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MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Partly cloudy with light scattered rains. Winds variable at 8 knots. High Tuesday, 98°, low Tuesday 92°. (B-6)

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Action in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone remained scattered yesterday as Division forces accounted for 12 VC killed, eight NVA killed, and three individual weapons captured.

11th Inf. Bde. action was concentrated north of Duc Pho yesterday as rifle companies from the 3d Bn., 1st Inf. killed six VC and captured two individual weapons during a combat patrol four miles north of LZ Bronco.

The "Always First" Infantrymen of the 3d Bn., 1st Inf. under CPT John P. Nolan (Hopkinsville, Ky.) sweeping the marshy low lands yesterday morning killed a total of four VC in a series of small unit contacts.

A company of same battalion led by 2LT Bruce E. Dikzas (Clarendon Hill, Ill.) observed two VC evading into a spider hole. As the unit moved in, the enemy tossed grenades from their hiding place. Sgt. Thomas H. Swartz (Michigan, Gater, Mich.) rushed forward, throwing grenades and firing his M-16 into the hole. When Sgt. Swartz crawled in to investigate, he found two dead VC, an M-1 carbine, a Thompson sub-machine gun, and enemy documents.

"Jungle warriors" of the 11th Inf. Bde. apprehended three suspects for questioning in the Duc Pho area yesterday.

Elements of the 196th Inf. Bde. killed one NVA and five VC and captured one AK-47 rifle in scattered action yesterday.

A company of the 3d Bn., 21st Inf. engaged a group of evading VC 26 miles west of Tam Ky, killing two VC. In the same area the "Gimlets" found an assortment of supplies, bandages, 300 malaria pills, 50 pounds of corn, one Chicom grenade, 10 pair of sandals, documents, and one AK-47 rifle.

"Gimlets" of the same company engaged a group of evading VC with small arms fire 25 miles west of Tam Ky. Killing one VC.

"Polars Bears" from a company of the 4th Bn., 31st Inf. following a blood trail 25 miles west of Tam Ky, found the body of a NVA soldier in a freshly dug grave. In the same area six Chicom grenades, one Chicom mine, an NVA ID card, an AK-47 magazine, and three bamboo bangalore torpedoes were found.

In the same area another 4th Bn., 31st Inf. company engaged a group of evading VC with small arms fire, killing one VC.

The 4th Bn., 21st Inf. treated 20 Vietnamese during a MDC&P near LZ Ready yesterday.

The 2d Bn., 1st Inf. "Legionaires" distributed 3000 pounds of rice to Vietnamese in the village of Que Son yesterday evening.

One VC was reported killed yesterday during action in the 198th Inf. Bde's area of operations and seven NVA were killed as a result of an all day contact four miles west of Chu Lai.

One VC body was found yesterday as a result of a contact Saturday night by a night patrol led by Sgt. Earl C. Smith (Garland, Tex.) and 1LT James Milling (Columbia, S.C.) the patrol's platoon leader said "My men were using enemy tactics by moving at night in small numbers and surprised Charlie."

In other action two companies of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. ran into a large enemy force early yesterday morning four miles west of Chu Lai. Fighting continued, with heavy air support throughout the day, resulting in seven NVA killed late yesterday evening.

Civic Action soldiers of the 198th Inf. Bde. treated 1195 Vietnamese yesterday during medical visits.
