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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL 10)—Action in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone increased yesterday as Division forces accounted for 38 NVA and 18 VC killed and four crew-served and 16 individual weapons captured.

Attacks by 11th Inf. Bde. soldiers resulted in 38 NVA and four VC killed, two suspects detained, and four crew-served and 16 individual weapons captured yesterday in Quang Ngai Province.

Soldiers of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company led by CPT William J. Adams (Madison, Ind.) killed 31 NVA, captured four crew-served and 16 individual weapons and detained one NVA suspect during heavy action south and west of the Ha Thanh Special Forces Camp 15 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

The 'Sykes Regulars' attacked an NVA force in fortified bunkers and tunnels at the base of a hill near Route 58, less than one mile south of Ha Thanh, killing 25 NVA. The following weapons were captured: 11 AK-47 rifles, one RPG-7, one RPG rocket launcher, one 57mm recoilless rifle, two flare pistols, one RPG light machine gun, and one .45 cal. pistol.

Earlier yesterday, the company came across two NVA playing dead, near Route 58, one mile southwest of Ha Thanh. The 'Sykes Regulars' killed them both and captured one carbine. Troops of the company also detained one NVA suspect in a hole near the same site.

The company also killed four NVA in two other contacts and captured one AK-47 rifle.

'Hero Scouts' of the 123d Avn. Bn. killed seven NVA near the location of yesterday's action south of Ha Thanh.

In other action yesterday, troops of a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company detained one VC suspect six miles north of Duc Pho.

A battery of the 6th Bn., 11th Arty, accounted for four VC killed northwest of Duc Pho.

'Charger' units of the 196th Inf. Bde. along with elements of the 1st. Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. killed 11 VC in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa and Burlington Trail yesterday.

While destroying spider holes with a bulldozer 10 miles west of Tam Ky, 'Dragoons' of a Trp. of the 1st Sqdn. 1st Armored Cav. killed one VC hiding in one of the spider holes.

Another Trp. of the 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav., came under RPG fire which caused light damage to an armored personnel carrier. Then a Kit Carson Scout and a US soldier leaped from the APC and charged the enemy position killing three VC.

A 3d Bn., 21st Inf. company engaged and killed one VC with small arms fire 10 miles west of Tam Ky. Another company of the battalion killed one VC with small arms and M-79 fire nine miles west of Tam Ky.

A 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company engaged and killed with small arms fire one evading VC nine miles south of Hoi An.

A 1st Bn., 52d Inf. company spotted several VC in the open. Gunship in the area moved in killing one VC nine miles west of Tam Ky.

Action increased in the 198th Inf. Bde. yesterday as 'Brave and Bold' soldiers killed four VC in scattered action throughout their area of operations.

'Professionals' of a 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company killed one VC while defending their fire support base south of Chu Lai during a mortar and small arms attack Saturday night.

A battery of the 1st Bn., 14th Arty. commanded by CPT Elvus J. Farrow (Shidler, Okla.) killed two VC who launched a satchel and grenade attack against their position north of Chu Lai shortly before day break yesterday morning.

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Armored personnel carriers of the 17th C.V. killed one VC and captured nearly 500 pounds of explosives near Tam Ky Saturday night. The VC who was apparently on a demolitions mission, was killed as the 'Hell Cats' spotted him in a boat moving down a river.

Division forces suffered five soldiers killed and 40 wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

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GREENWOOD, MISS. (AP)--The Leflore County board of supervisors has had its fill of Billie Joe McAllister.

A new ordinance makes it illegal to jump from the Tallahatchie Bridge or any other bridge in the county--in imitation of the character in the song, "Ode to Billie Joe." Violation of the ordinance carries a fine of up to \$180.

An estimated 40 to 50 youngsters have leaped from the bridge 20 feet above the Tallahatchie River since the song by former Mississippian Bobbie Gentry came out. But unlike Billie Joe, none of the youngsters has met death.

Join the American Division Veterans Association. Check with your First Sergeant or Information Office.

DATELINES AROUND THE WORLD (UPI)

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (UPI)--Sweden was honored Sunday at the San Antonio World's Fair with a 19-gun salute to Ambassador Hubert de Besche and a special performance by the Idla Girls, a Swedish ballet troupe bound for the Mexico Olympics.

During ceremonies at the Herisfair Amphitheater Texas Secretary of State Roy Barrera welcomed de Besche, Swedish Ambassador to Washington, and his wife. Barrera was acting for fair commissioner general Gov. John Connally of Texas.

A performance by the 18 Idla girls immediately after the welcoming ceremonies before an audience of some 1,000 was cut short because of the intense heat on the stage.

The girls normally perform barefooted, but the open-air stage got so hot under the bright Texas sun that after two numbers the performance was halted.

Carina Lindquist, 22, was sent to a San Antonio hospital to be treated for burns on her feet. Several other girls complained of painful blisters.

Ballet Master Ernest Idla of Stockholm said the burns were not serious. The girls gave two performances Saturday evening when the state was cooler.

The Idla Troupe was scheduled to leave San Antonio Monday for Mexico City. Their first performance at the Olympics is set for Oct.

SNOOPY

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Remember to take your Malaria pills daily.