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HEADQUARTERS  
5039 REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
Office of the S-3

FROM: 011500 May 45.  
TO : 021500 May 45.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 23

MAP: NAUTICAL PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay for changes.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Heavy local rains, visibility very limited.
3. GROUND SITUATION:


a. Infantry:

- (1) 1st Bn.: One round from a knee mortar in the "A" Co. area and a few rounds of rifle fire in the "C" Co. area comprised all Bn. activity during the night 01-02. No casualties were suffered. "A" and "C" Co's. advanced to abreast positions along the ridge (41.0-97.9) (41.0-97.7). See overlay. "B" Co. moved northward as Bn. advance into the newly assigned objective area. At the close of the period the Co. had reached high ground vicinity (40.5-98.5) without contact. Patrols were working still further northward with nil contact. "A" Co. sent a patrol to the northeast and found nearly dry but abandoned positions vicinity (41.1-98.6). The area has contained a considerable group, estimated from 250 to 300. A well defined trail leading northeast from that area was being followed by the patrol at the close of the period. Nil report.
- (2) 2d Bn.: Nil activity throughout the night 01-02. Patrol from "D" Co., working southeast along the road to establish the RCT limiting point, was fired upon from the vicinity (41.05-96.2) by at least two MG's and several rifles. Mortar fire was laid on the position with results undetermined at close of the period. "F" Co. patrolled southwest to vicinity (39.9-96.2) with nil contact.
- (3) 3d Bn.: Nil activity throughout night 01-02. An "I" Co. patrol moved northeast from (39.1-97.9) in an effort to locate a second route into the Layup area and cut off any enemy withdrawing to the northwest along the Kaka River. The Bn. was out of communication with the patrol at the end of the period. Previous report located the patrol at (40.2-96.8) with nil contact. "J" Co. is to move in to this area under cover of darkness night of 02-03.

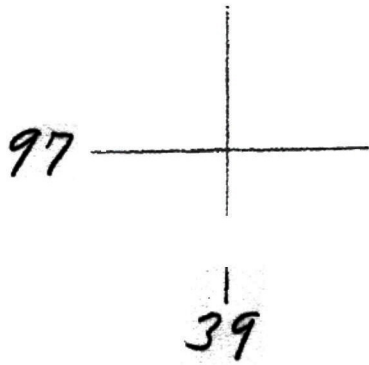
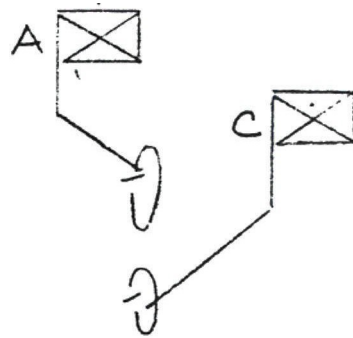
- b. Artillery: Other than harrassing fire night 01-02, the artillery fired no missions.
- c. Engineers: Heavy rains halted all road building and maintenance at 1100 hour.

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- d. Air: On 020730 hour air strike on a suspected bivouac area vicinity (39.4-00.1) (41.0-00.1) along MALAC RIVER was on target. Results were unobserved.
4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: The direction of the RCT advance changed from SE to NE and an extensive reconnaissance of the route to be taken later in force was made. Nil contact had been made at the close of the period. Reconnaissance further to the SE established the fact that at least part of the enemy's forces are still in that direction. Our immediate strategy is to split an enemy in the MALAC area from those to the SE. A holding force of one Bn. will be maintained at the RCT limiting point (41.4-95.8) area while the 1st Bn. sweep the MALAC - MALAC RIVER area.
5. CASUALTIES
- a. Our casualties
- (1) For the period: 4 KIA.
- (2) Totals: 96 KIA, 259 WIA.
- b. Enemy known casualties:
- (1) For the period: 4 KIA.
- (2) Totals: 116 KIA, 2 POW.

  
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