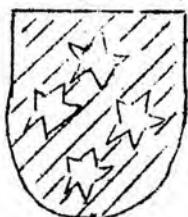


AMERICAL

NEWS



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***** MIRACLE WEATHER FORECAST May 17

Fair to partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms over mountains. Winds blowing from southeast 5-10 knots and gusting 15-20 knots in the afternoon.

Temperature: H 97 L 79

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

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The unit retaliated with a heavy volume of small arms' fire to kill eight VC and capture an AK-50.

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