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MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Continued fair with scattered showers in the mountains in the afternoon. Winds easterly at 10 knots. High Saturday 98. Low Saturday night 79.

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CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Americal Division units reported 11 VC and two NVA killed and three crew-served weapons captured during enemy contacts yesterday in their area of Southern I Corps.

Elements of the 196th Infantry Brigade accounted for nine enemy killed and two AK-47 rifles captured in scattered action.

A company commanded by CPT Randall Lundeen (Schofield Barracks, Hawaii) from the 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry engaged and killed one VC with small arms fire 12 miles southwest of LZ Baldy.

A unit led by CPT Jay E. Pry (Sacramento, Calif.) from the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry observed an armed NVA soldier 14 miles west of Tam Ky. The unit engaged the enemy killing him and capturing his AK-47 rifle. Later the unit killed two VC in separate contacts. Another 3d Battalion element commanded by CPT Robert E. Corrigan Jr. (Arlington, Va.) engaged and killed an armed VC and captured his AK-47.

Troopers from "F" Troop, 17th Armored Cavalry killed one VC yesterday when they engaged a small group of enemy three miles west of LZ Baldy.

An 11th Infantry Brigade element commanded by 1LT James Smith (Antigo, Wash.) from the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry working in the 196th Infantry Brigade's tactical area killed one VC west of LZ West. In the same area, a unit of "F" Troop, 8th Cavalry killed two more VC.

Widely scattered contacts in the 11th Infantry Brigade's area of Quang Ngai Province resulted in one VC and one NVA killed and three 120mm mortar tubes captured.

Infantrymen commanded by CPT John P. Nolan (Hopkinsville, Ky.) from the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry killed the NVA soldier near an enemy base camp in the mountains 27 miles west of Duc Pho. The "Alway First" soldiers found the base camp, which contained partially built bunkers, mess halls, classrooms, and communication facilities, by following strands of commo wire. The rifle company also found 12 hand grenades and assorted ammunition.

Later, soldiers led by CPT William Adams (Madison, Ind.) from the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry killed one VC while on a patrol five miles south of Duc Pho.

"Aero Scouts" of the 123d Aviation Battalion located three mortar tubes yesterday while working in an area 26 miles west of Mo Duc.

Units of the 198th Infantry Brigade reported light action again yesterday as the infantrymen killed one VC south of Chu Lai in Quang Ngai Province.

A reconnaissance platoon led by 1LT James A. Lockhart (Montpelier, Ohio) from the 1st Battalion, 52d Infantry spotted two enemy yesterday killing one and capturing an M-1 carbine and some documents.

Action continued scattered in the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry's area of operation yesterday as the troopers killed one VC and apprehended six suspects in contacts nine miles northwest of Tam Ky.

Division forces suffered three soldiers killed and 12 wounded and evacuated for treatment.

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Following is the itinerary 22 July through 23 July for the "String Alongs" and "The Westerner" who are appearing in the Chu Lai area:

22 July

0930 Report to SSO
1000-1300 Show and lunch MCB 71
1430-1600 Show 4/3 Inf 11 Inf Bde
1730-2030 Show and dinner HQ 23 S&T

23 July

0930 Report to SSO
1000-1300 Show and lunch Div Arty Mess
1400-1600 Show 37th Signal
1730-2030 Dinner and show 8th Spt