

1901

Al Bantz

Estancia Los Palmares

Calchagua

June 15/90

^{Reconquista}
Hunting trip up ^{Reconquista} Cañada del Rey. Alfred and Todd left Palmares in trap to Calchagua at 4.50 A.M. & reached Calchagua 9.30 A.M. Took train to Reconquista & sleep at Hotel Frey. Elias, Roque, & Tomas Almada went with 25 horses & 3 pack mules on afternoon of the 13th to Fortin Arzales to meet us there. Weather had rained in Calchagua as far as Las Cañas & up to Reconquista yesterday, but not a drop at Los Palmares.

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^{Reconquista}
Sunday. Made purchases of grub etc at Maunabo last night & this morning. Went in coach to J. Moore to see about a vaquero. Also saw Corti ^{to take us} about going out tomorrow to Arzales. Visited Mrs. Miller. Heard band play in Plaza fine day -

June 17 - 1901

Left in Cortis trap for Arenal
with stores etc. Don Feliciano Ramirez
met on road & came with us.

Coach \$15.00, Elias & ponies turned
up in afternoon. Slept at
Arenal. Fine day. Muddy.

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Left Arenal at 1 P.M. and marched
about 2 1/2 leagues to last gate
of Taboadas & camped. Fine camp.
Muddy. Brought an asado along.
Ramirez came as far as Taboadas
noria. Fine day muddy.

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Left gate in heavy fog & marched
passed 3 isletas to Carlos Diaz 9.30 -
who was not at home. Posters came
part of road \$2.00 & showed us the
way. Stopped at Carlos Diaz until
1 P.M. & marched about a league

to the cañada Forti Paraiso, & hunted
in monte. Killed 4 parotas. The
Vaquerano Benancio Contrera found
us in evening. Fine day.

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Fine day & wind. Marched about a
league to opening of Picado Orlandina
& camped. Hunted in forenoon.
Only killed 1 par del monte. Plenty
of tracks. Todd shot a gato onza.
Saw 2 ciervas. Plenty of tracks.

- 21 -

Warm day.

Hunted all forenoon; found nothing.
Saw 2 ciervas. Plenty of tracks.

Moved in afternoon thro picado and
about 3 leagues up cañada Zarijon
Dulce. Very pajoso and poor feed
for horses. No game and very few
tracks.

June 22nd

Road and horses last night
on account of poor feed. Marched
about a league ^{south of Picado} to Cuervo del Tigre
an ideal camping place. Good
water & splendid feed. Plenty of
Trunks. Cuipincho, yacare etc in
Rug. Shot a nabo Real, parakeet and
a ciervo. Next day, look stormy tonight
bag: ciervo (Zornas)

- 23 -

Cuervo del Tigre. Sunday.
Hunted all about but found
nothing. bag: Charata^(a). - Rained
some last night and a thundering
warm sort of a day. Put tent up.

- 24 - San Juan

Moved camp to east mouth of
Picado Ormandine again. Near west
opening of Picado a tiger had
killed a trito so set rifle at

a trap. Shot a pavo. Very foggy
& cloudy day. S. wind cleared up
in evening. - Formed horses late.

Campo Puerto Picado^{- 25 -} Very foggy & cloudy day.
Looked for tiger in morning. He had
come and eaten a lot of meat
but did not set gun off. - Toda
shot 4 pavo. Zornas a guacamacho

- 26 -

Campo Puerto Picado
Elias & Vagueano left to visit farmers
brother at average Juntas. Alfred's horse
cleared as he was after a ciervo. No bag.
Fine day.

- 27 -

In morning shot 2 pavos. Strong N. wind.
Elias & Vagueano came back in afternoon
from J. Ledesmas with news of a good
hunting ground further north west of
Ocampo. Warm fine day. - Zornas
shot a labo del monte

June 28^a

Marched from day break to 1.25 P.M.
to arroyo Las Gargas end of Ocampo
R.R. Elias went by his brother's house.
Road through picado very bad. Strong
N wind & looks stormy. Elias &
brother turned up in after-
noon. Put up tent. - 6.53 a.m.
shot 2 hares

- 29 -

Weather cleared up nicely in
night and no rain. Found horses
very late and marched back thro
picado to cañada & then up & back
to arroyo & cañada fargas & camp
after about a 2 league march.

Juan Sedesma came along. Snake
bit the samo boy. In afternoon
hunted about but no bag.

Tomás saw 2 ciervo

June 30 Snake camp

Sunday. Horse died from snake
bite. Found horses late, and moved
up cañada about a league & a quarter
& camped. Hunted about. Lots of tracks.
A killed an aguara, Elias an ant
bear & caught the young one. Strong
N wind & hot. Killed 2 snakes in
camp.

July 1 - Snake camp

Juan Sedesma left in morning, Elias
& Todd went along & came back at
night, saw no game. A killed an
aguara, Tomás a quasuncho and
a pavo. Strong N wind & hot.

- 2 - Snake camp

A & Elias hunted north & killed a
ciervo. Burned off camp. Stormy
day but no rain.

July 3 - Snake camp
Weather changed to cold south wind
but no rain. Hunted south & Todd
killed a big ciervo.

July 4 - Snake camp
Hunted north & N. East and Todd
had shot at macho ciervo.

Met an old hunter who came to
camp with us. Frost but wind
changed again to N. E.

- 5 - (Puerto Las Fargas)
Decided to get a vaquero &
try an estero permanente to the
west, & Elias left to look him up
& we moved camp down fargas
canada close to alambardo.
Hot day. Rested & washed up
in afternoon. Strong south wind
began to blow in evening.

July 6th - Puerto Las Fargas
Hunted about in monte in forenoon
whilst awaiting kivas. In after-
noon Roque shot 4 charatas. 2
ciervos seen today. Fine day.
S. Wind

- 7 -
Sunday - Hard frost. A killed
a macho ciervo. Todd a frías-
uncho. Elias came back bringing
sugar, yute, gallitos, and no
hope of finding more ciervos.

8 -
Broke up camp on march back
home after a happy hunting
expedition. Passed bridge where
bullock trains pass. Shot 8 oycaras
in morning & unsaddled it
for a seclismas. Cold morning frost.
In afternoon marched southward
about 2 1/2 leagues to a river in

July 1901

a camp. Sagers camp near a
gate. & camped for night.

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Marched at 5.20 am. and passed
Las Fayas at Vicenti Alonso's camp.
and unsaddled at Isleta in 3
Isletas camp. & marched again
to Labrados camp estero south of
Villanuevas & camped for night.
Mosquitoes last night and hot
north wind. Feast day.

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Marched from 6.35 to 8 am.
to Fortín Arenales. Benancio
went to Reconquistar & takes message
to Cochero to come out tomorrow.
Hunt ended as ^{Tomás & Roque} Iles & men
go straight on to Palmares &
Todd & A. go by train.
In afternoon fished & hunted
in monte - 2 javalla -

2 palomito 1 ostrich

Heat day N wind.

Don Feliciano not at home.

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13 char.
 1 pavo
 10 pavo

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