



511th PIR - Cannibalism by the Japanese on Leyte



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CANNIBALISM

1. I, remember one small unit action in particular attacking in the Mount Mahonag sector to clear out the enemy strong points along their desperately defended supply trail. The Japanese fortified every high point on the trail, usually with light machine guns, riflemen in "spider holes" and snipers. We could only deploy small units at any one time, so the 2nd Battalion was rotating companies on the attack each day. Company E attacked a hill one day, having to withdraw at dark. Three dead Americans could not be recovered at that time. The next morning Company F took that hill, apparently having been softened by Company E. We did find dead Japs with fresh meat in their mess cups. The American bodies there had been stripped of meat (flesh). It's a hard thing to forget.

----- Captain Charles Morgan, Company Commander, Co. F
2. Off Mt. Mahonag between Rock Hill, Company I was attacking to cut the Yamashita supply trail. My platoon leader, Lt Maloney was shot in the forehead and died instantly up the trail. We named this Maloney Hill. One of ^{my} men, Corporal Stephens or Stevens, had to be left dead during an aborted attack on Maloney Hill. Two of us were wounded trying to get his body out. When we took the hill

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several days later, we recovered his body. A large amount of his buttocks and thighs had been cut away by the Japs. I saw it personally and remembered it like yesterday.

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