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

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FROM: 231500 Apr. 15.
TO : 241500 Apr. 15.
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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

MAP: NEGRTAS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay for Changes.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Warm, clear, visibility unlimited.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:
 - a. Infantry: "H" Co., advancing on the ROT left flank, received knee-mortar and MG fire vicinity (38.8-00.9) at 231715. Mortar fire was requested on the area. "H" Co. patrols have been unable to contact the enemy in that vicinity since that time. "G" Co., again attempting to take the high ground to its front was unsuccessful as of 231800 and withdrew for the night. During the night 23-24, 2 enemy were killed by "G" Co. and one by "I" Co. attempting infiltration. A saber and blood was discovered in the vicinity of an "F" Co. booby trap. Two platoons of "F" Co. advancing to a position abreast of "D" Co. discovered caves and recent graves containing a total of 30 enemy dead. In the vicinity of (40.5-97.0) "F" Co. reported silencing one 80 mm. gun, one LMG, and 2 enemy KIA as it advanced. "G" Co., supported by "I" Co. platoon on its left, destroyed 2 enemy 50 Cal. MG's and killed 3 enemy in the vicinity (38.3-97.6). An "I" Co. patrol killed 5 enemy in a cave vicinity (40.2-97.8). The cave contained all types of enemy weapons. "G" Co. was in a fire fight as the period closed.
 - b. Artillery: The artillery provided harassing fire all during the night 23-24. Fire missions shelled all suspected and known enemy positions in the ROT Sector.
 - c. Engineers: Usual road maintenance, made much more difficult by recent rains. Lateral tracks made to enable tanks to work along adjoining ridges. Mine detection along route of tank advance located 6 land mines.
 - d. Air: Three air strikes in the vicinity of (40.9-96.9) were directly on the target - dug in enemy positions. Results were unobtainable.
4. RESULTS OF OPERATION: As the result of "F" Co's advance, it is apparent our efforts are inflicting casualties previously unreported. The continued pressure is forcing the enemy to bury his casualties on the spot rather than evacuate them to the rear. Our front lines, now more firmly consolidated, the 1st Bn. now ~~able~~ ^{able} for left flank protection and action, and the more advantageous positions of supporting tanks and artillery, enhance our possibility of a more rapid advance.

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5. CASUALTIES:

a. Our Casualties:

(1) For the period: 1 KIA, 8 WIA.

(2) To date: 56 KIA, 148 WIA.

b. Enemy Known Casualties:

(1) For the period: 49 KIA.

(2) To date: 202 KIA, 0 POW.

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