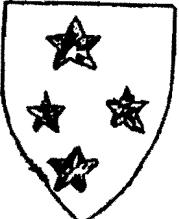


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Partly cloudy Monday with intermittent rain and thundershowers in the afternoon and evening. Winds east-northeasterly at 10 knots. High Monday 96. Low Monday night 76.

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-----AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS-----

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--action tapered off yesterday as Americal Division forces killed 12 VC and nine NVA and captured two individual weapons in their area of southern I Corps.

Elements of the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry and "F" Troop, 8th Cavalry accounted for 16 enemy killed in an area 10 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

An element of the 1st Cavalry killed seven NVA and three VC and captured 500 pounds of rice and 1,000 pounds of potatoes during a sweep yesterday in the Operation Brrlington Trail area. "F" Troop, 8th Cavalry killed two NVA and two VC in the same area. The 3d Battalion, 16th Artillery accounted for one VC when it fired in support of the 1st Cavalry.

In Operation Wheeler/Wallowa, a 1st Cavalry element killed one VC two miles north of Thang Binh.

Americal's 196th Infantry Brigade reported light action yesterday as "Chargor" units killed five VC and captured two individual weapons.

Infantrymen of the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry led by CPT Robert E. Corrigan (Arlington, Virginia) engaged and killed two VC and captured two K-44s during action six miles southwest of Hoi An. Later, another unit of the battalion killed one VC in the same area.

An 11th Infantry Brigade unit from the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry operating in the 196th Infantry Brigade's tactical area killed one VC and captured one hand grenade and equipment during a sweep 15 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

Soldiers of the 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry led by CPT Ronald Welte (San Francisco, California) uncovered five holes containing 1,500 pounds of rice.

Soldiers of the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry killed one VC yesterday during a sweep eight miles northwest of Tien Phuoc.

In a brief change of command ceremony held at LZ Baldy COL Fredric J. Kroesen (Trenton, New Jersey) assumed command of the "Chargers" replacing COL Louis Gelling (Carlisle, Pennsylvania) who led the brigade for the past seven months.

Elements of the 11th Infantry Brigade apprehended 13 suspects during operations in Quang Ngai Province yesterday.

Infantrymen of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry led by CPT Fred H. Mowrey

(San Gabriel, California) sweeping mountainous terrain three miles southwest of Duc Pho, uncovered 2,500 rounds of small arms ammunition and three tons of rice. Other "Ginlet" units detained nine suspects.

No contacts were reported in the 198th Infantry Brigade's area.

Division forces suffered four soldiers killed and 34 wounded and evacuated for treatment.

The Americal Division recently celebrated Unit Day, the anniversary of the Division's original activation on New Caledonia in 1942.

Moving from one tropical area to another, soldiers of the Division have never failed to give an outstanding account of themselves in battle, be it against Japanese commandos or North Vietnamese regulars.

The following letter, dated 25 May, sent by LTG Bruce Palmer is intended for all officers and men of the Americal Division.

On behalf of the officers and men of the United States Army, Vietnam, I extend best wishes to the members of the Americal Division on your Organization Day.

The combat record of the Americal dates back to 1942 when the Division made its first bright mark on the pages of American military history. The Division's campaigns in New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Leyte are a combat background second to none. Soldiers of the Americal have continued to uphold this magnificent record in Vietnam. The gallantry in action of your officers and men in the southern half of I Corps Tactical Zone during some of the most bitter fighting in Vietnam has won accolades from all sides. Time and again the Americal has defeated the 2d NV Division reinforced by Viet Cong Main Force and Local Force units. Particularly noteworthy were the battle successes of the Division which smashed the enemy's 1968 Tet offensive.

I know that you and your men in the year ahead will add new laurels to your record. Good luck and best wishes.

Warm regards,
Bruce Palmer, Jr.,
Lieutenant General, U.S. Army
Deputy Commanding General, USA

DATELINES-----UPI

ITINERARY FOR "THE MERCY ROCK SOUNDS"

SEOUL--North Korean soldiers intruded into the south of the Demilitarized Zone Friday night and killed one South Korean soldier and wounded another, Army headquarters announced yesterday.

From 2 June to 6 June, "The Mercy Rock Sounds", a popular jazz band will be appearing in the Chu Lai area.

2 June

0830
0900-1000
1030-1230
1230-1330
1400-1600
1700-1900

Arrival from Saigon
Meeting with AG, G1
Show Div Arty
Lunch Div Arty
Show 2nd Surg Hqspt
Dinner Americal NCO Mess

3 June

0830-1030
1100-1230
1400-1600
1640-1730
1800-2000

Show LZ Baldy
Show Hill 29
Show Bunker Hill, D Co., 26th Eng Bn
Dinner 176th AVN, 14th AVN Bn area
Show 176th AVN, 14th AVN Bn area

4 June

0930-1130
1200-1330
1400-1600
1630-1730
1800-2000

Show USO
Lunch C Btry, 2d LAAM
Show C Btry, 2d LAAM
Dinner HHC 39th Eng Area
Show 39th Eng Bn Area

5 June

0930-1130
1200-1330
1430-1630
1630-1730
1830

Show 23rd Med Bn Area
Lunch 23rd Med Bn Area
Show Duc Pho
Dinner Duc Pho
Return to Chu Lai

6 June

0930-1130
1200-1330
1400-1600
1630-1730
1800-2000

Show 198th Area
Lunch Americal NCO Mess
Show 723d Maint Area
Dinner Americal Combat Center
Show Americal Combat Center

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