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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.

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

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

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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.

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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 forceably 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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