

HEADQUARTERS  
503D INFANTRY DIVISION TEAM  
ONLINE OF THE S-3

FROM: 211500 APR. 16  
TO : 221500 APR. 16

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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 14.

MAP: HOBITAS PHOTO; 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.

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

3. OUR OPERATIONS:

- a. Infantry: HQ Co., advancing with its objective the high ground (38.3-97.8) was forced to withdraw under heavy machine gun and mortar fire to (38.1-97.9) at 211700L. The enemy lost a known 10 KIA during the action. "H" Co., reported 1 enemy KIA attempting observation of the position. 2d Bn., constituting our forward elements, continued its fire fight until dark and consolidated on the hundred yards gained. Mortar fire fell on "E" and "F" Co's, during the night killing 4 and wounding 2. "H" Co., repulsed an estimated 60-70 enemy attacking in three columns at 220530L. The enemy left a known 10 KIA before withdrawing. "H" Co. patrols were attempting contact as the period closed. One U.S. heavy machine gun was found abandoned by the enemy along with 1932 Frankford Arsenal ammunition. Enemy ~~and~~ men were seen evacuating casualties. One platoon "I" Co. moved to occupy ridge in vicinity (38.0-97.3) reaching the objective at 221500L. "O" Co. made a down attack (220545) behind an artillery and 162 chemical mortar barrage and score two kills to its immediate front. By flanking fire, "D" Co aided "F" Co to draw abreast as the period closed.
- b. Artillery: Divisional and RCT artillery provided harassing fire during the night 21-22 and close support fire to all assault elements including "H" Co.
- c. Engineers: Bulldozer operations built fill-ins enabling tanks to move to our left flank. One platoon placed anti-personnel mines in location where enemy has cut our communications line repeatedly. Provided usual supply route maintenance.
- d. Air Corps: Two effective air strikes were made immediately forward of our lines.
4. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Our advance, though small in yardage, gained valuable high ground to our front and flanks. It is believed "H" Co. engaged and inflicted severe casualties on approximately 25% of the enemy's right sector troops. This estimate is based on G-2 reports of approximately 200 enemy in that vicinity. Known occupied enemy positions were under artillery, tank, mortar and air bombardment continuously during the period, causing unestimated casualties.

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5. CASUALTIES:

a. Our Casualties:

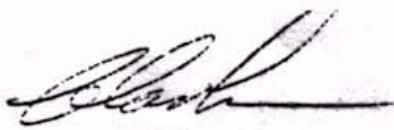
For the period: 12 KIA, 34 WIA.

(2) Todate: 53 KIA, 131 WIA.

b. Enemy Known Casualties:

(1) For the period: 49 KIA.

(2) Todate: 113 KIA, 0 POW.



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