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

FROM: 041500 May 15.  
TO : 051500 May 15.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 26

MAP: NEGROS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay for changes.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool, heavily overcast.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

- (1) 1st Bn: Nil activity throughout night 04-05. "A" Co moved across MALAGO RIVER to become BCT left flank protection and to patrol N side of the MALAGO RIVER. The company had reached (39.6-00.3) with nil contact or new evidence of enemy occupation at close of period. A "B" Co patrol along the heavily wooded draw (40.7-97.4) (39.7-99.9) reported nil contact or signs of previous occupation. No trails were found in this draw area. A "C" Co patrol to the N reported a freshly dug grave at (41.3-98.4). Native fruit trees along the trail had been recently stripped of fruit. The patrol crossed the MALAGO RIVER at (41.4-98.3). Two enemy were seen on the ridge (41.6-98.6). Investigation showed non-occupied positions along this ridge. Another "G" Co patrol E to MALAGO RIVER at (41.5-97.1) thence N along MALAGO RIVER bank to (41.4-98.5) with nil contact. No trail exists on the western bank between these points.
- (2) 2d Bn: "B" Co reported seeing a presumed enemy bon fire vicinity (40.2-96.1) at 042030I. Mortar fire caused the fire to disappear. No other activity in the Bn throughout night 04-05. An "E" Co recon patrol followed the ridge line (41.0-97.1) S to (41.0-96.7) thence E to MALAGO RIVER at (41.5-96.7). No evidence other than old bivouac at (41.0-96.5) was found of enemy occupation. An "F" Co patrol towards the PATOG area reported a small evacuated bivouac and emplacements vicinity (40.2-96.3), a second evacuated bivouac vicinity (39.7-96.1). In this vicinity were also found three large caves containing discarded womens clothing, one sack of rice, 5-25 lb bombs, a damaged knee mortar, 11 American Carbine clips, 6 Jap gas masks and miscellaneous equipment. Continuing on mission the trail faded near (39.4-96.0), however, a trail near 185th Inf position was seen apparently leading into PATOG HILL area.
- (3) 3d Bn: The "I" Co action in progress at 041500I ended with "I" Co holding its position without further opposition. Nil activity throughout Bn area night 04-05. "H" Co moved to vicinity of (40.9-96.1) behind "I" Co thence W along ridge to (40.5-95.9). A dummy gun purporting to be a 75mm. and many abandoned positions were found

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enroute. Nil contact. "I" Co moved forward to (41.5-95.9), the ridge from which all the 04 opposition had emanated. There was nil enemy resistance during the movement. An elaborate defense system was found consisting of an elaborate network of connect-trenches, barbed wire, bunkers and fox holes all showing evidence of very recent occupation, but no sign of the enemy.

- b. Artillery: Harrassing fire during the night 04-05 and marking of two air strikes comprised the artillery activities.
- c. Engineers: Heavy rains immobilized road equipment during most of the period, however, road maintenance work continued by hand.
- d. Air: A 050900I air strike vicinity (41.4-99.3) was on target. A 051200 strike was cancelled because of adverse weather.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: There was no contact with the enemy within the BCT sector throughout the day; the enemy unaccountably having abandoned an elaborate defense system of bunkers, foxholes and trench net work. The strong positions straddled our route of advance. As a result of this withdrawal, our forward elements advanced approximately 400 yds.

5. CASUALTIES:

a. Our Casualties:

For the period: 0

Today: No change.

b. Enemy Known Casualties:

For the period: 0

(2) Today: No change.

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