



MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT
WEDNESDAY
Partly cloudy skies with scattered showers. High 95°, low 79°. Winds northeasterly at 8 to 10 knots.
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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)-- Action remained scattered in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday as Division forces accounted for 18 VC and one NVA killed and 19 crew-served and 44 individual weapons captured.

Light enemy contacts in Quang Ngai Province resulted in 11 VC killed, eight suspects detained and four weapons captured by 11th Inf. Bde.'s "Jungle Warriors" yesterday.

In the area west of Quang Ngai City a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company received sniper fire. The "Old Guard" soldiers returned the fire, killing three VC.

Near the same area troops of another 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company killed two evading VC and detained one suspect.

Soldiers of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company killed two VC and captured one VC suspect and carbine 10 miles north of Duc Pho. The suspect later lead the "Sykes Regulars" to a tunnel near his in the same area where a VC identified as a platoon leader was killed and four more suspects detained.

Troops of a 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed a VC in their perimeter west of the Province Capital and captured one AK-47 rifle and one Chicom flare pistol.

In other action west of Quang Ngai City, another 3d Bn., 1st Infantry company killed a VC in a hole. In the same area one 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company found a 7.62mm pistol, and another 4th Bn., 3rd Inf. company detained two suspects who were trying to hide in a crowd.

"Hero Scouts" of the 123rd A. Bn. killed one evading VC 12 miles south of LZ Bronco.

Units of the 190th Inf. Bde. killed four VC and one NVA and captured 17 crew-served and 39 individual weapons in scattered action throughout the "Chargers" Operation Wheeler/Wallowa area yesterday.

"Polar Bears" of a 4th Bn., 31st Inf. company commanded by 1LT Dickie Dickson (North Liberty, Ind.) found a large enemy weapons cache and a NVA base camp in a thick double and triple canopy jungle valley 27 miles west of Tam Ky.

The company along with a reconnaissance element of the battalion was conducting a thorough search of the area when they found the weapons and equipment with about 25 huts.

In the weapons cache there was ten B-40 rocket rounds, 31 S&S carbines, five AK-47 rifles, seven RPD light machine guns, nine portable flame throwers, one RPG-7, two US carbines, one K-44 rifle, and a box of maps, overlays, documents, and about 100 pounds of explosives. All the equipment and weapons were evacuated.

"F" Troop 8th, Cav. observed one evading VC 17 miles southwest of Tam Ky. The enemy was engaged, resulting in one VC killed.

A 2d Bn., 1st Inf. company found 2000 pounds of rice in five gallon cans eight miles southwest of Hoi An. The rice will be evacuated and distributed to needy villagers.

A 4th Bn., 31st Inf. company engaged and killed one evading VC with small arms fire 20 miles west of Tam Ky.

A reconnaissance element of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. engaged a group of evading VC six miles west of Hoi An, resulting in two VC killed.

A 3d Bn., 21st Inf. company engaged two evading NVA eight miles west of Tam Ky, killing one NVA and capturing two NVA ponchos, two pair of black pajamas, and 15 pounds of rice.

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20th anniversary Monday while hopes faded the communist regime would announce the release of the 82 crew members of the captured U.S. Intelligence Ship Pueblo. Special radio broadcasts and messages continue to be carried on Radio Pyongyang, but there was no word on the Pueblo crew.

SAIGON—A South Vietnamese Brigadier General has been killed in a helicopter crash in Vietnam's Central Highlands. He is Brigadier General Truong Quan An, the commander of the 123rd Infantry Division, and the first South Vietnamese General to die in the war. An's wife and three American Officers were killed in the crash also.

MANILA—President Johnson's Special Advisor on Asian Economics matters, Eugene Black, has arrived in Manila to begin a five nation tour. He says he will assess the progress of development programs in Southeast Asia and review new ideas and proposals on regional projects. While in Manila he will meet with Philippine leaders and officials of the Asian Development Bank.

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A continuing search through the rocket ridge area again provided the highlight for yesterday's action by the 198th Inf. Bde. Two VC were reported killed and one individual and two crew-served weapons captured in the Operation Burlington Trail and Chu Lai area.

A unit of the 1st Bn., 5th Inf. commanded by CPT Francis X. Brennan (Boston, Mass.) located two 122mm rockets and additional warheads hidden in holes.

The "Regulars" discovered one carbine and several documents in the jungle highlands four miles west of Chu Lai.

Near Chu Lai a 198th aerial observer spotted one VC killed by artillery.

Early yesterday afternoon a "Blue Ghost" of "F" Troop, 8th Cav. returning from a reconnaissance mission northwest of Chu Lai spotted one VC. The enemy was engaged and killed.

The 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported one VC killed and one suspect detained by their "A" Troop and one suspect detained by "C" Troop in the Operation Burlington Trail area.

Division forces suffered one soldier killed and 13 wounded and evacuated for treatment.



MACAO—Leong Cheung is a man without a country because of his gambling. Leong, 21, is a Hong Kong metalworker who came to this nearby Portuguese province to try his hand at its famous casinos.

He brought with him the equivalent of US\$83 and lost it all.

He "pawned" his priceless Hong Kong Identity Card for US\$50 with a taxi driver and promptly lost the \$50.

Leong hadn't even his return fare to Hong Kong, so he tried to stow away on a returning ferry, but he was caught by Macao Police.

Police are now looking for the taxi driver, and Leong is hoping the cabbie will take his IOU for \$50 and return his Identity Card.

Till he gets it back, a sadder and wiser Leong Cheung is a man without a country.

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