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Partly to mostly cloudy skies with afternoon and evening showers. High will be 91°, low 76°. Winds easterly at 5 to 10 knots. (B-6)

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Action increased in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday as Division Forces and supporting elements accounted for 63 VC and 11 NVA killed, 12 individual and four crew-served weapons captured.

Action increased sharply in Operation Champaign Grove yesterday as elements of the 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav's "Dragoons" and supporting elements accounted for 45 VC and seven NVA killed, 12 individual and four crew-served weapons captured.

"C" Troop and "B" Troop, 1st Sqdn. 1st Armored Cav. engaged an unknown sized enemy force late yesterday about five miles southwest of Quang Ngai City. "C" Troop accounted for 42 VC killed, seven AK-47 rifles, one 7.62mm pistol, and one RPG-7, and one RPG-2 captured. "B" Troop accounted for three VC killed.

"Professionals" of a 1st Bn., 46th Inf. company under operational control of the 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav., killed seven NVA, captured four AK-47 rifles, and two RPG-2s yesterday about five miles west of Quang Ngai City.

11th Inf. Bde. soldiers and supporting helicopter gunships reported 15 VC and four NVA killed and six suspects detained yesterday in southern and western Quang Ngai Province.

"Kero Scouts" gunships from the 123d Avn Bn. killed five VC and four NVA soldiers while supporting "Jungle Warriors" of the 11th Inf. Bde. in Operation Champaign Grove west of Quang Ngai City.

"Old Guard" soldiers from a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company commanded by CPT Jimmy R. Davis (Denton, Tex.) continued to search the area where they had found a complete 105mm howitzer Thursday. Yesterday they uncovered 100 rounds of M-60 ammunition, one B-40 rocket, assorted NV and khaki uniforms, and enemy documents in a small tunnel nine miles west of Quang Ngai City. The "Old Guard" soldiers later killed nine VC in the same area.

In the Duc Pho area 1st Bn., 20th Inf. soldiers killed one VC yesterday morning and recovered his pistol butt and two grenades while conducting a combat sweep 13 miles north of LZ Broncc.

The two 18-year-old Montagnards who led a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company to a buried 105mm howitzer of near Quang Ngai Thursday, each received 25,000 piasters yesterday as part of the Voluntary Informant Program.

Presentation was made yesterday afternoon at LZ Buff northwest of Quang Ngai City by the 4th Bn. 3d Inf. commander, LTC Albert L. Russell (Philadelphia, Pa.) and CPT Davis.

"Charger" units of the 196th Inf. Bde. killed three VC in Operation Wheeler/Hallows yesterday.

A 3d Bn., 21st Inf. company engaged three evading VC with small arms fire 21 miles west of Tam Ky, killing one VC.

The Reconnaissance Platoon of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. killed one VC yesterday in an area centered eight miles southwest of Hoi An. In the same vicinity another company of the battalion killed another VC.

Several 196th Inf. Bde. units reported sniper and intermittent small arms fire throughout a day of scattered and light engagements yesterday.

Bde. infantrymen conducting sweeps around Chu Lai and in Operation Burlington Trail detained two enemy suspects yesterday.

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"Drawn and Bold" Civic Action soldiers and medics treated 97 Vietnamese yesterday during three MDCAPSO.

Division forces suffered four soldiers killed and 26 wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—A rule that barred coeds from spending nights in the apartments of single male students has been abolished at the University of Pennsylvania, it was disclosed Friday.

Alice Emerson, Dean of Women, said the restriction was dropped so the students could be free to "develop their own sense of values."

She explained the action did not change the philosophy of the school but it's not appropriate for me to mandate certain values."

The change was written by an all-student committee with the approval of Penn's committee on residence, a half-student, half-faculty group.

PEANUTS

by CHARLES M. SCHULZ



JERUSALEM—Six houses were blown up on the Gaza Strip Thursday in a punitive action against Arab commandos, reliable Israeli sources said.

Three houses were blown up Wednesday for the same reason, the sources said. Two of the houses were in Hebron and one in Nablus.

About 165 buildings have been blown up by Israelis in occupied Arab territory since the June, 1967 war.

In Nablus, Mayer Hamdi Canan resigned after protesting Israeli policy toward the occupied west bank of the Jordan River.

Canan was mayor of Nablus for five years. His term was to have ended last September but the Israeli government reappointed him.

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT—In apparent reply to recent assertions by French President DeGaulle, Secretary of State Dean Rusk Thursday night said the U.S. and Russia have no agreement on respecting so-called "spheres of influence." Rusk made the statement in a speech to a business group in New Haven, Conn.

WASHINGTON—The Defense Department has disclosed the orders of the USS Pueblo had been given before it was captured by North Korea last January. The ship had been ordered to spy on Soviet naval activity...but stay at least 13 miles from the Soviet and North Korean coasts.

LONDON—A highly respected British research firm says the Soviet Union has doubled its arsenal of ICBM's in the past year, thus nearly wiping out the U.S. missile lead. But a report on the military balance by the Institute for Strategic Studies says the U.S. still has an overwhelming lead in submarine-launched missiles.

DE RIDDER, LOUISIANA—Louisiana State Police have uncovered a second cache of dynamite buried in the dusty road leading to a besieged papermill construction site near De Ridder. The construction area has been turned into a fortress for over a week by some two-thousand demonstrators protesting the hiring practices of the construction firm.

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