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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)---Action increased yesterday in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone as Division forces killed 178 NVA, 30 VC, detained 13 suspects, captured 13 individual weapons and seven crew-served weapons.

In the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry's area of operations "Dragoons" and supporting elements killed 177 NVA, captured 16 individual weapons, four crew-served weapons and one flare gun.

Approximately 0910 hours yesterday morning a platoon of "A" Troop led by 1LT Thomas M. Ginz (Cheshire, CT) was operation with the ARVN 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry on a reconnaissance mission four miles west of Tam Ky. The 3d Squadron, 4th Cavalry made initial contact and the platoon engaged an unknown size enemy force. Within a few minutes it was determined that it was a main force of NVA. "C" Troop was then committed.

As the battle intensified the remainder of "A" Troop was committed.

"B" Troop made contact approximately the same time with an estimated NVA company northwest of the initial contact.

There were numerous air strikes, artillery missions conducted and "Blue Ghost" aerial scout teams were committed.

Action continued until about 1925 when the enemy broke contact.

"A" Troop elements commanded by CPT George R. Kaczor (Seattle, WA) were credited with 39 NVA kills, "C" Troop with 9 NVA kills, "Blue Ghost" with 3 NVA kills and tactical air strikes credited for 75 NVA killed.

There were two 75mm recoilless rifles, two RPGs, two light machine guns, eight K-44s, four AK-47s, one Thompson machine gun, one 32 caliber pistol, and one flare pistol captured.

"F" Troop, 8th Cavalry engaged a group of NVA killing one.

Heavy fighting continued in the Quang Ngai Province yesterday as 11th Brigade "Jungle Warriors" reported 20 VC killed, 13 VC suspects detained, two individual weapons captured, one crew-served weapon and one hand grenade captured.

Following a mortar attack of 81mm and 82mm rounds on LZ Bronco from 0245 to 0315 a "Shark" gunship of the 174th Aviation Company with SP4 Gordon L.

Knight (Los Angeles, CA) as gunner, observed and killed seven VC evading from a suspected mortar position near hootches one mile north of Duc Pho.

Later in the morning a sweep was conducted by a squad of a company of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry led by SGT Kermit Williams (Clinton, N.C.) resulting in the recovery of the seven VC killed by the "Shark" gunship plus the capture of an 82mm mortar, three 81mm rounds and one M-2 carbine. The squad later killed one VC dressed in a NVA uniform near the same site.

In action near Quang Ngai City, 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry killed 11 VC and detained 12 suspects yesterday.

A company of the battalion killed two VC trying to break through their southwest perimeter and captured a carbine and one home-made grenade.

During separate actions later in the day the company killed two evading VC, one of them in a sweep of an area after an air strike that left six of the enemy dead.

Another company of the battalion killed one evading VC while another company of the "Always First" detained 12 military age suspects.

Other action resulted in one VC suspect detained by a 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry company near a stream 8 miles south of Duc Pho.

The "Sykes Regulars" also captured medical supplies, documents, an AK-47 cleaning kit, one Chicom grenade, two empty AK-47 magazines and one 30 caliber ammunition belt with 65 rounds on the well armed suspect.

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AMERICAL NEWS SHEET

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Troops of another 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry company detained five suspects three miles northwest of LZ Bronco. Another Battalion company found one VC body later yesterday afternoon.

Action dropped in the 196th Infantry Brigade's area of operations yesterday as soldiers accounted for 9 VC killed and three sampans destroyed.

"Polar Bears" of the 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry observed three sampans on a river. Mortar fire was called in destroying the three sampans.

"Gimlets" of the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry observed five VC in the open. Artillery was called in killing one VC, 15 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

Another company of the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry while following a blood trail, spotted three VC evading. The enemy was engaged with small arms fire, killing one VC 15 miles west of Tam Ky.

"Gimlets" of a 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry company observed a group of VC in the open, 15 miles west of Tam Ky. An artillery fire mission was called, killing two VC.

Another 6th Battalion, 21st Infantry company observed one VC evading. The enemy was engaged with small arms fire, resulting in one VC killed.

Yet another company of the battalion observed a group of VC moving west. The group was engaged, resulting in one VC killed eight miles west of Tam Ky.

A reconnaissance element of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry received small arms fire. Three enemy were spotted. The element returned the fire, killing three VC four miles south of Hoi An.

Action slowed down yesterday in the 196th Infantry Brigade's area as one VC and one NVA were killed.

An element of "H" Troop, 17th Cavalry on Highway 1 spotted a group of NVA. The NVA opened fire and fled. "H" Troop returned the fire killing one NVA.

A company of the 1st Battalion, 46th

Infantry commanded by CPT John Sprague (Atlanta, GA) killed one enemy in the jungle highlands of the Operation Burlington Trail area. The enemy was found following a search through an area of a one hour battle between the "Professionals" and an unknown size VC force.

Other units of the Brigade reported several sniper incidents.

Division forces suffered two soldiers killed and 26 wounded and evacuated for treatment.

LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF THE ARMY

The Secretary of the Army, Honorable Stanley R. Resor recently visited the Americal Division. In a letter to General Gettys, Mr. Resor made the following remarks about the men of the Division:

I enjoyed very much my visit with you and the members of the Americal Division. The briefings were well prepared and I was greatly impressed with the caliber of your people and the job they are doing. It was particularly impressive to visit your LZ's and to observe the determination and tenacity of the foot soldier in the difficult jungle fighting that characterizes your operations.

My heartiest congratulations on the progress being made by the Americal Division. I found it most encouraging.

DATELINES----UPI

MOSCOW--President Svoboda of Czechoslovakia is in Moscow. The Soviets say he is holding talks with Russia's rulers in a "Frank and comradely atmosphere."

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