



 * MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT *
 * TUESDAY *
 * Tomorrow's forecast: *
 * Fair to partly cloudy. *
 * Winds from the southeast *
 * at about 10 knots. High *
 * temperature of 88 with *
 * a low of 70. Moon will *
 * rise at 1415 hours and *
 * will set at 0254 hours. *

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

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Co. A also killed two VC in one incident, while the 4-21 recon unit killed three VC in as many encounters. Cos. B and C, 4-21 Inf. each killed a VC, and another element of the 4-21 also killed one.

Co. C, 3-1 Inf. killed one VC, and the "Sharks" killed the other in the sweep area.

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Cavalry units made a beach landing to link with Americal's 5-46 Inf. as part of the cordon waited on the western bank of the Song Chau Me Dong, last natural barrier to a sweep to the sea.

Units of Americal's 4-3 Inf. killed a VC and captured two weapons in slim action yesterday as the cordon advanced cautiously through mined and tunnel-laced areas. The 4-3 recon unit killed the VC 9 1/2 miles northeast of Quang Ngai City, close to two spots where Co. D found an M-1 rifle and M-1 carbine.

The carbine was turned up in a tunnel after two Hoi Chanhs told D Co. they had seen a VC intelligence representative in the area carrying a U.S. carbine. A reinforced D Co. patrol found the carbine and personal items in the tunnel but failed to locate the VC.

Near that find, the patrol discovered a large tunnel complex dug into the side of a hill. Tunnel rats reported searching 400-500 meters and finding cubbyhole sleeping niches carved every

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five meters. Estimates were that more than 300 people could sleep there and that the tunnel had been used within the previous 24 hours.

Refugees continued to pour out of the area as 829 more were removed to the holding center where 10,357 refugees have been processed, with 142 confirmed as VC infra-structure members and 192 classified as VC suspects. Twenty-four babies have been born in the 14-day existence of the refugee center.

No major incidents were reported elsewhere in the 198th Inf. Bde. area.

SNOOPY

by CHARLES M. SCHULZ



BOY, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE HAVING FOUR FEET!

Three ground units and "Blue Ghost" gunships of F Trp., 8th Cav. killed 11 VC and found one VC body in scattered action in the 196th Inf. Bde. area.

Co. B, 2-1 Inf. directed artillery fire to kill three of four VC seen moving 24½ miles northwest of Tam Ky. In a day-old report, Co. A, 2-1 Inf. found the grave of a VC killed 30-40 days ago by small arms fire a half-mile further northwest.

Co. D, 4-31 Inf. killed two three VC engaged during a search and clear operation and discovered 1600 pounds of rice in a tunnel 24 miles west of Tam Ky where Co. C, 4-31 also killed a VC. The 4-21 recon unit killed a VC 20½ miles west of Tam Ky.

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