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

FROM: 071500 May 15.  
TO : 081500 May 15.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 29.

MAP: NEGUTOS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool, heavy local rains, visibility limited.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

- (1) 1st Bn: Nil activity in Bn area night 07-08. An "A" Co patrol (see overlay) reported good, well-traveled trail following a generally NW course around base of mountains. The trail was dotted with abandoned emplacements and showed no signs of recent occupation. Another "A" Co patrol reported abandoned enemy emplacements and bivouac area vicinity (38.0-02.0). A quantity of abandoned equipment - helmets, packs, etc., littered the bivouac. Two American helmets, and several sets of American fatigues were also found. "B" Co contact patrol to "A" Co and security patrols along ridges to NW of Bn area reported nil activity. A "C" Co recon. patrol encountered 2 enemy vicinity (41.3-99.1) at an apparent outpost manning a telephone. Both enemy were killed and the patrol followed the telephone wire along a well beaten trail to (41.5-98.9) and encountered two enemy that turned and ran. The patrol fired upon the escaping enemy and 15 to 20 additional enemy appeared from caves. A short fire fight ensued in which 4 enemy were known to have been killed and 1 wounded. The enemy returned the fire with 2 MG's and rifles. Being only a recon. patrol it returned to the Co CP and reported. A reinforced platoon is being dispatched at twilight to attempt a dawn attack of the ridge (41.9-99.1). Another "C" Co recon. patrol encountered 5 enemy at (41.6-98.7) advancing on the trail to the S. A fire fight ensued in which 2 enemy were known to have been killed. Three of our troops were lightly wounded.
- (2) 2d Bn: Nil activities Bn area during night 07-08. Security patrolling to the left and right of the Bn area comprised the Bn's activity during the day 08. All reports were nil contact and nil evidence of recent enemy operations. Nine caves were sealed by the Bn Demolition Section.
- (3) 3d Bn: Nil activity in Bn area night 07-08. "G" Co patrols (see overlay) made a thorough search of the caves and bivouac area vicinity (41.1-99.1). One dead enemy was found in a cave. A second patrol moving N and NW reported nil contact but old bivouac areas all along the way. "H" and "I" Co's security patrols laterally reported nil contact but the usual small abandoned bivouac areas.

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- b. **Artillery:** Two fire missions and harassing fire in the TAYAP area comprised the activity of the Artillery.
- c. **Engineers:** Heavy rains limited the activity of the Engineers to hand maintenance of the supply route. Mechanical aid was employed for a few hours.
- 4. **RESULTS OF OPERATION:** Extensive patrolling of the ROT Sector brought no new enemy activity to light. Some action in the TAYAP area indicates at least a small group of enemy are located there. Further exploitation may disclose a relatively large force.
- 5. **CASUALTIES:**
  - a. **Our Casualties:**
    - (1) For the period: 3 WIA.
    - (2) To date: 103 KIA, 296 WIA.
  - b. **Enemy Known Casualties:**
    - (1) For the period: 10 KIA
    - (2) To date: 142 KIA, 3 POW.



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