

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

FROM: 141600 Apr 15.
TO : 151600 Apr 15.

S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 8.

MAP: BATTLE MAP, IENGOC ISLAND; 1/50,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change.

2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Very warm, visibility unlimited.

3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry: Continued extensive patrolling of the RCT sector occupied our troops during the period. "E" Co. (503d) and "K" Co. (74th) located at SHAYPANPAN (35.5-07.5) reported nil contact or new evidence of enemy activity within a 200 yd. radius. They were again resupplied by air. A reconnaissance patrol from "D" Co. found only a few abandoned enemy positions along well beaten trail at (37.3-99.8). A reconnaissance patrol was fired upon by a machine gun in the vicinity (38.1-01.8) at 1330I. Mortar fire will be brought to bear on position during the night 15-16 and a combat patrol is planned for this patrol also 15 Apr. Saw movement in vicinity (38.5-02.4) and believe it to be the location of an enemy O.P. This has been brought under mortar fire and is to be investigated 15 Apr. An "F" Co. reconnaissance patrol reported sighting three enemy vicinity (35.7-99.3) at 1130I, and directed mortar fire on the area. Difficult approach to the area prevented results to be obtained at close of period. "G" Co. patrols reconnoitered the area from (31.6-99.7) to (31.4-01.3) without contact. "I" Co. patrols reconnoitered the area from (37.5-01.0) southwest to (39.1-95.8). Reported bunkers and dug in positions approximately 1000 yards east of (37.0-98.7). A patrol searching for mine fields was fired upon at (38.6-95.3) from an undetermined position. Our O.P. stationed at (35.4-98.8) drew long range sniper fire during the day. An overnight O.P. is established at (39.2-93.7).

b. Artillery: Provided harassing fire during the night 14-15.

c. Engineers: Maintained supply route road and searched for land mines. Seventeen 100 lb. bombs modified as land mines were located and unarmd in the vicinity (36.4-00.8).

4. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS: Continuous reconnaissance provides evidence that the enemy has withdrawn his forward strength further into the hills, abandoning most of his positions to the immediate front and flank of our forward elements. This has probably been due largely to the effective fire of our artillery and mortar fire.

5. CASUALTIES:

a. OUR CASUALTIES: Today: 0 KIA, 0 MIA, 10 WIA, 12 KIA.

b. ENEMY KNOWN CASUALTIES: Today: 0 KIA. Today: 13 KIA, 0 MIA.

