



TUESDAY

Mostly fair to partly cloudy with showers in the afternoon and evening.

High 95°, low 78°. Winds variable at 5 knots. (B-6)

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Action remained steady in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday as Division forces and supporting elements accounted for 38 VC killed and three individual weapons captured.

Action remained steady in the 198th Inf. Bde's area of operations yesterday as "Brave and Bold" soldiers and supporting gunships accounted for 29 VC killed, three weapons captured, and nine suspects detained during action centered south of Chu Lai.

The first action yesterday morning netted one VC suspect detained as the "Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. swooped down to detain the single suspect attempting to avoid detection. Later that morning "Ready Rifles" of the 1st Bn., 52d Inf. located and detained two more suspects.

As the "Scouts" continued their search for enemy, they spotted and killed one VC as he attempted to evade the helicopter.

A company of the 1st Bn., 52d Inf. commanded by 1LT Jack W. Sorensen (Council Bluffs, Iowa) while making a sweep south of Chu Lai, engaged a group of VC, killing two.

In later action the "Aero Scouts" engaged and killed four VC in the same area.

North of Chu Lai a 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company detained four suspects late yesterday.

"Regulars" of a 1st Bn., 6th Inf. company detained two suspects west of Chu Lai.

Late yesterday evening "Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. engaged an estimated VC company, resulting in 22 VC killed and three carbines captured approximately nine miles south of Chu Lai.

"Charger" of the 196th Inf. Bde. killed six VC in Operation Wheeler/Wall-owa yesterday.

In an area centered 15 miles west of Tam Ky, "Gimlets" of two 3d Bn., 21st Inf. companies killed three VC in three

Later one of the 3d Bn., 21st Inf. companies called artillery, gunships, and air strikes on numerous sniper positions in the same area. A thorough search of the area disclosed numerous enemy fighting positions destroyed and one VC killed.

The "Chargers" command and control helicopter observed two VC evading eight miles south of Hoi An. The enemy was engaged with M-60 machinegun fire, killing one VC.

Bde. aerial observers called in artillery on a group of VC who evaded into a hut. A check of the area disclosed one VC killed nine miles southwest of Hoi An.

In Operation Champaign Grove yesterday Americal Division units reported three VC killed and 17 suspects detained during operations.

The 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav's. "Blue Ghost" of "F" Trp., 8th Cav. killed two VC yesterday after receiving automatic weapons fire near the Tra Khuc river 12 miles west of Quang Ngai.

A 4th Bn., 3d Inf. artillery observation post nine miles northwest of Quang Ngai confirmed one VC killed by artillery in that area.

In the 11th Bde's Duc Pho area of operations an intelligence source led Vietnamese National Police and their advisor, SSG Lones R. Warren (Taylors, S. C.) of the 11th Bde. MPs, to a large tunnel complex two miles west of Duc Pho where an estimated 15 tons of rice were stored. MACV personnel from Duc Pho will distribute the rice to needy villagers.

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"It's the most elaborate tunnel system I've seen in my three years in Vietnam," said SSG Warren. "Probably 150 meters long and constructed by engineers, with caverns as big as tent kits."

Division forces suffered one soldier killed and six wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

DATELINES AROUND THE WORLD (UPI)

SAIGON (UPI)---Allied troops discovered two weapons arsenals Sunday. One near the Cambodian border about six miles north of Saigon, the other just 10 miles from the downtown section of the capital. Spokesman said 16 of the deadly, 122-millimeter Soviet rockets were discovered within firing range of the giant Tan Son Nhut Airbase. In Saigon, U.S. intelligence sources reported that about 10,000 North Vietnamese troops are massing in a

plantation in Cambodia... apparently plotting another major assault on the city of Tay Ninh.

JERUSALEM (UPI)---Informed sources in Jerusalem said Sunday Israeli troops are using Soviet-made weapons captured during the six-day war last year against the Arabs who once manned them. The sources said Russian-made artillery and other weapons were re-conditioned in Israeli workshops. On the western front, a three-hour artillery, mortar and small arms fight ended early Sunday with both sides, Israel and Jordan, claiming the other started the shooting.

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PEANUTS

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