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horses & mares. total ~~on~~ on Sunday 39
night 1 September. Alfredo, Casimiro Gay,
Elio Bedema, Jose Viginio, Wenceslas,
Eustacio, Ewaldino & Juan. Indians it
seems had cut fence and cut N.N.W.
Ewaldino & Juan had followed up about
3 leagues north of the Isletas yesterday
& had seen the direction they had taken.
Say that 7 Indians had gone with the
robo. In all we take 28 horses counting
C. Gays 3. Left home 8.30 AM & at noon
encamped at Estero Las Vegas and
at night sleep near point of monte south
of Cueva del Tigre. Weather N.E. wind
cloudy & threatening but cool.

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Thursday. - Left camp at 6.15 AM. and
reached Isleta Largo 11.30 AM. Morell
saw us camped there & thought we were
Indians, and cleared to the house.

Reached Chilcas at sun down and
camped at house. Morell turned up
later on in night having followed
us up ^{with a peon}, thinking we were Indians.

Morell complains greatly of pests etc
only has 2 peons, but treated us very
well. Weather cloudy & threatening
but fine day on whole.

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Friday. Drizzly forenoon so encamped
all day. Morell treated us very well
& butchered cow for our benefit.
Cleaned arms & rested horses.

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Saturday. Drizzly morning, Left Chilcas
at 9 AM. & marched to Charrua where
we reached 1.30 ^{P.M.} about 4 leagues.
Morell went with us about 2 leagues.

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2 mule tracks and 1 horse track going
southward about 2 leagues west of Chilcas.
Elio & Ewaldino went to see where Indians
had passed with robo and found where
they had encamped about 2 leagues west
of Charrua at an estero. Also found
Colorado B. lanceado (atajine). -

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Sunday. Left camp Charrua at 6.30 AM.
and marched N.N.W. about 3 leagues &
struck the track of the robo & then northerly
3 leagues more & then unsaddled ~~close~~
not far from 1st Isletas, but no water
for horses. Lost watch near Charrua.
Indians had passed night here at the
Isletas. Marched about 3 leagues in evening
until way in dark to a big Isleta course
N.W. - Camp after leaving Charrua for
about 1 1/2 leagues very good & then a
tremendous big tacurnal & espartilla
until near 1st Isletas & then some good
camp, and then another big tacurnal
to where we sleep. ~~No~~ water all day nor
tonight. Slight frost this morning warm
day.

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About 1/2 league N.N.E. from camping
found Canada with Charco of water, also
a pozo where Indians had passed a day
& night with arreo. Camped there until
about 1.30 P.M. Indians had eaten a lot
of bichos there, gama, lion, ostrich fox, peludos,
etc. Marched about 4 1/2 leagues N. bearing
a little east in open camp. After leaving
camp, very good camp for about 2 leagues,
and then espartilla; encamped for night
at some small chararcitas but no water.
Passed 1 or 2 Isletas. Before getting to an
Isleta about 2 leagues where we had

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encamped, saw rastrellado of 20 to 30 cows going eastward about 10 days old. A league further on found 1 tired cow of Moules mark & 7 tired calves, & thin, evidently left by the Indians. Also saw rastrellado of cattle taken by Indians. - No water for night but had brot along in water bag. -

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Tuesday. - Marched thro very bad camp & about $\frac{1}{2}$ league of monte ralo - $4\frac{1}{2}$ leagues Northwly course to a rotten water hole (pozo) north edge of monte, about 11 AM. Indians had encamped there with arreo of cattle old & fresh, ^{Indians} also had butchered vaquillona there. Desimal scene, horses very thirsty, so stopped & pulled out of well, 3 dead ostrich & a scabby fox, & then pulled ^{all} the water out for the horses with the aid of the caserola & my rubber sheet. - Had mate & grub. Tried to take all mud out of well, but it was too much, & water did not seem to come. N. side of monte which is open camp except an isleta or two in the distance, we found any amount of cattle rastrellado, Indians seems to pass this water hole very frequently. - Left again at about 4.30 P.M., marched about 1 league N.E & then suddenly the tracks suddenly struck almost west which we followed about 2 more leagues. Come to the first montes at some down. After leaving water hole ~~in~~ afternoon, camps got very good especially towards the monte. One old rastrellado of cattle go N.E from water hole, & the fresher tracks go with the horse trail. Sleep

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again with no water & do not make fire for night. Slight frost in morning.

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Wednesday. Close to camp found trail again & about 10 sq where we encamped westward found splendid ~~water~~ estero with water & the first tolderias, which had evidently been deserted when the robo arrived about on the 5th. At the estero were the overo I & cohudito gateado I and yegua saina B. Toldos (24) ^(Moules) in two or three diferent places close to. A cow & 3 calves passed the estero (close to which we had unsaddled), and we latched a calf. In camp cut thro monte about $\frac{3}{4}$ league northward and then direct westward about $\frac{1}{2}$ league & encamped for night at another estero. - In pinconado of monte. Indians had been there in toldos about on the 6th when it had drizzled. Stand guard tonight. Camp very good, strips of Iubrachales, but no very thick Iubrachos. Saw different kind of Iubrachos with longer leaves & denser. - 12 - 8 days out.

Thursday. Got on track very soon & made thro monte NNE about a league & in reaching nice open campito about 10 sq broad found a tremendous deserted ^{about 30 squares} tolderia on east side by an estero on edge of monte. - Deserted about day before yesterday, tried horse there. Ewaldino thought he heard & saw the tracks of an indian clearing in monte so we very hurriedly marched on track very hot until noon when we saddled in a sort of puerto between two big camps but no water. Marched about 4 leagues this forenoon more or less N.N.E. At big tolderia Indians had

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butchered 20 cows at one sitting it seemed.
Found a tor-dilla mare killed on
road. Left again camp at about 3 P.M.
& marched about 3 leagues on track
N.N.E. thro monte to a dry water hole
where indians had slept, and then marched
about a league due east in magnificent
open camp. Strip of monte running E and
W, and way in distance can see monte.
Saw tired horse left in Quebrachal by
indians & a ~~pacuna~~ by the dry water
hole. Sleep again without water &
make no fire. Horses getting delgado.
Jose Mejia left his mount mala cara
of rosado tropilla behind tired.

Getting to a very exciting part of
country and lots of tracks about, but it
seems the indians had repartured at big
tolderia, also at dry ~~water~~ water hole.

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Friday. — About 1/2 league from where we
slept found deserted tolderia in an
opening of the strip of monte facing south,
with a fine estirito with water. Indians
had left yesterday morning, about 20 toldos.
Some cow bones about. Caught Elia &
Ewaldino left to bombear about 2 P.M. and
the rest about 3.30 marching eastward
along south side of strip of monte. After
marching about 3/4 of a league Elia & Ewal.
came back reporting a tolderia about 1 1/2
leagues to eastward in opening of monte.

So we waited until dark in a rinconadito
of monte & then marched to about 1/2 league
of tolderia and waited until the attack.

Another hot day. Fine monte Lapacho,
Guagivi, bottle shaped tree with cotton blossoms
etc. —

10 days out

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Elia & Ewaldino went on foot last night
to spy out the tolderia, no fires, but could
them talking & laughing & could hear the
dogs bark from where we were incamped.
About 3 o'clock we saddled up, leaving our
spare horses manearad & the cargers saddled
and went to get around the tolderia to
gather the horses etc. ^N moon had just
got up. We had got ^N past the toldos
all right & saw the horses when we suddenly
saw an indian among them, he asked Ewaldino
who were, and ~~not receiving~~ an answer
charged ~~at~~ horse back, giving 3 hoots.
we immediately chased and shot him as
he was getting into monte on foot. We
immediately gathered all the horses we
could see and charged down towards the
tolderia full speed, right in front of
the toldos there was a rodeo of about 50 head
of cattle which we drove out with the
horses. When we got right in front of the
toldos they fired about 10 shots at us.
This was before day break. We left the cows
when we got some distance from the toldos
& hurried the horses (19) towards ours &
hunted them all right. Elia, Alfred,
Casimiro & Juan then went back to the toldos
to see whether any cattle left but there
were none, they had already come out &
marched south ward in open camp.
An indian was driving a band of about
15 horses towards the toldos & the indians
fired & yelled at us. — So we went back
& went to a water hole about a league to
the west in edge ^{in bags} of monte to get
water and to give horses water before
proceeding any further. Just as we got
to the water hole the indians came on

Indian Expedition

- 1 night.. south of Cueva del Tigre
- 2 Chilcas
- 3 "
- 4 Charrua
- 5 Isleta south of aguada
- 6 Chañaratas esparillar
- 7 100 y from estero 1st tolderia
- 8 estero west side of monte
- 9 N. Costa monte near ~~aguarda~~
- 10 Near Tolderia
- 11 Making twist Palmar & monte
- 12 Montecito estero
- 13 Costa monte Golondrina
- 14 " " near laguna Vivoras
- 15 " " " " "
- 16 Isleta fde North side
- 17 " " south "
- 18 Puertito monte S of laguna loco
- 19 Palo Pelado
- 20 East of Chilcas - Costa
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- 22 South of Cueva del Tigre
- 23 night home. —

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us and nearly surrounded us, so we retreated southward to open camp. When we got about 1000 mts away from monte in tacurusul they came at us full lick with their piercing yells & nearly surrounded us on 3 sides, firing at us, 6 or 8 of them would get off in tacurusul & gather us within a couple of hundred yards & fire at us. Seem very good shots.

One of the first shots ^{wounded} killed pangave home & also tostadito Elia was riding, when they would get too close we would retreat. One indian was wounded in beginning, & was taken off by two companions. When Elias horse was hit they all got together & then after a bit about 28 of them came at us full lick just like to have ^{hand} to hand fight. When about a square off one who came on ahead was shot which considerably cooled the ardour of the rest whose cartridges also seemed to run short, as they had shot at least 200 shots. Indians seemed to have clothes & hats like cristianos but all their shouting was done in their own language. We marched on & the indians stopped behind, the question now was water as the only water was in the monte where the indians were and it was out of the question to go back. So we continued to march southerly until we got about 5 leagues from the toldos & then doubled to the east crossing the southern part of the Palmar. The day was very hot and a very strong north wind was blowing. In afternoon the two horses of J. Higinio mount were left behind tired, an alaso & oscurita (redomones B) Evening came on and we were all suffering considerable

from thirst. but on we marched plowing. About 9 o'clock P.M. we struck a low place & dug with our knives, & at a distance of about 4 ft struck water, but very salt but which considerably revived us. filled the water bag & and on we marched again bearing east by a little north. Juan had here parted out to find water & did not turn up again. Elia also got separated and did not turn up again.

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Sunday. Fearful march all last ^{night}. The salt water we drank gave us fearful diarrheas, and did not quench our thirst & every few minutes had to go the bag. Towards morning the bag gave out and our thirst was bad; about sun up we sighted a montecito ahead of us but it looked very dry sort of a place; not even caray uatas. To help ~~our~~ quench the thirst we eat cactus plants, but thank goodness we found an estero of beautiful water by the side of an old corral de rama in the monte. Didn't we drink though! I had thought sure we would all die of thirst, as Ewaldino thought the coast of monte of the Golondrinas a long way off yet. Elia nor Juan had not turned up, but at noon Elias horse turned up, & Ewaldino & Eustacio went to look for him. But at about 3 o'clock he turned up on foot very bad with thirst. He had unsaddled on edge of montecito & turned his tired horse loose. There were some fires about, and in afternoon reconitied north side of monte which was only about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a league long. Calculated that we had marched about 6 leagues to the

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eastward from yesterday afternoon. It was a very hot day. Juan not turned up yet. - We had been in saddle about 28 hours so were considerably tired. The Bruno carguero behaved very well. He also was under saddle 28 hours. Ewaldino seems much afraid the Indians would follow us up. - Shot a venado & caught some mulitas & peludos. The Palmaros that we passed & the camp this side simply swarmed with mulitas & peludos. -

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Juan turned up this morning early among the horses greatly to our alarm at first as we thought he was an Indian. Thank goodness we are all alive any how. - He had found water in camp. Reports lots of tiger tracks in this monte. Great alarm on account of fire seen on our tracks so we immediately paddled up & after filling our water bags marched about a league east to a small isletita or few trees, an algarroba had mark with nails A J. we suddenly saw a fire close NE from us, so we struck SSE & marched about 2 leagues in open camp or banado to an isleta. It was drizzly. After cooking we marched another league in the dark in same direction and struck the costa monte (algarrobal) Must be the montes of costa golondrina, as the camp is very low. - No water for horses & we camp in a very poor place. Horses giving out rapidly. - In morning early it was hot but afterwards tormento camp up, & slightly drizzled rest of day. - Ewaldino says that isletita with mark A J is only about 6 leagues from a station on railroad.

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Tuesday. - Marched this morning about 1 1/2 league southerly along monte. Caught 2 fat horses a blanco & a rosillo which the peones wanted to eat. Plenty of water & good feed when we unsaddled. Casimiro shot a macho ciervo which is a good thing as all our bacon & charqui is gone & very little rice left. - Muggy forenoon. Saddled up again in afternoon late and marched S about 1/2 league in heavy rain along costa of monte. Rain continued until about midnight. A big lake in front of us Ewaldino says is called Laguna de los Vivoras. -

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Wednesday. Camped all day & dried Pilchas, but the gente are in a great hurry to move as afraid Indians had followed us up. - Juan & Wencelao killed big macho ciervo at camp. About 10 squares from here at point of monte is a big corral de rama, 1 of palo de pino & a small one de rama, & lots of old cattle tracks. - Ewaldino shot guasunchos. Report the place teeming with ciervo. - Weather not settled yet. -

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Marched southerly about 1 1/4 leagues to the N.W side of Isleta grande. Bañada fearful heavy to march in. - Nearly all the horses getting tired. - Camped here for rest of day. Shot & crossed a trail of roba of about 14 horses which was going N.W towards Laguna de los Vivoras. - A killed big ciervo at camp. In afternoon went out on foot & killed another guasunchos. Good hunting place. - Must have seen at least 20 ciervos in last 3 days. - Elias shot game

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Friday. - Marched in two marches along west side of Isleta to extreme southern point. Camp fearful heavy & full of water. Fine grass here, where we sleep (tambo). Weather warm & cloudy & looks like we would have more rain. - Juan found 34 ostrich eggs. - 21 -

Marched southerly about a league in morning to Laguna Loco, Camp fearful heavy. Horses nearly all sick of stomach ache. guess from green grass, borotilla. Left alazana mare B and an indian mare behind tired. Casimiro shot curro. In afternoon marched about a league to point of monte, Casimiro shot guasuncho. Can see Palo Pelado next point of monte about 2 leagues off. Warm clear day. - 22 -

Sunday. Horses were back from Calic so encamped until about 4 o'clock, & cut across to Palo Pelado S.S.W about 2 1/2 leagues. Camp not so heavy, & seems did not rain so much here. No water for horses tonight. - Hot day. - 23 -

Marched in morning about a league to where the Calchaqui river seems to begin. In front are some isletas by a lake called Albarriz (or Vivoras by some). Had to leave poor picaso Carrera at Palo Pelado sick of stomach ache, other horses coming along very badly. In afternoon marched along river about 2 leagues to where some big isletas are on east bank. Casimiro shot 8 flamencos & and we had a feast in night 2 pucheros! Juan & Waldino did not turn up. -

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it seems they had been chasing baguales. Hot day & north. Yerta finished after being on short allowance for a few days. - Left azulijo of rosado biopella behind tired. - 24 -

Sept 24 - Arrived at Chilcas at 9 P.M. Found Morrell had also left on expedition after indians on the 12th as the indians on the night of the 7th had stolen about 260 head of cattle. I went together and had hoped to catch up with us. - Had good feed & plenty of meat at Chilcas. - In afternoon two potrillos P Saino & m alacana turned up, & after a deal of chasing Waldino & Wenceslao corralled them. Fearful north wind. - 25 -

All day at Chilcas resting horses. J. Higinio went with peon Don Pedro & trot azulijo left tired closer towards the Chilcas. Peon here reports plenty of grain at Patumares. - 26 -

Left Chilcas in morning & marched to Laguna Chinapi where we encamped at noon. About 3 1/2 leagues march. - Had torments last night but very little rain & fine cool morning for marching. - In afternoon marched to about 1 league south of paso Puera del Jigre & encamped costa monte. - 27 -

Reached home at about noon. Found had rained very heavily here on the 16th & the esteros all full of water. Indians had been in camp here several times. Had taken a picaso indiano, and left 3 which had stolen before. Reached home with 42 horses etc. had left with 28. -