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Chu Lai (AMERICAL 10)—The southern part of the First Military Region witnessed light action yesterday as the troopers of the Americal Division accounted for the deaths of 18 enemy soldiers.

GENEVA PARK

In two separate engagements yesterday, Alpha Co. 5-46 Inf., accounted for two enemy soldiers killed in an area west of Chu Lai.

While sweeping an area where they had encountered contact Tuesday night, Alpha Co. found one Viet Cong body. The enemy soldier had apparently died of wounds caused by small arms fire.

Later yesterday, the "Professionals" were inserted into another area west of Chu Lai by helicopters. While sweeping the area the infantrymen killed one green uniformed Viet Cong soldier.

IRON MOUNTAIN

In action Tuesday night in the mountains northwest of Duc Pho, Alpha Co. 4-3 Inf., accounted for four enemy soldiers killed. The NVA were killed as they approached the company's position.

While checking out the area of contact an additional NVA soldier was killed. A search of the area revealed three AK-47 rifles and one RPG launcher.

In other action Tuesday evening, the "Warlords" of the 123rd Aviation, while inserting infantry in the mountains north of Duc Pho, engaged a large element of enemy soldiers. The guns of the aviators accounted for 15 of the enemy killed.

"Shark" gunships of the 174th Aviation, also in action Tuesday, accounted for three Viet Cong killed in an area north of Duc Pho.

COMBINED PSYOPS OPERATION

A combined effort by the Psychological Operations section of the 198th Infantry Brigade and the Chief of Son Tinh District recently accounted for three Viet Cong ralliers and promises to bring in more.

The program was launched as part of a renewed 198th emphasis on psychological operations and cooperation with Republic of Vietnam forces and political leaders.

The three recent ralliers returned to the Government of Vietnam after hearing a broadcast made by Captain Nguyen Khiem, Son Tinh District Chief. CPT Khiem taped his appeal to local VC in the area and it was broadcast by the 198th Psyops section from a helicopter over eastern Son Tinh District.

The ralliers, all local guerillas, returned to GVN control after hearing CPT Khiem's appeal to lay down their arms in return for good treatment. The District Chief emphasized the futility of the guerillas' efforts against the Allied forces, and noted that many guerillas were ill, hungry and poorly cared for by the VC. CPT Khiem promised that all returnees would receive medical attention, food and, when possible, would eventually be able to re-join their families.

"This is the first time we have flown a broadcast made by a local official and we are extremely pleased with the initial results", commented First Lieutenant Vern Christopherson, Salt Lake City, Utah, S-5 of the 198th Brigade. "The idea of working with district leaders combines the elements essential for a successful mission: the assistance of people who can deliver the message."

CPT Khiem has also written a leaflet in cooperation with the 198th Psyops section reviewing the history of the Vietnamese conflict and the victories of the ARVN and its allies against the Communists. In the leaflet, which will be dropped by aircraft over Son Tinh District, he makes an appeal for Viet Cong in his district to rally.

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AFVN NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON--The Senate has rejected an attempt by Senator J.W. Fulbright to limit military credit sales to Israel to the amount approved by the Senate earlier this year. The 87-to-seven vote in effect gives Senate approval to a revised Administration request for authority to sell Israel twice as much military hardware on credit.

Secretary of Defense Laird said Monday that delay in passage of the military sales bill could delay funds needed to maintain the military balance in the Middle East. Fulbright's measure was offered as an amendment to the sales bill. The Arkansas Democrat said those going along with the Administration position haven't the slightest confidence in a negotiated settlement in the Middle East.

SAIGON--The U.S. Command in Saigon has announced the units involved in another troop withdrawal which are part of the 17-thousand men the President said he would re-deploy by October. The 1,960 men involved in yesterday's announcement come from the Ninth Infantry Division and the 199th Light Infantry Brigade. Saigon says they already are preparing for inactivation. The soldiers are stationed in provinces surrounding Saigon.

WASHINGTON--President Nixon says he considers the defeat of the McGovern-Hatfield "end-the-war amendment" yesterday a vote of confidence in his plans to disengage the United States from the Vietnam. The Western White House says the President is pleased with the 55 to 39 vote.

WASHINGTON--The Washington Post reports Washington Redskins coach Vince Lombardi is near death at Georgetown University Hospital. Lombardi underwent surgery last June and again in July.

The hospital refuses to comment on the condition of the veteran football coach and is referring all queries to the Redskins' front office.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American

Minnesota 4-7, Milwaukee 0-1
Kansas City 4, California 0
New York 4, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 4, Washington 3

National

Pittsburgh 8, Montreal 4
New York 4, St. Louis 3
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2
San Francisco 5, Cincinnati 3
Los Angeles 6-3, Atlanta 2-2
San Diego 2, Houston 1

PRAISE FOR THE AMERICAL

On August 30, 1970, gunships of the Americal Division twice engaged enemy forces in an area east and southeast of FSB Gator. The aviators readily demonstrated their proficiency by aggressively engaging enemy forces resulting in 17 enemy soldiers killed. There were no friendly casualties.

Please extend to the outstanding men of the 176th Aviation Company my congratulations for their professional accomplishment. Well done!

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Your M-16, if you lose it, the enemy may use it.