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

FROM: 15
161600 Apr 45.
TO : 161500 Apr 45.
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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 9.

MAP: BATTLE MAP, NEGROS ISLAND; 1/50,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.

2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warm, scattered clouds.

3. OUR OPERATIONS: All patrols reporting after close of 161600 hour period negative. Nil action night 16-17. The RCT resumed the attack to the southeast at 0600 hour. The advance progressed 2500 yards against relatively light opposition. Tanks advancing with the forward elements were halted due to craters. A bulldozer brought forward to fill in the craters was demolished by a land mine, injuring one. The road forward is heavily cratered and two tank traps have been located. Heavy enemy opposition from mutually supporting bunkers and emplacements is being met at the close of the period. We are engaging the enemy with machine gun, mortar, artillery and rifle fire. "E" Co., 503d RCT, and "K" Co., 74th G-F Inf., located at SINAYPANAN continued patrolling that area with nil contact at close of period. One platoon "E" Co. was proceeding to SAN ISIDRO to investigate after a civilian report of enemy located there was received. An overnight combat patrol of "I" Co., 74th G-F Inf. and one platoon "D" Co. departed 0800 hour to establish and ambush and to reconnoiter the area in vicinity (39.0-02.5). Patrol reached MANSIGUIO (37.2-01.7) with nil contact 1430L. A reconnaissance patrol from Co. "F" located and abandoned enemy dump at (36.5-01.5). Dump contained sugar, tinned goods, and demolition bombs and fuses. All demolition stores were destroyed. Food will be salvaged. Security patrols assigned the mission of reconnoitering draws paralleling the RCT route of advance made nil enemy contact.

b. Artillery: Harrassing fire night of 16-17. Support on coordinates (39.3-96.7), enemy bunker and (39.7-97.0) where enemy was sighted on hill. A short round during this mission killed 3 and injured 5 of our troops.

c. Engineers: Maintenance of supply route road including bridge repair, mine detecting (5 disarmed). One bulldozer demolished by land mine.

4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Our forward elements had moved forward approximately 2500 yards and were in contact with a well dug in enemy at the close of the period. Rifles and a few machine guns are the only weapons encountered thus far, however these are more numerous than previous encounters. Our left flank patrol has uncovered no evidence of enemy trying to escape to the north.

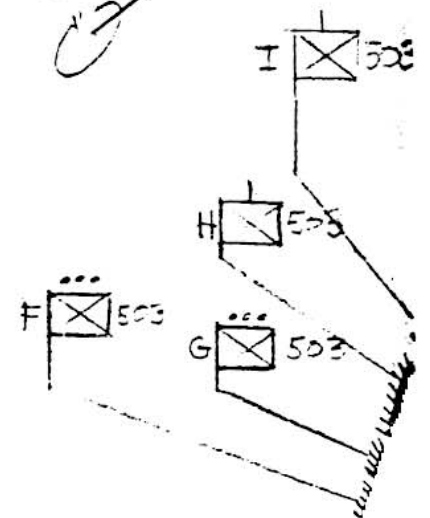
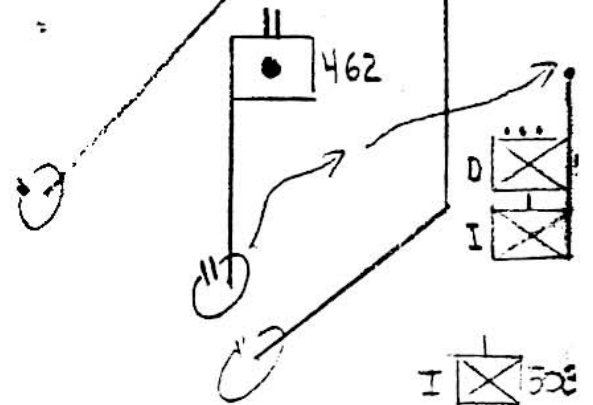
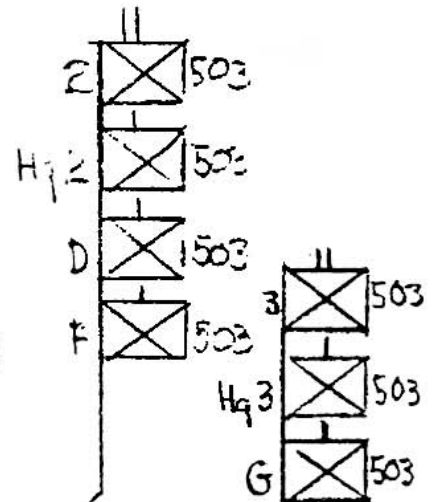
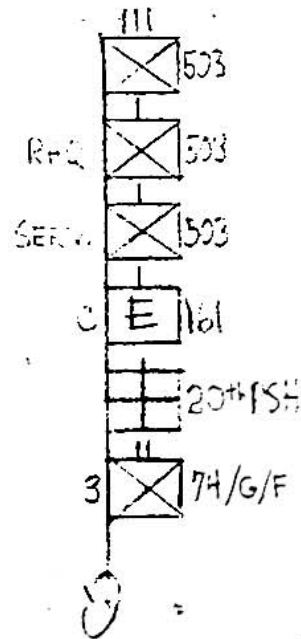
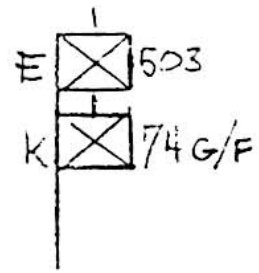
5. CASUALTIES:

a. Our Casualties: Today: 4 KIA, 9 WIA., Totate: 19 KIA, 52 WIA.

b. Enemy Known Casualties: Today 15 KIA; Totate: 71 KIA, 0 POW.

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