



MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

FRIDAY

Fair to partly cloudy skies with showers and thunderstorms.
High 92°, low 78°. Winds northeast at about 5 to 8 knots. (B-6)

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Action increased slightly in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday as Division forces reported 30 VC and seven NVA killed and two individual and one crew-served weapon captured.

In the 196th Inf. Bde's Operation Wheeler/Wallowa area yesterday "Charger" units killed 17 VC and captured one individual weapons.

Two 3d Bn., 21st Inf. companies killed two VC seven miles west of Tam Ky in two separate incidents. Another company of the battalion killed one evading VC with small arms and M-79 fire in the same area.

An OP for the 3d Bn., 21st Inf. called in artillery, killing one VC in an area seven miles west of Tam Ky.

In numerous small contacts yesterday the recon platoon of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. killed 13 VC seven miles south of Hoi An.

Enemy contacts in the 11th Inf. Bde. was concentrated west of Quang Ngai in Operation Champaign Grove as "Jungle Warriors" killed 10 VC and three NVA, detained one suspect, and captured one weapon.

A 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company commanded by CPT Paul C. Place (Kenilworth, N.J.) killed four VC and captured two packs while patrolling in a valley 20 miles west of Quang Ngai. "Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. screening for the 3d Bn., 1st Inf. killed four NVA in the same area.

A rifle platoon of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company led by 1LT Robert L. Janowitz (Glen Rock, N.J.) conducting a sweep through the troublesome mountains west of Ha Thanh CP4 killed two NVA soldiers and captured one AK-47 rifle, two NVA packs, and field equipment yesterday morning 18 miles west of Quang Ngai.

The recon platoon of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. led by 1LT Ronald D. Hopper (Chagrin Falls, Ohio) killed two VC hiding in a tunnel west of Ha Thanh.

Another "Bikes Regulars" company of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. killed one NVA in an area 16 miles west of Quang Ngai.

"Brave and Bold" soldiers of the 198th Inf. Bde. killed one VC and captured one crew-served weapon yesterday during scattered action in their area of operations.

The S-5 of the 1st Bn., 46th Inf. was credited with one VC killed yesterday when a VC fired on a Marine vehicle on Highway 1. A passenger in the vehicle observed the muzzle flash and engaged the enemy with machinegun fire, killing one VC.

A 1st Bn., 6th Inf. company led by CPT Robert L. Hicks (Boise, Idaho) located a VC base camp yesterday afternoon near Chu Lai. Although the VC avoided contact with the "Regulars" they were forced to leave behind a supply of beans, corn, and potatoes. Military documents which the enemy forgot in their haste to evade were also captured with the food supply.

One enemy flame thrower was captured by a unit northwest of Chu Lai yesterday.

Civic Action soldiers and infantrymen of a 1st Bn., 46th Inf. company conducted a cordon and search of a village northwest of Chu Lai yesterday morning. As a result of the HEDCAP led by the battalion surgeon, CPT Roger Browne (Philadelphia, Pa.) following the action, 135 Vietnamese were treated.

The "Professionals" distributed 35 pounds of soap and evacuated five villagers for further medical treatment.

Some 136 more civilians were treated as the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. and the 1st Bn., 46th Inf. as each held two HEDCAPs.

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The 1st Bn., 1st Armored Cav. reported five VC killed, 15 huts and four bunkers destroyed by the 3d Bn., 16th Artillery, firing in support of "Blue Ghosts" of "F" Trp., 8th Cav. in Operation Burlington Trail yesterday. The "Blue Ghosts" later killed an additional VC in the same area.

Division forces suffered eight soldiers killed and 32 wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

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LISBON (UPI)—Portuguese Premier Antonio Salazar, 79, fought the near fatal effects of a blood clot in his brain Wednesday. Doctors said Europe's eldest and longest ruling chief-of-state showed some improvement.

But the premier's condition was critical. Tuesday he received the final rites of the Roman Catholic Church. The Council of State, appointed under Portugal's constitution to recommend a successor, met for two hours Tuesday and debated possible replacements for the man who has ruled Portugal with an iron hand for 36 years.

Salazar collapsed Monday in his hospital room and lapsed into a coma. He was recovering from surgery Sept. 7 to remove a blood clot from his head.

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