



* MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT *
* TUESDAY *
* Cloudy Skies *
* Rain Showers *
* High 85° Low 73° *
* 1347-0113—Hours *
* of non-moonlight *

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Americal Division units and supporting elements accounted for 16 VC killed and 19 VC suspects detained in the southern I Corps area yesterday.

"Charger" units and supporting elements accounted for 15 VC killed in the Operation Wheeler/Wallowa area yesterday.

In an area 16 miles northwest of Tam Ky a 1st Bn., 2d Inf. OP observed a group of VC harvesting rice in an unauthorized harvest area. The OP called in artillery, resulting in 5 VC killed.

In an area centered 12 miles west of Tam Ky a reconnaissance element from the 3d Bn., 21st Inf. killed two VC in two separate contacts.

A 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC seven miles south of Hoi An. The VC was hiding in a stream when he was killed.

In a series of contacts nine miles south of Hoi An a 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company killed four VC.

Gunships from the 14th Avn. Bn. engaged a group of VC six miles south of Hoi An, killing two.

"Blue Ghosts" of F Trp., 8th Cav. flying in support of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf., engaged and killed one VC seven miles south of Hoi An.

Action in the 11th Inf. Bde. area of operations dropped yesterday. "Jungle Warriors" of the brigade killed one VC and detained three suspects.

The brigade's only kill was credited to early morning artillery fire from the 6th Bn., 11th Arty. The VC body was found in an area seven miles northeast of Duc Pho.

Later in the morning, elements of E Trp., 1st Cav. apprehended two VC suspects in the same area. The two had been wounded by the artillery barrage.

Elements of a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. com-

pany led by CPT Grady Middleton (Quincy, Fla.) captured a VC suspect as they moved through rice paddies southeast of Duc Pho.

The 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported 10 VC suspects detained in the Operation Burlington Trail area yesterday. "Blue Ghosts" of F Trp., 8th Cav. detained two and A Trp., 1st Cav., detained eight.

Units of the 198th Inf. Bde. detained six VC suspects yesterday in the Chu Lai area.

A 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company led by CPT George L. Harmon detained four VC suspects while sweeping an area yesterday morning. The unit later found and destroyed a tunnel.

Another 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company led by 1LT James J. Frazier (Decatur, Ill.) located and destroyed an 81mm round while searching an area south of Chu Lai.

"Regulars" of a 1st Bn., 6th Inf., company led by CPT Thomas A. Chapman (Schofield Barracks, Hawaii) detained one VC suspect while sweeping an area west of Chu Lai.

In the Burlington Trail area a 1st Bn., 52nd Inf., company led by CPT Floyd W. McLean, Jr., (Ft. Sill, Okla.) captured 700 pounds of rice. The "Ready (Cont'd)"

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Rifles" found the rice they searched two abandoned huts west of Tan Ky.

A further search of the area revealed a tunnel which the company destroyed.

Shortly afterwards the company detained a VC suspect near the same site.

Civic action soldiers of the brigade treated 183 Vietnamese during two MEDCAPs yesterday.

American forces suffered two soldiers killed and 17 wounded and evacuated for medical treatment yesterday.

ENTELINES (U-I)

SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON (U-I)--Apollo-7 and its chipper crew, preparing to enter televised show business, circled the earth Sunday night on their 11-day shake-down for a moon trip and the space agency said, "we have never had anything go this good."

"We're just going along," the astronauts reported. "We're getting along just fine up here."

Mission controllers reported that Apollo-7 and its astronauts, Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele and Walter Cunningham, had already achieved, by the third day of the mission, nearly half of the planned objectives.

With each textbook-perfect orbit, they brought closer to reality a Christmas flight to the moon and back by the Apollo-8.

The crew spent much of Sunday performing minor do-it-yourself repairs. Spaceship commander Schirra appeared to be defeating his cold. Cunningham, fearing he was coming down with the same thing, took a pill and apparently warded it off.

Schirra has promised to turn on the television camera aboard Apollo-7 at 10:43 a.m. EDT Monday to give earth-bound viewers a glimpse of life on the ship--the first live telecast of Americans in space.

The astronauts peeled off their spacesuits to work in lightweight coveralls. "I guess when we start with the show business I'll have to get dressed for it," said Cunningham.

The television show was to last about 10 minutes during a pass over the United States just after Schirra and Cunningham wake up.

The smooth progress of the 163-orbit flight and their improving health

put the astronauts into a relatively jocular mood for the first time since April-10-7 blasted into space Friday morning.

"We're all feeling chipper," reported Cunningham.

A space agency spokesman said the smooth performance of the moonship's major components was a welcome change from past manned spaceflights, many of which had trouble with such items as thruster rockets and power supplies.

Avoid immersion foot--
Take care of your feet

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