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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 50

MAP: NEGRO I. PHOTO #23; 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.

2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cloudy, with limited visibility and intermittent rains.

3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

- (1) 1st Bn: "B" & "C" Co's nil activity during the night. "C" Co killed one enemy attempting to infiltrate their position this morning at 0930. "A" Co received harassing fire during the night consisting of knee mortars, rifle & MG fire. One KIA resulted from this fire & no known enemy killed. An "A" Co patrol encountered enemy sniper & MG fire when they entered an enemy defense area running fr vic (16.2-11.2) to (16.33-10.9). The position consisted of one heavy strand of barb wire, fox hole & numerous tracks. During the recce a patrol received MG fire fr vic (16.2-11.2) & (16.3-11.0). The platoon withdrew & placed 60-mm mortar in the area. The patrol killed 2 enemy & suffered 2 KIA at approximately (16.2-11.2), after the mortar barrage a "B" Co patrol moved to vic (16.2-11.5) & had not returned at end of period.
- (2) 2d Bn: Nil activity during the night. "D" Co sent out local security patrols with nil activity. "E" & "F" Co's continued fire fight against enemy bunker positions at vic (15.55-11.15)-(15.7-11.4) after ferocious barrage of 4.2 mortar. Our Arty & Div Arty both fired heavy concentrations on the area. The enemy held bunker position was then secured. 11 enemy dead found in the area some believed to have been killed during the Arty firing. Both Co's then sent out local security patrols. While investigating vic of (15.6-11.5) 2 more enemy dead were found, 5 air corps MG's were found of which 3 were destroyed the other two were usable and are being used by our troops at end of period. Loads of ammunition were found containing 30 & 50 Cal & knee mortar ammo. 98 rifles were also found and were destroyed. Estimated 50-75 enemy defended the area as result of number of dug in positions that were found. Documents also found & forwarded to Regt'l S-2.
- (3) 3d Bn: Nil activity during the night. A "G" Co overnight patrol to vic (11.21.3) reported nil activity. "H" Co sent out local security patrols and reported nil activity. An "I" Co patrol bivouaced overnight vic (11.3-09.3) & turned to B perimeter at 1200 reported nil activity. Another "I" Co overnight patrol to vic (13.4-09.7) reported their position at 1200 to be vic (11.7-09) and had nil contact.

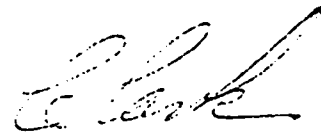
b. Artillery: Fired harassing fire throughout the period. Marked air strike target and fired direct fire support missions on call. 35 rounds expended during period.

c. Engineers: Continued maintenance and building of supply route.

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4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Enemy strong points on axis of approach to NCT objective were secured, five enemy air corps MG's captured. Continued extensive systematic patrolling.
5. INTERNAL OPERATIONS FOR 31 MAY: Continuous recon towards HILL 4055 and E along HILL 3355. Systematic patrol S of NCT Sector.
6. CASUALTIES:
 - a. Our Casualties for the Period: 3 KIA.
 - b. Enemy Known Casualties for the Period: 14 KIA.



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