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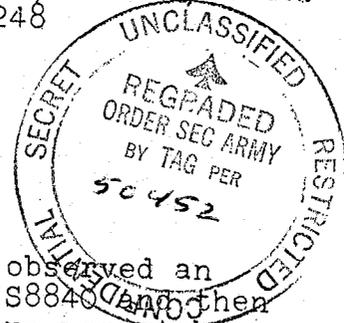
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Periodic Operations Report Number 519

Period 130001I to 132400I Feb 51.

I - OPERATIONS

1. 9th Inf (Div Res): An Air OP at 131405I observed an estimated four hundred (400) En moving SE to Vic CS88400 then Westerly to Vic CS8739. Fifty (50) En of this group were taken under fire by the 2d Recon Co, which in addition of screening the 2d Inf Div W flank, had established a Plat size blocking Psn Vic CS865394 on the E - W road in that Vic. The above mentioned E - W road leads into the 23d Inf MSR and therefore this blocking Psn, if held, would prevent the En from having free excess and Mvmt in their apparent attempt to cut the 23d MSR. L Co was dispatched 131030I to establish blocking Psns Vic CS894398, which is Aprx 2000 Yds to the E of the above mentioned Psn. L Co joined with the remainder of 2d Recon Co, which by the time of Arr of L Co, had Reinf the Plat. Upon entering into the area, the two (2) Cos became engaged with an estimated three hundred (300) En. This engagement continued until 131500I, at which time the En disengaged and attempted, without reported success in flanking the blocking Psn of the two Cos. At Aprx 131800I the two Co force moved to better defensive Psns Vic CS843396. Units Reptd as of close of Repting period, that they were not engaged and had established defensive Psns in this new area for the night.
2. 23d RCT:
 - a. Nine (9) combat Recon patrols were dispatched in all directions out from the 23d Inf perimeter. Eight (8) of the patrols patrolled to a distance of Aprx 2500 Yds with no Reptd En contact. Contact patrol to Vic KOKSURI, CS776413 to establish contact with Elms of the 21st Inf. Patrol Reptd they encountered En of Unk Str and after short fire fight, dispersed En. Patrol was unable to contact Elms of the 21st Inf and patrol returned to unit perimeter.
 - b. At 132245I, Elms of the French En, 1st En, and 3d En Reptd they were under Atk by an Unk No. of En. These units were subject to intense SA, AW, and Mort fire. At 132350I Atk still continued with En SP fire being Recd Fr the S by units of the 2d En.
3. 38th RCT: All units continue to consolidate personnel and to establish new defensive Psns in newly assigned sector. At the close of Repting period there was no Reptd En contact during the period. Psns at close of Repting period are as shown on Atchd Sit overlay.
4. 187th Abn RCT: During the period, unit moved to new defensive Psns as shown on Atchd Sit overlay. Period was devoted to the establishment and improving these defensive Psns. No En contact Reptd during period.
5. Div Arty (-): At close of Repting period Arty units had closed into new firing Psns as shown on Atchd Sit overlay.
6. Air Activities: One hundred thirty-two (132) sorties were flown in the 2d Div sector. Forty-two (42) Acft struck both US and ROK Vehs and Hows abandoned as a result of yesterday's Atk on IOFNGSONG, DS1149. Aprx seventy (70) Vehs, three (3) 155mm Hows, fifteen (15) 105mm Hows, two (2) Tks and one (1) M-16 Half track were Reptd destroyed. Small groups of En, wandering around the area,

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were strafed and rocketed. At 131245I, four (4) F4U's caught Aprx one hundred (100) En Trps establishing an ambush in the Vic of DS1047. Marine pilots raked the hostile troops before they had the opportunity to dig in, causing Hv casualties. Ln pilots, observed Aprx one thousand (1000) En Trps and pack animals Mving S in a valley located at CS9154. Forty-four (44) fighters commenced strafing at CS9154 and worked the valley eight thousand (8000) Yds to the N. En casualties were extremely Hv. An Aprx four hundred (400) En Trps attempting to cut the 23d Inf MSR were struck by eighteen (18) fighter Acft. Mosquito pilots Reptd excellent results. For the fourth consecutive day, ten (10) sorties were flown against Trps in the valley at CS8656. Villages and fortifications were napalmed and bombed killing an unestimated No. of En Trps.

II - OPERATIONS ORDERED

7. All units to reorganize immediately and make immediate inventory of that supply and equipment needed to replace losses due to combat. Cont to organize and improve defensive Psn's as assigned.

III - FACTORS AFFECTING COMBAT EFFICIENCY

8. Weather: Cold and clear with slight haze during the later part of the day favoring ground Opns.

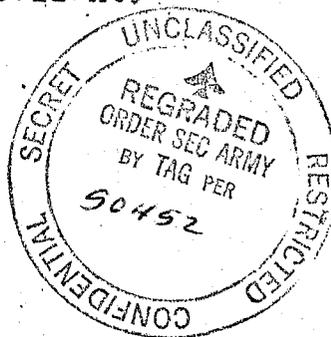
9. Morale and combat efficiency: Excellent.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- X, plus X Corps (2)
- 27th Br Brig (1)
- 6th ROK Div (1)
- 24th Div (1)
- 7th Div (1)
- 187th Abn RCT (1)



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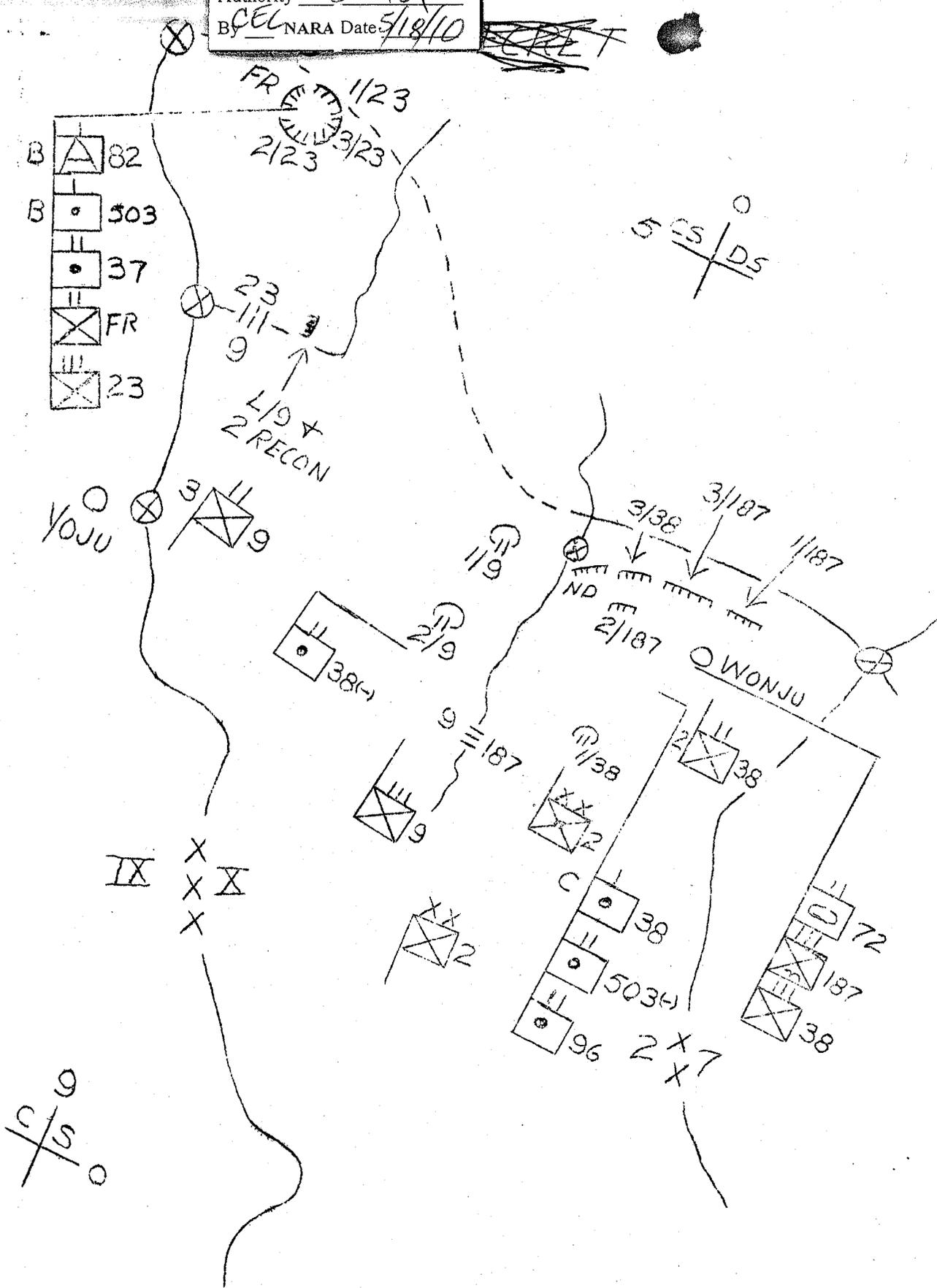
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Periodic Operations Report Number 520.

Period 140001I to 142400I Feb 51.

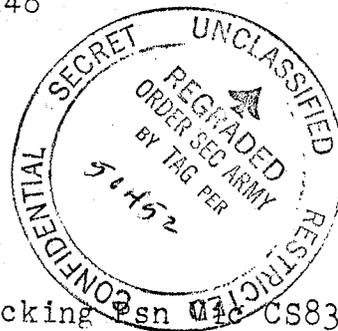
I - OPERATIONS

1. 9th Inf:

a. Cos L/9 and 2 Recon, occupying blocking Psn Vic CS8339, were Atkd Fr all sides at 140600I. The two Cos withdrew through the En encirclement but sustained Hv casualties in the action.

b. One Plat, Hv Mort Co Atchd to 1/9, was ambushed Vic CS989344 while displacing to new Psn. The ambush was manned by an overwhelming number of En and the Plat was forced to disperse. A Tk led patrol returned to the area and recovered that equipment which was still serviceable.

c. 3/9 moved to new Psn Vic CS9831.



2. RCT 23: During the night of 13-14 Feb, RCT 23 was heavily engaged Vic CS8048 Fr all directions. The En employed Morts, SP fire, SA, and Arty in his unsuccessful effort to crack the RCT perimeter. At 140700I all firing ceased and the En could be seen withdrawing over the ridge lines. One group of En estimated to be a Co was engaged by a French patrol Vic HILL 281, CS7647. The French patrol was extricated and intense air and Arty were placed on the hill with Unk results. Other En activities during the day were limited to sniper fire directed at crews gathering supplies from an air drop. At Aprx 141600I the 27th British Brig was Advng N toward CHIPYONG-NI to open the road for supply and evacuation. Later in the day, word was Recd that 5th Cav Regt was Mving toward CHIPYONG-NI Via the SW road in conjunction with the 27 British Brig.

3. RCT 38:

a. At 140555I a strong En force broke through the R flank of Co K. Co F, 187th Abn RCT moved up and plugged the gap between 3/187 and 3/38. At 140500I Co I was forced to withdraw Fr Psn on HILL 255, however two Plats held their Psn. When lines were restored and HILL 255 retaken, the two Plats were relieved though Hv casualties had been sustained. Indications throughout the day were that the En was shifting his efforts to the W and the major effort during the daylight hours was that of redistributing forces to counter this threat. Large groups of En and pack animals were spotted by air OP but, were halted by the devastating fires of massed Sping Arty.

5. 6th ROK Div (-): 2d ROK Regt and two Bns, 7th ROK Regt, 6th ROK Div Atchd to 2d US Inf Div Eff 141400I. These Elms Moved to Assy areas Vic CS8733 under cover of darkness and prepared to occupy Psn in Asgd sector.

6. 27th Prig: 27th Brig Atchd to 2d US Inf Div Eff 141200I. 27th Brig moved N along the CHIPYONG-NI - IHO-RI Road to open the road for resupply and evacuation of wounded from RCT 23. The Brig Adv against scattered En resistance to Psn indicated on Atchd Overlay where defensive perimeters were established for the night.

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7. Div Arty: Massed Arty Spting Inf Trps in the WONJU area succeeded in destroying many En, supplies, and in disorganizing southbound En Cims. Many pack animals were seen to "explode" when taken under Arty fire.

8. Air Activities: Although weather was non-operational until 141400I, Air Force fighters flew 56 sorties in the 2d Div sector in the remaining hours of daylight. Twenty-eight sorties were flown on targets in the Vic of the 23d Inf perimeter. These targets included En Trps dug-in on a ridge running N from CS8050, En Trps dug-in on a hill running West from CS7943 and Trps and pack animals in the Vic of CS7546. Pilots Reptd excellent results. At CS7846, Ln Acft pilots Reptd possible Ammo stores destroyed. 38th Inf controllers worked twenty-two fighters in the Vic of WONJU. Targets included En Trps on HILL 325, DS0135, a concentration of three thousand Trps on HILL 222, CS9936 and dug-in En Trps at DS0337. All targets were well covered.

II - OPERATIONS ORDERED

9. See Opn Instructions 30, this Hq, 141500I Feb 51.

III - FACTORS AFFECTING COMBAT EFFICIENCY

10. Weather: Low ceilings limited close tactical air Spt to the afternoon hours but did not materially affect the use of air observers in Ln type Acft. Mid-day thaws caused slight damage to roads but caused no drastic reduction in trafficability.

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DISTRIBUTION:

- X, plus X Corps (2)
- 6 ROK Div (1)
- 27 Br Brig (1)
- 7 US Inf Div (1)
- 24 US Inf Div (1)
- 187 Abn RCT (1)

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Period 150001I to 152400I Feb 51.

I - OPERATIONS



1. 9th Inf: Regtl sector was quiet throughout period. Inter-patrol contact was maintained with 16 Recon Trp. Recd at 151350I to occupy 38 Inf sector. 1st Bn: No change. 2d Bn: Closed 151955I on line from CS002340-CS021357. 3d Bn: Closed 151900I in Res at CS028325. Regt made contact with 7 Regt 6 ROK Div at limiting point CS970331 on the L and with the 187 Abn RCT at CS023357 on the R.

2. RCT 23: Mort and SP w/pns fire continued to fall in the perimeter with the 2d Bn receiving SA fire continuously as of 151130I. At 150337I Hv Atk was launched against 3d Bn necessitating Ranger Co (Res) being committed. Ammo supply limited and Rqst was made for air drop at earliest daylight hour. At 150433I Bn hit 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns simultaneously. All Pns held except G Co which fell back to perimeter of B Btry, 503d FA Bn. Ranger Co and one Plat of F Co assisting in counter-attack. At 150908I, G Co, French Res, and Recon Co made Atk to retake lost ground at HILL 397, CS795455. Pns retaken at 151105. Due to G Cos casualties, B Co was attached to 2d Bn and G Co plus B Co, Engrs placed in Psn to back up 1st Bn. Ammo drop (26 planes) was completed at 151105I and helicopter evacuation proceeding smoothly. Tank Force from 5 Cav Regt, 1st Cav Div approached within 1000 Yds of 23 Regtl perimeter. En withdrew suffering Hv casualty loss from all type fire as tank force closed into perimeter at 151745I. Area quiet till close of period with exception of sporadic Mort and SA fire.

3. RCT 38: At 150139 2d Bn Recd light Atk. Atk built up along front of F and G Cos approaching within hand grenade range. Bn withdrew slightly to allow Arty fire in area and Catkd at 150305I to retake Pns on HILL 325. F Co and Netherlands Det succeeded in retaking Psn at 150710I. At 150845I, ROK Flms of the 38th Regt were sent to HILLS 316 and 390 to clean out possible infiltrators. 38th Regt Pns occupied by 9th Inf per instructions. 2d Bn closed Vic MUNMANG-NI sector, CS962300 at 152240I.

4. 27 British Brig: Brig pushed off on Asgd route to contact 23d RCT, but 1st Bn Recd Catk at 150700I on HILL 112. Atk repulsed and Adv N resumed. 3d Bn passed through 2d Bn meeting stiffening resistance from HILL 121, CS840372. Adv continued slowly against Hv resistance halting for night with Pns in Clm from CS830385 to CS830350.

5. 6th ROK Div: While Mving into Psn to begin Adv to Asgd Psn to N, 7 Regt made contact with estimated 100 En at CS891309 as of 150330I. By daylight hours, 2 and 7 Regt were abreast, 7 Regt on the R to begin their Adv. Ln plane from 9 Inf, 2d Div covered area to check En Trps Reptd by ROK units. Plane brought Arty fire from 38 FA Bn on estimated 600 En inflicting Hv casualties. Remainder dispersed. By 152015I 2 and 7 Regts had reached intermediate line Aprx 4000 Yds short of Asgd phase line. Tied in with 9 Regt limiting point on the R, however, no contact on L flank with British. L flank of 2d Bn Recd small probing Atk, estimated Co size, at 152230I, however it was Reptd repulsed. Sector remained quiet till end of period with patrols working N to Asgd phase line.

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6. Air Support: A record of two hundred and five (205) fighter sorties smashed En Trp concentrations, field pieces, supplies, and armored vehicles in the 2d Div sector. One hundred thirty one (131) fighter Acft flew twenty (20) minute CAP cover over the 23d Inf's perimeter. Pilots Rptd many groups of one to two hundred En Trps being caught in the open with napalm, rockets, and MG's. HILL 248, CS7849 was Atkd by fifty-two (52) low flying fighters. En Mort and Arty Psns were Frag bombed by Marine air-men with exceptionally good results. Aprx seventy (70) Acft flew close Spt sorties for the 38th Inf. British Acft from a West Coast based Acft Carrier struck a large En Trp and supply concentration in the Vic of DSOC40. Other fighters hit thousands of En dug-in on hills N of WONJU with excellent results.

II - OPERATIONS ORDERED

7. See Opn Instructions 31, this Hq, 152300I Feb 51.

III - FACTORS AFFECTING COMBAT EFFICIENCY

8. Weather: Hazy and mild.

9. Morale and Combat Efficiency: Excellent.

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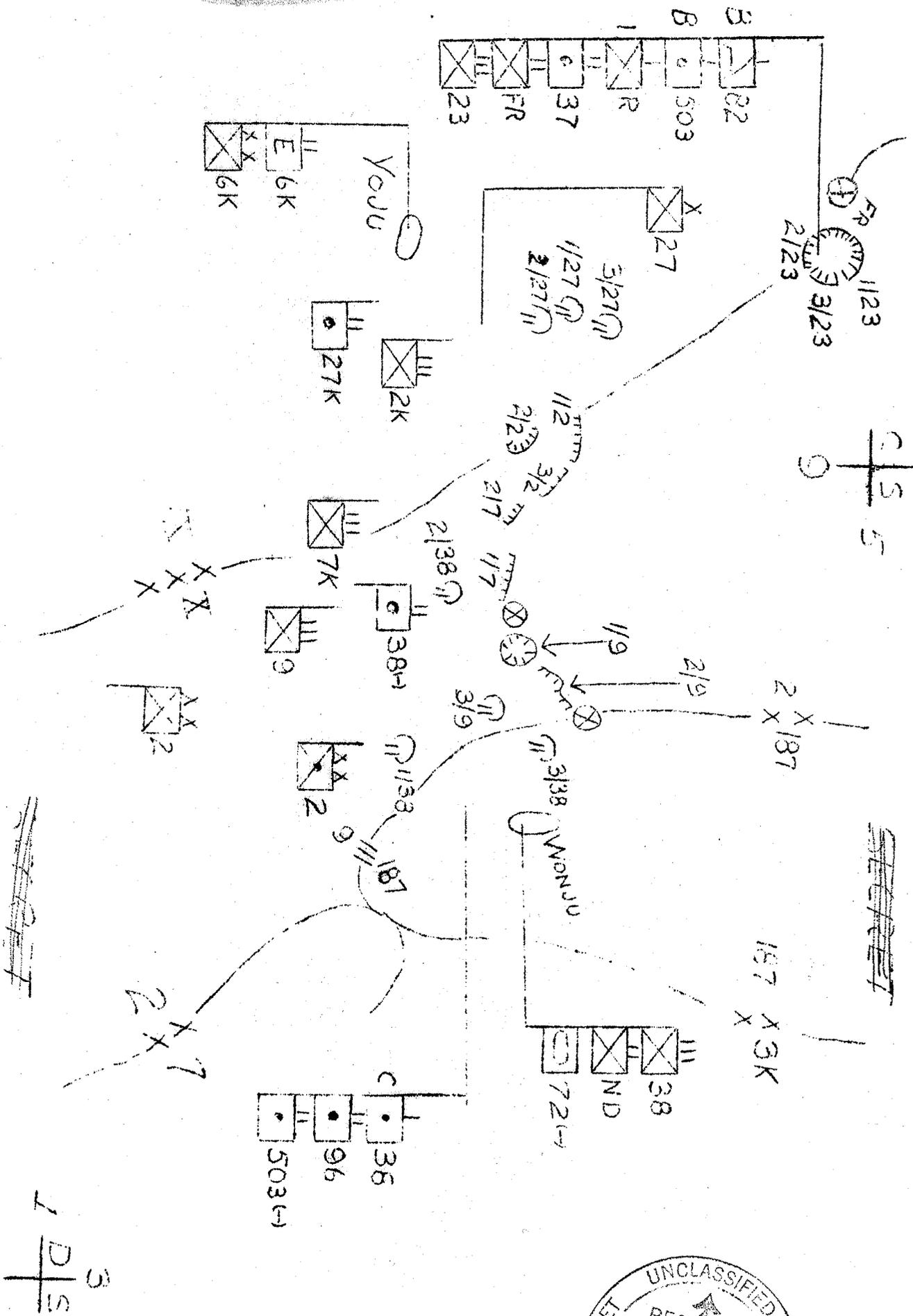


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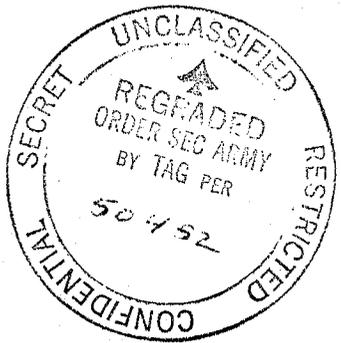
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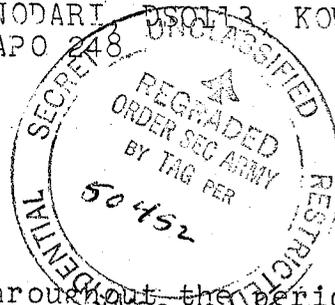
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Periodic Operation Report Number 522.

Period 160001I to 162400I Feb 51.

I - OPERATIONS

1. 9th Inf: Regtl sector was quiet throughout the period. B Co patrol contacted Elms of the 7th ROK Regt Vic CS963340 at 161900I. Period was devoted to occupying and improving defensive Psn within assigned sector.
2. RCT 23: During the early morning hours of the period, sporadic harrassing Arty fire fell within the 23d Inf perimeter. F Co dispatched a combat patrol to the Vic of HILL 387, CS802457 with no En contacted or sighted. B Co dispatched a patrol to the SW of HILL 387 with no En contacted or sighted. The French Bn dispatched a combat patrol W to Vic of HILL 248, CS782473 with no En contacted or sighted. A patrol dispatched by C Co to the N encountered SP fire Vic KOSAN, CS798502. Patrols returned without further incident. At 161635I the supply Ctm with the 5th Cav Regt arrived at the 23d RCT perimeter and the Vehs, upon discharging their cargo immediately loaded those wounded personnel and departed to the Vic of YOJU, CS795280 to place the wounded into medical channels. The Vehs made the trip into the and out of the perimeter area with no En contact. Foot Elms of the 5th Cav Regt moved N from Vic KOKSU-RI, CS777413 towards the 23d RCT perimeter, sweeping the high ground on either side of their route of Adv. Adving Elms encountered no En opposition. At close of Repting period, these Elms had advanced with 3000 Yds of the 23d RCT perimeter and were located as shown on Atchd Sit overlay.
3. RCT 38: RCT was placed in Div Res 152300I. RCT (-) was directed to Mv from last Reptd Psn to Vic MUNMANG-NI, CS9528. 1st Pn was directed to Mv to Vic MICHON, DSO25213 with mission of establishing a blocking Psn Vic CS025213. In compliance with the above orders, all units departed last Reptd Loc, Netherlands Bn closing new area Vic CS944264 at 161600I, 3d Bn closing new area, CS953273 at 161630I, 1st Pn closing new area Vic MICHON, DSO25213 at 161530I, and Regtl CP closed Vic POJIN-NI, CS955277 at 161500I. No Reptd En contact during the period.
4. 6th ROK Div: All Elms of the 6th ROK Div continued to Adv within sector to occupy Psn on designated defense line. At Aprx 160300I an estimated one thousand (1000) En were Reptd to have hit the L flank of the 2d ROK Regt Vic CS8537. The En was Reptd to have moved to the W after encountering the ROK Elms. At first light on Air OP was dispatched, but failed to substantiate the Reptd En force of the above strength, but did observe Aprx one hundred (100) En Mving to the East along the road in the Vic of CS8539. All Elms continued to Adv to Asgd Psn during the day and at close of period the 7th ROK Regt was Reptd to be in Psn. The 2d ROK Regt, L flank unit, had established physical contact with the 27th British Brig at HILL 342, CS8636. This contact to be maintained during the hours of darkness 16-17 Feb 51. At close of period, units were in Psn as shown on Atchd Sit overlay.
5. 27th British Brig: During the early morning hours of 16 Feb, 1st Bn (Middlesex) moved to CS8236, 2d Bn (Argvles) to CS8335, and 3d Bn (Australians) to HILL 316, CS8137. During the Brigs Adv on the 15th of Feb they had encountered a strong En force on HILL 121, CS8337 which laid in their route of Adv to the N and prevented the unit from accomplishing it's mission of opening the road to the 23d RCT at CHIPYONG-NI, CS8048. The plan of action of the Brig for

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16 Feb was to Mv the 2d Pn to Vic of HILL 342, CS8636 thence due N to HILL 353, CS857377. This Mv of the 2d Pn would place this unit on the E and to the rear of the En force on HILL 121, making this Psn untenable to the En. In conjunction with this Mvmt, the 3d and 1st Bns planned to Mv Fwd and secure HILL 195, CS832382. Elms of the 2d Bn secured HILL 342 by 161410L, at which point they made physical contact with Elms of the 2d ROK Regt. Due to climatic conditions Adv N of this point was hindered by poor visibility during a greater part of the day. The 3d Pn encountered an estimated En force of Aprx five hundred (500) Vic CS8137, which was later Reptd destroyed by this Bn. At close of period, HILL 353 and HILL 195 still remained in En hands and units occupied Psns as shown on Atchd Sit overlay.

6. Air Activities: Only one (1) early morning flight of four (4) F4U Acft was able to fly close Spt missions before the weather became non-operational. These Corsairs struck an Ln Trp concentration at CS8244. Pilots observed between 50 and 100 casualties.

II - OPERATIONS ORDERED

7. All units to continue mission(s) as directed in Oon Instr 31, this Hq, 152300I Feb 51.

III - FACTORS AFFECTING COMBAT EFFICIENCY

8. Weather: Sporadic snow storms, haze, fog, and overcast materially hampered military Opns. During the greater part of the day, employment of tactical air Spt was denied due to the weather. This same weather condition reduced the mobility and visibility of ground units.

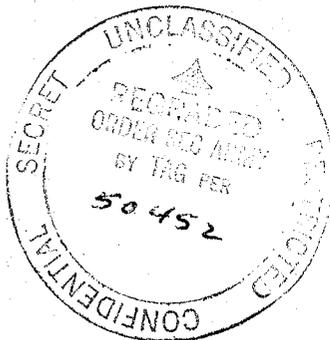
9. Morale and combat efficiency: Excellent.

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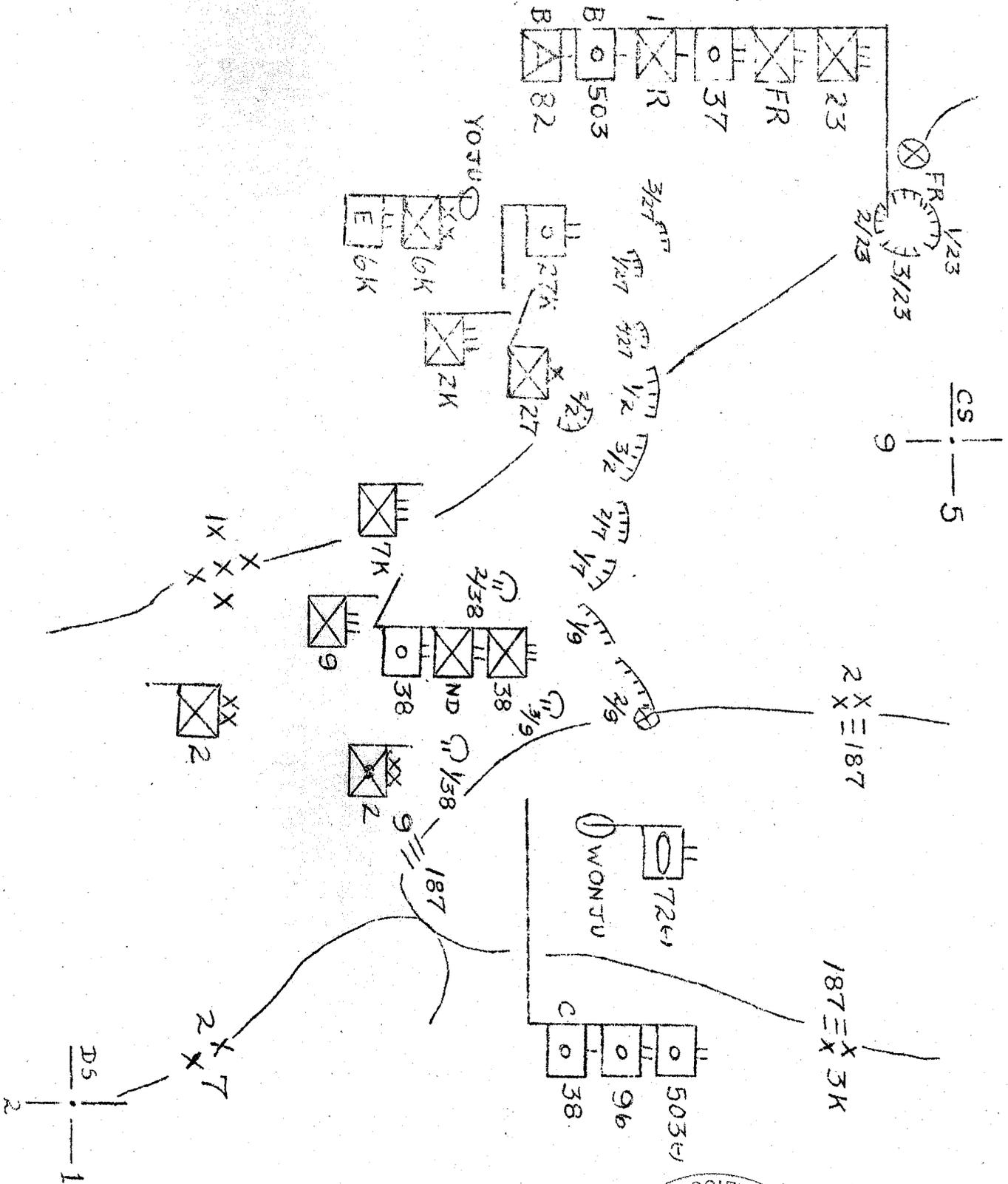
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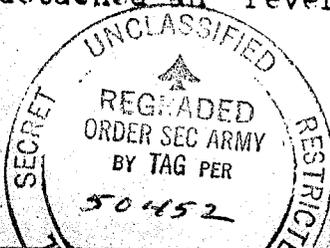
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Period 170001I to 172400I Feb 51.

I - OPERATIONS

1. 9th Inf: The Regt began Mving Fwd in Z to occupy Psns on L - L line bounded on the W by a new limiting point, CS9733 and on the E by the previous limiting point, DSO236.
 - a. 1st Bn commenced Mvmt at 171040I closing by 171400I. Psns were from L limiting point NE including HILL 210, CS989368, SE along river to R limiting point, HILL 222, CS996360. Tk Co Atchd and located at YAUGEYON-NI, CS973352, closing at 171400I.* 1st Bn Adv CP closed at KANHYON STATION, CS975350 at 171400I. Bn made physical contact with 2d Bn 38th Inf at 171900I.
 - b. 2d Bn commenced Mvmt at 171130I closing on Psns extending Fr HILL 222 E to R limiting point at 171340I. Co B, 72d Tk Bn Atchd to 2d Bn closed Vic Bn CP at 171340I. Bn maintained physical contact with 187th Abn RCT.
 - c. 3d Bn Mv to Res Psn at CS988343 closing at 171700I.
 - d. CP 9th Inf Mv to Vic DS016311 closing at 171420I.
 - e. Local patrols were conducted with no En contact.
2. RCT 23: Co size patrols were conducted in all directions from the perimeter.
 - a. 1st Bn: Patrol to WOLPA, CS805498 came under AW, SA, and Mort fire from estimated En Co dug-in on ridge from CS800506 to CS813504. Patrol withdrew and returned at 171600I. Arty and Hv Mort fire placed on En.
 - b. 2d Bn patrol to HILL 397, CS802457 contacted a 5 man En patrol at SUKPUL, CS808457 killing 2 and dispersed 3.
 - c. 3d Bn patrol to HILL 506, CS830487 reached top of hill and came under SA and AW fire from flanks. Patrol withdrew returning at 171750I. Air strike called on En.
 - d. 23d Inf Atchd IX Corps 171200I.
 - e. Co F, 2d Engr C Bn less 1 Plat, detached 170835I and placed D/S RCT 23.
3. 38th Inf: Conducted patrolling in Z with no En contact and relieved 7th ROK Regt in new X Corps Z by 2d Bn. 2d Bn commenced Mvmt, on foot, at 171507I closing on Psns held by ROK forces at 171900I. Physical contact was established with 6th ROK Div and 1st Bn 9th Inf. All patrols returned with no En contact.
4. 6th ROK Div: Continued to Adv in sector to occupy Psns on L - L line, but refusing L flank to maintain contact with 27th British Brig. No contact was Reptd when Div was released Atchmt and returned control IX Corps at 171200I.
5. 27th British Brig: Continued slow Adv against and estimated En Regt and had Advd Aprx 1000 Yds when detached and reverted control IX Corps at 171200I.

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6. Div Artv: CP opened Vic CS975210 at 171230I. 15th FA Bn and Btry A, 503d FA Bn afforded means for rehabilitation and increasing their combat efficiency.

7. Air Activities: Fifteen (15) sorties were flown in close Spt of the 23d Inf. En Psns on HILL 348, CS8051, were struck by seven (7) fighter Acft. A friendly patrol was able to execute a successful withdrawal as a result of the strike. Pilots Reptd En hastily retreated Fr Psns after the strafing runs. Houses in a Reptd En regrouping area were destroyed at CS8549 by eight (8) fighters. Two (2) villages were gutted by fire making observation difficult. At least forty (40) sorties were flown in the 27th British Brig sector, however, due to poor communications, the results of air activities are delayed.

II - OPERATIONS ORDERED

8. See Opn Instructions 33, this Hq, 172300I Feb 51.

III - FACTORS AFFECTING COMBAT EFFICIENCY

9. Weather had no material affect on ground or air Opns.
10. Morale: Excellent.
11. Combat Efficiency: Good.

1 Incl: Sit Overlay

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Period 180001I to 182400I Feb 51.

I - OPERATIONS

1. 9th Inf: At 181455I, 9th Inf was directed by Hq 2d Inf Div to Rel 2d Bn, 187th Abn RCT prior to 190800I. In order that the Bn could accomplish this Asgd mission, the Netherlands Bn, Atchd to the 38th RCT, moved during the afternoon hours to effect the Rel of the 1st Bn, 9th Inf. This Rel was effected 182300I. Upon being Rel, the 1st Bn, 9th Inf moved to Vic CS987325, closing at 182355I. Psnns of units at close of the period are as shown on Atchd Sit overlay. No En contact Reptd during the period.

2. RCT 23:

a. RCT 23, Vic CHIPYONG-NI, CS8047, had been placed under the Opn control of IX Corps 171200I, since the Loc of this unit was within the sector of responsibility of IX US Corps. At 181100I RCT 23 began it's Mvmt Fr the above mentioned Loc to Mv to the sector of responsibility of the 2d Inf Div. The Mvmt was handled in a most expeditious and efficient manner, and by 182400I all Elms of the RCT 23, less 1st Bn and Elms of the Svc trains, had closed in the WONJU area, DS0833. The expected time of closing of the 1st Bn in the WONJU area is 190030I.

b. The 37th FA Bn, which had been Atchd to RCT 23, reverted back to the Opn control of 2d Div Arty upon the Arr of this unit within the 2d Inf Div sector. The 37th FA Bn had closed in it's new area Vic DS025330 at 181930I.

c. At the close of the Repting period, RCT 23 Reptd the following Locs of their major units: Regtl CP at DS072315, 2d Bn Vic DS0831, 3d Bn Vic DS094289, French Bn Vic DS0732, and 1st Bn to Mv to Vic DS065310 upon it's Arr in the WONJU area.

d. 23d Inf reverted back to the Opn control of the 2d Inf Div at 182200I.

3. RCT 38:

a. At 181050I, the 1st Bn was directed to Mv from last Reptd Psn Vic MICHON, DS0324 and join Elms of the 38th Inf Vic MUNMANG-NI, DS9529. The Bn cleared the MICHON area at 181300I and arrived new area Vic CS987325 at 181500I.

b. F Co was dispatched at 181425I to reconnoiter to the N within sector to determine Fn Loc, disposition and Str. At the close of Repting period, Co Reptd it's Loc Vic HILL 479, CS925384. Co Reptd no En contact.

c. At 181435I, the Netherlands Bn was ordered to effect the Rel of the 1st Bn, 9th Inf on Psn. Rel was Reptd effected at 182255I.

4. Div Arty:

a. With the arrival of the 37th FA Bn in the 2d Inf Div sector, all Arty units, except D Btry, 82d AAA AW Bn with the 9th Inf and C Btry, 82d AAA AW Bn with the 38th Inf, were back under the Opn control of 2d Div Arty. Those 2d Div Arty units last Reptd in the WONJU area, DS0833 moved 18 Feb 51 to new Locs within the 2d Inf Div sector.

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b. At the close of the Repting period, 2d Div Artv units were in Psn as shown on Atchd Sit overlay.

5. Air Activities: No sorties were flown in Sot of 2d Div units during the period.

II - OPERATIONS ORDERED

6. See Opn Instructions 34, this Hq, 182100I Feb 51.

III - FACTORS AFFECTING COMBAT EFFICIENCY

7. Snow, haze, and fog hampered military Opns during the early part of the day. By mid-afternoon the snow had melted and sky had cleared, and climatic conditions had no material affect on ground or air Opns.

8. Morale: Excellent.

9. Combat Efficiency: Good.

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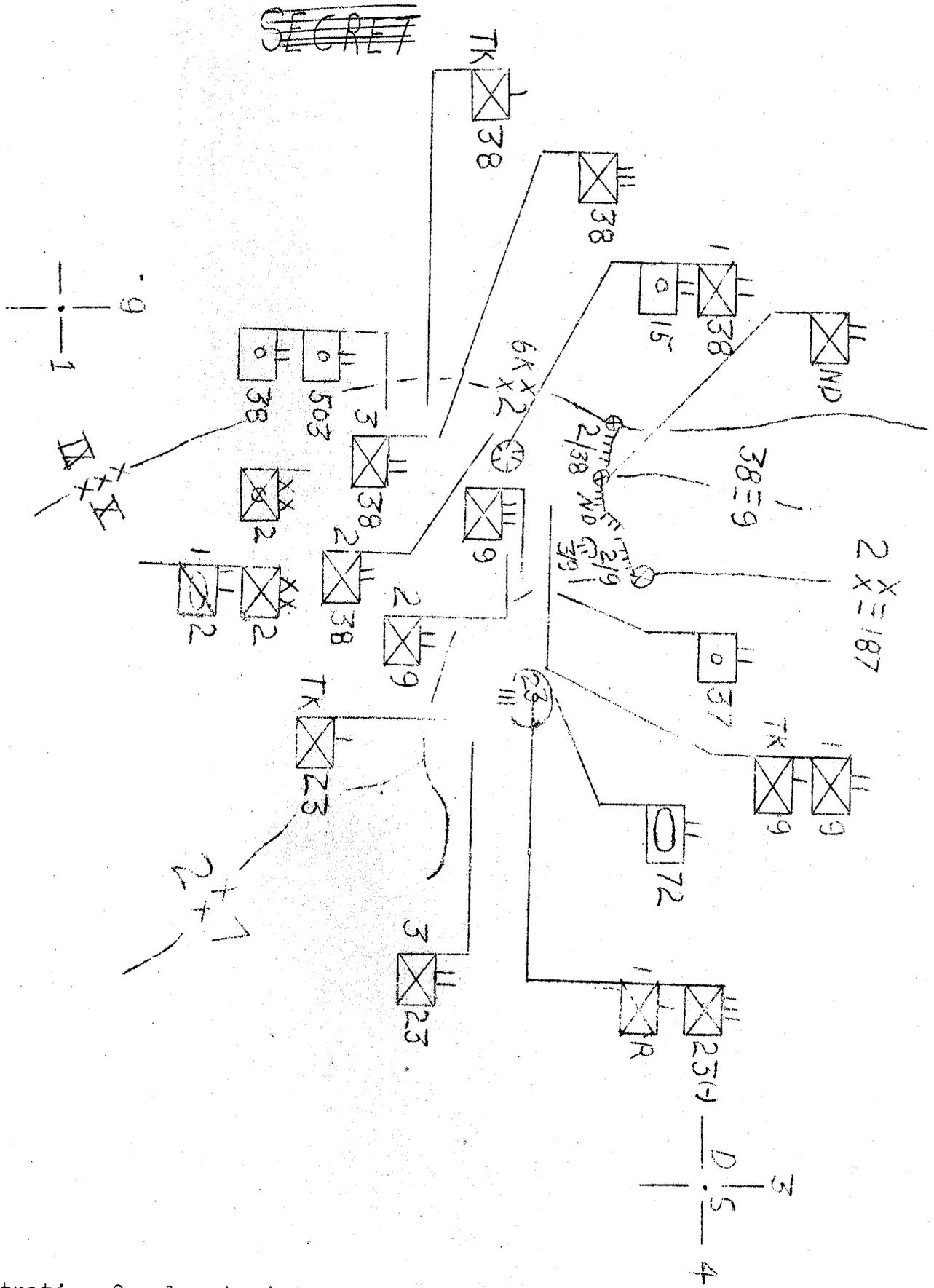
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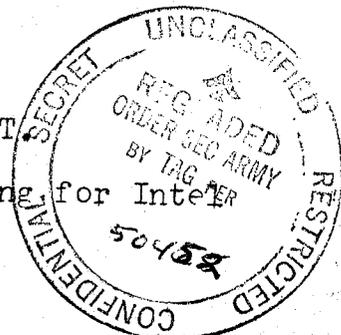
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I - OPERATIONS

1. 9th Inf: 1st Bn Reld 2d Bn 187th Abn RCT closing at 190835I thus freeing that unit for combat Opns patrols NW of CHECHON. 3d Bn moved to new Res Psn Vic DS018332 in Psn behind the 1st and 2d Bns. Local patrols were conducted without contact.
2. 23d Inf: Regt moved Fr CHIPYONG-NI perimeter closing in Assy area S of WONJU at 190030I. 1st and French Bns Assy Psn on SW road while 2d and 3d Bn Psn on SE road. French Bn placed under Opn control 187th Abn RCT at 191200I. Local patrols were conducted without contact.
3. 38th Inf: 2d Bn Co size patrol proceeded to patrol base at HADANUN, CS972407 and sent out patrols as far N as SUMUNG-RI, CS952459 without En contact. Remainder of Regt conducted local patrols without contact and continued to improve Psn.
4. 187th Abn RCT: Came under Opn control of CG, 2d Inf Div less the 2d Bn. French Bn 23d Inf came under Opn control CG, 187th Abn RCT at 191200I and had relieved A Co and 3d Bn less I Co who were relieved by Elms 9th Inf. All Reliefs completed by 191420I. C Co and 3d Bn Reld 18 ROK Regt closing at 191545I. Co A with I&R Plat and 5 Tks began patrol N towards HOFNGSONG departing at 190800I. Vic DS092434 patrol observed Unk number Fn on high ground whereupon Arty fire was adjusted upon En killing an estimated 10. At Vic DS100445 patrol came under Hv SA and Mort fire from high ground Vic DS098451 where an estimated En Reinf Co was dug-in. Arty and air killed 75 to 100 En. I&R Plat moved from there to town Vic DS108466 to search for UN evaders Reptd there. Hv En SA fire forced Plat to withdraw to A Co Psn. A Co broke contact at 191630I under cover of Arty fire and air, returning to their unit. Patrol recovered 105 Rds 105mm Ammo and suffered 2 KIA and 3 WIA. Vic DS030540 4 US soldiers were rescued by helicopter and taken S.
5. Div Arty: CP moved to DS051288 closing 191230I. 82d AAA AW Bn (-) closed same area at 191230I. 37th FA Bn occupied Psn DS062348 closing at 191510I and B Btry 503d rejoined their Bn at 191530I. B Btry, 82d AAA rejoined their Bn. Div Arty now is in a Psn to provide greater fire Spt to the units in Fwd Psn.
6. Ranger Co detached RCT 23 at 190030I and closed Vic WONJU at DS0732.
7. Air Activities: A total of 24 F-51 sorties were flown striking En with napalm, rockets, and Cal .50. At DS150530 60 En dug-in, DS0849 Trps and gun emplacements, Trps at CS950450, CS9748, and CS998500 were hit. Estimated En casualties were 250.

II - OPERATIONS ORDERED

8. 23d Inf be prepared to Rel 187th Abn RCT
9. All units to Cont local patrols searching for Intel
Info. 38th Inf to Cont long range patrols.

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10. Maximum use of Air is directed.

III - FACTORS AFFECTING COMBAT EFFICIENCY

11. Weather had no material affect on ground or air Opns.

12. The need for replacement personnel and equipment to improve the ability of the Div to fight continued.

13. Morale: Excellent.

Combat Efficiency: Good.

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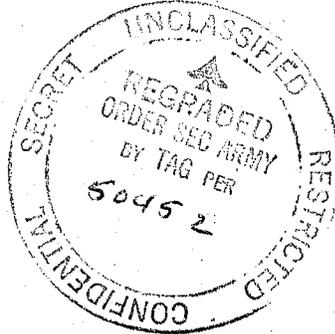
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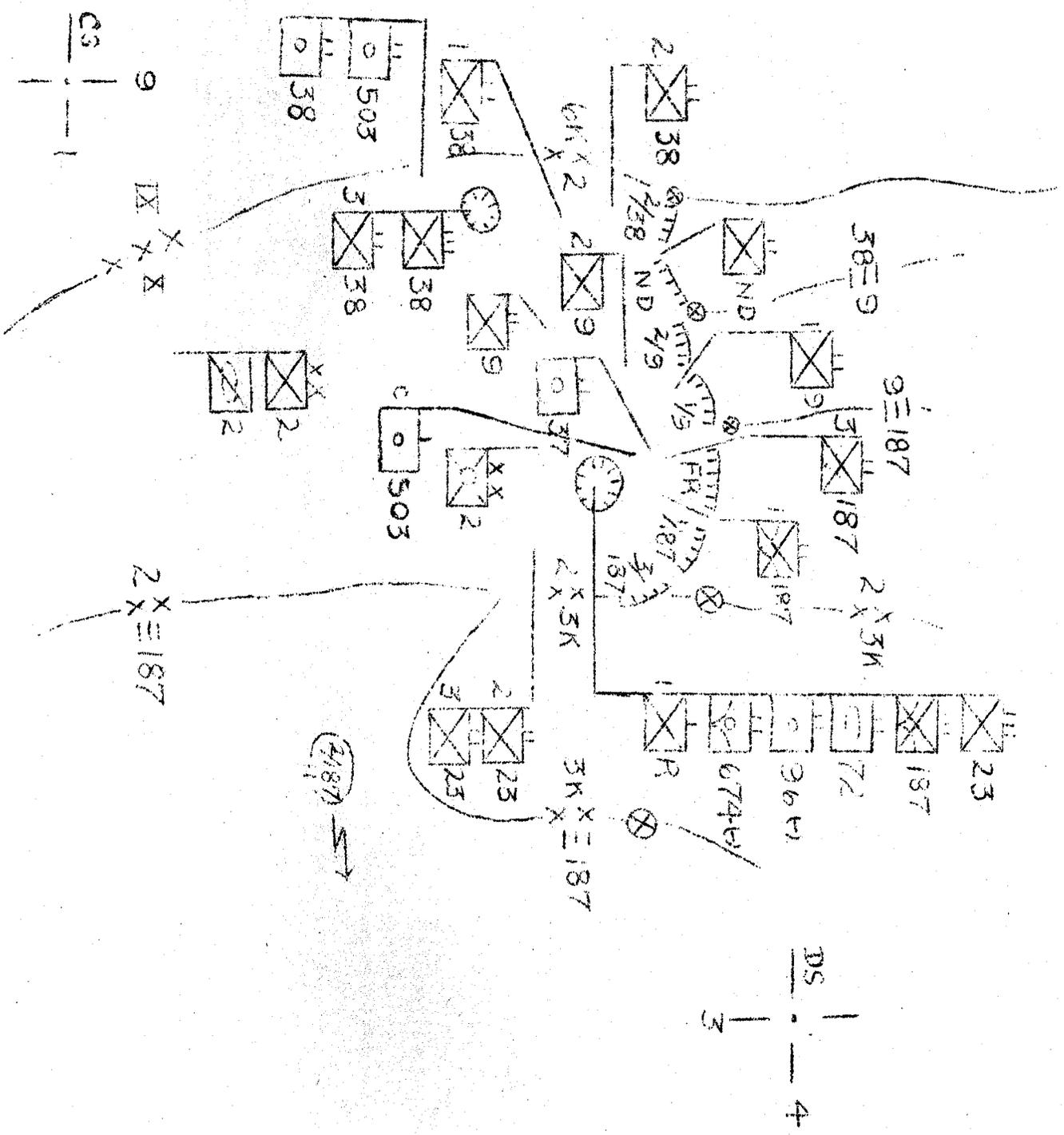
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