enlisted men for Saraguasca and vicinity.

3. 17 April - 2300. We cleared for Saraguasca and arrived at that place at 3:00 AM on April 18 after having passed "Sabana de Enmedio", "Meza del Cote" and "La Joya". At this last place information was given to me that on the 16th early in the morning, one group under command of Transito Sequiera had passed Tonatoya, that they had cut the telegraph line Jinotega-San Rafael and cleared for Saraguasca mountain.

18 April - 0700. Explored Saraguasca mountain and then we cleared for San Marcos. Arrived San Marcos at 11:00 AM where I was informed that a group of 30 under Juan Altamirano had passed that same day at 6:00 AM for the South. We continued South and arrived "San Marcos de Abajo" where I also was informed that the night before at 11:00 PM a group of 100 mounted had passed there, jefe unknown, but possible was a main jefe. Arrived Namanji at 5:00 PM. Information was given to me that Pedron Altamirano was at Santa Barbara with a group of one hundred.

19 April - 0600. Cleared Namanji for Santa Barbara. Arrived at Terreno Grande at 8:00 AM. Arrived Santa Barbara at 9:00 where we were told that a group of 100 mounted had passed on the evening of the 18th. We saw some zopilotes flying in direction to a mountain which is close to Santa Barbara. Cleared for said place and started climbing up the hill. Bandits opened fire, they had stone trenches. My patrol returned the fire and contact started. Bandits used during the contact: one Lewis Machine Gun, one Sub-Thompson Machine Gun, rifle grenades and hand bombs. My patrol approached the top of the hill after one and half hours fight. Due to the fighting positions and shells left at the place of the contact I believe the bandits numbered up to one hundred, and that they used on this contact one Thompson, one Lewis, Rifle grenades, Krag Rifles, Con Con Rifles, Remington cal .7 Rifles, pistols .38, .44 and .45 and dynamite hand bombs. We pursued

the bandits for about one hour and found many blood trails. We returned to their camp and found eight horses, six saddles, bridles, one guitar, one accordion, two fresh killed beefs, tortillas and some other food stuffs and one pistol.

19 April - 1500. We returned to Valle Santa Barbara and cleared for Zunit at 1800. Arrived Zunit at 2100 after passing Zapote and San Marcos de Abajo.

20 April - 0600. Cleared Zunit and arrived San Rafael at 8:00 AM.

4. The conduct and good spirit of the entire patrol was excellent.

5. Ten Rifle Grenades were discharged at the bandit line; however only three of them exploded.

6. Arms used by the Guardia during this contact with the bandits were: two BARs, Two STMG, Two Lanza Bombas, 19 Krag Rifles and one .38 pistol. The patrol consisted of the following enlisted men:

	2nd Lieut G. Castillo C.	
	Sgt - - - Briones, Manuel	# 896
(CM)	Cabo - - - Acevedo, Santos	3906
	Maso - - - Alvarado, Benigno	3258
	" - - - Acuña, Villareyna	4563
	" - - - Araica, Federico	4417
	" - - - Araica, Juan	4410
	" - - - Castro, Cayetano	4771
	" - - - Castro, Esteban	3853
	" - - - Corea, Damaso	3519
	" - - - Duarte, Demetric	4215
	" - - - Estrada, Justiniano	4527
	" - - - Hernandez, Jose	4105
	" - - - Herrera, Pablo	4173
	" - - - Loria, Francisco	3073
	" - - - Martinez, Jose	3517
	" - - - Mairena, Lazaro	4349
	" - - - Ortiz, Canuto	3877
	" - - - Palacios, Anselmo	1578
	" - - - Rios, Jose	2564
	" - - - Rivera, Fernando	4099
	" - - - Sunsin, Eliseo	4459
	" - - - Sevilla, Bibiano	4514
	" - - - Sevilla, Jesus	62
	" - - - Tellez, Julio	3838
	" - - - Zamoran, Antonio	4277

7. Guardia casualties, none. Due to signs of blood left by the bandits it is believed they had many wounded.

/s/ G. Castillo C.

Following contact report is quoted:

Company "B" Department of Jinotega,
Guardia Nacional de Nicaragua,
Yali, Nicaragua.
26 April 1952.

From: First Lieut G.R. Weeks, GN, de Nic.
To : The Area Commander, Central Area.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte.
Subject : Patrol report.
Reference: Radio thirty nine, San Rafael. 23319.

1. In compliance with the above order, I cleared Yali with a patrol consisting of Lieut Ashbrook and twenty five enlisted. The patrol cleared at 0130 and arrived La Concordia at 0630. Spent the day and night there, awaiting further orders.

21 April - I received orders to clear for San Rafael at 1000, arriving there at about 1145. Upon my arrival, the commanding officer told me to stand by with my patrol and be ready to clear at a moment's notice.

22 April - Received orders from Jinotega, through the District Commander, San Rafael to clear for the Colon Valley via Concordia, at dark, at about 2100, my patrol cleared for Concordia, and arrived there at 2500. After spending about thirty minutes there, re-packing our animals and to secure information as to the best trails to take out, we cleared for the Colon at 2330 and arrived there at 0430 on the morning of the 23rd.

23 April - Spent the morning in keeping the patrol under cover as much as possible. There were many evidences of bandits being, or having been in the immediate vicinity and every precaution was taken so as to not disclose our position to them. The patrol was allowed to sleep and rest for a short time in our present position. We then cleared for Sacacali at 1315. Upon arriving at Sacacali, the patrol was ready to descend a hill, when the point saw a group of armed bandits in a camp at the foot of this hill. The patrol opened fire on this group and they, in turn, returned our fire, after a period of about twelve minutes, the bandits scattered in all directions, our fire from the automatic weapons causing them to leave their positions. We captured one prisoner in this fight and used him to guide us in the direction that I thought would lead us to another camp. Following a well used trail, the patrol arrived at a place called Hato Viejo, where we spent the night. Before retiring for the night here, we persuaded the prisoner to talk and he admitted that he knew position of another camp nearby and that he would lead us to it in the morning.

24 April - At seven thirty, we cleared our present camp site and using the prisoner as guide, we arrived at the bandit camp at about 0955. We had been following the ridge for about two and one half leagues and the point arrived

at a point about two hundred yards from this camp. At this range, the point had to open fire, due to the fact that the bandits saw the patrol advancing. This camp was situated on the edge of Loma de Nancia. The fire lasted about fifteen minutes, after which the patrol routed the bandits with rifle grenades, rifle and automatic fire. The bandits, in leaving their positions, ran down the hill and entered heavy brush. One section of the patrol followed until the trail was lost due to the fact that the bandits on reaching better shelter, scattered in all directions, while the second section remained in the camp to secure and destroy all articles of equipment that the patrol would not be able to carry out. Upon the return of the first section to the site of this camp, the patrol was reorganized and proceeded in the direction that the bandits scattered. Arriving at Santa Barbara at 1630, we made camp for the nite. The prisoner who guided us to the camp, escaped from the point when the point opened fire on this group.

25 April - Upon arrival at Santa Barbara, the people informed us that the bandits had passed through there and that they would probably spend the nite at San Marcos. Before retiring for the night, I held a conference with Lieut Asubrook and Sgt Escobar, in order to clear and proceed to a point just outside of San Marcos where we could find our positions and wait for day light. Santa Barbara is situated about two leagues from San Marcos. On this evening, I did not have the patrol follow the trail towards San Marcos due to the fact that the patrol was tired and the captured equipment, including animals, was very difficult to transport. The patrol cleared for San Marcos at 0200 and arrived there at about 0430. Upon our arrival at San Marcos, we were informed that the bandits, instead of stopping there for the nite, had proceeded on in general direction of Yuca Yuca. At 0530, we cleared San Marcos and proceeded on the trail of the bandit's column, arriving at a point somewhere at the north-west side of Sara Guasca, where we lost the trail. We then cleared for Suni, where we arrived at seven o'clock and had breakfast. Cleared Suni for San Rafael, believing that further pursuit of this group would not result in a contact. Arrived San Rafael at 11:15.

2. The following articles of equipment were captured in these two contacts:

- 15 Animals with saddles complete.
- 3 Guitars, one accordion.
- 2 Hand grenades.
- Carpenters tools including adz, auger, chise, plane hammers and other tools.
- 2 Saddle bags.

3. In the first contact, reliable information led me to believe that the jefe of this group was Marcelino Rivera. His group consisted of about thirty men armed with pistols and Krag Rifles.

In the second contact, I received definite information that both, Marcelino Rivera and Juan Altamirano were present during the fighting. It is my belief that after the first contact, Marcelino Rivera and his group of thirty,

arrived at the camp of Juan Altamirano. It is believed that at the time, Altamirano had about fifty of his own men in his camp and after Rivera joined him with his thirty, there were combined group of about eighty men, of whom about half of them were well armed.

4. During the actual firing of both contacts, the Guardias showed evidence of being well disciplined and cool under fire. The patrol displayed knowledge of their ability to handle their respective weapons, only firing when the target presented itself.

5. Casualties: bandits, evidence of many wounded or killed. Guardias, none.

/s/ G.R. Weeks.
1st Lieut C.N. de Nicaragua.

Following contact report is quoted:

GUARDIA NACIONAL DE NICARAGUA,
LA CONCORDIA, JINOTEGA, NICARAGUA
1932 May 6. 1932

From: 2nd Lieut C. Castillo, C., GN;
To : The Area Commander, Central Area, Jinotega.
Via : The District Commander, San Rafael del Norte,
Jinotega, Nicaragua.
Subject: Patrol and contact, report of.

1. On May 5th, at 6:00 AM I cleared with a patrol of 12 enlisted to investigate a group of bandits who were at Colon, Hungria and Coyolito.

2. 5 May-0600. Cleared with Concordia patrol for Hungria and arrived about 8:00 AM where we were informed that on May 4th, bandits had arrived at that place. They were mounted and firing their arms saying that they would soon attack Concordia. We continued in direction of Coyolito where we obtained the same information.

0900. Arrived Colon where we found a group of bandits, I displayed my men in order to surround the group and opened fire against them. They returned our fire but a few minutes later they fled to a hill. My patrol advanced toward the hill making the bandits retreat after half an hour fight. The camp was explored and one dead bandit was found, he had one pistol and thirteen cartridges, thirteen rounds Krag rifle (second class), twelve rounds Krag rifle (first class), one canteen USMC #1082 and one handkerchief red and black (silk). During this contact bandits used Krag rifles Faravelum pistol, .38 pistols and hand bombs.

Articles captured to the bandits: 1 pistol .32, thirteen rounds .32, twenty seven rounds Krag Rifle, two horses one mule, two saddles, one canteen, 1 guitar, red and black

handkerchiefs, clothes, cheese, beans and great amount of tortillas.

I was informed by some guardias that the dead bandit was Jesus Valdivia. The dead bandit was carried to Coyolito for identification but it was not confirmed, although is believed he was a jefe.

1500. Returned to La Concordia.

2. The conduct and discipline of all members of the patrol was excellent.

The arms used by the Guardia were: one BAR, one STMG, one Grenade Discharger, nine Krag rifles and one .38 pistol COLT.

Ten rifle grenades were discharged at the bandits line, however only six of them exploded.

3. My patrol consisted of the following men who took participation during the contact:

2nd Lieut G. Castillo C., GN.

Cabo Nuñez, Manuel.....	#2784
haso Castro, Patricio.....	3754
" Gradis, Jose.....	4214
" Lopez, Escolastico.....	3907
" Mejia, Octavio.....	234-
" Prado, Leonardo.....	4532
" Reyes, Felipe.....	3255
" Roa, Antonio.....	3524
" Talavera, Salomon.....	4076
" Segovia, Jesus.....	3525
" Ubeda, Ignacio.....	4232
" Duarte, Demetrio.....	4215

/s/ G. Castillo C.

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Lieutenant Wallace arrived Managua from Jicaro by plane on 13 May, 1932.

Lieut. Fox (MC) arrived Managua from Matagalpa on 13 May.

Lieut. Ashbrook arrived Managua from San Rafael on 11 May 1932.

Lieut. Clark transferred Managua to Boaco, to take command.

Lieut. Stanley arrived Managua from Boaco on 13 May.

Lieut. Kemp joined the Guardia from the 2d Brigade on 12 May.

Colonel J. C. Smith, Director of Operations and Chief of Staff cleared Managua by train for Leon on 13 May.

Captain W. L. Bales, Law Officer, cleared Managua for Leon by train on 13 May.

Lieut. Berueffy to Managua from Ocotal by plane on 13 May.

Lieut. Singletary arrived Managua from Jinotega on 13 May.

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