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Commissioner-General of Immigration,  
Washington, D. C.



There is inclosed herewith, in triplicate, copy of report made by Senior Patrol Inspector Douglas D. Pyeatt, on the 10th instant, covering a shooting affray in which the officer named, together with Patrol Inspectors Irvin H. Cone and Herbert C. Phelan, was fired upon by Mexican liquor smugglers on the evening of the 9th instant west of El Paso, Texas, near International monument No. 2. The officers returned the fire and it is noted that apparently one of the smugglers was wounded, as a trail of blood was found leading toward the International Line.

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(Signed) G. C. Wilmoth.

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Chief Patrol Inspector,  
U. S. Immigration Service,  
El Paso, Texas.

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**IMMIGRATION SERVICE**  
**EL PASO, TEXAS**

You are advised that on June 9th at about 5 p. m. the writer, in company with Patrol Inspectors Irvin H. Cone and Herbert C. Phelan, mounted on horses, left their camp at Pelea, N. M. for the purpose of working in the canyon from boundary line near monument No. 2 to El Paso brick plant in New Mexico. The purpose was guarding the border against illegal entry of aliens and contraband that might pass in that vicinity.

We left our horses tied in the mountains near monument No. 2 and proceeded on foot to trail near brick plant, the place we intended to work. Just as we arrived, about dark, in the vicinity where Patrol Inspector Chad Pippin was killed and Senior Patrol Inspector Crossett wounded, we met two men with pack burro loaded with apparently a heavy load. The two smugglers upon seeing us opened fire with what the writer judged to be pistols. Their fire was returned and one of the smugglers was believed to have been hit, as upon cutting signs near scene of shooting on the morning of the 10th inst. a trail of blood was found leading toward monument No. 1, where the smugglers no doubt crossed back into Mexico. Upon examination, the burro was found to have been hit twice in hips, and the load of liquor upon his back was found to contain two 4 1/2 gallon cans of alcohol, two 4 1/2 gallon cans of scotch and twenty-four pints of tequila. The burro was turned loose in the vicinity of the El Paso Brick Company, as it did not seem to be of any value. The liquor mentioned was turned in at Border Patrol Headquarters. In all, about thirty shots were fired.

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*Douglas D. Pyeatt*  
Senior Patrol Inspector Douglas D. Pyeatt

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Office Chief Patrol Inspector,  
El Paso, Texas,  
June 10, 1927.

OFFICIAL COPY, hereof in sextuplicate respectfully furnished the District Director of Immigration, El Paso, Texas, for his information. The liquor mentioned was turned over to the Customs Service this date and receipt obtained for same.

(Signed) Chester C. Courtney,  
Acting Chief Patrol Inspector

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