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

FROM: 051500 May 45.
TO : 061500 May 45.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 27

MAP: NEGROS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warm, generally overcast.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

(1) 1st Bn: Nil activity during night 05-06. "A" Co, patrolling N of MALAGO RIVER (see overlay), reported nil contact. Old trails running generally N and NE showed nil signs of recent travel. A "B" Co patrol through the TAXAP area to "A" Co position reported nil contact. A "C" Co patrol crossed MALAGO RIVER at (41.4-97.7) reported a fresh grave at (41.6-97.9), an enemy position comprised of 12 to 15 emplacements at (41.7-98.6) and one enemy sighted at (41.8-98.3). The sighted enemy turned and ran back N along a faint trail. A second "C" Co recon. patrol to (41.0-99.8) reported no new evidence of enemy travel or occupation.

(2) 2d Bn: Bn patrol found one enemy dead (39.9-97.6) at 051630L. Insignia of 1st Lt. removed from collar. Had evidently been dead several days. Nil activity throughout night 05-06. A "D" Co patrol to the PATOG HILL area (see overlay) reached recent enemy activity. Another "D" Co patrol last reported at (40.5-97.5). Transmission was poor but part of report pertained to enemy activity. No further report end of period. An "F" Co demolition detail closed six caves and one large bunker vicinity (39.7-96.3).

3d Bn: Nil activity throughout Bn night 05-06. "G" Co displaced forward from 050500L position to Bn area and moved with the advancing elements during 06. The entire Bn moved forward along the trail and adjoining ridges to the S for an advance of approximately 800 yds during the day. The advance was through unaccountably evacuated enemy positions. These positions, if manned, would have very considerably held our forward progress to small gains. The familiar interlocking tunnels and network of trenches had been prepared all along the way. "H" Co, leading the push saw 6 or 8 enemy in vicinity (41.1-95.1). One enemy was killed and several others known to have been wounded. One was taken prisoner.

b. Artillery: Harassing fire during night 05-06 and the marking of target vicinity (40.9-95.1) comprised the artillery's activity.

c. Engineers: The dry period gave the engineers an opportunity to improve and lengthen the supply road that had been churned to practically impassability during recent rain.

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4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Reconnaissance in the TAYAP area gave no indication of recent enemy operations; however, some indications of activity were found in the (41.0-98.0) area. Operations forward pushed the RCT front elements south approximately 800 yds. through strong but evacuated enemy positions.

5. CASUALTIES:

b. Our Casualties:

(1) For the Period: 3 MIA (To adjust)

(2) To date: 101 KIA, 285 MIA.

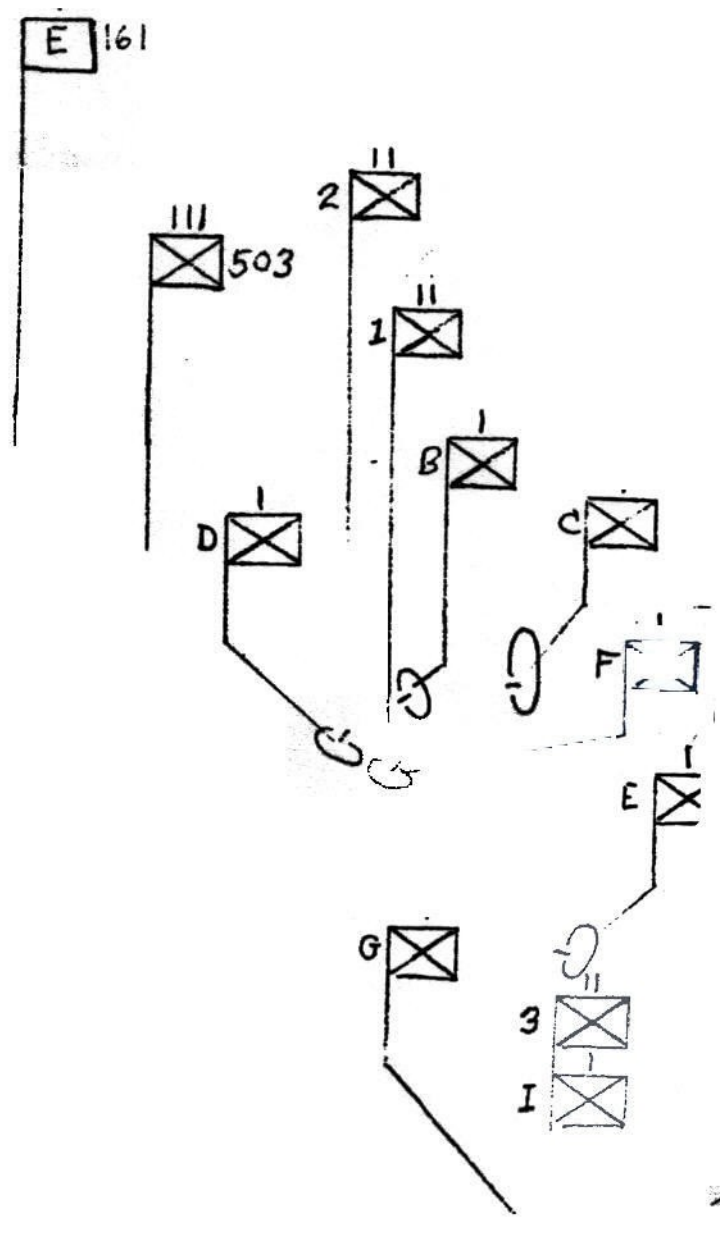
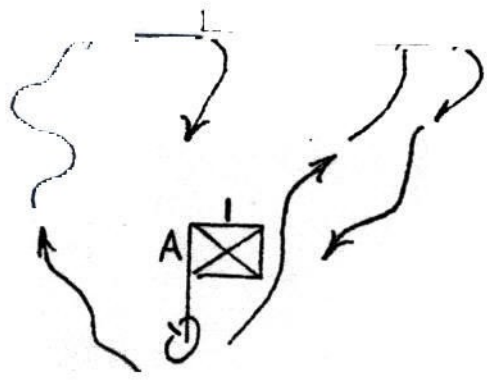
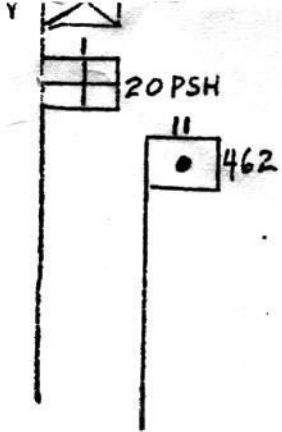
b. Enemy Known Casualties:

(1) For the period: 5 KIA, 1 POW.

(2) To date: 427 KIA, 3 POW.

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