

Nicaragua in 1983 as commander of the Cuban troops in that country. He departed about two years later.

On January 1, 1984, the Council of State granted him the title of Hero of the Republic of Cuba and the Order of Maximo Gomez. Resolution No. 251 of the Council of State declares that General Ochoa "carried out several internationalist missions with particular spirit of sacrifice, brilliant performance as commander of Cuban troops in Ethiopia, as well as for his honesty, unselfishness, spirit of sacrifice, purity, desire to excel and heroism."

Along with General Abelardo Colomé Ibrarra, Ochoa is seen by most experts on Cuba as one of the top Cuban commanders today.

Quintas Solas, Joaquin

Chief, Western Army

Rosales del Toro, Ulises



First Deputy Minister
MINFAR

Chief of the General
Staff, MINFAR

General Rosales del Toro is one of the most respected

⁴ FBIS Report, January 4, 1984.

commanders of the Cuban Armed Forces has been given several awards. He was awarded the Bulgarian George Dimitrov 100th Birthday Commemorative Medal in September of 1980 together with Generals Abelardo Colomé Ibarra and Sixto Batista Santana.

Vice Admirals

Santamaria Cuadrado, Aldo



Former Commander of the
Navy (MGR)⁵

Present position unknown

Admiral Santamaria was a member of the M-26-7, and participated in the revolutionary war against Batista. His brother Abel was one of the leading commanders of the ill-fated attack on July 26, 1953 on the Moncada Army barracks in Santiago de Cuba in which he was killed in action. His sister, Aidé, was one of the principal leaders of the underground in Oriente during the revolution. Her boyfriend was

⁵ After his dismissal as Navy Commander, the Cuban Government has not promoted any other flag rank officer of the Navy to Vice Admiral.