

Sept 16 Monday Juan turned up this morning early. Thank goodness we are alive
anyhow. He says he had found water in camp and marched N.E. & then S
to us. Great alarm on sp. of fire seen on our track, so immediately saddled up
after filling bags with water and marched about a league eastward in open
Camp to a small isletita, an algarroba had mark with nail C.J. and then turned S.S.E.
about 2 leagues ^{to an isletita} and crooked quickly and then in dark made another league in same
direction & struck algarroba costa of Golondrina and camped drizzling. In morning early
very hot but afterwards tempest with little rain came up, and drizzled rest of day —
No water for horses had camp in a poor place. Horses giving out rapidly.

Sept 17 Tuesday Marched this morning about $1\frac{1}{2}$ ^{league} South coast and the monte, and
unsaddled costa monte where there is plenty of water & regular feed. Caught 2 fat
horses a planeo & a rosillo. — Mucky forenoon. All our charcoal & bacon used
up & very little rice left. — Saddled up in afternoon late and marched about
 $\frac{1}{2}$ league in heavy rain to point of monte, in front of which is Laguna de los
Vivoras. Casimiro killed Macho ciervo. Rain continued very hard until about
midnight.

Sept 18 Wednesday Stopped in camp all day & dried pelchas. Juan
& Mercedes killed big macho ^{guasunchos} ciervo. Any amount of ciervo tracks about. — Weather
not settled yet.

Sept 19 Thursday Moved camp this forenoon to west side of
Isleta Grande. Course S. about $\frac{1}{4}$ league march. Bonado fearful heavy and
nearly all the horses tired. Killed big macho ciervo at camp. Must have seen
at least 20 ciervo in last 3 days. Weather cleared up. Also killed game &
guasunchos. Tracks of a small robo between Isleta & monte going
out about 17th.

Sept 20 Friday Marched in two marches to south point
of isleta about 2 leagues. Camp fearful heavy & full of water. Weather
warm & cloudy & might have more rain. Juan found 24 ostrich
eggs.

Sept 21 Saturday Marched in morning southward from Isleta Grande to
Laguna Loco (about a league) Camp fearful heavy & horses nearly all
sick of stomach ache. Guess from green albergillo last night. Casimiro shot
ciervo. — Marched in afternoon to point of monte about a league

Casimiro shot guacunchos. Can see Palo Pelado next point of
monte about 2 leagues off at least. Near Letete Grande left
we saw tentado B + another red Indian man.

Sept 22. Sunday. Camped until about 4 o'clock as nearly all the
horses are sick, stomach ache marched as far as Palo Pelado S.S.W.
about 2 1/2 leagues, got there about 9 o'clock, Don't seem to have rained
so much down here, Hot day.

Sept 23 Monday. Marched in morning about a league to costa Calchajin
S. Had to leave Picaso Carrero at Palo Pelado on a stomach ache,
other horses coming along very badly. Nothing to eat for us. -
In evening marched along costa about 2 leagues to where some large
Letetas are on east bank of Calchajin almost in front of Chilecas
Left azulizo (Rosado) tired. Roldin + Juan after some ² big ones did
not turn up tonight. Casimiro Jay shot 8 flamencos with which
made 2 fine pucheros. - Hot day with wind. Yerba finished.

Sept 24. Tuesday. Arrived at Chilecas about 9 AM. Found Morel
had gone on expedition after indians on the 12th as the indians had
stolen about 260 head of cattle on the night of the 7th. Had gone 9
altogether. Had good feed + plenty of mate at Chilecas. - In afternoon
two potrallas, 1 caino + 1 mala cura P turned up + after a deal of
greasing Enalotivo + W. c. also correlated with the tame horses. Fearful
with wind all day.

Sept 25. Wednesday. All day at Chilecas resting horses, greasing traps
etc. Jose Higinio went out with the pion here Don Pedro + took azulizo horse
to in front of here.

Sept 26. Thursday. Left Chilecas in morning + camped at noon at
Laguna Chinipe about 3 1/2 leagues from Chilecas. Had storm last night
but very little rain + fine cool morning for marching.