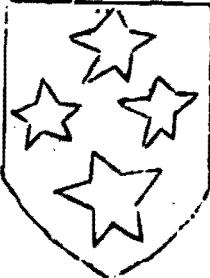


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* MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT *
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* SATURDAY
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* Mostly Cloudy
* Evening Showers
* High 90° Low 75°
* (B-6)

CHU LAI (AMERICAL 10)—Ten VC killed and three individual weapons captured, was the result of scattered contacts in the Americal Division's southern I Corps Tactical Zone yesterday.

hold a company size unit. Inside were one M-1 carbine, one K-44 rifle, and one SKS rifle.

"Jungle Warriors" of the 11th Inf. Bde. reported nine VC killed and one VC suspect detained yesterday.

"Shark" gunships of the 174th Avn. Co. destroyed six structures and killed five VC in response to sniper fire, 15 miles north of Duc Pho.

The "Sharks" also combined with troops of the 4th Bn., 3d Inf. to kill one VC on a hillside, two miles east of Duc Pho.

Troops of a 3d Bn., 1st Inf. company killed one VC without an ID card near a village four miles north of Duc Pho.

"E" Trp., 1st Cav. combined with infantrymen of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. to kill one VC near huts nine miles northwest of Quang Ngai City.

The helicopter of the Bde's. S-2 Air, accounted for one VC killed near the Tra Khuc River, 14 miles west of Quang Ngai City.

Yesterday afternoon soldiers of a 4th Bn., 3d Inf. company detained a VC tax collector near a clearing, six miles south of Duc Pho.

In the 196th Inf. Bde's. area of operations, "Charger" units found one dead VC and three individual weapons yesterday.

Troops of a 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company found the VC body seven miles southwest of Hoi An. He had been killed by small arms fire.

Another 4th Bn., 21st Inf. company found a tunnel complex in the same area. The complex was large enough to

Action was light in the 198th Inf. Bde's. area of operations yesterday.

A 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company led by CPT George L. Harmon (Dothan, Ala.) working with a combined action patrol discovered two mine fields south of Chu Lai yesterday.

The "Professionals" had unexpectedly come upon the mine field during a sweep of the area. They coordinated their efforts with a company from the 26th Engrs., who supplied a mine detector, and the Division EOD team and systematically destroyed the mines.

A short time later they discovered and destroyed a second mine field. In all, the teams destroyed 93 mines and one booby trapped 105mm howitzer round.

In the Burlington Trail area a 1st Bn., 52d Inf. company led by 1LT Michael J. Deal (Arlington, Va.) discovered one protective mask, 20 82mm charges, and one bag of fuses while searching an abandoned hut west of Tam Ky.

Further to the west a 1st Bn., 46th Inf. company led by CPT Roger Dinsdale (Washington, D.C.) found the charred remains of enemy equipment that had been burned as a result of air strikes.

Seven air strikes directed by forward air controllers of the 198th Inf. Bde. destroyed 10 enemy (Cont'd.)

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bunkers and ignited one secondary fire west of Tan Ky.

Civic action soldiers of the Bde. treated 669 Vietnamese during six MED-CAs.

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1st. Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. "Dragoons" reported no contacts in their area of operations yesterday.

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Two Americal Division soldiers were reported killed and 19 wounded and evacuated for medical treatment as a result of yesterday's action.

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OLYMPIC SPORTS

MEXICO CITY (UPI) — Boxing as conducted in the Olympic Games must be radically revised to protect it from charges that it is a brutal sport and to stimulate greater interest throughout the world, according to a boxing official of Thailand.

Chaloke Komarakul, president of Thai Amateur Boxing Association and a patron of the Asia Amateur Boxing Federation, said Wednesday that pre-olympic regional qualification tournaments should be held for boxers the same as for football teams.

Under such a system, only 16 boxers will come to the Olympic Games for each of the 11 classes, Komarakul said. That would mean there would be a maximum of 176 boxers whereas there are now from 300 to 400 boxers in the Olympic Games. It would mean far fewer bouts.

In order to become a champion under the present system, Komarakul said, a boxer has to fight six or seven times within 13 days. It means he will have to fight the champion of another country once every two days.

Komarakul said his proposal has been accepted in principle by the executive committee of the International Amateur Boxing Federation subject to approval of the federation's congress.

Komarakul said his proposal could go a long way toward eliminating bad decisions.

"Bad decisions are caused by bias, nationalism and over-working of the officials," he said. "With a marked reduction of bouts under my proposal, the officials would not be overworked and be in a position to render fair decisions."

"Only the real champions would be competing, calling for real technique, and there should be no grounds for calling boxing a brutal sport," Komarakul said.

DRIVE CAREFULLY-Don't Become a Statistic

Vietnam's roads were not built for the trucks and equipment the U.S. Armed Forces use. One day of driving on a Vietnamese road will tell you that.

When you drove back in the WORLD you had to drive in accordance with the laws of your state. It's the same thing here.

Back home you altered your driving methods under certain conditions; rain, darkness, heavy traffic. Vietnam should be no different.

It is your responsibility to obey local traffic laws and to DRIVE SAFELY!

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Charlie Brown!

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