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4 of our horses were left behind in the Cohaco tied and 2 shot, and azules at Chuleas. Distributed Indian horses among companions. - Glad to get home again. - Had received 9+ yaguas from La California on the 6th. Moriro brot them of them 8 mares leaving 73 horses, also 3 stallions for the manadas. Troop of cattle arrived at La California 19 days march. - Entregared at La California 282 cows, heids sold and cows left behind. Sykes & Young Watt turned up in afternoon from down south. -

Oct 8

Tuesday. Last week had on the 3 rodeos Monday Tues Wed & marked all the big orchans calves and capared all the bulls not padres. Friday & Sat, Miguel & gente parted out at Laguna del Perro and Jimenez on 106 animals. Report gauchos having stolen 40 head of head of cattle at Laguna del Perro on the 24th. Carlo went to Calchagui on Thursday & returned yesterday, going by way of Jimenez, on c/c of arroyo crecido. Brot out stores & machine for cutting alfa. Alfredo also went on Thursday and returned yesterday. Arreg. Repettos c/c (sent for giro) also signed contract of rent of Guampita camp. - from Sept 1. - This morning Elias, Miguel, J. Gomez, Wenceslao, Checho, Eduarte, Rubio, & Caro Atado went to past at the Barra & Medio Luna. Watt went to Robson till tomorrow.

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Nothing extra going on. Bombrone plowing. - Alfredo recorred camp morning and afternoon. Mrs. Frakes here for tea. J. Martini here for breakfast. Watt came back from Mueller. North East wind fine weather & few mosquitos. Splendid weather for cattle as all esteros are full.

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Warm day. - Cut the older piece of alfa this afternoon with the machine in about 2 hours. (1st time machine used). - Gente came back from pasturing at Medio Luna 2 rodeos. - Parted about 200. Brot back the redomones & potros which came up from down south to redomonear a little. -

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Alfredo went down to Nelsons to see Lee. Butchered. Riding young horses. - Hot day began little rain in evening. -

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Brot in alfa. Alfredo came back from Mueller. Got permission to keep on mares at Aguara poteros until later date. Coldish day. S E wind. had very little rain last night. Sykes ill. -

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Sunday. Miguel left for down home via Calchagui to bring up young bulls. - Coldest windy day. - Eustacio's family went to Calchagui on pases. -

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Elias, Checho, & Eduarte went with young trapilla & c/c to capar cohudos & juntar the yeguada at Aguara poteros. Also take two young cohudos down, which came from down south last month. Alfredo & Watt went as far as Jimenez Wampita & recorred monte. Butchered much cow

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Casimiro Gay was here for breakfast to see about going on expedition after Indians with Morel on 20th.

Began cutting new alfa. Eustasio's family came back from Calchaquí. Family from Totado stop on way to Calchaquí. Fine cool weather.

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Finished cutting alfa in morning. Sent old Juan Gomez, Wenceslao, Eulogia & Santiaguero to past at Belleg and Martinis. Pd Martin a visit this afternoon. Splendid day. Weather has been fine lately.

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Parted 17 animals at Belleg & afterwards parted about 70 at Martinis. Could not finish as it was too hot. but only about 25 novillos are left. Elias came back from caparung coludon. Capared 24 at potreros Aguara, and machos at Baldomeros. Seems had a row at Vargas and discharged Duarte for fighting & drunkenness. Some stallions left yet. Vargas says 4 mares had died but Lorenzo says 8 had died. 1 potrillo had died at Baldomero (capa). Butchered fat red cow. Sent old Juan to Calchaquí (mail).

Checko brot red mares which had escaped Elias yesterday. Sent Elias & Wenceslao to Martinis as Saavedro the butcher had gone there, but they did not parar rodeo. Juan Belleg came to await Casimiro Gay & Co who were going to join Morel's expedition but they did not turn up. Fixing ground for batatas. Watt went up to Palmar on Monte to hunt with Indians & two. Cloudy weather.

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Began planting batatas. Drizzly morning & fresh but no rain. Nothing going on.

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Sunday. Butchered cow in afternoon. Teicho reports new puesto being formed near sta of Calchaquí. Fine cool day south wind.

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2 carts brot linea from other side. Pilar planting & watering batatas. Eulogia & paisano gathering up rubbish alfa from Chaera. Alfredo recovered down Calchaquí & Teicho. Fine day (East wind). Very slight frost reported.

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Elias & the 3 peones went down to Baldomero to enlarge the corral some for the mares. Taking a load of palm posts along. Sykes went up to join Watt hunting near Estero Tejas. Finished planting & watering batatas, & hauled off the basura alfa. Strong North wind & very hot day. Sent old Juan Gomez & Calchaquí for mail this afternoon.

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Alfredo recovered monte north east. Felix sent from his puesto 21 cow hides, 1 horse hide & 1 hide of Suero mark. Sykes turned up tonight famished, could not find Watt. It was a very hot day. The 2 Indians juntarung basura alfa. Pilar ^{arros} plowing.

- 24 -

Brot 11 cow hides, 2 horse hides & 1 of Fraker hides from potrero. Alfredo recovered potrero; cattle there slow to pick up, as grass on alturos grows very slowly. Brigide Cardoso (comisario) and two soldiers from San Cristobal turned up to take Cornelio prisoner, as he had opened

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Aguara fence, also to take Elias disposition about the row among Varga & Suroyo etc. Butchered a cow this afternoon. Pleasant day. Elia & perones turned up from Baidomero puesto having finished the corral. — 25 —
Cardoso left taking Cornelio prisoner. Miguel turned up from home, did not bring the bulls as the freight was too high for especial train \$17.66⁰⁰ or \$14.12 per head. E. Watt also turned up from his hunt from towards Laguna del Perro. Broke two antbear skins, 1 aguara, 3 guasuncho, 1 large pig, small cat, small pigs. Had good time. Very hot day. — N. wind. Miguel reports frost of 21° having done great damage in wheat & corn down south. — 26 —

Had on potrero rodeo and parted out about 130 machage & few curero vaguillitos & 14 lecheras with small calves. In afternoon cut the ugly tritos, & marked 13 calves. Very hot day with strong north wind. — 27 —

Sunday. Watt & Sykes went to Laguna del Perro to hunt yacari. Butchered cow. Loaded up the hides on cart 102 cowhides & horse hides. Strong north wind and very hot. — 28 —

Cart left for Calchaqui with hides. Miguel also went in afternoon. A. was at Lucero in morning. Took stray mares down to manadas. Plowing going on. Put door on back of house. — Fearful hot north wind. insufferable.

Oct 29. —

Fine rain came up about madrugada & continued until about noon. Very good for camp, as grass was beginning to feel the want of water. Replanted the batatas which were missing. — — —

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Sykes & Watt came back last night late from Laguna del Perro. Reports monte full of water. Another heavy rain in morning & muggy day. Butchered old black cow. Novillo struck by lightning. —

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Muggy drizzly sort of day. Planted saballos sandias & melons. — Reroared back of house under corridor. — Nothing going on. —

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Another muggy with very strong south wind, cleared up in evening late, after 4 days dampness. — 2 —

Butchered a black novillo for the hide. Miguel came back from Calchaqui. Cart left Calchaqui today. Hides sold 102 @ 10.75 = 1042. — 3 more 12.00 Cool day south wind, shifting clouds still. Alfredo recovered Palmar. — J. E. S. Watt went to Robson. —

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Sunday. Watt came back also Robson. Miguel went down to make the ^{new} neighbors Bustamanti disappear the costa of Calchaqui. — Magnificent day. A. making preparations to go to Alejandra tomorrow to part troop for down south. —

Watt & Sykes go down on the 6th —

Nov. 20 / 95. -

Alejo & Chicho came back from Alijandra with black tapilla. Parted out from Hopes 766 novillos & 3 cows to eat on road. Perico & 9 peones take down troop. Gave him \$225.00 for road. - 55 gastros troop 82.00 guia, 40.00 puente S. Fe - 50 for 2 peons as far as San Javier. - (Trip)

- 4th as far as Calchaqui.
- 5th " " " Carmen
- 6th " " " Alijandra
- 7 " " " "
- 8 " " " puente Leodoro
- 9 parted Rodeo Lola & Leodoro ¹⁵⁰ & locked in at Estancia
- 10 parted Rodeo Estancia 300 & rodeo Loma 75 & slept at Estancia -
- 11 parted at Rodeo Rafael 200 & rounded in corral (rodeo)
- 12 Parted out at Rodeo in front Connor ¹⁰⁰ & locked in at Administracion.
- 13 Tropa left. - Slept at Alijandra
- 14 " " " "
- 15 " " " "
- 16 " " " "
- 17 Rained " " "
- 18 " " " Yacuri
- 19 " " " Calchaqui
- 20 Home.

Splendid novillado & fat. 400 are sold at 8.00 Gold & 366 traded for toritos. Had very heavy rain night of 16th but here it rained very little but still camps are looking very well. Warm weather now & looks rainy. -

Had on all the rodeos & Jimenez parted out over 100 animals. -

Nov 21 / 95. -

Heavy rain & hail after midnight & in morning early. Miguel & 4 men left to part at Media Luna & Vera. Sent Old Juan to Calchaqui with mail & pack horse to bring out yorta etc. South wind & pleasant afternoon. A leaves tomorrow for San Cristobal. -

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Alejo came back this morning from San Cristobal. Hopes 8 men (Ramon Avalos) had come to part the toritos in exchange for the novillos we had parted out. Ramon also came from La California with 100 toritos muytos and 4 which he had left at La Paricura in July last. Making 104 very nice little toritos which arrive in very good condition. Weather beastly hot with strong north wind. Had storm towards evening & good shower of rain. Arreglaré Elias account & he went to Vera to get his papeleto also guia for troop. Miguel parted 51 animals from Media Luna and the barra. -

- 27 -

Had good rain last night and today was cloudy with south wind. Elia came back from Vera with guia. -

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Did not begin parraring rodeo today as it was rather too wet. Sent cart to Calchaqui for provisions. Gente all ready for rodeo work. A. was at Martinis. - Miguel & Elia recovered mounts. -

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Parrared Mistolar rodeo today & began parting novillado for down south. Parted about 510 including 4 old bulls

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by about 1 o'clock. Men on their own horses are Ramon, Manuel, Monsalvo, comp, Patricio, Rogelio, Cornelio & comp, Pinto, Augustin, Caseros & comp, Domingo. Locked in Estancia corral. Ramon Avalos & his gente parted out the yearling toriles for Hope, about 115. - Had a slight shower last night which made camp rodeo slippery. -

— 30 —

Had on Salado rodeo and parted out 190 novillos which afterwards by discharges & some got away got to about 670 with yesterdays. Hopes men also parted about 45 toriles. Had the novillos on pastoreo this morning and then again after siesta. Gave some work to leave, sent this afternoon and lock in again. - Warm but pleasant weather.

Dec 11

Had on Palmar rodeo which was very large and parted 275 novillos (but we parted yet) & 10 black vaquitas for consumo on road. Discharged about 30 small novillos and made the troop 1028 novillos & 10 black reses. - Elias goes as Capataz, peones are Ramon, Manuel, Hipolito, Monsalvo, Cornelio, Patricio, Rogelio, Pinto, Augustin, Caseros, Domingo. \$3.00 * 1 per. ronda 3 peones go as far as Vera 5 days & 2 rondos - 17.00 = \$51.00 pd. Elias also gave Elias 50.00 for expenses. - Ramon Avalos also finished parting the bulls for Mr Hope 246 & 30

novillos for consumo. He goes tomorrow to part at El Lucero. - Very warm day but pleasant. - Alfredo also goes south tomorrow on 1/2 of telegram rec'd from Johnnie. -

Saturday, Feb 1 / 96. -

(Alfredo) Came today from La California to make tropa from Alejandra (Hopes) (1000 cows) came on Miguel's horse, as Miguel has been in Calchagui for last 8 or 9 days curing Mercedes (Cappatus) who had shot herself. - Camp looking splendid, all the esteros are full, and looks like a good paricion among cattle. - Elias is here, peones are Nasataguin, Checho, Rubio, Bombon, ^(Proterio) Magdalena, pasano, Juan Gomez. Butchered cow. This afternoon went to trakes (patros) where crop looks very well & plenty of sandia etc. Great manga of locusts were there this afternoon. Hot thundery weather.

- 2 - Sunday.

Lot of mosquitos nights & weather very hot (damp heat). Recovered up to Ewaldinos. Laguna full of water & camp looking very well. -

Antonio Pinto was here to see about taking tropa from Alejandra to La California. To begin parting Monday week. - 3 -

Recovered the peones, Baldomero, Pichero, Zalazar & Felix. Fearful hot day. Sent Elias with Vasquez & Rubio to bring the mares from