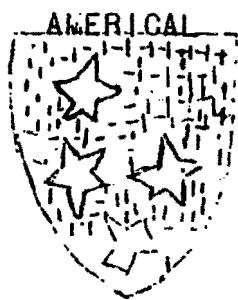


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FRIDAY

Cloudy skies, with light rain the morning decreasing in the afternoon.

High 85°, low 70°. Winds northeast at 10 to 20 knots. (B-6)

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Action remained scattered during yesterday in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone as Division forces accounted for 19 VC and two NVA killed and one weapon captured.

Increased action in the Quang Ngai Province yesterday resulted in 15 VC killed and 16 suspects detained by 11th Inf. Bde's. "Jungle Warriors".

A company of the 4th Bn., 3rd Inf. had a big day yesterday as the "Old Guard" soldiers killed one evading VC and detained 16 suspects 12 miles west of Quang Ngai City. The command and control helicopter of the battalion killed another three VC carrying packs in a river ten miles west of Quang Ngai City. *CA*

Four VC bodies were found yesterday in a hut four miles southeast of Duc Pho by troops of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company. The four dead VC were killed in a contact Tuesday night which netted eight other VC. In that contact a secondary explosion resulted from the attack by hand grenades and M-79 fire. Another 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company killed one VC near Sa Huynh yesterday.

Soldiers of a 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company found the bodies of four VC in freshly dug graves near a trail six miles west of Quang Ngai City yesterday.

The four VC died of wounds from white phosphorous. Tuesday night another company of the battalion killed one VC near the same site.

The 11th Inf. Bde's Military Police killed an evading VC in a tunnel yesterday and found one M-26 hand grenade, money, and a radio in a hut nearby, eight miles north of the "Jungle Warriors" home.

In the 196th Inf. Bde's area of operations yesterday, "Charger" units killed two VC in the Operation Wheeler/Wallowa area.

A 3d Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC 17 miles west of Tam Ky yesterday. Another 3d Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC six miles west of Tam Ky.

A search of an area five miles west of Chu Lai proved fruitful again yesterday as 196th Inf. Bde. soldiers found two more NVA bodies and one weapon.

Two VC were killed in other action yesterday.

The reconnaissance platoon of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. commanded by 1LT Mike Cooper (Seattle, Wash.) found the two NVA buried in shallow graves. A few hours later the unit found one AK-47, one hand grenade, and one pair of binoculars in the same area.

A 1st Bn., 46th Inf. company engaged a group of VC yesterday northwest of Chu Lai, killing one VC.

In the 198th Inf. Brigade's area, eight miles east of Tra Bong, a reconnaissance patrol killed one VC and detained one suspect yesterday.

In other action yesterday a company of the 1st Bn., 52d Inf. commanded by 1LT Jack W. Serenson (Council Bluffs, Iowa) found three tunnels in the side of a bank south of Chu Lai. The tunnels, which had been recently occupied, were approximately six feet high and six wide.

No significant contacts were reported in the 1st Sqdn, 1st Armored Cav's area of operations yesterday.

Division forces suffered 27 soldiers wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

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HONG KONG—Export of Human wigs in this year will reach a new record of sales, the Hong Kong Times said Wednesday.

The export total to the United States in the first 5 months of this year 15,000,000 U.S. dollars. The newspaper quoted an industrial source. "The export total to other countries in the same period 1,000,000 U.S. dollars," it said.

DATELINES AROUND THE WORLD—UPI

RIO DE JANEIRO—Police Tuesday held a Brazilian and his wife for investigation of alleged brutalities at the orphanage they ran where the bodies of 10 children were found during the week-end.

Police had to rush reinforcements to the little town of Nova Iguaçu in the neighboring Rio De Janeiro state to prevent enraged townsfolk from lynching Edilson Barbosa Marques and his wife after discovery of the bodies.

Police said the orphanage—which they said could better be described as a prison—had 47 inmates, none older than 12, suffering from malnutrition, and who bore signs of beatings. They said practically all had advanced cases of rickets.

Newsmen quoted the children as relating tales of being beaten unmercifully while arms and legs were handcuffed, of being left outside in freezing weather for days without food, and of having to sleep on hard floors because there were only 14 straw beds.

Police said five children at the orphanage who showed signs of good care were well dressed had been used by the Marqueses to help raise funds. They were shown to potential donors as examples of what a fine institution the couple ran.

below that of the previous week. But pushed to at least 92-00 the total number of communist killed in the heaviest two weeks of fighting this summer.

A general lull in fighting prevailed for a fourth straight day. But enemy forces lobbed mortar rounds into the central coastal city of Quang Ngai. One round landed in a residential area killing one South Vietnamese civilian and wounding seven others.

PARIS—It was session number 20 of the Paris Talks on Vietnam Wednesday.

And while the negotiations still do not seem fruitful, U.S. sources say the American team still is trying to find a way to get Hanoi to deescalate its part of the war.

On Monday, North Vietnamese Premier Pham Van Dong said a total U.S. bombing halt would have a "positive effect" in working out a political settlement of the war. But he said the halt would have to come before any reciprocal scaling down by Hanoi.

JERUSALEM—An Israeli spokesman has informed Italy and the Red Cross that plans are in progress to release 16 captured Arab guerrillas. The offer is a "humanitarian gesture" to reciprocate for Algeria's release last week of 12 persons aboard a hijacked Israeli plane.

