



 * MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT *
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 * Mostly Cloudy Skies *
 * Evening Showers *
 * High 88° Low 75° *
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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Americal Division soldiers reported light scattered contact in the southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday. Division forces accounted for five VC and four NVA killed and one individual and one crew-served weapon captured.

11th Inf. Bde. "Jungle Warriors" killed five VC and detained one VC suspect during operations in Quang Ngai Province yesterday.

"Always First" soldiers of a 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company led by 1LT Fredric W. Long (Denver, Colo.) killed four VC near Duc Pho yesterday.

The first was killed while attempting to flee from a village, six miles northwest of Duc Pho. The other three were killed near Highway 515, six miles west of Duc Pho.

Soldiers of another 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed one VC near a village, eight miles north of Duc Pho.

One VC suspect was detained by "Sykes Regulars" of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company 11 miles northwest of Quang Ngai City. The suspect, caught near a trail, had no ID card. He had pack marks on his shoulders.

Action was scattered as 198th Inf. Bde. "Brave and Bold" soldiers accounted for four NVA killed and one crew-served weapon captured yesterday.

In the first action of the day, "Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. spotted two NVA in the Burlington Trail area. The gunships opened fire on the NVA who were hiding in the dense jungle west of Tan Ky. Both were killed.

Late yesterday afternoon a 1st Bn., 52d Inf. company led by CPT Floyd M. McLean, Jr. (Ft. Sill, Okla.) engaged and killed one NVA while searching an area west of Tan Ky. The "Ready Rifles" cap-

tured one RPD light machine gun that the NVA had been carrying.

An Americal Division recon. team killed one NVA northwest of Chu Lai early yesterday evening.

"Professionals" of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf. treated 229 Vietnamese during three MEDCAPs yesterday.

"Charger" units of the 196th Inf. Bde. reported one K-44 rifle captured by a 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company yesterday. The rifle was found seven miles southwest of Hoi An.

"Dragoons" of the 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported negative contacts in their area of operations yesterday.

Americal Division forces suffered four soldiers wounded and evacuated for medical treatment yesterday.

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

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WEAPONS SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

1. Never point a weapon at anyone unless you intend to use it.
2. Always carry your weapon on "safe". Check it periodically.
3. DO NOT chamber a round unless use of your weapon is imminent.
4. Keep the barrel free from all obstructions.
5. When not in the field or on guard duty, DO NOT insert a magazine or clip in the weapon. Carry them in ammo pouches.
6. Clear your weapon before entering a building, and before cleaning it. Use a clearing barrel or point the muzzle in the air.
7. Use common sense and caution when handling firearms and ammunition. Avoid horseplay with weapons. Treat them with respect and care.

will battle in the 248-mile race Sunday. The event is the only one held in the U.S. for the world's drivers championship.

LAKESWOOD, COLORADO (UPI)—Francis Neis got a gift of gold but he isn't too happy with it.

Neis complained to Jefferson County Sherrif's Officers that vandals painted his car gold.

Shoggy
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DATELINES

CAFE KENNEDY, FLORIDA (UPI)—For the first time in nearly two years, an American launch team has received unconditional clearance to start the countdown for the launch of a manned spaceship.

Apollo-7 Astronauts Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele and Walter Cunningham received the "go" for an Oct. 11 launch after a day-long top-level review Thursday of all preparations for the opening round in man's drive to the moon.

"Never have so many been in such good shape and so ready to fly," said Lt. Gen. Samuel C. Phillips, the Apollo program director.

The three Apollo-7 Astronauts are scheduled to fly their 16-ton ship around the earth 163 times for 11 days in an all-important shakedown run to prove Apollo is ready for a trip to the moon.

The last time American Astronauts received similar clearance came in November, 1966, when Gemini Astronauts James Lovell and Edwin Aldrin were preparing for the windup flight of the nation's second generation manned spacecraft.

WATKINS GLEN, NEW YORK (UPI)—Race officials predicted Thursday a new lap record of better than 130 miles an hour would be set when practice opens Friday for the Grand Prix of the United States. Twenty drivers from 12 countries

