

Hdqtrs. Post, Barceloneta P. R.  
Nov. 28, 1898.

Assistant Adjutant General,  
District of San Juan,  
San Juan, Porto Rico.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report from this post for the week ending this date:

No men on patrol duty 26.

My method of protecting property and preserving the peace has been changed somewhat and I now have six men doing patrol duty on private plantations. Two detachments <sup>of 10 men each</sup> are stationed in the country near stations of Alcalde Barrios and patrols are sent out from these detachments daily to patrol the adjacent territory.

During the past week I have succeeded, with the assistance of the mayor, in locating a band of bandits, 32 of whom I have arrested and turned over to the Judge of Arecibo who will give them a trial this week.

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, at Seat 61119.

District report - gang of  
bandits located - 32 arrests  
made - will be tried this week  
in Mexico - 60 in hand - other  
captures expected - five and  
sixty, total loss; 800 - di-  
satisfaction was change of man-  
ner - new man, a liberal, while  
district is conservative; major  
expects trouble.

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There are about 60 in the band and I hope to make many other arrests during the next few days.

One fire and a robbery have been reported during the week with a total loss of about \$800. Arrests have been made in both cases.

From the advices of the mayor and from what I can learn from the natives there is great dissatisfaction in this Jurisdiction about the change of mayors ten days ago. The former mayor was a Conservative and the new one a Liberal. In this Jurisdiction there are about four Conservatives to one Liberal.

What the result will be cannot yet be determined but the mayor informs me that he expects trouble. I have taken all precautions possible.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedient Servant,

J. Baird French  
1st Lieutenant 6th U. S. Vol. Inf.  
Commanding Post,

MS 23 P. 59.  
Barcelona

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1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. W. W. W.

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