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MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT

Fair to partly cloudy with isolated late afternoon and evening showers. Winds at 10 knots from the West-Northwest. High Saturday 98. Low Saturday night 80. (B-6)

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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)---Action increased in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday as Division forces killed ten VC, captured three individual weapons, one claymore mine, and detained four suspects.

A company of the 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry killed one VC in a carrying party and captured an AK-44 in a small valley seven miles west of Duc Pho.

A company of the 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry ran across a weapons cache in a small cluster of hootches two miles northwest of LZ Bronco.

PFC Eugene C. Stevens (Lamar, S.C.) found an M-16, an M-1 carbine, seven M-79 rounds, and an assortment of small arms ammunition and magazines all wrapped in plastic. PFC Tommy F. Acosta (San Antonio, Tx.) found a complete NVA uniform and SGT Alfred H. Matheson (Huntington, Long Island N.Y.) found a claymore mine near the same site.

In the 196th Infantry Brigade's area of operations "Charger" units killed five VC in light action in Operation Wheeler/Wallowa yesterday.

A command and control helicopter from the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry engaged and killed one VC evading two miles south of Hoi An.

A reconnaissance element of the same unit engaged two VC with small arms fire near Hoi An, resulting in one VC killed.

"Firebird" gunships of the 71st Aviation Company destroyed two bunkers and killed one VC in support of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry in the same area.

An OP from the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry observed three VC 13 miles west of Tam Ky. Artillery was called in, resulting in one VC killed.

Another "Gimlets" company of the 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry engaged and killed one VC 13 miles west of Tam Ky.

The 198th Infantry Brigade reported three VC killed and three suspects detained in its area of operation around Chu Lai yesterday.

"F" Troop, 8th Cavalry, which is OPCON to the 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry, operating in the 198th's Burlington Trail area spotted a VC body in a hole 14 miles west of Tra Bong. Later two

bodies were spotted by gunships of "F" Troop, 8th Cavalry 20 miles northwest of Chu Lai.

In action south of Chu Lai a company of the 1st Battalion, 52d Infantry detained three individuals during a search of an area from which it had received fire.

Other units throughout the 198th's area of operation reported several incidents of small arms and automatic weapons fire.

Civic Action soldiers of the "Brave and Bold" treated 395 Vietnamese yesterday during five medical visits.

In the 1st Squadron, 1st Armored Cavalry's Operation Wheeler/Wallowa area, "F" Troop, 8th Cavalry accounted for two VC killed and detained one suspect 12 miles northwest of Tam Ky.

Americal Division forces suffered one soldier wounded and evacuated for treatment.

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AER-ARS FUND CAMPAIGN

During the year of 1967, AER provided assistance in the form of loans and grants in the amount of \$7,782.00 to personnel of this Division. Last year's contributions from personnel within this Division amounted to \$10,637.00. Thus far, this year's campaign has only yielded \$4,376.55. This pay day 31 August 68 is the last month for collecting funds. Make your contributions generous and help us live up to the motto "The Army Takes Care of Its Own."

AMERICAN ALMANAC

WISCONSIN
(BADGER STATE)

Wisconsin leads the U. S. in milk and cheese production. In 1954, the state ranked first in the number of milk cows and produced 29.4% of the nation's total output of milk. Other important farm products are: potatoes, cabbage, maple sugar, cranberries, and cherries. The state ranks first in the production of peas, corn, and beets for canning.

About 40 years ago Wisconsin's forest became depleted, but in recent years phenomenal strides in reforestation have been made.

The chief industrial products of the state are automobiles, machinery, furniture, paper, beer, and processed foods. Wisconsin ranks first among the 47 paper-producing states.

Wisconsin pioneered in social legislation, providing pensions for the blind (1907), aid to dependent children (1913), and old-age assistance (1925). In 1932, it was the first state to enact an unemployment compensation law. In labor legislation, the state has also pioneered in important laws, among them the first workmen's compensation law actually to take effect. Wisconsin had the first state-wide primary-election law and the first successful income-tax law.

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DATELINES----UPI

LONDON--The wife of Beatle John Lennon, Cynthia, 27, is suing him for divorce because of his alleged adultery with Japanese-born actress-artist Yoko Ono, court sources said Thursday.

HOLLYWOOD--Actors Robert Vaughn, Ben Gazzara and George Segal, filming a World War I movie on location in Prague, found themselves in the midst of a real war drama Thursday.

A spokesman for David L. Wolper productions here said the cast and crew of "The Bridge At Remagen" was safe but that production had been stopped.

COLUMBUS, Ohio--Columbus police stormed into the Ohio State Penitentiary Wednesday and rescued nine guards whom 350 rebellious inmates had threatened to kill. Five prisoners were shot and killed during the assault and a sixth was critically injured by fellow inmates.

CHICAGO--A tally by United Press International shows Vice President Humphrey about 250 votes away from a first ballot Presidential nomination at next week's Democratic convention.



WASHINGTON--Doctors say that former President Dwight Eisenhower is resting comfortably in Walter Reed Army Hospital after suffering further episodes of heartbeat irregularity Wednesday night.

HOUSTON--The world's youngest living heart transplant patient gulped down scrambled eggs, bacon and toast Wednesday on her third day with her new heart.

Maria Giannaris, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Giannaris, of Hagerstown, Maryland, received the heart of an 11-year-old son of a Purdue University chemistry professor Sunday. Maria was expected to be allowed to walk around her room soon.