

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
IMMIGRATION SERVICE  
DISTRICT No. 25

IN ANSWERING REFER TO  
NO. 5002/1051

OFFICE OF DISTRICT DIRECTOR  
EL PASO, TEX.

November 30, 1928.

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

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There is forwarded herewith, in quadruplicate, copy of report submitted by Patrol Inspector Tom F. Isbell, with reference to a gun fight between Mexican liquor smugglers and Patrol Inspector Richard A. Bush and himself at about 3:45 A. M. on the 28th instant, following which fight a considerable quantity of liquor, it will be noted, was seized.

Patrol Inspectors Isbell and Bush were, without doubt, justified in firing upon the smugglers and it is believed that their conduct, in view of the odds against them, was exemplary.

(Signed) G. C. Wilmoth.  
District Director.

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El Paso, Texas.  
November 28, 1928.

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

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EL PASO TEXAS

You are respectfully advised that while Patrol Inspector Richard A. Bush and myself were working at Park Street, this city, even date at about 3:45 A. M., we saw two men coming across the river from the Mexican side to the American side, they crossed about two hundred yards West of Park Street. We came out of our position to apprehend them and over the top of the levee at about where we thought we had seen them and as we came up over the levee we saw the men and called to them to halt, stating that we were Federal Officers, immediately they opened fire on us and we returned their fire. About the same time six other smugglers who were hid behind the river bank also opened fire on us, we charged them, returning their fire and they retreated crossing the river back to Mexico, at which time other riflemen on the Mexican side of the river poured a volley of shots around us. Approximately one-hundred shots were fired in all.

You are further advised that the liquor consisted of 27 gallons of Alcohol, 12 pints of Alcohol, 3 1/2 gallons of Sotol, 29 pints of Sotol, 13 1/2 gallons of Mezcal, 15 pints of Tequila, 5 quarts of Cognac, 68 pints of Straight American Whiskey and 24 one-half pints of Straight American Whiskey. The above mentioned liquor was conveyed to Border Patrol Headquarters and placed in storerooms.

It is not known at this time whether any of the smugglers were wounded or not.

Tom P. Isbell  
Patrol Inspector

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Office Chief Patrol Inspector  
El Paso, Texas, Nov., 28, 1928.

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

(SIGNED) H. C. HORSLEY

Chief Patrol Inspector