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VIETNAMESE ORPHAN DIES

CLARK AB, PHILIPPINES, April 11--A Vietnamese orphan, airlifted from Saigon to Clark earlier this week, died yesterday afternoon in the USAF Hospital, Clark. Probable cause of death is listed as sepsis.

Sepsis, as explained by hospital authorities, is a poisoning caused by the absorption of pathogenic microorganisms into the bloodstream.

Upon his arrival here, the infant was taken immediately to the base hospital where he was found to be suffering from severe malnutrition and skin infection. He was treated immediately for those conditions.