



* MIRACLE WEATHER REPORT *
* SATURDAY *
* Mostly Cloudy to *
* Cloudy *
* Occasional Rain *
* High 83 Low 70 *
* No Moonlight 2122-1107 *
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AMERICAL DIVISION NEWS

CHU LAI (AMERICAL IO)—Thirty VC killed, 45 suspects detained, and 16 individual weapons captured by Americal Division units, were the results of increased action in the southern I Corps area yesterday.

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Units of the 196th Inf. Bde. killed 22 VC and captured 16 individual weapons in Operation Wheeler/Mallowa.

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Action increased in the Duc Pho area as 11th Inf. Bde. soldiers reported six VC killed and 27 suspects detained.

Early yesterday morning, the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. command and control helicopter (CC) killed one VC and detained nine male suspects four miles southeast of Duc Pho.

Later the "Sykes Regulars" CC detained six VC suspects near the same site.

"Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. working with soldiers of the 1st Bn., 20th Inf. detained a total of seven VC suspects. The suspects were detained in five separate incidents in an area centered seven miles southeast of Duc Pho.

The 4th Bn., 3d Inf. CC killed two VC in separate actions near rail road tracks three miles northwest of Duc Pho.

A few minutes later, the "Old Guard" CC element detained two VC suspects near the same site.

Three VC were killed in separate actions by the 3d Bn., 1st Inf. CC in an area centered five miles north of Duc Pho.

In other action, infantrymen of a 1st Bn., 20th Inf. company detained three VC suspects near a stream 12 miles south of Duc Pho.

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Units of the 198th Inf. Bde. killed two VC, detained five VC suspects, and captured 21,500 pounds of rice.

A 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company, led by CPT Michael R. Smith (New Lebanon, O.) engaged and killed one VC south of Chu Lai in the morning.

Later in the day the "Professionals" uncovered an eight ton rice cache in the

area.

"Aero Scouts" of the 123d Avn. Bn. killed one VC and detained three VC suspects during separate incidents south of Chu Lai in the afternoon.

A 5th Bn., 46th Inf. company, led by CPT George L. Harmon (Dothan, Ala.) detained two VC suspects while sweeping an area southwest of Chu Lai.

In the Burlington Trail area, a 1st Bn., 46th Inf. company led by 1LT William Hewart (Haddonfield, N.J.) discovered 1,200 pounds of rice while searching an area west of Tam Ky in the morning.

A 1st Bn., 52d Inf. company led by 1LT Steven G. Olsen (Minneapolis, Minn.) discovered 1,500 pounds of rice in a valley west of Tam Ky.

While searching the same area, elements of the 1st Bn. company led by CPT Jack W. Sorensen (Council Bluffs, Iowa) captured 2,800 pounds of rice.

All the rice captured by the 198th Inf. Bde. will be evacuated and distributed to refugees.

Civic action soldiers of the brigade treated 448 Vietnamese during four MEDCAPs.

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The 1st Sqdn., 1st Armored Cav. reported 13 VC suspects detained by B Trp. in their area of operations.

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Eleven Americal soldiers were wounded and evacuated for medical treatment.

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.— Is it the world's most elaborate practical joke? Or is it another hoax perpetrated by the unceasingly fertile minds of the world's young?

Whichever, a University of Virginia magazine says that its editors have possession of the true Olympic flame, and that the fire burning in the huge disc at Mexico City is only a reasonable facsimile.

And, the publication said, as the culmination of the practical joke, the flame will be transported Thursday, in a lantern, by a squadron of runners from the Charlottesville campus 100 miles to the Mexican Embassy in Washington and turned over to the diplomats.

The editors of the campus "Magazine of Satire and Broad Discussion" reportedly took the flame from the torch before the Olympics began in a carefully staged hoax that grew out of a party conversation.

Olympic games custom is to carry a torch from the Athens, Greece site of the first games, to the site of the modern-day event.

The editors say they asked a Mexican to contact one of the runners scheduled to carry this year's flame from Vera Cruz to Mexico City. The editors obtained pictures of the real torch and had a replica made, the replica they said is now at the games.

The Mexican agreed, for a sum of money, to a transfer of the real torch with replica. The exchange took place and the false torch, which was lit with an editor's cigarette lighter, went on to Mexico City and the Olympic games," the college newspaper said.

In Mexico City, Olympic officials said they have no doubts that the Olympic flame here is the true Greek fire that left Athens.

He pointed out that "at no time was anyone ever alone with the flame.

"The runners travelled under the eyes of an armed escort from the federal highway police, generally consisting of at least three or four patrolmen in cars and on motorcycles, and were accompanied by a panel truck loaded with officials and usually trailed by busloads of reporters and photographers.

SPACE CENTER, HOUSTON— The Space Agency said Wednesday it has a "Super Gemini" space bus capable of ferrying up to nine astronauts into orbit and back.

The proposed craft, possibly destined to become America's fourth generation spaceship, would be an enlarged

version of the two-man Gemini ship which carried Americans to the lead in manned space exploration.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) officials announced the design study contract award one day after the nation's third generation Apollo spaceship finished its 11-day manned debut orbit.

Two heart transplants were performed yesterday. Emilio T. Catobia Co 42, received the heart of Mrs. Phyllis Mitt Shetz, a mother of six. Fifteen-year-old Paulette Johnson also received a new heart at Richmond, Va.

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