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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Thirteen VC and two NVA were killed, two individual weapons were captured, and 15 suspects were detained by Americal Division soldiers and supporting units in the southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday.

In the 196th Inf. Bde.'s area of operations "Charger" units killed six VC and two NVA and captured one individual weapon.

A 4th Bn., 31st Inf. company spotted three VC 17 miles west of Tam Ky. The "Ginlets" engaged the enemy, killing one and detaining two VC.

An NVA threw a grenade at troops of a 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company from his concealed position yesterday. The "Ginlets" immediately fired into the position, killing the NVA. One AK-47 rifle was captured in that action. The troops later killed one VC in the same area.

The reconnaissance element of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. engaged and killed two VC with small arms fire five miles south of Hoi An. In the same area another company of the battalion engaged a group of VC, killing one.

Gunships of the 71st Avn. Co. firing in support of a sniffer mission yesterday killed one NVA 19 miles west of Tam Ky.

A 2d Bn., 1st Inf. company spotted a group of VC running from a hut 15 miles northwest of Tam Ky. The enemy was engaged, resulting in one VC killed.

11th Bde. infantrymen reported five VC killed, 15 VC suspects detained, and one individual weapon captured as scattered contacts continued yesterday in Quang Ngai Province.

"Shark" gunships of the 174th Avn. Co. killed two VC near Highway 1 in the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. area of operations, one

mile northwest of Duc Pho.

"Always First" soldiers of a 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed one VC and captured his M-1 carbine 10 miles northwest of Duc Pho.

Near huts five miles west of Duc Pho, troops of another 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed a VC. Miscellaneous documents were found on the dead VC's body. Later another VC was killed near the same site by the company.

The reconnaissance element of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. detained three VC suspects 11 miles northeast of Quang Ngai City.

Reconnaissance troops of the 3d Bn., 1st Inf. detained two VC suspects, who were carrying medical supplies, five miles north of Duc Pho.

Yesterday morning "Sykes Regulars" of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company detained five VC suspects 11 miles northeast of Quang Ngai City.

In an area centered seven miles north of Quang Ngai City, "Acro Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. working with infantrymen of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. detained two VC suspects in two separate actions.

Yesterday afternoon the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. command and control helicopter detained one VC suspect one mile west of Duc Pho.

The 198th Inf. Bde. reported two VC (Cont'd.)

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killed in their area of operations yesterday.

A Combined Action Patrol found two VC bodies in the Chu Lai area yesterday. The VC had been killed by artillery fire from a 1st Bn., 82d Arty. battery.

2-174 "Dragoons" of the 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported no contacts in their area of operations yesterday.

Americal Division losses were five wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

Four young Vietnamese women trained by 1st Bn., 6th Inf. medical personnel held their first MEDCAP yesterday, and treated 241 Vietnamese.

Less than a week ago the girls were "graduated" during a ceremony at Ly Tin District Headquarters. They had completed two weeks of intensive instruction in the basics of medicine and hygiene.

Other "Brave and Bold" units combined forces to bring the day's total to 801 Vietnamese treated during six MEDCAPs.

DATELINES (UPI)

LAE, NEW GUINEA (UPI)—Betel nut chewing has been banned in an eastern highland area of New Guinea because of the risk of cancer of the mouth.

The ban, which is threatening to create a major disturbance among the natives, was announced by the town council at Goroka, about 110 miles west of Lae.

It is the second step in the council's campaign to outlaw what is virtually a national pastime among the territory's 2 million natives, last year the council banned the chewing of nuts in their shops.

A number of natives were arrested for violating the regulation introduced last year by the council, and last Saturday police were called to Goroka market to forcibly restrain natives from selling the nut.

The council said the nut, apart from possibly causing cancer of the mouth, causes tooth decay and is a definite health hazard.

Natives may still chew their own betel nuts in their own houses and villages.

STASH YOUR TRASH,
BUT NOT YOUR MAIL

Mail from home can be a source of low-level enemy intelligence and propaganda.

Destroy all personal mail by burning it. Do not risk VC sympathizers picking your mail out of trash barrels.

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