

HEADQUARTERS
503D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
Office of the S-3

FROM: 111600 Apr. 15.
TO : 121600 Apr. 15.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 5.

MAPS: BATTLE MAP, NEGROS ISLAND, 1/50,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.

2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Very warm, partly cloudy.

3. OUR OPERATIONS:

- a. Infantry: Our Infantry resumed the southeasterly attack after a heavy artillery barrage with three companies abreast on parallel ridges. Mortar barrages from attached 4.2 Chemical Mortar Platoon preceded each advance, which, though slow, was steady. Enemy mortar, rifle and machine gun fire was encountered during practically the entire advance. One .50 cal. machine gun was demolished at (27.1-99.3); Two enemy dead were found at this position. One .50 Cal. machine gun and one 37 MM antitank gun were demolished at (37.4-99.8).

Our telephone lines to Division Headquarters were cut during the night 10-11, reportedly by an enemy patrol. Two infiltrating enemy were killed during the night.

A left flank patrol reported the discovery and destruction of an enemy demolition dump in the vicinity of NAVALAS (36.5-02.0). Nil enemy contacted in this area.

- b. Artillery: In addition to harrassing fire during the night 10-11, the excellent support of the artillery aided the advance immeasurably. Fire missions included points (39.5-97.8), (37.7-99.2), (38.3-99.6), (38.3-98.3), (38.2-99.2), (38.7-99.4).
- c. Tanks: Our attached tanks went forward with the leading elements and gave excellent direct fire support.
- d. Engineers: The Engineers maintained the supply route road and made surveys for lateral supply roads. Construction on one was begun.

4. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS: Our advance during the period reduced many enemy strong points and automatic weapons emplacements and has caused the enemy to withdraw further into the hills. The enemy, however, has been able to evacuate his casualties and no estimate of those inflicted is made.

5. CASUALTIES:

- a. OUR CASUALTIES: Today: 1 KIA, 11 WIA.
Totals: 13 KIA (incl. 3 DOW), 35 WIA.
- b. ENEMY KNOWN CASUALTIES: Today: 5 KIA, Totals: 21 KIA, 0 POW.



