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503D REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM  
Office of the S-3

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FROM: 261500 Apr. 15.  
TO : 271500 Apr. 15.  
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S-3 PERIODIC REPORT

No. 13

MAP: INGERITAS PHOTO: 1/25,000.

1. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Overlay.
2. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Very warm, scattered cumulus clouds.
3. OUR OPERATIONS:

a. Infantry:

- (1) 1st Bn: Bn. C.P. displaced forward to (39.6-97.5) reopening at 270930. "A" Co., advancing at close of 261500 period consolidated vicinity (39.7-98.5) without contact. Resuming its advance along the BCI left flank, "A" Co. encountered 2 enemy in a strong-point position that contained positions for approximately a platoon. A quantity of rations was found in the vicinity, including some K-Rations. Both enemy were killed and at close of the period "A" Co. occupied the high ground vicinity (39.8-97.5). "B" Co., assaulting the ridge (40.4-97.2) at close of 261500 period was successful and consolidated for the night. During the night, "B" Co. received 8 rounds of mortar fire and some rifle fire, but no casualties. Patrols reconnoitered the next ridge during the morning and reported activity 300 yards to the front. An air-strike at 271230 prevented the company from advancing until 271345. Resistance was met immediately and as the period ended "B" Co. was still in the assault. Two MG's were silenced and a 3" gun thought to have been neutralized. Six enemy were known to have been killed. "C" Co. sent one platoon forward after a mortar barrage and MG fire had raked the area to (40.5-97.1). From this position the platoon was assisting "B" Co.'s advance with flanking fire as the period closed.

2d Bn: "D" Co. received 6 rounds of knee-mortar at 270100 which evidently preceded an infiltration attempt at 270130. Two enemy were killed as a result. The company supported "F" Co.'s attack during the day. "E" Co., in supporting "D" Co.'s 261445 assault, reported 3 enemy killed. "E" Co. supported "T" Co.'s attack during 27th. After a mortar, artillery, 90-mm and machine gun preparation "F" Co. assaulted and secured the ridge vicinity (39.5-96.9). In doing so "F" Co. encountered MG and rifle fire. One 20-mm was destroyed and one captured. A Browning 30 Caliber MG was also captured. At the close of the period "F" Co. was patrolling to its front.

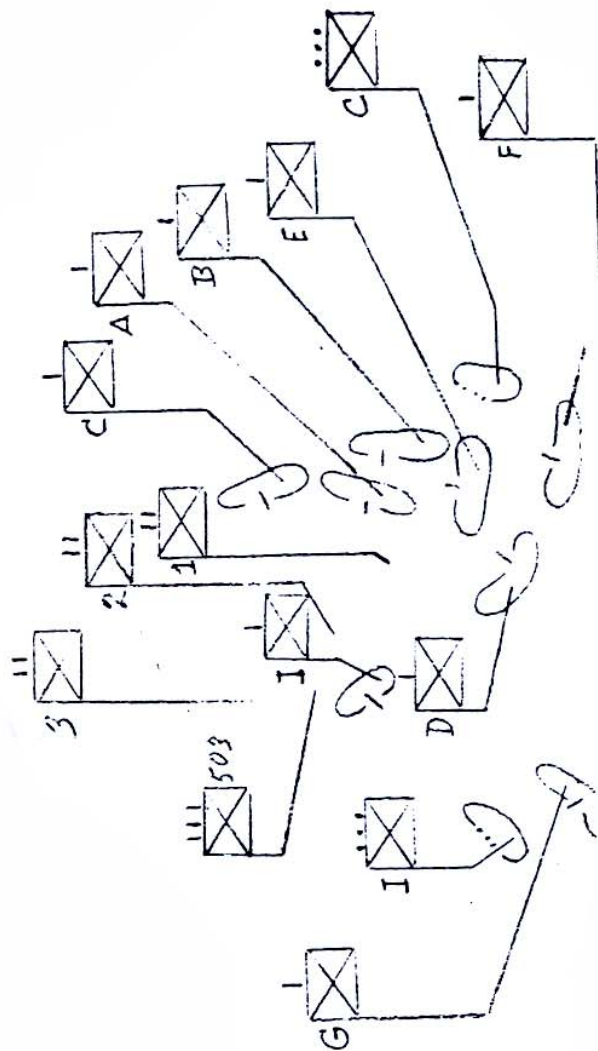
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- (3) 3d Bn: "G" Co. still under MG and sniper fire at 261500 killed one enemy at 1830 but suffered 1 killed and one injured during the afternoon fight. Seven well armed enemy assaulted "G" Co. position at 270530; we suffered 3 KIA and 2 MIA from the assault. The enemy lost all seven. Following a mortar, artillery, 40-mm preparation "G" Co., with one platoon "I" Co., attached, began a determined advance after being held up for several days. At the close of the period "G" Co. had progressed to (38,7-96.9). "F" Co. supported "G" Co's advance with flanking fire. "H" Co. patrolling its area reported nil contact. A carrying party from "L" Co., 185th Inf. helped resupply "G" Co.
- b. Artillery: Twenty-one missions were fired by the artillery during the period. All advances were preceded by artillery preparation and is credited with a great deal of their success. The 40-mm guns were employed in direct support.
- c. Engineers: Supply route maintenance, gun positions cleared, and mine-detection activities.
- d. Tanks: The tanks gave direct fire support to all advances.
4. RESULTS OF OPERATION: The concentrated fire of all available weapons has forced the enemy to withdraw either further to the SE or NE leaving only strongly emplaced delaying parties which are being systematically reduced as we advance. Advance in all Bn. Sectors averaged 400 yards.
5. CASUALTIES:
- a. Our Casualties:
- For the period: 8 KIA, 21 MIA.
- (2) Totals: 74 KIA, 180 MIA.
- b. Enemy Known Casualties:
- (1) For the period: 26 KIA.
- Totals: 293 KIA, 0 POW.

  
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