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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 12-23.

MOBILE RIVERINE GROUP ALPHA ELEMENTS ACHIEVED MODEPATE TO HEAVY CONTACT WEDNESDAY WITH AN ESTIMATED REINFORCED PLATOON, 12 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE IN THE GIONG TRON DISTRICT.

WITH BOTH ARMY AND VIETNAMESE MARINE ELEMENTS STILL IN CONTACT AFTER DARKNESS, NINE VIET CONG HAD BEEN KILLED AND ONE AK-47 HAD BEEN CAPTURED. TOTAL ALLIED CASUALTIES AS OF 1930 WERE ONE KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED.

THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT AT 1820 WHEN HELICOPTERS CARRYING ALPHA COMPANY, 3/62 INFANTRY HIT A HOT LANDING ZONE. ONE INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND A HELICOPTER PILOT WAS INJURED IN THIS FIRST ATTACK AS THE SLICKS MOVED IN TO LAND THE TROOPS IN THE AREA. HELICOPTERS CONTINUED TO DRAW HOSTILE FIRE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, AND THREE HUEYS AND ONE LOH WERE SHOT DOWN. U.S. GROUND ELEMENTS

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WERE THE TARGET OF TWO ENEMY MORTAR ATTACKS DURING THE AFTERNOON AND THE TROOPS WERE FREQUENTLY PINNED DOWN BY VC AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE.

AS THE FIGHTING INTENSIFIED, DELTA COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY WAS AIRMOBILED INTO A LANDING ZONE SOUTH OF THE ENEMY POSITIONS. AT THE SAME TIME TWO COMPANIES OF VIETNAMESE MARINES JOINED THE BATTLE AFTER A TRANSIT DOWN THE BEN TRE RIVER ABOARD BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91.

THE MARINES WERE BEACHED ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF THE FIGHTING AND ACHIEVED ALMOST IMMEDIATE CONTACT AS THEY SWEEP SOUTH. THE TRANSIT DOWN THE RACH BEN TRE WAS MARKED BY ONE BRIEF AMBUSH WITH ROCKETS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS IN WHICH ONE NAVYMAN WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

TASK GROUP BRAVO ELEMENTS SUPPORTING VIETNAMESE MARINES AND ARVNS IN THE CAN THO AREA ALSO HAD THEIR SHARE OF ACTION WEDNESDAY. BOATS OF RIV DIV 152 WERE BEACHING THE TROOPS ON THE CAI CON CANAL ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF CAN THO WHEN A LONG GRENADE WAS SUDDENLY HURLED FROM THE EAST BANK OF THE WATERWAY.

IT LANDED ON ATC 152-11, WOUNDING SLIGHTLY TWO CREWMEN AND BLOWING A 18-INCH HOLE IN THE DECK ADJACENT TO THE COXSWAIN'S FLAT

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THE BOATS RESPONDED WITH GREN AND SMALL ARMS FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

BY MID-AFTERNOON, THE MARINES HAD CAPTURED 10 VIET CONG AND THE BOATS HAD INSPECTED 12 SAMPANS.

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TWO VIET CONG BODIES WERE FOUND THURSDAY BY MRF ELEMENTS SWEEPING THROUGH THE AREA WHERE CONTACT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED WEDNESDAY WITH AN ESTIMATED REINFORCED PLATOON.

IN OTHER ACTION THURSDAY, TWO ARMY INFANTRYMEN WERE KILLED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS IN A VC ROCKET ATTACK ON DELTA COMPANY 3/47 INFANTRY. SIX NAVYMEN WERE WOUNDED IN ANOTHER AMBUSH ON THE BEN TRE RIVER THURSDAY EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE.

THE ATTACK ON THE BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 OCCURED AT 0940 AS THEY WERE MOVING UP THE RACH BEN TRE CARRYING TWO COMPANIES OF VIETNAMESE MARINES, ATC 91-7 TOOK ONE B-40 ROCKET HIT AND HAD FOUR OF THE SIX WOUDED. ALTHOUGH TWO MEN HAD TO BE DUSTED OFF, NONE OF THE CASUALTIES WERE REGARDED AS

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SERIOUS.

THE BOATS RETURNED AND SUPPRESSED THE FIRE.
RESULTS OF THE TWO DAYS OF OPERATION WERE 10 VC KILLED IN ACTION. ALLIED CASUALTIES WERE FOUR KILLED AND 22 WOUNDED.
BOATS OF RIV DIV 152, THURSDAY CONTINUED THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 4TH VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS BATTALION ON THE SAINTENOY CANAL 17 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF CAN THO. A WATER BLOCKADE BEING MAINTAINED BY THE BOATS RESULTED IN THE APPREHENSION OF SIX CHINESE DURING A SEARCH OF 148 SAMPANS.

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NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WAS REPORTED BY EITHER TASK GROUP
FRIDAY AS THEY CONTINUED THEIR RESPECTIVE OPERATIONS IN THE
BEN TRE AND CAN THO AREAS.

IN A TWO-DAY OPERATION WHICH ENDED THURSDAY EVENING, FOUR
VC WERE KILLED AND SIX WERE CAPTURED BY 4TH VIETNAMESE
MARINE CORPS ELEMENTS WORKING WITH BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION
132 SOUTH EAST OF CAN THO. THE ASSAULT CRAFT PLAYED AN ACTIVE
ROLE IN THE OPERATION, SEARCHING 206 SAMPANS AND APPREHENDING
SIX DETAINEES WHILE CONDUCTING WATERBORNE BLOCKS WITH TWO PERS
FROM BINH THUY.

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE FIVE MARINES AND TWO NAVYMEN
WOUNDED.

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TASK GROUP ALFA ELEMENTS HAD A QUIET DAY FRIDAY IN KIEN HOA
PROVINCE. IN THE ONLY INCIDENT INVOLVING HOSTILE CONTACT, THREE
MEMBERS OF CHARLEY BATTERY, 3/34 ARTILLERY WERE WOUNDED THURSDAY
NIGHT WHEN THEIR FIRE SUPPORT BASE WAS ATTACKED WITH THREE B-40
ROCKETS.

ONE 3/47 INFANTRYMAN WHO DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT WHILE CROSSING
A STREAM WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS COMPANY FRIDAY MORNING IS
LISTED AS MISSING IN ACTION.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 10-26

TASK GROUP ALFA ELEMENTS KILLED SIX VIET CONG SATURDAY
IN LIGHT AND SCATTERED CONTACT IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

THREE OF THE VC WERE KILLED BY DELTA COMPANY, 3/50 INFANTRY
WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY BOATS OF RIV DIV 152 IN AN OPERATION 10
KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF BEN-TRE. TWO OTHERS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR
BY 3/47 INFANTRY AND THE SIXTH WAS KILLED BY VIETNAMESE
MARINES OPERATING ALONG THE BA LAI RIVER WITH BOATS OF RIV DIV 91.

TASK GROUP BRAVO REMAINED IN A READY REACTION POSTURE NEAR
CAN THO WHILE PREPARING FOR ITS NEXT OPERATION WITH THE 4TH
VIETNAMESE MARINES.

BOTH TASK GROUPS WERE VISITED SATURDAY BY REAR ADMIRAL
R. L. J. LONG, COMMANDER SERVICE GROUP THREE (CTF 73). IN ADDITION

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TO RECEIVING BRIEFINGS ON MRF OPERATIONS, THE ADMIRAL VISITED THE
REPAIR SHIPS SATYR, ASKARI AND SPHINK.

ELEVEN PURPLE HEARTS WERE PRESENTED TO TASK GROUP BRAVO
PERSONNEL BY COMMODORE NOW SATURDAY IN CEREMONIES ABOARD THE
MERCER.

MRB ALFA CONDUCTED A TWO-PHASE RELOCATION FROM MY THO TO DONG
TAM SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

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THE SOUTH BANK EARLIER IN THE MORNING MOVED IN TO HELP EXPLOIT THE CONTACT AND REPORTED FIVE WOUNDED BY HOSTILE FIRE.

IN OTHER TASK GROUP ALFA OPERATIONS SUNDAY, BOATS OF RIV DIV 112 LIFTED THREE COMPANIES OF 6/31 INFANTRY TO DONG TAM FROM AN EXTRACTION POINT ON THE CUA TIEU, 20 KILOMETERS EAST OF MY THO.

BOATS OF RIV DIV 151 SUPPORTED EOD AND HARBOR CLEARANCE UNIT DIVERS SUNDAY IN A SURVEY OF TWO PARTIALLY SUNKEN BARGES WHICH ARE INTERFERING WITH TRAFFIC ON THE CHO GAO CANAL.

BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON 13 SUPPORTED A LARGE OPERATION INVOLVING VIETNAMESE UNITS ON THE XA NO CANAL SUNDAY, PARTICIPATING IN THE SWEEP 28 KILOMETERS WEST OF CAN THO WERE FOUR COMPANIES OF THE 4TH VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS, THE 21ST ARVN HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, ONE COMPANY OF PHONG DINH REGIONAL FORCE TROOPS AND FOUR NATIONAL POLICE TEAMS.

THE GROUND FORCES WERE ALL BEACHED BY 0755 AND KILLED TWO VC AND CAPTURED ONE VC POLITICAL CADRE DURING THE DAY. ALSO SEIZED IN THE OPERATION WERE 7000 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, A LARGE QUANTITY OF 7.62 AMMUNITION AND THREE KILOGRAMS OF DOCUMENTS.

FOUR TASK GROUP BRAVO ASBBS MAINTAINED WATERBORNE BLOCKS IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUND OPERATION, DETAINING NINE VIETNAMESE WHILE

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INSPECTING 168 SAMPANS. ALLIED CASUALTIES WERE 10 VIETNAMESE AND ONE U.S. MARINE ADVISER WOUNDED IN ACTION.

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GROUND AND AIR ELEMENTS ACHIEVED LIGHT CONTACT SUNDAY WITH A SMALL VC FORCE ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MT THO, FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DONG TAM.

TWELVE VIET CONG WERE KILLED IN THE ENGAGEMENT, 10 BY HELICOPTERS OF DELTA COMPANY, 3/5 AIR CAVALRY AND TWO BY 3/60 INFANTRY. THE ACTION STARTED ABOUT 1130 WHEN THE GUNSHIPS SPOTTED 15 VC NEAR A LARGE HOOTCH. THE HELICOPTERS' ROCKET FIRE TOUCHED OFF A LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION, AND IT WAS DECIDED TO AIRLIFT TWO COMPANIES OF 3/60 INFANTRY IN TO INVESTIGATE.

SOON AFTER LANDING, THE 3/60 INFANTRYMEN BEGAN RECEIVING HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND MACHINE GUN FIRE WHICH KILLED TWO TROOPS AND WOUNDED SEVEN OTHERS. VIETNAMESE MARINES WHICH HAD BEEN LANDED ON

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 13-23

FOUR VIET CONG WERE KILLED MONDAY BY TASK GROUP ALFA ELEMENTS OPERATING ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG KY THO, FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DONG TAM.

TWO OF THE VC KIA RESULTED FROM GROUND CONTACT AND TWO WERE CREDITED TO ARTILLERY FIRE. THE FOUR ENEMY DEAD RAISED TO 23 THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO-DAY OPERATION WHICH ENDED MONDAY AFTERNOON.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 10-29

Vietnamese Marines operating with Task Group Bravo killed 14 Viet Cong and captured two others Sunday afternoon and Monday in operations along the Xa No Canal, southwest of Can Tho.

Other results of the operation were three AK-47's captured, 20 kilograms of medical supplies seized and 2000 kilograms of rice confiscated.

Allied casualties were three Marines killed and six wounded. Task Group Alfa elements had a quiet day Tuesday with most units remaining in a ready reaction status. In the only assault operation, boats of Riv Div 112 landed one company of 3/62 Infantry on the south bank of the Song My Tho opposite Thoi Son Island about 1345. The troops had no contact, but reported five VC wounded as a result

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OF A BOOBY TRAP. ONE VC WAS KILLED BY ARTILLERY FIRE IN THE OPERATION. RIVER DIVISION 131 ROTATED UNITS BETWEEN MRB ALFA AND NHA SE TUESDAY, BUT REPORTED NO INCIDENTS IN TRANSITS OF THE CHC GAO CANAL. MRB ALFA RELOCATED TO MY THO TUESDAY MORNING.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 10-30

TASK GROUP ALPHA ELEMENTS HAD ANOTHER UNEVENTFUL DAY WEDNESDAY WHILE SUPPORTING SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WAS REPORTED BY EITHER VIETNAMESE MARINES OPERATING WITH BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 OR CHARLEY COMPANY, 3/60 INFANTRY SUPPORTED BY UNITS OF RIV DIV 112.

CAPTAIN DALE SCHERMERHORN, PROSPECTIVE COMMANDER RIVER ASSAULT FLOTILLA ONE, ARRIVED ON THE BENEHAY WEDNESDAY MORNING TO RELIEVE COMMODORE SALZER ON 3 NOVEMBER. CAPTAIN SCHERMERHORN COMES TO RIV FLOT ONE AFTER A YEAR AS COMMANDER OF DESTROYER SQUADRON FOUR, HOMEPORTED IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.
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TWO NAVY AND TWELVE ARMY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED THURSDAY

MORNING IN AN AMBUSH OF RIV DIV 101 AT 0400 HOURS FOUR

KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CAN THO IN EASTERN LONG AN PROVINCE.

ALL OF THE WOUNDED WERE ABOARD LST 121-15 WHICH TOOK FOUR

ROCKET HITS. THE BOATS HAD BACKLASHED CHARLEY COMPANY 3/39

INFANTRY AND WERE RETURNING TO CAN THO WHEN THEY WERE HIT

AT 0755.

THE ASSAULT CRAFT CALLED IN A NIGHT HELD FIRE TEAM, THEN

LANDED CHARLEY COMPANY AT THE POINT OF THE AMBUSH. OTHER ARMY

ELEMENTS WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE AREA, BUT COULD ACHIEVE NO

CONTACT DURING A TWO-HOUR STRIKE.

FIVE VIET CONG WERE KILLED BY TRAP GROUP ALPHA ELEMENTS

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THURSDAY DURING OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN KINH HOA PROVINCE.

THREE RESULTED FROM LIGHT CONTACT INVOLVING 0/60 INFANTRY AND

0/60 WERE CREDITED TO AN AIR FORCE STRIKE.

VIETNAMESE MARINES SWAMPED ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE

CONG MY TWO 20 KILOMETERS EAST OF BEN TRE FOUND 52 GRENADE

TYPE BOOBY TRAPS AND DESTROYED TWO BANGALORE TORPEDIOS.

ELEMENTS OF RIVERINE GROUP BRAVO REMAINED IN A READY

REACTION STATUS THURSDAY AFTER COMPLETING OPERATIONS WITH

VIETNAMESE MARINES ON THE AA RO CANAL SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO.

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