

NEWS



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FREDAY

Partly cloudy skies with scattered afternoon and evening showers.

High 92°, low 77°. Winds northeast at 10 knots. (B-6)

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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 and supporting elements accounted for 22 VC killed and one weapon captured.

Operation Champaign Grove began on 4 Sept. in an area 20 miles west of Quang Ngai City. Elements of the 11th Inf. Bde. and the 2nd ARVN Div. have killed 110 VC and 13 NVA, detained 27 suspects, and captured one crew-served and 14 individual weapons in the combined operation.

Light action in Quang Ngai Province yesterday resulted in eight VC killed, one suspect detained and one weapon captured during operations by 11th Inf. Bde. "Jungle warriors".

The U.S. Air Force accounted for two VC killed yesterday morning when a forward Air Control plane returned fire on two ground gunners, killing both nine miles west of Quang Ngai.

Troops of a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company found three VC killed by air strikes 10 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

Infantrymen of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company detained two VC who led them to a near tunnel near huts nine miles north of Quang Ngai City. Soon after the two VC entered the tunnel there was a large explosion, killing both VC. Later they killed another VC in the same vicinity.

"Old Guard" soldiers of another 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company found one automatic weapon in bushes by a trail 11 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

Cavalrymen of "S" Troop, 1st Cav. detained one VC suspect by a trail near a mortar site which had been used to attack LZ Bronco. The mortar site was less than two miles west of the "Jungle Warriors" home.

Elements of the 196th Inf. Bde. killed nine VC yesterday in the Operation Wheeler/wallowa area.

A reconnaissance element of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. in three separate actions yesterday killed a total of six VC nine miles south of Hoi An.

Two 3d Bn., 21st Inf. companies killed three more VC in the same area in two separate contacts.

Two air strikes were flown in support of the 196th yesterday resulting in one secondary explosion.

Action centered west and northwest of Chu Lai yesterday in the 196th Inf. Bde's area of operations as one light contact, the discovery of a rice cache, and one VC killed highlighted activity.

A 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company commanded by LT Nicholas Holmes (St. Cloud-Minn.) found 400 pounds of rice yesterday during a search and clear mission in the Burlington Trail area. The rice was booby-trapped with two M-26 grenades which were discovered and destroyed.

A reconnaissance element of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf. accounted for one VC killed yesterday.

In other action a 1st Bn., 6th Inf. company commanded by CPT. Francis X. Brennan (Boston, Mass.) ran into an unknown size enemy force in bunkers on the "rocket ridge" west of Chu Lai. Two air strikes were called in on the NVA unit which was firing on the "Regulators" with automatic weapons and rolling grenades down a hill into the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. soldier's positions. Results of the contact are unknown at this time.

The remainder of the Bde's action centered south of Chu Lai where a 1st Bn., 52d Inf. company commanded by CPT Peter L. Lawson (Taunton, Mass.) discovered two M-16 anti-personnel mines, several spider holes, and documents during a search and clear mission.

"H" Troop, 17th Cav. soldiers operating with the "Ready Rifles" found and destroyed one 8 inch dud round.

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MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF 9/11/68

CLUB	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	92	54	.630	
Baltimore	83	62	.572	8½
Boston	78	68	.534	14
Cleveland	78	71	.523	15½
New York	75	70	.517	16½
Oakland	75	72	.510	17½
Minnesota	69	77	.473	23
California	63	84	.429	29½
Chicago	61	86	.415	31½
Washington	57	87	.396	34

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING AS OF 9/11/68

CLUB	W	L	PCT	GB
St. Louis	90	57	.612	
San Francisco	79	67	.541	10½
Cincinnati	74	69	.517	14
Chicago	76	71	.517	14
Atlanta	74	72	.507	15½
Pittsburg	70	74	.486	18½
Philadelphia	68	76	.472	20½
Los Angeles	66	80	.452	23½
Houston	66	80	.452	23½
New York	65	82	.442	25

DAILY SUMMARY  
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Civic Action soldiers of the Bde. treated 301 Vietnamese yesterday during five MUDGAs.

The 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported four VC killed yesterday in the Burlington Trail area. "F" Troop, 8th Cav. accounted for three of the VC killed and "C" Troop, 1st Cav. accounted for the other VC killed.

Division forces suffered two soldiers killed and 35 wounded and evacuated for treatment.

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WASHINGTON (UPI)—Senate gun control supporters appealed to Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts for help in strengthening a gun control bill to include licensing and registration provisions.

Kennedy, who returned to the Senate Tuesday for the first time since his brother, Robert F. Kennedy, was shot to death by an assassin, said he was undecided whether to take part in the gun control debate.

The Senate was expected to take up the legislation Thursday.

"Senator Kennedy said he'll be there," said Sen. Joseph D. Tydings, Democrat-Maryland, a sponsor of a strong bill.

Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, Democrat-Conn., another supporter of gun controls, said he was "certain" Kennedy would take part in the floor debate.

Tydings said he would try to attach mandatory gun licensing and registration provisions to the bill and kill judiciary committee amendments which weakened some of its original provisions.

The measure would extend to rifles, shotguns and ammunition the same controls which Congress earlier placed on pistols. It would outlaw interstate mail order sales and sales to former criminals, alcoholics, children, drug addicts and other incompetents. The House has passed a weaker version of the measure.

Last May 7 the Senate defeated a rifle and shotgun control bill 53-29 despite a plea for passage by Edward Kennedy.

NEW YORK (UPI)—Israel has warned the United Nations Security Council Tuesday that urgent action is required to prevent another big outbreak of fighting in the tension-packed middle east.

Israeli spokesmen also reported new firing across the Suez Canal at the spot where a three hour artillery battle killed and wounded more than 150 persons on Sunday.

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