

MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Cloudy Thursday morning becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. No precipitation expected. Winds will be from the northeast at 8-10 knots per hour. High Thursday 85. Low Thursday night 73.

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AMERICAL DIVISION RECORDS 74 ENEMY KILLS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Americal units recorded an enemy body count of 60 NVA soldiers and 14 Viet Cong in fighting throughout southern I Corps yesterday. Four Americal soldiers were killed and eight wounded and evacuated in yesterday's action.

Units of Americal's 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry participating in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa reported killing 57 NVA yesterday.

"C" Troop, 1st Cavalry on a reconnaissance mission in an area seven miles northwest of Tam Ky discovered 51 NVA bodies. The enemy were believed to have been killed in the heavy fighting of March 10. Six of the bodies were in graves and the remaining 45 were discovered in destroyed bunker positions and spider holes.

Yesterday's ground action saw scattered enemy contacts with two NVA kills reported. In air action "C" Troop, 7th Squadron, 17th Cavalry, flying in direct support of Cavalry operations, killed four NVA seven miles northwest of Tam Ky yesterday.

Other Operation Wheeler/Wallowa action saw elements of Americal's 196th Brigade in small unit contacts which resulted in one Viet Cong and three NVA kills. Other activity in the "Chargers" area netted 5,800 pounds of rice which was evacuated yesterday.

A company of the 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry recorded three NVA kills and an ambush patrol from a 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry unit killed one VC.

Members of a company of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry commanded by CPT Robert D. Leinen, Sr. (Auburn, N.Y.) found and evacuated 4,300 pounds of rice.

Another 6th Infantry company led by CPT James T. Price (Fayetteville, N.C.) discovered a sandbag containing medical supplies, blank I.D. cards, 144 rounds of 30 caliber ammunition and three 9mm clips containing 90 rounds of ammunition.

A 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry company led by CPT Joseph F. Stringham (Appleton, Wis) discovered and evacuated 1,500 pounds of rice. All the rice will be turned over to local refugee centers.

"Jungle Warriors" of Americal's 11th Brigade reported killing 10 VC in Operation Muscatine and two VC in the Duc Pho area yesterday.

In Operation Muscatine a reconnaissance element of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry observed 40 VC with weapons and called in artillery resulting in 10 VC kills. Members of a 3rd Infantry company commanded by CPT Earl Michles (Pocahontas, Ark) found and destroyed a 60mm booby trap northwest of Quang Ngai yesterday.

In the Duc Pho area a reconnaissance platoon of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry commanded by 1LT William Adams (Madison, Ind) killed one VC in a grey uniform and detained two suspects. One of the suspects led the unit to a tunnel where they found one K-44, an M-1 carbine, ammunition, documents, NVA uniforms and another suspect.

Another company of the "Syke's Regulars" Battalion led by CPT Charles Secketa (Schenectady, N.Y.) killed one VC and detained six suspects. They also found and destroyed a 155mm booby trap in an area southeast of Duc Pho. Other units in the Duc Pho area detained two suspects late yesterday.

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Limited enemy contacts were reported by Americal's 196th Brigade in operations around Chu Lai yesterday. "Brave and Bold" units reported killing one enemy soldier.

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CHANGE OF FORM.T

The Americal News Sheet no longer contains such items as Datelines Around the World and Vietnam War News. The staff at the information office is presently devoting its time and efforts to the writing and planning for a division newspaper and magazine. The new publications should appear next month. The new publications will initially be printed monthly. However, the newspaper will become a weekly publication, and the magazine will become a quarterly or semi-annual.



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