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* MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT *
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* Mostly Cloudy *
* Occasional Showers *
* High 82° Low 70° *
* no Moonlight -2021-1001 *
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AMERICAN DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAN IO) —Units of the American Division accounted for eight VC and two NVN killed and 19 suspects detained in the southern I Corps area yesterday.

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"Charger" units of the 196th Inf. Bde. accounted for six VC and one NVN killed in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa.

A 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company killed one VC eight miles southwest of Hoi An.

The recon plt. of the 4th Bn., 21st Inf. engaged a VC seven miles south of Hoi An with small arms fire, resulting in one VC killed.

The 2d Bn., 1st Inf. command and control helicopter killed three VC with M-60 machinegun fire 22 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

18 miles northwest of Hoi An the command and control helicopter killed another VC with M-60 fire.

Later, they killed one NVN 16 miles southwest of Hoi An.

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Light action continued in Quang Ngai province as 11th Inf. Bde. soldiers reported two VC and one NVN killed and three suspects detained.

In the morning the 3d Bn., 1st Inf. command and control helicopter killed two VC who were hiding in a canal seven miles north of Duc Pho.

In a late report from Tuesday, "Hero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. killed one NVN in a green uniform 40 miles northwest of Duc Pho.

In other action the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. command and control helicopter detained three VC suspects near a trail four miles south of Duc Pho.

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The 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported 16 VC suspects detained in the Burlington Trail area 10 miles northwest

of Tam Ky.

"Dragoons" of B Trp., 1st Cav. accounted for 13 of the suspects detained.

"Blue Ghosts" of F Trp., 8th Cav. accounted for the other three VC suspects detained.

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Units of the 198th Inf. Bde. reported capturing over two tons of rice. Action centered in the Burlington Trail area. A 1st Bn., 52 Inf. company led by CPT Jack W. Sorensen (Council Bluffs, Iowa) discovered 3,500 pounds of rice while searching an area west of Tam Ky.

Later in the day the "Ready Rifles" discovered another 1,000 pounds of rice as they continued to search the area.

The rice has been evacuated to the brigade civil affairs officer for redistribution.

Early in the morning a 1st Bn., 46th Inf. company led by 1LT Larry Gragg (Metalina, Wash.) found and destroyed one 175mm artillery round and a "Bouncing Betty" mine northwest of Chu Lai.

Civic action soldiers of the brigade treated 480 Vietnamese during four MEDCAPs.

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The division suffered one soldier wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

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SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON—The amazing Apollo 7 space machine proved beyond doubt that America's expensive drive to send men to the moon is back on a solid footing after sinking to disaster 21 months ago.

The almost flawless maiden manned flight of the moonship is a tribute to the thousands of engineers who worked day and night to eliminate the bugs that led to the fire deaths of Virgil Grisson, Edward White and Roger Chaffee Jan. 27, 1967.

Apollo 7 showed the improved strain of mooncraft is not only safe for manned flight but that its systems are mature enough to transport men on the daring, half-million mile round trip to the moon.

Project Apollo has had its successes—most notably the initial test flight of the Saturn 5 moon rocket a year ago—but none approached the significance of the trial of Apollo 7.

After the Apollo 1 tragedy, the moonship underwent probably the most exhaustive overhaul in the 11-year history of the nation's space program. It was subjected to every conceivable test.

But until men were actually put at the controls and the ship was subjected to the rigors of space, no one could be certain the Apollo would work as expected for 11 demanding days on its own.

When its pilots—Walter Schirra, Donn Eisele and Walter Cunningham—climbed aboard Apollo 7 Oct. 17, they were reasonably certain that the risks to their lives were slight. But they had no idea the ship would operate as well as it did over the full 163-orbit route.

There is no doubt that the moon program will move on to an even more ambitious mission with Apollo 8. And, as one official said, it is almost a foregone conclusion that Apollo 8 will soon receive clearance to fly around the moon and back.

MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY—The Japanese bicycling team will arrive here today to prepare for the world amateur cycling championship.

The team includes Sanji Inoue, Shi Shiro Shineta, Takashi Watanabe, Mitsura Imamura, Takao Nakamura, Morimasa Murakami and Zenpachi Yamamoto.

The Japanese will be the first of the 20 national contingents to arrive.

The ten-day race will be held at the National Velodrome, just outside Montevideo.

NEW YORK—George Swarbrick scored his first goal of the National Hockey League season Tuesday night—and it made the Oakland Seals first in the west.

The right wing, who had been credited with three assists but had failed to score a goal in five games, bagged the Seals a 3-2 victory over the Minnesota North Stars at Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The victory gave the Seals a 2-3-1 record and five points—one point more than second place St. Louis and Minnesota in the Western Division of the NHL.

