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No. 5091/866

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR
EL PASO, TEX.

November 3, 1928.

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

There are transmitted herewith copies of a report made by Senior Patrol Inspector Douglas D. Fyeatt under date of the 26th ultimo concerning an encounter had by him, Patrol Inspector Irvin H. Cone and two mounted customs officers with liquor smugglers on the night of October 24, 1928, at which time the officers were fired upon by the smugglers and returned the fire, no casualties apparently resulting. It will be noted that a large quantity of contraband liquor and a mule, two horses and three saddles were seized.

(Signed) G. G. Wilmore

District Director

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El Paso, Texas,
October 26, 1928.

Chief Patrol Inspector
U. S. I. S. Border Patrol,
El Paso, Texas.

You are respectfully advised that on the night of October the 24th at about 8 P. M. the writer in company with Patrol Inspector Irvin H. Gane and Mounted Customs Inspectors Rhodes and Webb were working on the International Line between monument #3 and monument #4, West when we heard a pack train crossing the line about three hundred yards from our position, we immediately advanced to within a hundred yards of the smugglers when they saw us and stopped their horses and waited for us. When we had got within about fifty yards of them they opened fire upon us, we immediately returned their fire. Their horses bolted and scattered the liquor along the ground for about one-half mile, we immediately mounted our horses and followed them and seized one mule, two horses, three saddles, 117 gallons of Sotol, 8 quarts of Tequila, 56 pints of Whiskey, 105 pints of Tequila, 7 quarts of Cognac and 1 gallon of Wine. The smugglers with two horses made good their escape to Mexico. We stayed on the scene of the battle until morning and brought horses and liquor to Wilson's ranch where we were met by the Border Patrol truck, we then delivered the mentioned mule, horses and liquor to the Mounted Customs Inspector in Charge.

It is believed that no one was hurt in this battle, as after a few shots were fired the smugglers broke and ran.

Douglas D. Pyeatt
Senior Patrol Inspector

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Office Chief Patrol Inspector
El Paso, Texas.
October 31, 1928.

OFFICIAL COPY hereof, in quadruplicate, respectfully furnished the District Director, U. S. Immigration Service, El Paso, Texas, for his information.

H. C. Horsley,
Chief Patrol Inspector.

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