

503D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
Office of the S-3

FROM: 181600 Apr 15.
TO : 191600 Apr 15.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 11.

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

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.

2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warm, visibility unlimited.

3. OUR OPERATIONS: Our combat patrol, in contact with an enemy strong point at (38.8-02.3) 181600L, brought mortar fire on the position after a 181630 air strike scattering an estimated ten enemy and killing three. Our forward elements did not advance after the 181630 air strike but consolidated on the high ground taken. During the night of 18-19, constant knee mortar fire fell into our area which we suffered 1 KIA and 5 WIA, four were very slight. The enemy harassed our perimeter with grenades with no casualties to our troops. The enemy suffered 1 KIA and approximately seven others heavily fired upon with unknown results.

An air strike, beginning at 190730, landed directly on the target at approximately 1500 yards forward of our line. One A-20 was shot down by enemy A-4. All of the crew landed safely within our lines. The enemy A-4 was believed located at approximately (41.0-95.6) and after being bombed and strafed, the area was shelled with artillery. The change in disposition of our troops became effective at 191000 and the reorganization and orientation was being completed as the period closed. "G" Co. Platoon, located at (39.8-96.5), observed a group of approximately 20 enemy digging in in the vicinity of (39.5-96.6). Mortar fire was laid on the position killing three enemy and scattering the remainder. "E" Co. patrolling the front lines in vicinity (38.7-02.9) reported no contact 191400. No further report.

3d Bn. 74th G-F, replaced forward. See overlay.

b. Artillery: Divisional artillery shelled (40.1-94.94), (40.97-95.86), (40.94-95.09), all suspected enemy troop concentrations during the night 17-18. Points (39.8-95.3) and (39.15-95.20) were shelled in direct support of our forward line during the 19th.

c. Engineers: Usual mine detection and road maintenance activities.

4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: There was no appreciable gains in our front lines during the period. Our activities consisted chiefly of regrouping units, consolidating positions and harassing known and suspected enemy positions.

5. CASUALTIES:

a. Our Casualties:

(1) For the period: 5 KIA, 6 WIA.

(2) To date: 31 KIA, 95 WIA.

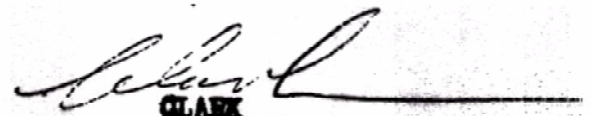
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b. Enemy Known Casualties:

(1) For the period: 10.

(2) Totals: 86.


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