

Sweet tooth

Viet Cong

PHU BAI—The Viet Cong have a sweet tooth, too.

Included in the possessions of one of four VC killed by a platoon of "M" Company, Twenty-Sixth Marines, was about 25 pounds of assorted hard candy.

"I guess we must have caught the enemy on a candy run," said Private First Class Robert D. Wetzel, who serves as a sniper.

The platoon killed two VC during one early morning ambush and accounted for two more in a similar ambush a day later while operating in the Co Bi Thanh Tan valley, 25 miles northwest of Hue.

"One of the VC was a paymaster. He was carrying his records with him," Second Lieutenant John D. Manzi, the platoon commander said. "We also captured some food supplies and clothing in addition to the candy," he said.

Manzi said three Viet Cong walked into the first ambush, but apparently began to suspect something just before they reached the kill zone. Only one escaped into the brush, however.