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on road n of Verde fence. — M. Fraire came as far as Potrillo & stopped night. Warm day. W. & wind. — 6 league march today.

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Left Faruías at 7.30 and reached Cacique 10.30 A.M. about 3½ leagues and stop the night. Felis Roman is here (Godoy's capataz). All the neighbors here had a good scattering of cattle during the temporal 28 29th of last month and are still looking for them. — Camps very good here, and at Oso. In afternoon Felis had on rodeo about 1400 head, cattle looking very well, & butchered a very fat novillo and gave us meat. — Sent for Calcha to Tris Pozos to come and act as vaqueros to San Bernardo. Day was hot with strong north wind. — In the morning the horses had a disparada at Faruías one of Julian's horse clearing with saddle. — 9 —

Left Cacique at about 7.15 A.M. and marched about 3 leagues to 9.45 to Tris Isletas (Jabordas) Passed through very good camp belonging to Banco? Take Calcha along as far as San Bernardo as vaquero. Felis come as far as 3

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Isletas. Stop the day here as they say no more water until we get to San Bernardo except a well near Monte Peludo. Horses don't drink very well here as water in well is atombado, and the lagunita by house is dirty. Julian got new dog (Bonito) from Felix making 4 in our pack. No gamas to be seen yet. Last night the wind changed to south and a fine day. N.N.W. march.

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Sunday. Heavy fog until 11 A.M. and could not find all the horses until 2 P.M. so stop the night here again. Next day.

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Locked horses in corral last night when moon went down and had an early start 6⁴⁵ A.M. and marched about 6½ leagues due north to San Bernardo reaching there at 12 A.M. Passed through Monte Peludo where some men (Santiaguinos) were digging a well 2 leagues from Mrs Isletas. Passed through very good camp but at San Bernardo not so good. Capt Chena received us very well and gave us meat & green barley & dry hay for our horses. Their horses very thin. Capt Chena showed us around the fort & jahuels. Then

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are about 27 soldiers, who do all sorts of work, plowing, taking care of cattle, building etc. Strong southerly wind & cloudy and cold. Calcha the vaquero returns from here, gave him \$10.⁰⁰

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Capt China gave us 2 soldiers to act as guides to a well about 6 leagues N.W of San Bernardo. where some Santiagueros are cutting posts so as to be able to take the road to San Luis. The road by way of Fortin Tacuru they say is obliterated so rather unsafe to go on account of water. Left San Bernardo at 8.⁵⁰ am and reached Pozo Quinto in monte about 2.⁵⁰ P.M. about 7 leagues. Camp to N.W of San Bernardo is good and picturesque with isletas & toras de monte, and near well the Lutrachales begin and grass not so good. Slight rain last night & today it looked rainy. Put up tent tonight. Dogs killed 1 venado. Lutracho looks different from Calchaqui quetracho. leaf is like quareguay & wood seems picado & sold.

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The two soldiers return to San Bernardo. gave them \$5.⁰⁰

Marched at 8 am. and gave water to horses at Agustín Montes well about $\frac{1}{2}$ league to west of Pozo Luvito.

A Santiaguero boy here accompanied us to Pozo Basualdo which is on road from Inca to San Luis (2 leagues march N.W. and camped at 10 am. (at Pozo Basualdo). A Santiaguero family (wood chopper lives here and says $4\frac{1}{2}$ leagues to Pozo Cuadrado. Shot at mark in afternoon.

The directors of Estancia Unidos had passed up to San Luis on 9^a. Santiagueros gave us roast matabaco and ostrich meat: gave them gallitas & rice. Frost in morning and very cold night -

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Heavy fog in morning. Left camp at 8.⁰⁰ am. and reached Pozo Cuadrado N at 11 am. about $3\frac{1}{2}$ leagues. Santiagueros here gave us some ostrich meat. Camp open and monte (both poor). Water in well here saltish for horses but in represa (dug out) good for drinking purposes. - A tree here has name of L. Zuberbuhler, A. Villate, L. Saldivar, J. Norman, A. Puerto, Laplacette, J. S. de la Fuente, H. Wilkinson, evidently the party

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ahead who have gone to San Luis (the directors of Estancias Unidas). A cabo (Sosa) chasqui from San Luis to Inca on way back borrowed a horse to go to estancia as his own had tired out. Horses did not seem to care to eat or drink at Pozobuadrado so saddled up at 5:05 P.M. & reached Pozo San Martin (o abra bajo) ^{corner of Prov. Santa Fe, Santiago & Chaco} at 10:20 P.M. about 8½ leagues. Scrub monte & open places in poor Lantochales which seem to gain strips. N. of Pozobuadrado seem to be a lot of salitrals, Palm-ares bajos & tusca. Caught a mataco. Found Jose Escobar brother & a picket of 2 soldiers here at San Martin. Fine day, night cloudy.

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The two soldiers here at San Martin rounded our horses last night. Stopped at this place today, and went out hunting in different directions. Escobar took us to Pozo Toba about 4 leagues west where there is the best camp about here, but it is at most a poor specimen of open camp. The salinas join the campo Toba on S.W. side. Camp between Toba & San Martin one mass of tusca and thorns & monte. Killed an ant-bear and an ostrich & saw some guanacos.

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Indians supposed to have tolderías close here.
Frost here and south wind.. Mojon 500 mts.
 east of Pozo Tolu has no 3 N.W. on east side and
 no 4 N.E. on west side.. Lots of game here but
 bad country to hunt in on account of thorny
 shrubs.. — 16 —

Had frost & wind.. Marched 8.³⁰ a.m. to
 P.M. to Pozo del Medio about 7 leagues N.N.E.
 Well very deep 24 mts & water has taste of
 something rotten. No settl. ment here or on road.
 Camp much better, high rolling, best we have
 seen since Pozo Quinto. Inebachalis but not very
 broad. Some deer about. Had horses loose last
 night and Julian's strayed way south again.
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Sunday. Left camp 7.³⁰ a.m. marching N.N.E.
 and reached Estancia San Luis at 12.³⁰ about 7
 leagues. Camp N of Pozo del Medio not so bad
 camp rolling interspersed with monte. About
 3 leagues N of Pozo del Medio found a big excavation
 (ancient) & about 10 ft deep. I suppose it is
 where meteor had fallen & dug out by Indians,
 as found pieces of ore; while in excavation about
 quarter to 10 heard a very loud report like an

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or thunder? Cattle here at Estancia seem in fair condition. Camp fenced in is 5 leagues and cattle 3000. Abelardo Barbie here is manager. also met Paulo Arriola here on a visit, and Teniente Castillo with soldiers. The expedition of directors had left today for Havana. We camped at the new brick house. Had broke our paba 2 days ago and Barbie gave us another one. Barbie says 65 leagues of camp 3000 head of cattle, mares, horses etc for sale for 130 or 140,000. (Zutubuhler camp). We rondared horses last night at Pozo del medio. Elias & Sanchez saw lots of guanaco today. Very hard frost in morning & bitter cold. The well here at San Luis (they say is) is 35 mtrs deep and bored 80 mts. water a bit saltish. Australian represas, wind mill, horse power, volcador.

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Frost and better cold morning. Marched at 7.30 or 8. took a round about road E, NE, N, SE, & S to Janigo by road, (about ESE straight from San Luis) long march and very strong NE wind blowing. Reached the old ^(deserted) fort Janigo 4 P.M. and found some water at the dug outs or represas as they call them here. Camps dry 10 leagues by road 7 leagues straight

and burning and the best was near "oso tuerto" and the "Bolsa" but I don't suppose these camps would hold more than 500 to league. Barbie gave us some meat and we killed 3 gams and a guanaco^{1st}. Lots of very old tolderías about. The expedition going ahead seem to be burning all the camps.

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Camped here at Janigo all day to give horses a rest. Elias and Julian hunted to the west and saw lots of guanaco & deer and got embroiled in monte which is very thick west side. Monte palo to east and north east. Bag 2 deer, 1 guanaco. Bad day with very strong N. wind

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In morning early wind changed to SE & cold. Marched at 7 A.M. following track of expedition Zuberbuhler until 5 P.M. They are burning nearly all the camp and about 4 leagues east of Janigo found a water hole called laguna del Señor, place where expedition had stopped but it was near dry so we marched on. Passed through diversified camp, very pretty, which seems rather good beginning about 2 leagues east of Janigo, & keeps getting better more to east. Long march

at least 12 leagues to find water at Laguna
 Juasunchu, in a low place surrounded by fire
 but camp about 10 squares further on in grass.
 saw Guanaco and bagged 4 gama, 1 ostrich.
 "Nandubay" written on tree by expedition who had
 passed here today ahead of us. They evidently
 had to pass one night without water about 2
 leagues further back. Strong SE wind. Nearly
 all camp today burnt. - Course ESE.

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Marched after giving water to horses about $1\frac{1}{2}$
 leagues (6:45 A.M.) ENE to old Fortin Encrucijado
 (deserted) where found here the expedition Zuber-
 huler who were encamped here without water
 or grub as their 2 reses got lost at Janigo, chan-
 ing out well here, about 6 metres deep camp very
 good where passed this morning. Warm day NE
 wind. These people seem very anxious to get their
 camps holed, offering to sell at long term
 of payments. Vaqueano Perez says here to Palmare
 negros is 3 leagues to east and 8 leagues south.
 Saw a big palo borracho tree ~~to~~ a league to west
 of encrucijado. Elias got into well to dig
 it deeper but no more water came so at 3:30

P.M. marched about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ^{leagues} S.S.E. to Fortin Encarnizado Avanzado which is a fine deserted Fortin 2 stories high and well built in open camp between dense montes. Camp good to Encarnizado and the montes are much better than any we have seen yet. plenty of gran bestia tracks. Camp on fire to south, water in a low place about 500 yds from here.

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Fire last night 'avanzado' is here as wind changed and very strong; locked in horses for a few hours in Fortin. Marched at 8 A.M. until 12 o'clock. Got in road from Avanzados about a league to E.N.E. and then marched E.S.E. to Los Gauchos old fortin, but found no water at estero. Met the expedition (who also unsaddled here) again. At 2.10 P.M. marched again S.E. to Pozo Ingeniero (Gomez Melino) about 2 leagues 3.40 P.M. where there are some water holes & camp here for night. Camp about a league ^E from Avanzados begins to get low, Tacumusalis. Camp 1 league ~~west~~ east of Avanzados & Encarnizado good from there westward for about 8 leagues. best camp is about 3 leagues west of Encarnizado. Strong S wind, beastly day, lots of camp burnt

and no grass or game

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Marched about 3 leagues to Fortin Primer Agua ESE 7.¹⁰ to 9.⁴⁰ A.M. Monte ralo and cañada, esteritos, not bad. Camped all day and hunted. bagged 1 ciuto. Cold morning nice day SE wind. Camp towards east seems open or cañada

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Sunday. Bitter cold last night & heavy frost. Marched from 8.¹⁵ to 1 P.M. about 6½ leagues. About 4 leagues E of Primer Agua reached Cochuck on west edge of cañada. Camp between mostly cañada and scrub monte. From Cochuck to monte where wood choppers (primer abraje) SE about 1½ leagues bad cañada and then 1 league through Iustrachal low and poor, signs of having been worked formerly. Saw tiger tracks (fresh) and seems a good game country to west of Cochuck. Saddled up 3.¹⁵ P.M. and marched until 4.30 P.M. E about 1½ leagues and camped side of estero at old palm corral. Meecham was out hunting and says RRoad is only ½ league from here, a desvio station 3 leagues south of Savanna. Bagged 1 coati. Very low monte and only begins good here.

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Heavy frost. Marched at 8:40 AM ^{1/2 league} to Kil 168 a way-side station with a few houses and a bolichito where we bought some gallitas, meat, cigarros \$5.50

There is an old crested of the soldiers here (Tapera)

Marched at 10 AM to 11:40 AM along the RR and camped at noon about 3K north of Amores.

Palucales in Monte Ralo, camp dry, say had no rain since April. The expedition had gone to Savanna yesterday, very hungry etc. Marched again in afternoon & passed through Amores where got some more stores, visited barber etc and then camped at Jose Holzers about a league along RR. Camps very low and burnt with frosts. Amores is a very small place built with palms. Fair day SE wind, 4 leagues.

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Frost coldish day S.E. wind. Marched at 8:15 AM camp very poor with grass for horses. Got to desvio 141 then to Ombu about 11:30 but did not stop and then passed desvio 123 & 115 and unsaddled close to latter at a bad place about 2 P.M., at only opening in neighborhood with charcos of water. - Julian stopped at Ombu and did not turn up. Very

thick muck from Ombu to here with no openings. -

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Frost coldish day SE wind. Marched at 6:30 A.M. until 1.15 P.M. to Uribe poblacion south of Palmar near Laguna Loca. Had passed desvio 108 and then Golondrina where bought more stores etc. - Camps very dry and luckily there is water at Uribe here. Met here Willie Yates, Angel Uribe, Ruede Stirmeman etc. We found Julian at Golondrina. - Report indians having stolen horses towards Guaycuru. Funny we saw no tracks going out. - Marched about 8 leagues today with vueltas. - Got plenty of fat meat here. -

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Frost. SE wind and coldish. -

Marched at 8 AM until 1.30 to Japoniers at Palo Pilado. - about 6 leagues. - Visited Jerry Oconnor at N end of Laguna Loca. There was a Yagune Colorado cow B with a big last years calf. Gave calf to Jerry and encargared him the cow. Afterwards visited Carlos Richet at south end of Laguna Loca, had mate and then came on to Japoniers. Juan Adler is here. Mrs Searson gave us cheese and bread. Laguna Loca almost dry and every body baddiando for their cattle. Grass all

burnt with frosts. Taponier not home. Got two horses
1 pangare & 1 saine & left by indians last year.

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Frost but wind changed to north and warm day.
Marched from Taponier at 7 am. to costa river at
bend near monte about 4 leagues south of Palo
Pelado. Marched again 3 P.M. to 6.45 to Mig. Dur-
ans about 5 leagues. 9 league march today.
Duran lives at isleta NE of Isleta Larga. He did
not come (from Vera) until late. Up until mid-
night listening to his yarns. bug, 1 gama 3 nutria.
Camps very dry as hardly rained March or
April. Baldeando for cattle. Some water in taja-
mar. Lots of pig tracks near monte. -

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Warm day N wind. Marched at 8 to 10.30 am
to a puesto tapera about 3 leagues south of Duran
costa of a nice estero N side of isleta. plenty of
water here. Passed Mendez's place and camps
looking fresher. Marched again at 3 P.M. to
paso Cueva del Tigre, about 2 1/2 leagues, estero
south side of paso. M. Duran made Alfredo
a present of a big straw hat. No game. -