

182d Infantry (Less 3rd Bn)
(ORGANIZATION)

UNIT REPORT No. 5

FROM: The Commanding Officer, 182d Infantry
TO : The Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. (thru channels)

UNIT: 182d Infantry
DATE: 19 November 42
PLACE: SOUTHEAST of LUNGA ROADS

MAPS: Guadalcanal North Coast (Tracing of map by Photographic Interpretation Unit, AFSP, issued by G-2, NECAL, 25 October 42); Map 104 dated 18 Aug 42, Scale

1. ENEMY: 1:20,750

(a) Units in contact: B, E and G Co's.

(b) Enemy Reserves: Unknown

(c) Enemy activity: See attached sheet.

(d) R-2 Estimate: Enemy action spasmodic and there tends to be a movement of Japanese troops in a South Easterly direction which may lead to a rendezvous in that area.

(e) Conclusions: There appears to be no large concentration of enemy at present and activity similar to the above may be expected during the next 24 hours.

2. OWN SITUATION: 2000 yds of beach outposted by AT Co. extending EAST from

(a) Front line: a point 1400 yds EAST of MATANIKAO RIVER; 2nd Bn on Ridge 600 yds WEST of 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, Left Flank at (69.15 - 199.50) Right Flank at

(b) Location of troops, CP's, Boundaries: (70.2 - 199.8). E Co. on detached AT Co. in line on beach as above; 2nd Bn on Ridge (mission at (73.4 - 198.4)). 600 yds WEST of 2nd Bn., 8th Marines, Left Flank at (69.15 - 199.50) Right Flank at (72.65 - 199.15) Left Flank at (73.77 - 199.44) C.P. at (72.85 - 199.60) Reg't 1 C.P.

(c) Location of adjacent units and supporting troops: (73.55 - 200.10) E Co. (at (73.4 - 198.4))

8th Marines on the WEST extending to and along MATANIKAO RIVER. 1st Marines on the EAST and small groups of Marines on RIGHT of 2nd Bn.

(d) Report of operations: Patrols by 1st Bn and "E" Co; Occupation of Ridge (69.15 - 199.50) (70.2 - 199.8) by 2nd Bn.

1. ~~ENEMY~~:

(c) Enemy activity:

1215 G Co. patrol reported ~~MF~~ firing at Grumman plane one mile from end of Haven Hill Trail, azimuth 170°. Grid (74.20 - 196.2). Large fire burning near location of ~~MF~~ firing.

1320 A Co. reported column of smoke from behind hill some where within grid (74.00 - 196).

1445 Red S-2 reported approximately 100 Japs in wooded ravine at (69.00 - 197.85) and (69.00 - 199.90) (Estimate and location confirmed by 8th Marines)

1900 Enemy mortar shells reported falling 300 yds in front of E Co. Line (72.00 - 197.65)

1545 White S-2 reported mortar and light ~~MF~~ fire from Japanese on Left Flank (68.90 - 198.9)

1600 Three squads G Co. led by Its Neville and Crowley on Water Detail ambushed and trapped by Japanese near native village (68.80 - 198.9)

1805 G Co. reported that 36 of the ~~h~~ men on Water Detail had returned. ~~MS~~ Neville and Crowley included in the 8 missing. Japanese estimated to be 2h to hO in number with at least two light ~~MF~~'s, using explosive shells and one light mortar. Japanese reported retreating in S.W. direction along line (69.3 - 197.8) and (68.9 - 198.6)

1830 E Co. reported three ships to North on horizon shelling unobserved ~~MF~~ get.

1900 Red S-2 reported information had been received that 300 Japanese had been intermittently moving in a S.E. direction in the vicinity of (68.1 - 197.1) carrying loads.