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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 22

MAP: NEALINS PHOTO 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay. ("B" Co. only change)

2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warm, cloudy over mountain area forward.

3. OTHER NOTES:

a. Infantry:

- (1) Regt'l Hq. Co. repulsed three attempts at infiltration between 010030-010230 in which three enemy were known to have been killed. A Japanese Superior Private surrendered to Hq. Co. at 010030.

1st Pl.: Reported a small infiltration attempt into the "B" Co. area 010130 hour; however, no casualties were known to have been inflicted to the enemy. In response to the north, northeast and northwest in anticipation to forthcoming drives, a "B" Co. patrol located an abandoned bivouac area estimated to have contained a company. MG clips and empty mortar round cases were scattered throughout the area (40.4-97.6). Otherwise, nil contact. "I" Co. moved to (40.5-97.5). A "C" Co. patrol received three rounds of knee-mortar fire on vicinity (40.9-97.3) thought to have originated from the river area forward. Four rounds of knee-mortar fell in the "C" Co. area wounding seven of our troops. "A" Co. patrols reported nil contact.

2d Pl.: Nil activity throughout the night 30-1. Patrol activity to the north and southeast occupied all units during the day. An "E" Co. patrol reported the only semblance of enemy activity. This patrol reported sighting eight or ten enemy in a small bivouac area vicinity (40.2-96.3) who ran when they observed the lead scout. Twelve dug-in positions were located in vicinity (40.6-96.4) and six positions vicinity (40.6-96.2), all had been abandoned recently. One enemy was observed apparently guarding a trail at (40.1-96.5). Patrol fired on him but could find no evidence of obtaining hits.

- (2) 3d Pl.: Nil activity during the night 30-1. Patrols occupied all companies during the day. A "D" Co. patrol reported four enemy buried in a shallow grave vicinity (39.1-97.2). An "E" Co. patrol found enemy to include civilian vicinity (39.4-96.9). An "I" Co. patrol reported the capture of 15 MG clips and 10 empty mortar round cases in vicinity (39.1-97.2). Another patrol in the same vicinity reported no contact. "A" Co. reported forward to (39.7-97.1), returning at 301700 hour.

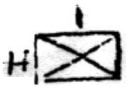
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Regt'l. Forward C.I. displaced forward to (39.6-97.5), reopening at 011030 hour.

- b. Artillery: Harassing fire and the marking of two targets for air strikes occupied the artillery during the period. One mission was fired on a suspected troop concentration area in vicinity (42.1-98.1) with unobserved results.
 - c. Engineers: The engineers continued the supply road forward that is practically mandatory to further advance of any distance.
 - d. Air: Two air strikes (39.5-97.8) and (40.3-01.8) went on the targets- the first known to contain enemy positions and the second suspected to contain enemy positions.
4. RESEARCH OF CONDITIONS: Our patrols searched forward to the northeast to find possible routes of advance for forthcoming drive in that direction. As has been the experience for the past weeks, the enemy is still withdrawing his main body and leaving only well dug-in delaying and harassing parties. Mine-mortars, MG's rifles and hand grenades are the chief weapons employed.
5. CASUALTIES:
- a. Our Casualties:
 - (1) For the period: 1 KIA, 10 MIA.
 - Todate: 92 KIA, 269 MIA.
 - b. Enemy Known Casualties:
 - For the period: 11 KIA, 1 PW.
 - Todate: 411 KIA, 2 PW.


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