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Chu Lai (AMERICAL IO)—The southern part of the First Military Region witnessed heavy action yesterday as 36 Communist soldiers were slain by the men serving under the Southern Cross.

GENEVA PARK

In a period of one hour yesterday, Bravo Co. 5-46 Inf., found a 250 pound bomb, two tunnels, a small enemy base camp and killed one VC in an area northwest of Chu Lai.

The bomb was found shortly before the "Professionals" reached the site of the tunnel complex. The unit requested an EOD team to blow the bomb.

Within minutes after the men of Bravo Co. discovered the bomb, a VC was observed carrying a rifle. The enemy soldier was killed and his weapon was evacuated to a nearby LZ.

After the enemy was dealt with the company found a small enemy base camp, which contained two hooches, a blacksmith shop and several bunkers. All of the structures were destroyed.

In other action yesterday, Bravo 1-52 Inf., engaged one VC carrying a pack in an area northwest of Quang Ngai. After a sweep on the area, the "Ready Rifles" found a wounded VC and evacuated him to Chu Lai. The pack, which contained clothing, was evacuated to a nearby LZ.

Also yesterday, Delta Co. 5-46 Inf., engaged and killed one VC as he approached the company's laager site in an area west of Chu Lai.

FREDERICK HILL

Alpha Co. 1-82 Arty, stationed at Kham Duc airstrip, received a mortar, rocket and ground attack yesterday morning. Enemy sappers were spotted in the wire and inside the perimeter. The artillerymen opened up on the sappers with everything they had. During the fierce fighting the Americal soldiers were receiving an attack of an estimated 60 mortars and an unknown amount of B-40 rockets.

At daybreak a sweep of the area was made, 16 sappers were found killed by the artilleryman's fire. All of the sappers were wearing black shorts. Fifty CHICOM grenades, nine RPG rockets, five RPG launchers and 32 satchel charges were found on the bodies.

Later yesterday morning, Bravo Co. 2-1 Inf., swept the suspected area of the enemy mortar location and found six bunkers, 19 82mm rounds and four cases of charges. While in the area, Bravo Co. set up a perimeter and set out claymores. An NVA was spotted and a claymore was detonated, killing the NVA. Ninety rounds of AK-47 ammunition was captured in the action.

At about the same time yesterday morning, Recon 2-1 Inf., was sweeping an area around the airstrip and spotted two NVA. The Americal soldiers engaged the NVA, killing both of them.

While working in the same general area Recon 2-1 Inf., found one NVA soldier who was killed in an earlier contact.

Allied forces working in the Kham Duc area also found an NVA hospital, complete with operating facilities. Also found in the same area was a half a ton of medical supplies, large quantities of rice and NVA rations. While in the process of searching the area, five VC were spotted. The Allied forces opened up with small arms fire killing all of the VC. One AK-47 was captured.

Elsewhere in the 196th Brigade AO, Delta Co. 4-31 Inf., while on a sweep and clear mission northwest of Tam Ky yesterday, found one NVA killed by small arms fire a couple of months ago. Found beside the body were four RPG rounds and three CHICOM grenades.

Alpha Co. 1-46 Inf., while operating southwest of Tam Ky yesterday, found an enemy weapons cache, consisting of 600 rounds of 50 cal. ammo, 300 rounds of AK-47 ammo, 100 release devices for detonating traps and 20 B-40 rocket adaptors.

Alpha Co. 3-21 Inf., while on a sweep and clear mission northwest of Tam Ky, engaged and killed a lone VC.

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BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND--British soldiers say about 300 men and youths attacked them in a Catholic area of Belfast, Northern Ireland, Tuesday night. The British say the crowd threw stones and gasoline bombs at the troops.

TEL AVIV--Reports say the Mideast cease-fire will become effective within the week. But diplomatic and military sources in Tel Aviv refuse to comment or say if a cease-fire date has been decided upon by Jerusalem and Washington. Sources say however, Israel is afraid the Russians and Egyptians will use the truce to reinforce the Suez Front.

ST. LOUIS--It looks as though Republican Attorney General of Missouri will win his party's nomination the the U.S. Senate. The Missouri primary shows John Danforth is about 11-thousand votes ahead of his opponent Mrs. Doris Bass, a St. Louis councilwoman. The Democrat candidate in the coming November election will be incumbent Senator Stuart Symington.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS--Attorney General Kent Frizzell has won the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Kansas. His next challenge will be against Democratic Governor Robert Docking in the November elections.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN

Cleveland 6, New York 1
Baltimore 5, Boston 2
Washington 4, Detroit 1
Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 2

NATIONAL

New York 4, Chicago 0
St. Louis 3, Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 2
Atlanta 6, Houston 1
Cincinnati 12, San Diego 1
San Francisco 11, Los Angeles 4

MEDICAL PLATOON BATTLES RED HORDES

By SGT Robert Daniels

FSB SAN JUAN HILL--A unit from the 4-3 Inf. recently came under an intense ground attack from an unknown size enemy force while securing a temporary fire support base, located 15 miles northwest of Duc Pho.

Enemy movement in the area had been intense during the initial establishment of the fire support base. "It was about noon one day when the "Reds" got on line and cut off the medical platoon from the remainder of the security," said Platoon Sergeant Willie Morgan, Colorado, Springs, Colo.

Captain Lawrence Wan, Hong Kong, a battalion surgeon, immediately consolidated his defense and rapidly held a briefing to plan the counter-assault phase. "The enemy had already secured an area about 20 meters in front of the Medical Platoon bunker," said Morgan.

Captain Wan decided that it would be best to use gasoline to drive back the massive wave attack. But a series of counterattacks failed to push the enemy off the terrain they had secured earlier that day.

Realizing the ineffectiveness of the DDT, Capt. Wan immediately threw down his gasoline drum and began to fight the "Reds" foot-to-body. However, the red ants were equally persistent and retreated deep into the mound refusing to be driven from their home.

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Chu Lai (AMERICAL IO)--The southern part of the First Military Region witnessed heavy action yesterday as the dogged troopers of the Americal accounted for 47 Communist soldiers killed.

IRON MOUNTAIN

While working in a river valley northwest of Duc Pho yesterday, "Night Hawks" of the 71st Aviation, were engaged by an undetermined enemy force as they flew along a river. Braving small arms and 30 cal. machinegun fire, the "Night Hawks" accounted for seven NVA killed.

GENEVA PARK

While flying over a heavily vegetated area west of Quang Ngai yesterday, gunships from F Troop, 8th Cav., received small arms and 30 cal. fire from the ground below. The pilots saturated the area with automatic weapons fire, killing 33 NVA soldiers. Twenty-six of the enemy kills were credited to the 198th Brigade's area of operation.

Elsewhere, Delta Co. 1-52 Inf., saw a lone VC wearing a green uniform and a helmet. The enemy soldier was moving along a trail in the low coastal plains west of Quang Ngai. The "Ready Rifles" fired on the enemy with automatic weapons, killing him. Captured in the brief encounter were one pistol belt, one CHICOM grenade, a canteen and a field pack. The equipment was evacuated to a nearby LZ.

Later in the day, Delta Co., while maneuvering in an area north of Quang Ngai, found and searched a hooch. Discovered hidden within the building were 350 pounds of potatoes and 350 pounds of rice. The "Ready Rifles" evacuated the produce to a nearby LZ.

Also yesterday, 1-82 Artillery, located on a firebase northwest of Quang Ngai, received one Hoi Chanh. The artillerymen turned the Hoi Chanh over to the 1-52 Inf. headquarters, which is also located at the firebase.

In an area southwest of Chu Lai yesterday, Delta Co. 1-6 Inf., discovered 1000 pounds of rice hidden in crocks and metal containers. Also found were several hand tools, believed to be utilized in the construction of booby traps. The "Regulars" evacuated the items.

FREDERICK HILL

In scattered action yesterday, soldiers of the 196th Infantry Brigade accounted for eight enemy soldiers killed, eight detainees and several weapons captured.

Recon 3-21 Inf., tallied three NVA killed when the enemy walked into their defensive position in an area west of Tam Ky. Captured in the action were one AK-50, a CHICOM grenade and 50 pounds of rice.

Two hours later Delta Co. 4-31 Inf., killed another NVA who was spotted northwest of their location in an area west of Tam Ky. One AK-47 was confiscated.

Also in the same area, Delta Co. found four Vietnamese females and four children hiding in a hooch. The infantrymen caught two of the females as there were attempting to hide equipment.

A short time later, Delta Co. 2-1 Inf., while on a patrol, engaged several VC with small arms fire who were walking down a trail in the dense jungle near Kham Duc. "Firebird" gunships were called in to assist the infantrymen. The results of the action were four Viet Cong killed.

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MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY—Leftist guerrillas in Uruguay have executed American police adviser Daniel Mitrione, one of three kidnapped foreigners. His body was found early yesterday in Montevideo, bound and gagged with two bullet wounds in the head. There is no official confirmation as to the identity of the body. Police officials, however, told newsmen there was little or no doubt it was Mitrione.

He was killed more than 12 hours after the Sunday noon deadline set by the guerrillas for his execution. They said they would kill Mitrione because the government refused to release 150 political prisoners as ransom. There is no word on the fate of the other two captives, one an American, the other a Brazilian diplomat.

The body identified as Mitrione's was found in an abandoned car about four miles from the center of Montevideo.

LOS ANGELES—The judge in the Sharon Tate murder trial has scheduled a hearing on whether to grant the state's star witness, Linda Kasabian, immunity from prosecution. The defense requested the hearing. It is said that Mrs. Kasabian might take back some of her testimony if immunity is assured.

Mrs. Kasabian was originally promised immunity by the prosecution in return for her testimony.

WASHINGTON—A Department of Agriculture scientist says man's survival depends on population and pollution control, as well as the production of more food. Dr. George Irving's comment comes in a speech prepared for the Third International Congress of Food Science and Technology, which opens today in Washington.

Dr. Irving says the world's population will double by the year 2000. He said, "Even if man can double food production by the end of the century, he will at best succeed only in preserving the sorry conditions that exist today."

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA—Congo President Joseph Mobutu is on a 12-day visit to the United States. In a visit to Disneyland Monday, an aide reported that the President's favorite attraction was an Adventureland ride up a simulated Congo River.

AFVN SPORTS NEWS

DALLAS—Former welterweight champion Curtis Cokes stopped Danny Perez of New York Mondy with a technical knockout in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round bout.

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Keep a keen eye in the sky and you will soon focus upon a celestial scenario. OPERATION STARBURST is coming to the the Americal.