9 May, 1945.

The orders for the day were for the Regiment to occupy and defend their present positions. The Battalion Commander ordered Easy and George to reconnoiter 500 yards to their front. Easy patrolled to their front and left front and found no enemy activity. George patrol crossed the Assa River to their front and promptly drew heavy enemy fire. A short fire fight ensued and a George casualty was evacuated across the river. An artillery spotter plane was shot down to the front of George. Both pilot and observer escaped to our lines.

During the afternoon, commencing at 1500 artillery fire fell on our positions again. Fox sustained three casualties and the Battalion executive officer, while returning from the Battalion observation post was wounded by a shell fragment in his left leg. Major Harry A. Courtney had received his first wound of the campaign and was evacuated by the battalion surgeon. The enemy's artillery fire has hurt the battalion in more than one way in that all hands were experiencing helplessness in combating so distant enemy, one which had not yet been located. His shells were approximately 150mm which rendered an "express train collision" jar to the dock and was preceded by an unusually weird whistle.

That evening at 1900 Lt. Col. H.C. Woodhouse Jr., the Battalion Commander, received a fragmentary order for the following day. The 3/22 was to move across Assa River at 0300 and attack the high ground to their front at daylight. The 1/22 was to provide our cover to attack on the left of the 3/22. The 2/22 initially was to set up a strongpoint in TA 7647 14 and to support the attack of the First and Third Battalions by fire. The Battalion Commander decided that George should send two platoons to establish a strongpoint in the following morning and that further patrols from either Fox or Easy might be ordered. Fox was to move forward to occupy the lines vacated by George's third platoon.

That night, again, the enemy raised havoc with artillery fire, wounding and killing several men. An artillery forward observer and two of his team were killed. His fire was fairly evenly distributed over the three companies and the battalion command post area.

10 May, 1945.

More specific orders reaffirmed the previously received fragmentary order and further stated that the 2/22 would be prepared to seize and hold outposts positions to its front if the situation and the terrain permitted, also maintain contact with 3/1 on the left. By 0730, two platoons of Captain C.T. Stobbin's George Company had set up a strongpoint in the designated area. At 0830, Easy Company under 1st Lt. F.E. Gunter was ordered forward to establish a line and tie in with George at TA 7677 14. Throughout the morning enemy artillery was active. In the process of establishing our left flank, George run into intense enemy machine gun fire and was forced to employ flame throwers to silence same. Regiment consented to the Battalion Commander's plan for connecting George and Easy across the Assa River generally along the line TA 7674 15, QP, R, N, O and TA 7774 16. The 2/22 had made its first advance into defended enemy territory. During the day the Battalion Executive Officer returned to duty. Casualties had been light throughout the day but artillery and high velocity guns continued to harass the entire battalion. Artillery revisitied the battalion at 2330 and paid particular attention to the Battalion command post.
11 May, 1945.

The regimental attack order for this date allowed for the main effort to be made on the right by the 2/22 and 1/22 with the 2/22 attacking on the left at 0700 to seize the high ground in the vicinity of TA 7673 K and 7673 C. We were further ordered to maintain physical contact with the First Marine Division on our left. The Battalion Commander ordered George to move out in accordance with the advance of the 1/22 on its right and ordered Easy not to move at all until ordered to do so.

At 0700 the attack jumped off as planned after a heavy artillery barrage. The 1/22 was immediately pinned down on George's right, also the 3/1 on Easy's left was not moving. At 0830 the situation was this. Both our left and right flanks were held in place, but rapid advances had been made in the center.

To alleviate our extended lines, it was arranged for Easy to tie in with the 2/1 at TA 7774 U5 along rail road track. Easy was thus enabled to move out supported by tanks. At 1014, George's right flank was still in the previous night's position as one platoon of Fox was moved forward to maintain contact with 1/22 on right. George was now only permitted to advance to seize the high ground in TA 7673 C. Enemy artillery was firing sporadically at the road junction in TA 7674 U2. Some fire was received by Easy from enemy territory in the First Marine Division zone of action. George received heavy mortar fire from their front and semi-automatic fire from their right rear. Fox had filled in the center and on the right flank by 1230 in order to straighten up the line and make contact possible on the right. Slow but steady advances were made until about 1700 when preparations for the night were begun. Front lines for the night were TA's 7673 C, 03, 7674 V1, 7673 P2, and C. During the night there was little activity except for the usual artillery fire which was spaced throughout the night. By noon the Battalion had experienced a bit of everything: the enemy had offered only a moderate rate of casualties and inflicted the usual penalty on all of enemy that stood in its way.

12 May, 1945.

The 22d Marines were ordered to attack and seize C-3 line in its zone of action making the main effort on the right. Time of attack 0730. The 2/22 was to seize C-3 in its zone of action and to protect the regimental left (east) flank. The Battalion, as directed by Lt. Col. Woodhouse, would attack with Easy and George abreast and Fox in reserve. At jump off time the tanks had not yet arrived and thus the jump off was delayed. At 0800 tanks got into position and the companies jumped off. The attack had proceeded only 30 minutes before heavy and extremely accurate enemy machine gun fire was encountered by both Easy and George Companies. Lts. Thorn and Mc Dowell of Easy and Lt. Carrigan of George were wounded. Lts. Harris and Lynch were sent forward as replacements. At 0850 orders were received from regiment to push hard on the left and to disregard the 2/1 in that the 3/29 was available to fill any gap created on the left. At 1000 Fox Company under Capt. H.F. Ahern was ordered to move up to the immediate rear of George Company and be prepared to continue the attack. We were in visual contact with the 1/22 at this time. The village to the front of George Company proved to be a strong point and tanks were utilized. At 1030 Easy Company was being held up by heavy fire from their left front in the First Marine Division area and was hit hard. Word had been received that the 1/22 and 3/22 on the right had progressed favorably and it was deemed mandatory that 2/22 advance likewise in spite of the hard left flank. By 1340,
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ACTION:

- Further orders from Reg pending.