

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

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FROM: 201500 Apr 15.  
TO: 211500 Apr 15.  
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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

Co. 13.

MAP: 1:50,000 MAP, HERMES ISLAND, 1/50,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.

2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Fair, partly cloudy, limited over target area.

3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. **Infantry:** The fire fight in progress at 201500 continued unabated with no gain in ground. Our troops maintained the positions reached and dig in. During the night MG fire and mortar fire again harassed our forward elements. Infiltration attempts by the enemy resulted in no casualties to our troops while the enemy suffered 4 known KIA's. Air strikes at 210815 (13.2-96.3) and at 211215 (13.2-95.4) were very effective, landing in the vicinity of enemy dug in positions. In our assault to secure high ground to the front Companies "D", "E", "F" and "G" all met with mortar, machine gun and rifle fire from well dug in enemy positions. "G" Co. advancing to the position shown on overlay was attempting to secure high ground to its immediate front as the period closed. It secured "G" Co. saw and the 1st Bn. with flanking fire and fire on enemy caves dug in reverse slopes. Companies "D", "E" and "F" were engaged in fire fight to their front as the period closed. "F" Co. patrols to the right and left of the route of advance reported no contact during the period. "H" Co., patrolling our left flank, encountered a group of enemy associated at vicinity (38.1-01.9). The enemy withdrew upon being fired upon evacuating an estimated five casualties. A few rifles, a telephone and wire, some radio equipment, packs and food were discarded. Another "H" Co. patrol found and killed one enemy vicinity (38.2-02.2) at an apparent CP. Trunk lines and position for about 10 located (38.2-02.1) were unoccupied but showed signs of recent occupation. The 3d Bn., 7th G-F patrolling on our left flank reported no contact. Infiltration attempts against the Marine forces during the night 20-21 cost the enemy 2 KIA.

b. **Artillery:** Active all during the period, the artillery shelled all suspected troop concentrations and emplacements to our right, left and immediate front.

c. **Engineers:** Continued maintenance and improvement of supply route road.

4. **RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS:** Our efforts during the period concentrated on continued pressure on enemy's MLR a right flanking movement by "G" Co. and the securing of left flank positions by "H" Co. See overlay.

5. CASUALTIES:

a. Our Casualties:

(1) For the period: 2 KIA, 12 MIA.

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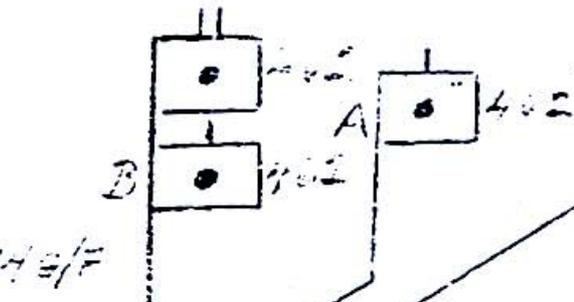
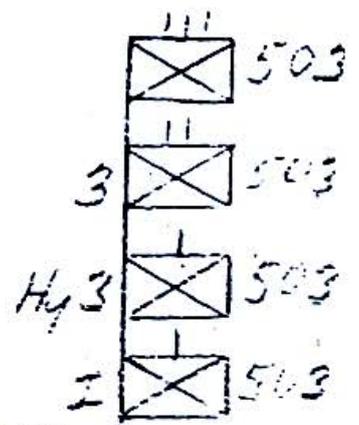
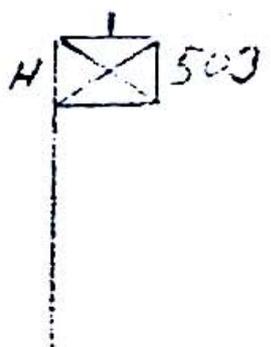
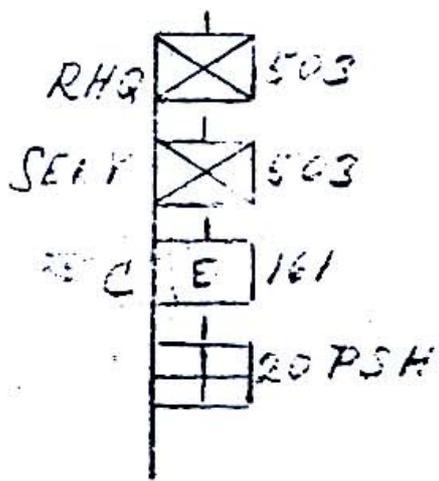
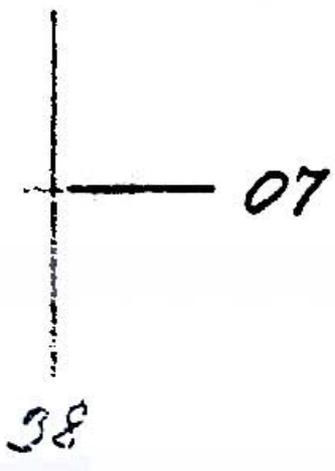
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- a. Our Casualties (Cont'd):  
(2) Totals: 41 KIA, 117 MIA.
- b. Enemy Known Casualties:  
(1) For the period: 5 KIA,  
(2) Totals: 94 KIA, 0 POW.

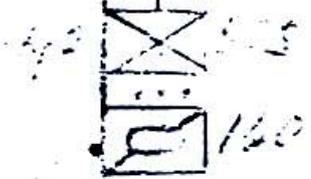
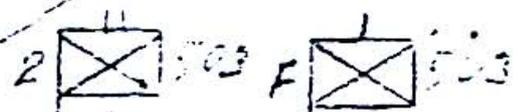


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