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503D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
Office of the S-3

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TO : 111600 Apr 45.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

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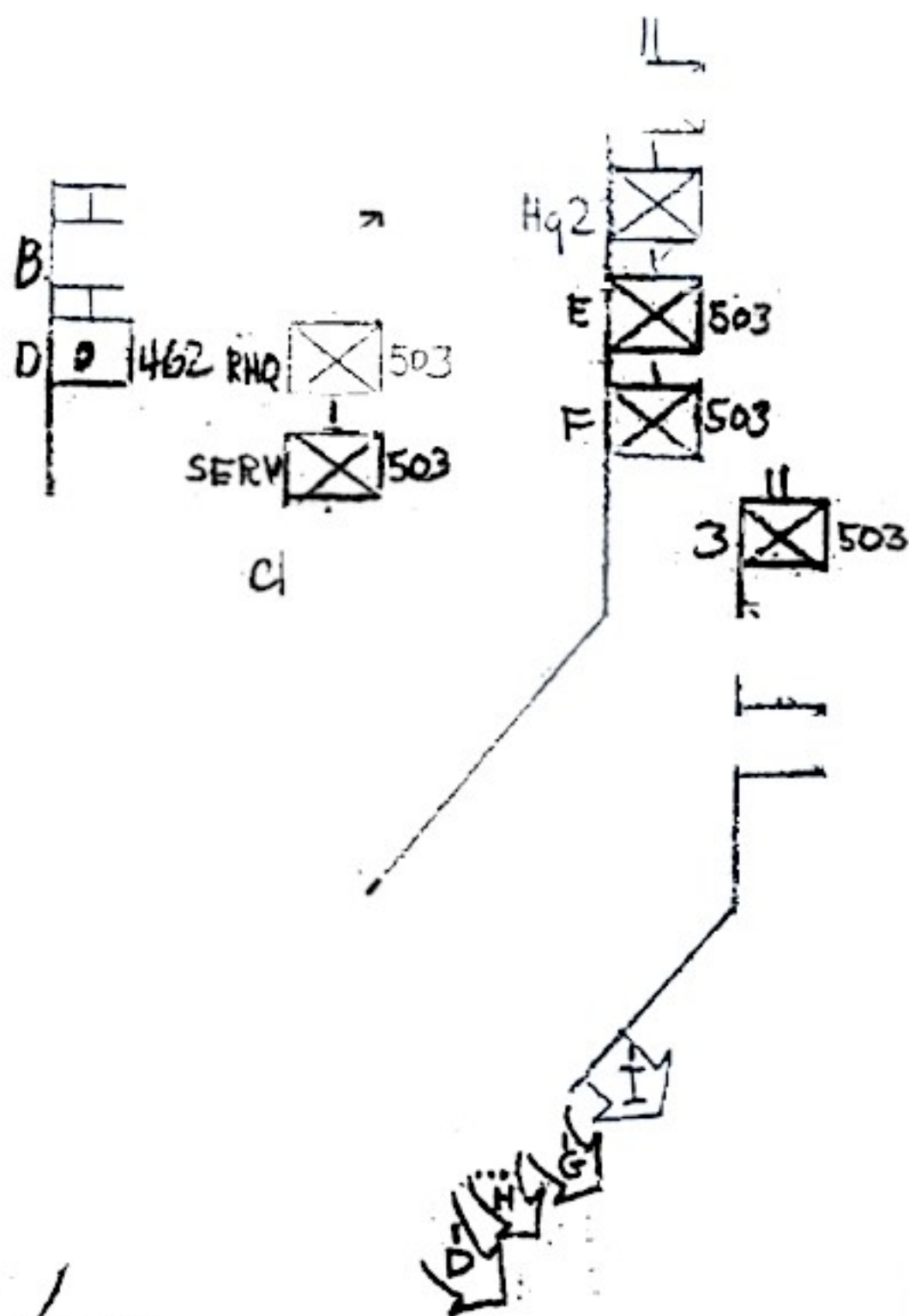
MAP: NEGROS ISLAND, 1/50,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Very warm and partly overcast.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:
  - a. Infantry: After a night of nil activity, our assault Bn. resumed the attack behind artillery and mortar barrage. As the advance progressed it was met by MG fire at 36.7-00.3. A fire fight ensued. The positions were silenced, and two machine guns and one 20 MM were found demolished. Two enemy dead were found. "B" Co. was brought up on the right flank and the advance continued with three companies abreast. The advance has been a continued fire fight against pillboxes and entrenched riflemen on both sides of the route of advance. As the period closed, the fire fight was continuing. Our troops are employing tanks and artillery where ever possible. The 3d Bn. 74th (Philippine) Infantry made a reconnaissance patrol to the left flank to point (36.6-04.0), returning with the information that a native reported approximately 40 enemy were bivouaced at (37.0-03.0). This will be investigated. Our left flank patrol contacted a patrol from 185th Inf. at (33.3-01.3) 1130L.
  - b. Artillery: The Artillery supported our advance with fire on points (37.3-00.9), (37.6-99.5), (36.8-98.6), (37.3-99.0). Interdictory fire was placed on (37.6-99.3) during the night 10-11.
  - c. Tanks: Our attached tanks advanced along with our leading elements and gave direct fire support where needed.
  - d. Engineers: Maintained supply route road and surveyed for lateral routes for future operations to our flanks.
4. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATION: Our advance has continued slowly against a well entrenched enemy heavily armed with automatic weapons. By using all weapons at our disposal the enemy is slowly retreating further into the hills. As yet we have had no artillery fire returned. A few rounds of 40 MM at various intervals have been employed by the enemy.
5. CASUALTIES:
  - a. OUR CASUALTIES: Today: 3KIA 13WIA. To date: 10 KIA (incl. 1 LOW), 26 WIA
  - b. ENEMY KNOWN CASUALTIES: Today : 2. To date: 16.

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DISPOSITION 11 APRIL 45  
Map NEGROS ISLAND  
Scale 1 : 50 000

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