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503D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM
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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 17

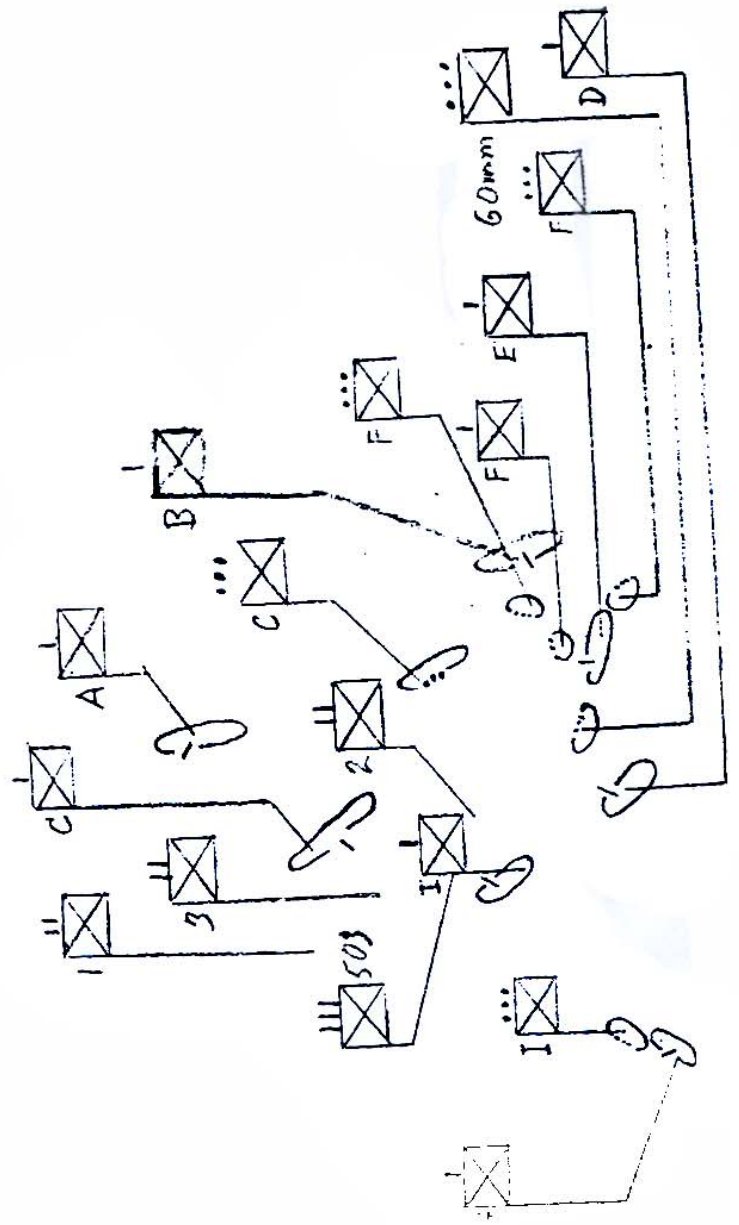
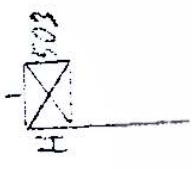
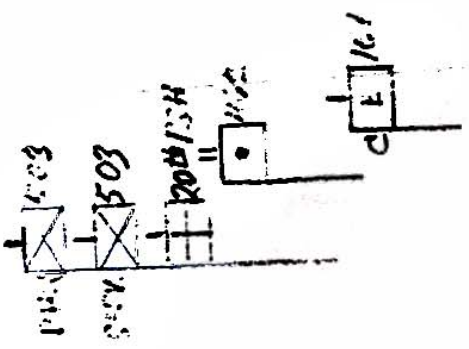
MAP: MEGRITAS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Very warm, clear, scattered clouds.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:
 - a. Infantry:
 - (1) Regimental C.P. displaced forward to (39.2-98.3), reopening at 251830.
 - (2) 1st Bn.: "A" Co. was advancing to high ground vicinity (39.7-98.5), patrols to the NE nil contact through close of period. "B" Co. began to assault the high ground vicinity (40.4-97.2). Its advance was still in progress at close of period against moderate resistance. One MG and 20 mm. were silenced. "C" Co. sent a patrol NE at 251615, and in the vicinity (40.0-98.8), encountered an enemy position, consisting of at least 2 MG's, one knee-mortar and riflemen. Artillery and mortar fire was laid in the area. Patrols again in that area 26 Apr. reported the position abandoned.
 - (3) 2d Bn.: "D" Co. received four rounds-knee-mortar fire at 260710; no casualties were inflicted. "E" Co. began our assault on the high ground vicinity (39.5-97.05) after a concentrated barrage from artillery, tanks, and mortar fire, practically neutralized the ridge. An enemy MG and knee-mortar were captured. "F" Co. sustained a dawn attack at 260610 by an estimated 30 enemy. Twenty were killed from practically point blank range, including one officer. The group employed 2 MG and one knee-mortar. "G" Co. also neutralized MG position vicinity (40.0-97.3) with 81 mm. fire. "F" Co. moved a platoon to the high ground vacated by "D" Co.
 - (4) 3d Bn.: Bn. C.P. displaced forward to (39.1-98.1), reopening at 251830. "G" Co. and "I" Co. platoon on the REGT right flank continue to swap MG and mortar fire with well emplaced and concealed enemy their front and right front. "H" Co. patrolled its area, observing a 5 man enemy patrol vicinity (38.2-02.7), too great a range to be fired upon. "H" Co. reported the air strike vicinity (39.3-01.5) have been on the target and saw three enemy casualties. "I" Co. furnished resupply and evacuation parties to "G" Co. and patrols to vicinity (38.9-97.3) reported nil cont.ct.

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- b. Artillery: The artillery provided harrassing fire in all sectors during the night 25-26 and fire support to all advancing units.
 - c. Engineers: Supply route maintenance, mine-detection, tank and 120 mm. gun emplacements cleared. Tank-trap filled in.
 - d. Tanks and M-7's: The tanks and M-7's provided direct fire support to advancing units, being credited with at least three MG's and one 20 mm. gun position.
4. RESULTS OF OPERATION: With the addition of our third (1st) BnCombat Team, the RCT has begun to exploit the extreme left flank to a much greater width. This area has been viewed with suspicion since the operation began, and is now proven to contain enemy strong points. The early morning attack seems to indicate that the continued pressure and assaults are contracting the enemy's forces with the result that he is attempting to hold his positions by counter-attack.
5. CASUALTIES:
- a. Our Casualties:
 - (1) For the period: 10 KIA, 11 WIA (incl. 25-26 Apr.)
 - (2) To date: 66 KIA, 159 WIA.
 - b. Enemy Known Casualties:
 - (1) For the period: 65 KIA (includes 25-26 Apr.)
 - (2) To date: 267 KIA, 0 POW.


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