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

FROM: 281500 Apr. 15.  
TO : 291500 Apr. 15

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

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No. 20

MAP: HERITAS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay for changes.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warm, clear, visibility unlimited.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

- (1) 1st Bn.: "A" Co. had nil activity during the night 28-29 and no reported contacts impatrolling on the Bn. left flank. "B" Co. advancing at 281500 received concentrated mortar (thought to be 90-mm.), MG and rifle fire from the ridge (40.6-97.1) which inflicted heavy casualties. The company did not reach its objective until 291030. One 3" naval gun, one 75-mm anti-aircraft gun, and two MG's were demolished during the advance. One platoon of "C" Co. advanced with "B" Co., see overlay. The remainder of "C" Co. displaced as shown on overlay.
- (2) 2d Bn.: "D" Co., with its objective (40.6-96.7) was halted at (40.5-96.7) by heavy mortar and MG fire that inflicted several casualties at 282715. During the night of 28-29, reported six rounds of mortar fire on its position at 280200 followed by an infiltration attempt by an estimated eight enemy; four were killed. "D" Co. made local security patrols throughout the day and closed 12 dugouts. Attempted infiltration cost the enemy 3 dead in "E" Co.'s area during the night 28-29. Security patrols in the company area on 29 Apr. closed 20 caves, killed eight enemy, found a 75-mm field piece (rendered unoperable) and 2 U.S. heavy MG's. "F" Co., moving forward at 281500 killed 32 enemy at 281700 and an additional 2 attempting infiltration of its position at 292230. As the period closed, "F" Co. was advancing to (40.6-96.7) against long-range rifle fire.
- (3) 3d Bn.: A delay-released 500 lb. bomb fell in the vicinity of the Bn. C.A. at 281600, killing one and wounding eight Filipino Civilian Laborers and wounding five of our own troops. "H" Co. was the only 3d Bn. company having action during the night 28-29. At 282115, "I" Co. received MG and mortar fire which caused no casualties. Three "Bouncing Betty" booby traps were set off during the night. Blood in the area was the only evidence of enemy casualties. "G" and "J" Co.'s patrolled the RTI flank to the (39.6-96.0) and (39.1-97.2) areas. Javes in the (39.6-96.0) area showed signs of recent enemy occupation but no contact was made on either flank.

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- b. Artillery: Seventeen support missions and seven harrassing concentrations were fired by the Artillery during the period.
  - c. Engineers: Maintenance of present supply route. Forward of our present frontlines a supply road must be built to move vehicles. The Engineers began this task at 291100 hour. Fifteen land mines were disarmed and dug up.
  - d. Air: Air strike of 281530 on target (40,8-97.1). One hung bomb fell in 3d Br.C.P. area. See Par. a.(3).
  - e. Unconfirmed report that 3 enemy were killed and 1 captured at (30,1-06.6)
- L. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Our advance progressed approximately 300 yds. on the left flank and 200 yds. on the right. No heavy concentrations of the enemy has been met at close quarters as yet. Enemy action remains at long range except for small well emplaced delaying groups, well armed with automatic weapons, rifles and mortars.

5. CASUALTIES:

a. Our Casualties:

For the period: 10 KIA, 30 WIA, 5 IIA.

Todate: 86 KIA, 239 WIA, 5 IIA.

b. Enemy Known Casualties:

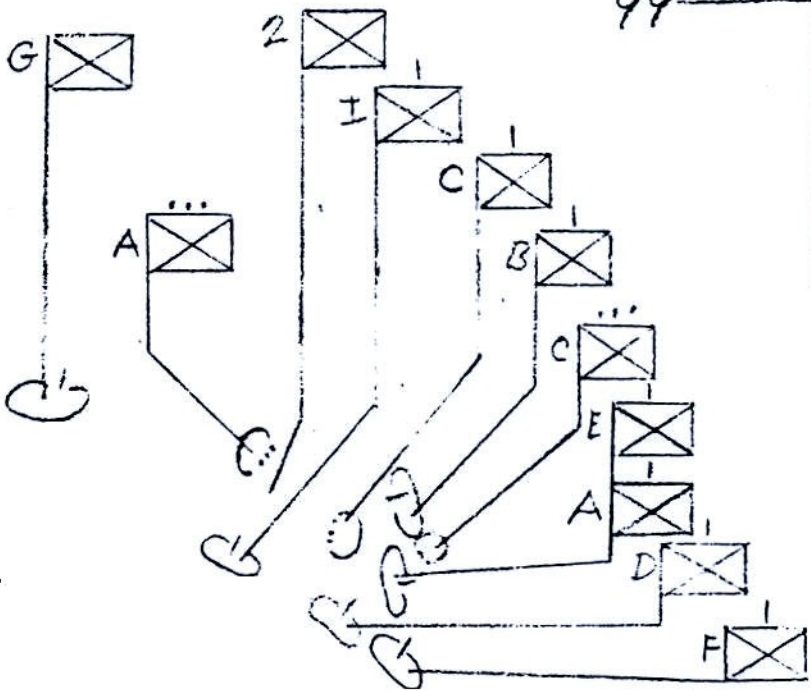
For the period: 77 KIA.

Todate: 392 KIA, 0 POW.

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