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

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FROM: 291500 Apr. 45.  
TO : 301500 Apr. 45.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 21

REF: HMMHLS P1310; 1/23,000

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See overlay.

2. WEATHER AND VMT : Very warm, heavy scattered cumulus clouds in mountain area.

3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

- (1) 1st Bn.: "B" Co. consolidating on its newly won position (10.4-77.4), was receiving a great deal of sniper fire during the first part of the period and at 291030 had reported a KIA and 3 MIA from this source. However, the position was maintained. There was nil activity during the night 29-30. The Bn. displaced forward to (10.4-76.9) repositioning at 301100. Patrol activity forward and to the left flank occupied the Bn. throughout the day. MG fire, thought to be 13 mm and machine, was encountered by "B" Co. patrols forward of its position. The MG's were found demolished. Sniper fire continued sporadically on "B" Co. throughout the day. Other patrols from "A" and "C" Co's. reported nil enemy contact.
- (2) 2d Bn.: "A" Co. found a demolished 37 mm field piece at (10.7-90.4) upon reaching this position at 291500. "B" Co. located a 7 mm anti-aircraft gun and two MG's during the security patrolling. There was nil activity during the night 29-30 throughout the Bn. Extensive patrolling to the right of the Bn. area during the day resulted in nil enemy contacts, however, several abandoned positions were located in that vicinity.
- (3) 3d Bn.: "E" Co. O.S. reported five enemy on ridge vicinity (38.1-97.3) at 291100 and artillery fire was called for. The results were not known. The Bn. reported nil enemy activity during the night 29-30. An "F" Co. patrol received long-range fire from ranges vicinity (38.1-91.3) at 300930. Nil casualties to "F" Co. Artillery was placed on the ridge with unknown results. "D" and "G" Co. patrols reported nil contact or activity.

b. Artillery: The artillery fired five support missions during the period in addition to night 29-30 harassing fire. A supply detail was fired in enemy vicinity (38.1-90.0) at 291230; four were killed and one was wounded. Six 30 mm shells on four enemy vehicles in vicinity (38.5-91.5) were seen to strike and fall as a result of the fire but managed to crawl into the brush. These enemy are not included in our

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c. Engineers: Continued building the new supply route to "B" Co. position and maintained the present road.

4. **RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:** The probing efforts of our patrols indicate the enemy is withdrawing his main forces as we advance, leaving small forces as we advance, leaving small delaying parties to delay the advance as much as possible. A few of these groups remain and fight to the death. Fire coming from strong points towards the rear indicate G.I. report our progress to rear parties who engage in long-range MG rifle and mortar fire and when withdrawal as our artillery is brought to bear. Being deeply dug in on reverse slopes, our artillery apparently has little effect.

5. **CASUALTIES:**

a. **OUR CASUALTIES:**


(1) For the period: 5 KIA, 20 MIA.

Todays: 91 KIA, 250 MIA, 5 IIA.

b. **ENEMY KNOWN CASUALTIES**

(1) For the period: 11 KIA, 1 POW.

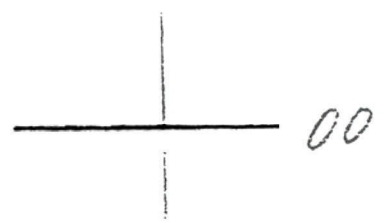
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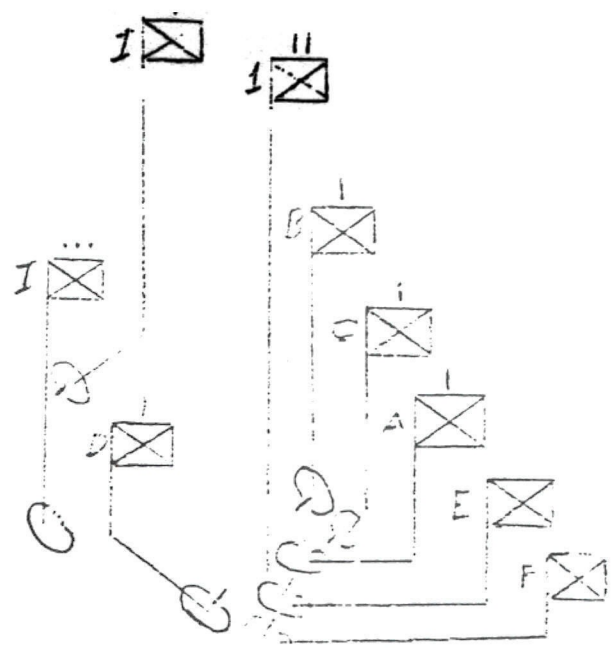
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