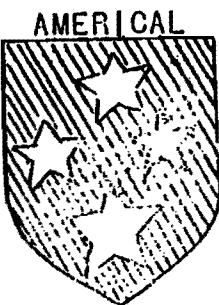


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## THURSDAY

Mostly fair with scattered showers. High 95°, low 77°. Winds from north northeast at 10 knots.

## AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Action was scattered yesterday in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone as Division forces and supporting elements accounted for 11 VC and eight NVA killed and one crew-served and four individual weapons captured.

"Charger" units of the 196th Inf. Bde. and supporting elements killed eight VC and captured one individual weapon in operation Wheeler/Wallowa yesterday.

The 2d Bn., 1st Inf. command and control helicopter killed two VC 17 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

A 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company in two separate incidents nine miles south of Hoi An killed two VC and captured one M-16 rifle. The battalion command and control helicopter later killed two VC in the same area.

A 3d Bn., 21st Inf. "Gimlet" company killed one evading VC 15 miles west of Tam Ky.

"F" Trp., 8th Cav. killed one VC four miles east of Thang Binh.

Scattered enemy contacts yesterday resulted in eight NVA and three VC killed, two suspects detained, and three individual and one crew-served weapon captured during operations by 11th Bde. infantrymen in Quang Ngai Province.

~~X~~ Troops of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company killed three NVA and then discovered a weapons and supply cache containing one RPG light machinegun, two AK-47 rifles, six RPG-7 rocket rounds, six Chicom hand grenades, one M-26 hand grenade, three RPG machinegun drums, over 1500 rounds of AK-47 ammo., 600 rounds of M-16 ammo., pouch, nine NVA packs, one U.S. trip flare, three NVA first aid packs, two NVA helmets, and assorted documents. The cache was found near a trail 20 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

"Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. killed two VC in separate actions near huts located near the Tra Khuc River 15 and 16 miles west of Quang Ngai City. The "Scouts" also captured an M-1 carbine and detained one suspect in that action.

11th Bde. MPs from Duc Pho killed an evading VC near a hut four miles northwest of the "Jungle Warriors" home.

A 3d En., 1st Inf. company killed five NVA yesterday after receiving automatic weapons fire about three miles southwest of Ha Thanh.

In action late Monday night troops of a 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company detained one suspect among huts near the Tra Khuc River 15 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

Action was light and scattered in the 196th Inf. Bde. area of operations yesterday as "Brave and Bold": soldiers denied the enemy supplies and destroyed booby traps.

"Professionals" of a 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company found 400 pounds of rice the VC had cached in the hills northwest of Chu Lai. Later the company found and destroyed three booby traps.

Three M-79 rounds were found by a company of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. as they searched a ridge line west of Chu Lai.

Another "Regulars" unit of the 1st Bn., 6th Inf. treated 426 Vietnamese during five MEDCABs north of Chu Lai yesterday.

1st Bn., 52d Inf. Civic Action soldiers brought the total of civilians treated yesterday to 472 as the "Ready Rifles" attended to 46 more Vietnamese civilians.

"Dragoons" of the 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported no significant contacts in their area of operations yesterday.

Division forces suffered six soldiers killed and 31 wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

AMERICAL NEWS SHEET  
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SYDNEY—A strong earthquake hit New Guinea early Tuesday and was felt over a large area of the South Pacific. No injuries or deaths were reported although there was some damage in villages near Finchaven on the central east coast of New Guinea. The quake caused a break in the 3,000-mile cable which may take five to seven days to repair.

HONG KONG—An explosion aboard a ship at the Hong Kong dockyard has caused two deaths and injuries to 17 dockworkers, five of whom are in critical condition. The explosion aboard the Coastal Sentry also touched off a fire which spread to another ship. The cause of the explosion was not immediately known.

SAIGON—Allied troops patrolling the jungles north of Saigon have uncovered more than 50 tons of munitions. It was possibly the largest communist weapon cache of the war. A military source estimates that there are enough arms in the cache to arm a communist regiment of 1,500 men on a full scale operation.

NEW YORK (UPI)—The head of the Motion Picture Association of America revealed Tuesday that the film industry soon will begin a voluntary movie rating system to "protect" youngsters from excessive sex and violence on the screen.

Jack Valentini, testifying before the State Joint Legislative Committee on crime and violence, said "all the essential segments of the American Motion Picture Industry" would participate in the rating program.

He said 80 to 85 percent of all theaters in the U.S. catering to 55 percent of the nation's moviegoers have agreed to take part in the plan to "voluntarily restrict the admission of children to their theaters."

He said all films to be shown in the United States including foreign imports, would be rated if the "industry believes (them) not to be suitable for the immature."

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