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

FROM: 021500 May 45.
TO : 031500 May 45.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 24

MAP: NEGRITOS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay for changes.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Heavy rain, visibility very limited.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

1st Bn: "A" and "B" Co patrols working towards MALAGO RIVER reached their objectives at (41.2-98.7) and (40.6-00.0) respectively at about 021000I with nil contacts. The "A" Co patrol reported a ford at (41.2-98.7) as having been well used. There was nil activity throughout the Bn during night of 02-03. "B" Co, remaining in the TAYAP area overnight, continued to patrol the MALAGO RIVER 03 May from (39.7-00.1) to (41.0-99.7) with nil contact. An "A" Co patrol exploited the draw from its position to the MALAGO RIVER (41.2-98.7) with nil contact. A "C" Co patrol penetrated thick lantana weed to the MALAGO RIVER at (41.5-97.1) with nil contact. "B" Co was returning to the Bn area as the period closed. See overlay for position.

2d Bn: A figure running towards "F" Co's position at 022230 was fired upon by "F" Co. At daylight 03 May a body of what appeared to be a half-cast Japanese, 15-18 years of age, was found about 10 yds from the front line. A torn piece of white cloth, tied to a branch was found near the body. It is believed the enemy was attempting to surrender. No weapons of any kind were on or near the body. No other activity during the night. A "D" Co patrol observed 2 bonfires and heard movement in a draw vicinity (40.4-90.4) at 031200 hour. Surprise mortar fire was brought to bear on the area; however, torrential rains made entry into the draw impossible for investigation as period closed. "E" Co sent a platoon to (40.9-90.5) for the purpose of establishing a strong point and to patrol to the MALAGO RIVER. Nil contact to close of period. As the 02 period closed mortar fire was being placed in vicinity (40.9-96.1). An "F" Co patrol sent to determine the result saw five enemy run from the area. Two were killed but the others escaped in the heavy underbrush. Reconnaissance of the position showed abandoned foxholes only.

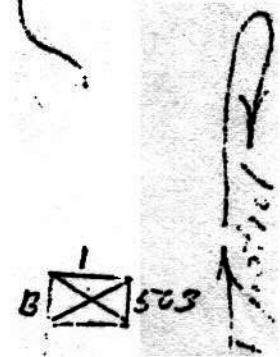
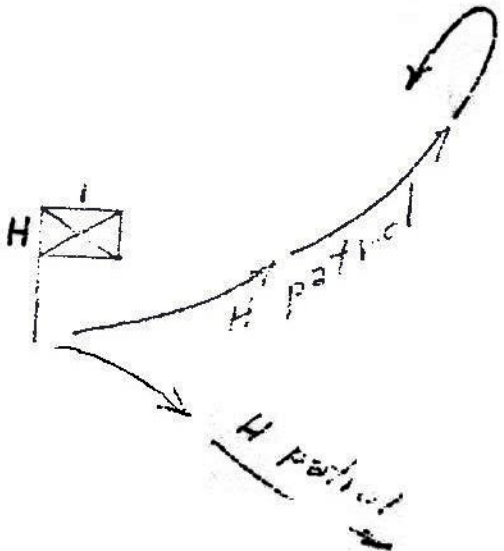
- (3) 3d Bn: Under cover of darkness "G" Co moved to (36.5-00.1) in an attempt to surprise any enemy making an early morning move in the MALAGO RIVER area. There was nil enemy activity in the Bn area during the night 02-03. "G" Co patrolled the MALAGO RIVER area in vicinity (40.5-9.0) without contact.

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know mortar fire at 031100. Gen of our troops was slightly injured. Results of mortar fire laid on the position had not been reported at end of period. Another "H" Co patrol to vicinity (35.8-03.0) made nil contact. An "I" Co patrol to vicinity (37.4-00.5) reported nil contact.

- b. Artillery: During the period the artillery fired three missions in addition to its harrassing fire night of -02-03.
 - c. Engineers: Heavy rains and deep mud prevented all road construction and maintenance.
 - e. Air: No air strikes in RCT sector. Only one scheduled cancelled due to adverse weather.
4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Extensive patrolling with nil contact in the TAYLOR area. Contact four hundred yards to the SE of our front lines indicate continued withdrawal of enemy's main forces leaving delaying parties along our route of advance.
5. CASUALTIES:
- a. Our Casualties:
 - (1) For the period: 0 KIA, 4 WIA.
 - To date: 96 KIA, 273 WIA.
 - b. Enemy Known Casualties:
 - For the period: 3 KIA.
 - (2) To date: 419 KIA, 2 POW.


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