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SATURDAY

Fair skies with afternoon and evening showers.  
High 95°, low 78°.  
Winds northeast at 10 knots.  
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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)--action remained mostly scattered yesterday in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone as Division forces reported 52 NVA and 13 VC killed and seven crew-served and four individual weapons captured.

Fighting in the 11th Inf. Bde's area of operations yesterday resulted in 46 NVA and three VC killed, one individual weapon captured, and eight suspects detained.

Troops of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company found 26 NVA killed in a contact with another company of the battalion late Wednesday night. The bodies were found near a trail 17 miles west of Quang Ngai City. Another 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company found five NVA and two VC killed Wednesday night near the same site.

Later in the day a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company found 60 spider holes containing 10 NVA killed, 10 RPG-7 rounds, six 57mm recoilless rifle rounds, 10 60 mm mortar rounds, 500 pounds of rice, and miscellaneous web gear all in a valley 17 miles west of Quang Ngai City. Near the same site another 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company found five more NVA floating in a stream. Later that afternoon the company found one AK-47 rifle near a trail at the base of a hill 16 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

The command and control element of the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. detained three suspects near a stream four miles north of Duc Pho and another company of the battalion detained three suspects in separate actions along rice paddies five miles north of Duc Pho.

Another 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company detained one suspect hiding near Highway 1 nine miles south of Duc Pho.

"Charger" units of the 196th Inf. Bde. accounted for nine VC and one NVA killed and one individual weapon captured in operation Wheeler/Ballowe yesterday.

In separate incidents yesterday a 2d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed two VC 16 miles northwest of Tan Ky.

Another 2d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed one NVA and captured his AK-47 rifle 13 miles southwest of Hoi An.

A company of the 26th Engr. Bn. found one VC body yesterday northwest of Tan Ky.

The recon. plt. of the 3d Bn., 21st Inf. engaged a group of VC 11 miles west of Tan Ky, killing two.

In three separate incidents seven miles south of Hoi An, the recon. plt. of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. killed three VC.

A 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC nine miles south of Hoi An yesterday when they returned fire on a sniper.

"Brave and Bold" soldiers of the 198th Inf. Bde. killed five NVA and one VC and captured seven crew-served and two individual weapons in their area of operations yesterday.

A company of the 1st Bn., 52d Inf. commanded by CPT Jack J. Sorensen (Council Bluffs, Iowa) teamed with war dogs of the 57th Inf. Plt. (Scout Dog) and the Air Force to inflict the day's largest losses on the enemy.

Forward air observers of the 198th Inf. Bde. directed an air strike on an enemy base camp located in the hills 13 miles west of Tan Ky, killing five NVA.

Following the air strikes, CPT Sorensen's company moved into the area. A large cache was uncovered in the base camp.

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An OP of the 5th Bn., 46th Inf. killed one VC who sniped at the "professionals" south of Chu Lai late Wednesday night.

Civic Action soldiers of the Bde. treated 403 Vietnamese during 10 MED-CAPS yesterday.

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

Division forces suffered one soldier killed and 14 wounded and wounded for med. treatment.

LONDON (UPI)—The Soviet Union was reported Thursday to be "at a loss" about what to do with defiant Czechoslovakia.

Diplomatic sources indicated the Kremlin is divided on what measures to take in the face of the dogged passive resistance of the united Czech people.

The choice for Moscow is between ousting the bulk of the Prague leadership headed by Alexander Dubcek or facing the erosion of the dictate imposed in Moscow last month.

Diplomatic sources said neither solution appears practical and those in the Kremlin who opposed the invasion claim they have already been vindicated by subsequent events.

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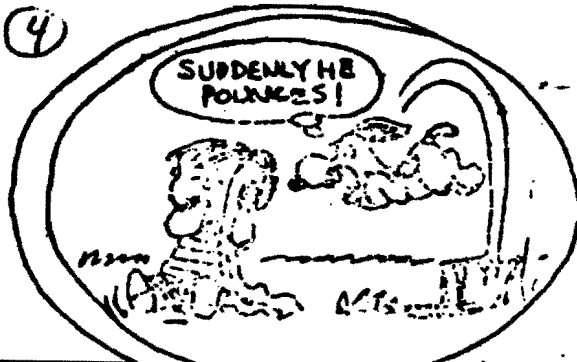
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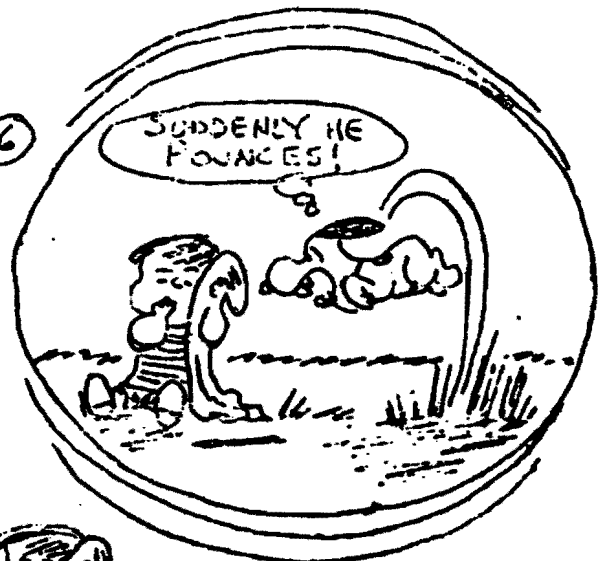
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