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WAS NEVER IN DANGER OF SINKING.

THE WOUNDED WERE PUSHED BY ASSAULT BOAT TO THE BENEWAN DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS AND THE MORE SERIOUSLY INJURED WERE FLOWN TO THE ARMY SURGICAL HOSPITAL AT BONG TAN.

TWO NAVYMEN WERE TRAPPED IN A FLOODED COMPARTMENT FOR FOUR HOURS AFTER THE INCIDENT. DAMAGE CONTROLMEN CUT THEIR WAY THROUGH THE WRECKAGE TO FREE THE ENTRAPPED MEN, AND BOTH WERE LATER REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION. MANY OTHER WATER-FILLED SPACES HAD STILL NOT BEEN INSPECTED BY FRIDAY EVENING, HOWEVER, AND SEVERAL OF THE MISSING WERE PRESUMED TO BE TRAPPED INSIDE.

OF THE 16 PERSONNEL KILLED, 15 WERE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY'S CREW AND THE TWELFTH WAS A VIETNAMESE SAILOR WHO WAS TRAINING ABOARD THE TP 117 BOATS.

WOUNDED IN THE EXPLOSION WERE 19 OTHER NAVYMEN AND THREE ARMY TROOPS.

THE MISSING INCLUDED TWO MEMBERS OF THE SHIP'S COMPANY, ONE RIV DIV 111 NAVYMAN, ONE VIETNAMESE TIGER SCOUT AND FIVE ARMY TROOPS.

ACCORDING TO LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JOHN BRANIN, THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY CO, EVERY FIRST CLASS PETTY OFFICER ABOARD THE SHIP WAS EITHER KILLED OR WOUNDED. ALL MEMBERS OF THE SHIP'S OFFICE DIED IN THE

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EXPLOSION.

THE DAMAGE ON WESTCHESTER COUNTY WAS SURVEYED FRIDAY MORNING BY VICE ADMIRAL ELMO R. ZURWALT, COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES VIETNAM, WHO CAME TO THE NRB FROM SAIGON.

TASK GROUP ALFA GROUP AND NAVAL ELEMENTS OPERATING IN NORTHERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE FRIDAY HAD NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. AIR STRIKES IN THE AO, HOWEVER, ACCOUNTED FOR FIVE VC KILLED, 12 BUNKERS DESTROYED AND 12 STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

RIV DIV 112 COMPLETED ITS TAGLEFLOATING OPERATIONS WITH 3/60 COMPANY ON THE BA LAI RIVER IN THE MORNING AND RETURNED THE TROOPS TO THE NRB.

RIV DIV 91 ALSO COMPLETED OPERATIONS WITH THE VIETNAMESE MARINES, UNLOADING THE TROOPS IN THE MORNING AND TRANSPORTING THEM TO A REAR SUPPORT BASE FOR AN AIRMOBILE ASSAULT.

SEVERAL BOATS OF RIV DIV 151 WITH COMBAT SALVAGE BOAT-1 SUPPORTED EVACUATION OPERATIONS ON TWO SUMLEN BARGES ON THE CHO GAO CANAL FRIDAY.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 11-35

CAPTAIN DALE V. SOFT WERHORN RELIEVED CAPTAIN ROBERT S. SALZER AS COMMANDER OF TASK FORCE 117 SUNDAY MORNING IN CHARGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES ON THE BENEHAN FLIGHT DECK.

ATTENDED BY MANY HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS FROM ALL OVER THE DELTA, THE CEREMONIES FEATURED THE PRESENTATION TO CAPTAIN SALZER OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM'S TWO HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL AWARDS, THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL ORDER MEDAL AND THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE CEREMONY WAS VICE ADMIRAL TUNG H. ZUMWALT, COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES VIETNAM.

CAPTAIN SALZER WILL REMAIN IN VIETNAM FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS IN THE CAPACITY OF COMMANDER OF OPERATION DELTA LORDS, AN OFFENSIVE CAMPAIGN IN THE SOUTHERN DELTA UTILIZING BOATS OF TASK FORCES 115,

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116 AND 117.

TROOPS OF THE 4TH VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION OPERATING WITH BOATS OF TASK GROUP BRAVO HAD EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL SWEEPS OVER THE WEEKEND WHILE OPERATING ON THE RACH GIA CANAL, 72 KILOMETERS DUE WEST OF CAN THO.

WITH THE OPERATION CONTINUING ON MONDAY, 13 VC HAD BEEN KILLED AND FOUR LARGE WEAPONS CACHES HAD BEEN SEIZED. THE BOATS HAD THEIR OF ACTION, REPORTING A TOTAL OF SEVEN WOUNDED IN THREE AMBUSHES ALONG THE CANAL.

THE OPERATION HAD STARTED AT 1937 FRIDAY WHEN THE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 152 CARRYING THE VIETNAMESE MARINES LEFT THE MRB ANCHORAGE AT BINH THUY ON A 50-KILOMETER TRANSIT UP THE BASSAC RIVER TO LONG XUYEN. THE TF 117 BOATS WERE JOINED AT LONG XUYEN BY FOUR LC4-6'S AND ONE RAG COMMANDMENT, AND THE TASK UNIT BEGAN MOVING DOWN THE RACH GIA TOWARD THE GULF OF THAILAND. THE BOATS COMPLETED THE OVER-ALL 13-HOUR, 125-KILOMETER TRIP TO THEIR OBJECTIVE BEACHES AT 0745.

THE MARINES ENCOUNTERED LIGHT CONTACT DURING THE DAY, SUSTAINING TWO KILLED AND 13 WOUNDED. HOWEVER, THEY CAPTURED SIX BOXES OF 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS, THREE 120 MM MORTAR ROUNDS, TWO 155 MM ARTILLERY SHELLS, THREE 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND ONE ROCKET LAUNCHER.

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ON SATURDAY NIGHT THREE NAVYEN AND SIX TARI'S WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED WHEN A RARE (RIVERINE ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENT) WAS AMBUSHED ON THE LOWER REACHES OF THE RACH GIA. TWO PLATOONS OF TROOPS WERE LANDED AND THEY REPORTED FOUR VC KILLED DURING OPERATIONS LATER IN THE NIGHT. THE GROUND ELEMENTS ALSO CAPTURED 72 B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS, AND THREE 125 MM BOOBY TRAPS.

THE BOATS WERE HIT AGAIN IN THE SAME AREA ON SUNDAY MORNING AFTER THEY HAD LANDED ADDITIONAL TROOPS OF THE ARVN 31ST RECON COMPANY. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES IN THE ATTACK, ALTHOUGH ZIPPO 151-1 TOOK A RECOILLESS RIFLE HIT.

DURING THEIR MORNING SWEEP THE TROOPS CAPTURED STILL ANOTHER CACHE WHICH INCLUDED FIFTY B-40 ROCKETS, 830 CHICOM GRENADES, 10 ANTI-TANK MINES, FIFTY 57MM AND 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE 82MM AND 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, ONE AK-52 AND 3000 METERS OF COMMUNICATIONS WIRE.

FOUR MORE NAVYEN WERE WOUNDED AT 1625 SUNDAY WHEN MONITOR 152-1, ZIPPO 151-1 AND ATC 151-7 WERE AMBUSHED WITH SMALL ARMS AND ROCKETS. THE TROOPS WERE LANDED AT THE POINT OF THE ALBUSH AND GAINED ALMOST IMMEDIATE CONTACT, KILLING NINE VC AND CAPTURING THE FOURTH WEAPONS CACHE OF THE TWO-DAY OPERATION. INCLUDED IN THIS SEIZURE WERE 50

ANTI-TANK MINES, SIX 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, SIX S&W RIFLES, ONE COMPLETE 82MM MORTAR, AND 25,000 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

THE OPERATION ON THE RACH GIA REPRESENTS THE FIRST MRF PENETRATION OF KIEN GIANG PROVINCE AND IS THE FIRST FULL-SCALE INVOLVEMENT OF TF 117 UNITS IN OPERATION DELIA LORDS.

IN SOME OF THE ASSAULT CRAFTS' MOST PRODUCTIVE ACTION IN MONTHS, BOATS OF RIV DIV 151 KILLED 15 VIET CONG LAST FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY MORNING 22 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SAIGON.

PATROLLING ON TRIBUTARIES OF THE VANG RIVER IN EASTERN LONG AN PROVINCE, THE BOATS HAD SEVEN SEPARATE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE ENEMY DURING THE NIGHT. THE ACTION STARTED AT 2255 FRIDAY WHEN THE BOATS KILLED TWO VC WITH WEAPONS LEAVING A SALPAN. IN THE MOST FRUITFUL EXCHANGE OF THE EVENING, FIVE VC WERE KILLED AT 2215 WHEN THEY WERE OBSERVED SNEAKING ACROSS A FIELD NEAR THE BANK.

ALTHOUGH THE BOATS WERE THE TARGET OF SMALL ARMS FIRE SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE EVENING, THERE WERE NO U. S. CASUALTIES.

THE RIV DIV 151 UNITS HAD MORE ACTION ON SATURDAY NIGHT AS THEY WERE AMBUSHED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AT 2352 WITH ROCKETS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THREE ROCKETS FIRED AT ATC 151-3 ALL MISSED, BUT AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE DIRECTED AT ATC 151-15 RESULTED IN FIVE ARMY SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

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TWENTY-THREE VC WERE KILLED BY TASK GROUP ALFA AIR AND ARTILLERY ELEMENTS SUNDAY IN CENTRAL KIEH HOA PROVINCE. AIR FORCE PLANES ACCOUNTED FOR 14, GUNSHIPS FLYING COVER FOR THE GROUND ELEMENTS ACCOUNTED FOR SEVEN, AND TWO WERE CREDITED TO 3/34 ARTILLERY.

7TH ARVN TROOPS OPERATING NEAR THE MAF AO SUFFERED SEVEN KILLED AND 32 WOUNDED IN CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED VC PLATOON. NEITHER THE VIETNAMESE MARINES NOR 3/67 INFANTRY, SUPPORTED BY RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 112 RESPECTIVELY, WERE INVOLVED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT CONTACT DURING THE DAY.

TWO MORE BODIES WERE FOUND NEAR THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY SUNDAY BRINGING THE TOTAL BROWN DEAD TO 254 ONE BROWN IS STILL REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION.

TASK GROUP ALFA WAS VISITED SUNDAY BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEWIS WALT, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS. THE GENERAL WAS BRIEFED ON KRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SCHERMERHORN AND CAPTAIN SALZER.

HE ALSO PRESENTED FIVE BRONZE STARS TO 117 PERSONNEL. RECIPIENTS INCLUDED LT. LEXIE BOSWELL OF RIV RON 11; SFC ROBERT W. DURBIN, SM EDWARD F. GORCZYK AND PM JAMES L. ROZEMA, ALL OF RIV DIV 91; AND SM JAY K. KELLER OF RIV DIV 111.

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MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE ELEMENTS WORKING IN OPERATION DELTA
RAIDER HAD A SUCCESSFUL DAY IN THE MO CAY DISTRICT OF KIEN HOA
PROVINCE. AIR FORCE PLANES AND HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS KILLED 15
VIET CONG IN VARIOUS ENCOUNTERS. THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION,
WORKING WITH AIR FORCE UNITS, DESTROYED 16 BUNKERS AND CAPTURED
2000 POUNDS OF RICE, ONE SACK OF DOCUMENTS, 155 GALLONS OF
GASOLINE AND ONE CRATE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM ENEMY FORCES.
THERE WAS ONLY ONE US CASUALTY ON MONDAY, AN INFANTRYMAN
WOUNDED BY A BOOBY TRAP.

MEANWHILE, TASK GROUP BRAVO ELEMENTS OPERATING IN KIEN GIANG
PROVINCE FOUND ANOTHER LARGE WEAPONS CACHE MONDAY. SEIZED BY
VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE 120 B-40 ROCKETS, 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF

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RICE, 16 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, 2 120MM MORTAR ROUNDS, 60 60MM
MORTAR ROUNDS, 240 GRENADES, AND 48 B-59 ROCKETS.

RIVDIV 152 FORCES CONDUCTED A RARE ALONG THE LONG XUYEN CANAL
ON SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY MORNING. WHILE PROCEEDING TO RACH GIA
FOR REFUELING THE BOATS WERE AMBUSHED WITH B-40 ROCKET FIRE FROM
THE EAST BANK OF THE LONG XUYEN CANAL. MONITOR 131-1 TOOK ONE
B-40 HIT, RESULTING IN MINOR DAMAGE. THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL
CASUALTIES.

THE HONORABLE MR. RICHARD C. STEADMAN, DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA), VISITED THE MRF MONDAY AFTERNOON.
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MOBILE RIVERINE FORCES ENCOUNTERED LIGHT ACTION TUESDAY AS OPERATION DELTA RAIDER CONTINUED.

3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION TOOK ONE VC POW WHILE OPERATING ALONG THE SONG BA LAI IN EASTERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION DESTROYED THREE CHINESE COMMUNIST BOOBY TRAPS AND CAPTURED TWO POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS. AIR STRIKES ACCOUNTED FOR FIVE VC KIA AND A TOTAL OF 33 BUNKERS AND STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

IN TASK GROUP BRAVO, MONITOR 152-1 AND FOUR ACCOMPANYING ATCS WERE AMBUSHED MONDAY WHILE TRANSITING THE KINH RACH GIA/ LONG XUYEN IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE. TWO NAVYMEN RECEIVED SLIGHT WOUNDS IN THE ATTACK. MEANWHILE, GROUND ACTION NETTED SEVEN VC KIA AS WELL AS A CAPTURED 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE.

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RIVDIV 152 BOATS CAME UNDER ATTACK AGAIN TUESDAY IN THE SAME CANAL WITH ATC 152-5 TAKING ONE B-42 HIT IN HEP PORT SIDE. ONE CREWMAN WAS WOUNDED AND THE BOAT SUSTAINED ONLY MINOR DAMAGE.

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OPERATION DELTA RAIDER CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WITH UNITS OF THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE REPORTING NO CONTACT. HOWEVER, THREE US INFANTRYMEN OF THE 3/47 WERE WOUNDED BY A BOOBY TRAP, AND ONE VC WAS KILLED WHEN HIS OWN BOOBY TRAP BOOBIED HIM. THREE POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS WERE ALSO RECOVERED BY TROOPS OF THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION.

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AT 2235 TUESDAY NIGHT, DONG TAM REPORTED RECEIVING MORTAR ROUNDS, AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER ROCKETS WERE SIGHTED PASSING OVER THE MRB. HEAVY GUNFIRE FROM THE SHIPS AND BOATS OF THE MRB UNITS SILENCED THE ENEMY POSITIONS IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

MRB ALPHA MOVED FROM DONG TAM TO THE MY THO ANCHORAGE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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CAPTAIN K D GRAY, DIRECTOR OF PLANS FOR THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY, ARRIVED ABOARD THE USS BENEVAH ON WEDNESDAY TO BEGIN A SEVERAL DAY ORIENTATION VISIT WITH THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE.

ELEMENTS FROM TASK GROUP BRAVO OBSERVED A READY REACTION DAY WEDNESDAY.

RIVERINE OPS IN KIEM GIANG PROVINCE SINCE 2 NOVEMBER HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY LUCRATIVE. TWENTY VC HAVE BEEN KILLED, AND LARGE WEAPONS CACHES HAVE BEEN FOUND. CAPTURED VC ARMS AND SUPPLIES INCLUDED 145 60MM ROUNDS, 6 BOXES OF 62MM ROUNDS, 43 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, 68 ANTI TANK MINES, 27,000 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, 240 B-40 ROCKETS, 43 B-50 ROCKETS, 2 155MM ROUNDS, 5 120MM MORTAR ROUNDS, 1370 GRENADES, 19 82MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, 3 105MM BOOBY TRAPS, 139 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS, 1 AK-53, 1 CHICOM CARBINE, 6 SKS RIFLES, 1 82MM MORTAR, 1 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, 1 ROCKET LAUNCHER, AND 1,000 KILOGRAMS OF RICE.

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TWO VC WERE KILLED THURSDAY, ONE EACH BY THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION AND THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS. THREE SUSPECTS WERE ALSO DETAINED. TWENTY ENEMY STRUCTURES WERE DESTROYED BY AIR FORCE UNITS.

EARLY THURSDAY MORNING, AT APPROXIMATELY 0024, THE FIELD HEAD-QUARTERS FOR THE US ARMY'S 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION RECEIVED NINE ROUNDS OF 60 MM MORTAR FIRE, IN THE EASTERN SECTION OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE. NO MATERIAL OR PERSONNEL CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED, HOWEVER.

DURING THE PERIOD 3 NOV TO 6 NOVEMBER, MEDCAPS WERE CONDUCTED DAILY IN VARIOUS VILLAGES ALONG THE CHO GAO CANAL, WHILE ELEMENTS OF R IVD IV B1 CONDUCTED SALVAGE OPERATIONS IN THE

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IMMEDIATE VICINITY. HM1 VIADO AND HM3 HEISLER TREATED 225 PATIENTS, AND DISTRIBUTED 110 WASH BOWLS, 1 CASE OF LAUNDRY SOAP, 36 BOTTLES OF SURGICAL SOAP. 36 WASHCLOTHS, 12 DOLLS AND 36 PAIR OF SHOWER SHOES.

TASK GROUP BRAVO UNITS REMAINED IN A READY REACTION POSTURE THURSDAY.

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ELEMENTS OF TASK GROUP ALPHA HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY IN OPERATIONS APPROXIMATELY 10 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE, IN EASTERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE. AIR CAVALRY WAS CREDITED WITH 45 VC KILLED IN ACTION. THE 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION KILLED 4 VC AND CAPTURED ONE POW. THEY ALSO RECOVERED ONE CLAYMORE MINE, TWO M-1 RIFLES, AND ONE PISTOL. ELEMENT OF THE 3/60 CAPTURED ONE CHICOM RIFLE AND ONE MAUSER RIFLE.

AIR FORCE UNITS DESTROYED 37 ENEMY BUNKERS AND STRUCTURES FFIDAY. TASK GROUP BRAVO REMAINED IN A READY REACTION POSTURE THROUGHOUT THE DAY. B. GEN. W.E. NEWBY, USAF, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR LOGISTICS, OFFICE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, VISITED THE MRB TODAY FOR AN ORIENTATION AND TOUR OF SEVERAL ASSAULT CRAFT.

MR. GUSTAV DAANIKER, A SWISS AUTHOR AND REPORTER FOR SEVERAL SWISS NEWSPAPERS, BEGAN A TWO DAY ORIENTATION VISIT TO MRB UNITS TODAY.

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BOTH ALFA AND BRAVO GROUPS STAGED ASSAULT LANDINGS ON SATURDAY, BUT NEITHER GROUP REPORTED SIGNIFICANT CONTACT ASHORE. HOWEVER, RIVD IV 91 BOATS WERE AMBUSHED BY VC FORCES ON SATURDAY MORNING ALONG THE RACH BEN TRE, SOME 7 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY OF BEN TRE. THE BOATS HAD JUST BEACHED A BATTALION OF VIETNAMESE MARINES FURTHER DOWN THE STREAM AND WERE RETURNING TO A FIRE SUPPORT BASE ON THE SOIS HAM LUONG. ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE, AND SMALL ARMS FIRE WERE RECEIVED ALONG A 1500 KILOMETER STRETCH OF THE WATERWAY. M-91-1 AND T-91-3 REPORTED MINOR DAMAGE, AND THREE NAVY MEN WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED DURING THE ENCOUNTER. NO ASSESSMENT COULD BE MADE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES DURING THE FIREFIGHT, BUT THE VIETNAMESE

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MARINES KILLED ONE VC LATER IN THE DAY.

THE 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION DISCOVERED AN ENEMY FIRST AID STATION ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AND CAPTURED SEVERAL BOXES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND ONE BOX OF DOCUMENTS. DURING PATROLS ON SATURDAY, ONE VC WAS CAPTURED AND ONE CARBINE WAS CONFISCATED.

US AIR FORCE ACTION SATURDAY ACCOUNTED FOR 2 VC KIA AND SOME 37 ENEMY STRUCTURES DESTROYED IN AN OPERATING AREA SE OF BEN TRE.

SP/4 LARRY REID OF BRAVO COMPANY 3/60 WAS AWARDED THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL FOR HIS HEROISM ABOARD THE USS WESTCHESTER COUNTY ON THE MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1. HIS QUICK ACTIONS WERE CREDITED WITH SAVING THE LIVES OF SEVERAL MEN. MAJOR GENERAL JULIAN EWELL, THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION, MADE THE PRESENTATION.

RIVRON 11 ALSO HELD AN AWARDS CEREMONY ON THE APL-26 IN WHICH SEVERAL PURPLE HEART MEDALS WERE AWARDED.

TASK GROUP BRAVO LANDED ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH BN VNMC ALONG THE KINH TRI TON SATURDAY IN A SERIES OF SWEEP OPERATIONS. ALL LANDINGS WERE UNOPPOSED, AND NO REPORTS OF CONTACT HAD BEEN RECEIVED AS OF 1900 SATURDAY.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-18

RIVDIV 91 BOATS WERE INVOLVED IN TWO SAVAGE AMBUSHES WITH ROCKET AND SMALL ARMS FIRE SUNDAY WHILE SUPPORTING 2 COMPANIES OF VIETNAMESE MARINES ABOUT 10 KILOMETERS EAST OF BEN TRE.

THE FIRST FIREFIGHT OCCURRED AT 1450, SHORTLY AFTER THE BOATS HAD BACK-LOADED THE MARINES FROM THEIR MORNING OPERATIONS AREA AND WERE PROCEEDING TO NEW LANDING SITES ALONG THE RACH BEN TRE. ONE NAVYMAN FROM MONITOR 91-2 WAS KILLED IN THE AMBUSH AND THREE OTHER SAILORS WERE WOUNDED. ONE VC WAS KILLED BY THE BOAT CREWMEN WHILE SUPPRESSING THE FIRE. THE VNMC WERE LANDED NEAR THE SCENE OF THE AMBUSH BUT WERE UNABLE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT.

THE BOATS AGAIN CAME UNDER ATTACK AT 1700 AS THE MARINES WERE BEING BACKLOADED. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES IN THE SECOND ATTACK AS THE BOATS

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RETURNED AND SUPPRESSED THE FIRE. ZIPPO 92-11 WAS ONE OF THE BOATS TAKING A ROCKET HIT. THE MARINES WERE THEN RETURNED TO BASE GLENN AFTER WHICH THE ASSAULT CRAFT RETURNED TO THE MRB. 4 OF THE VNMC WERE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN WOUNDED DURING THEIR MORNING OPERATIONS ASHORE. IN OTHER MRF ALFA ACTION, RIVDIV 112 LIFTED ONE COMPANY OF 3/SC INF BN FROM THE MRB TO A LANDING SITE ON THE SONG HAM LUONG EARLY SUNDAY MORNING. THE TROOPS TOOK ONE POW AND ONE DETAINEE WHILE CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE-IN-FORCE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THEY WERE RETURNED TO THE MRB DURING THE LATE EVENING.

ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INF BN, OPERATING SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE, REPORTED 3 VC KIA AND ONE CHICOM CARBINE CAPTURED DURING THE DAY. 2 SOLDIERS WERE KIA. THE USAF ACCOUNTED FOR 93 BUNKERS AND 14 STRUCTURES DESTROYED WITH TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED. ONE VC KIA WAS ALSO REPORTED BY 3/34 ARTILLERY BATTALION.

USS WASHTENAW COUNTY (LST-1166) JOINED MRB ALFA SHORTLY BEFORE DARK SUNDAY EVENING.

IN TASK GROUP BRAVO, RIVDIV 151 UNITS CONDUCTED A RARE ALONG THE BINH THI TON WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE 4TH BATTALION, VNMC, HAD NO CONTACT DURING THE DAY BUT REPORTED RECEIVING LIGHT SNIPER FIRE. 13 ATCS WERE ROTATED FROM MRB BRAVO WITH OTHER BOATS OUT IN THE OPERATIONS AREA.

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NEITHER TASK GROUP ALFA NOR TASK GROUP BRAVO REPORTED ANY CONTACT MONDAY. THE AIR CAVALRY, HOWEVER, REPORTED THREE VC KIA IN AN OPERATING AREA SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE.

THREE MEN APPARENTLY DROWNED MONDAY EVENING IN TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS AT THE DONG TAM ANCHORAGE. TWO SAILORS FELL OVERBOARD FROM A-111-1 ABOUT 1900 AND COULD NOT BE LOCATED IN A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE AREA. LATER IN THE EVENING, A SOLDIER REPORTEDLY FELL OFF A TANGO BOAT NEAR APL-26 AND WAS STILL MISSING AT 2200.

THE COCONINO COUNTY (LST-603) ARRIVED AT MRB BRAVO MONDAY TO RELIEVE THE CAROLINE COUNTY AS RESUPPLY AND SUPPORT SHIP FOR THAT TASK GROUP.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-14

OPERATION MONSOON SCORPION CONTINUED IN THE THANH PHU SECRET ZONE THROUGHOUT THURSDAY, WITH ALLIED UNITS REPORTING 9 VC KIA'S. AIR CAVALRY ACCOUNTED FOR THREE OF THESE, AND AIR BOATS, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS, SCORED TWO MORE. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

THE US AIR FORCE DESTROYED 14 ENEMY STRUCTURES IN THE SECRET ZONE ON THURSDAY, BUT REPORTED NO VC KIA'S.

TASK GROUP BRAVO REPORTED NO ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE ENEMY THURSDAY, DURING PATROL AND MINE SWEEPING OPERATIONS ALONG THE KINH TU MA RIVER BEE RACH GIA AND THE KINH LUYNH QUYNH.

UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, THE HONORABLE DAVID E. MC GIFFERT AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF VISITED THE MRF TODAY FOR A BRIEFING ON MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE OPERATIONS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-15

IN ACTION FRIDAY, 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION REPORTED ONE VC KIA, TWO SUSPECTS DETAINED, AND TWO CLAYMORE MINES CAPTURED IN OPERATIONS EAST OF TEN TRE IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE. AIR FORCE UNITS ALSO DESTROYED 16 ENEMY STRUCTURES IN THE SAME VICINITY.

BRIGADIER GENERAL J. B. KIDD, USAF, CINCPAC J-30, VISITED MRF ALFA FRIDAY MORNING AND RECEIVED AN ORIENTATION BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS.

LATER IN THE DAY, ERNIE BANKS, FIRST BASEMAN FOR THE CHICAGO CUBS, AND PETE RICKERT, A PITCHER FOR THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES, VISITED THE FORCE. THEY ARE MAKING A USG TOUR TO VARIOUS COMMANDS THROUGHOUT VIETNAM.

MR. RICHARD HUNT, A WRITER FOR THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, JOINED THE MRF FRIDAY TO GATHER MATERIAL FOR STORIES HE IS WRITING ON COMBAT OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM. HE EXPECTS TO REMAIN WITH THE FORCE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-16
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SOUTH OF BENTRE. TWO OF HER 14 CREWMEN WERE KILLED AND NINE
OTHERS WOUNDED (NONE SERIOUSLY). FOUR OTHER NAVYMEN WHO
WERE ABOARD REFUELER R92-2 ALONGSIDE THE YLLC-4 AT THE TIME
OF THE EXPLOSION WERE ALSO WOUNDED.

ALFA GROUP UNITS CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE TRUC GIANG
DISTRICT OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE SATURDAY, WITH NAVY FORCES
REPORTING THREE SUSPECTS DETAINED FOR QUESTIONING.
ONE VC KIA WAS REPORTED BY THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS, AND
THE 4/60 INFANTRY BATTALION DETAINED FOUR PERSONS INTERROGATION.
THE 3/47 UNITS DESTROYED A BOOBY TRAPPED VC FLAG ON MANEUVERS

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7 KILOMETERS EAST OF BEN TRE.

IN A LATE REPORT OF OPERATIONS FRIDAY, THE 3/47 INFANTRY
BATTALION REPORTED 6 VC KIA'S IN NORTHERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE.
RADM W. H. HOUSE, USN, DEPUTY COMNAVFORV VISITED THE MRF
SATURDAY AFTERNOON. OTHER VISITORS TO THE FORCE WERE COL.
JOSEPH CUTRONA, USA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR SOUTH EAST ASIAN
AFFAIRS TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PUBLIC AFFAIRS),
AND COL. V. CROOKS, USMC, DEPUTY CHIEF OF INFORMATION AT MACV.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-17

TWO U.S. NAVYMEN WERE WOUNDED EARLY SATURDAY MORNING WHEN RIUOIV 151 UNITS WERE AMBUSHED WITH B-40 ROCKETS AND AK-47 FIRE FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE RACH ONG CHUONG, FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CAN GIUOC. BOTH OF THE WOUNDED MEN WERE ABOARD T-151-1, WHICH RECEIVED A B-40 HIT THAT EXPLODED UNDER THE FLIGHT DECK.

TWO MEN OF THE 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION WERE WOUNDED SUNDAY ON OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE WHEN THEY TRIPPED A GRENADE BOOBY TRAP. LATER IN THE DAY THE 3/47 CAPTURED A CLAYMORE MINE AND SEVERAL DOCUMENTS. TWO ENEMY SAMPANS WERE ALSO DESTROYED, AND AN ENEMY RECRUITING STATION WAS DISCOVERED.

THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION REPORTED ONE VC KIA, THREE SUSPECTS DETAINED, AND ONE AK-47 CAPTURED IN WESTERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE SUNDAY.

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TWO U.S. SOLDIERS WERE WOUNDED BY ENEMY SMALL ARMS FIRE.

THE VIETNAMESE MARINES BEGAN OPERATIONS ALONG THE RACH CAI NON ON SUNDAY MORNING. ONE MARINE WAS KILLED AND TWO MORE WERE WOUNDED DURING THE DAY'S ACTION. NO ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

THE 3/34 ARTILLERY RECORDED 5 VC KIA'S AND THE AIR CAVALRY 4 MORE. IN BRAVO GROUP ACTIVITY LATE SATURDAY NIGHT, THE VVNC KILLED TWO VIET CONG ABOARD A SAMPAN IN THE SONG CAI LON. THE SAMPAN CONTAINED 10 GRENADES, 1 LOUDSPEAKER, SEVERAL VC DOCUMENTS AND A VC FLAG, ALL OF WHICH WERE CAPTURED. GROUND FORCES OF THE VVNC KILLED 4 ADDITIONAL VC DURING A NIGHT FIREFIGHT AND CAPTURED 1 CARBINE AND 3 AK 50'S. ONE VIETNAMESE MARINE WOUNDED IN THE GROUND ACTION WAS MEDEVACED TO THE USS NUCCES.

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THE MRF CONTINUED OPERATION MANGROVE SERPENT MONDAY, AND CONDUCTED WATERMOBILE AND RECON OPERATIONS IN DON NHON AND MO CAY DISTRICTS OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE. ELEMENTS OF RIV DIV 91 WERE EMBUSHED MONDAY AFTERNOON WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE WHILE TRANSITING THE RACH CAI CAM AFTER BACKLOADING UNITS OF THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS. ONE NAVY MAN SUSTAINED MINOR WOUNDS IN THE ENCOUNTER.

THE 3/47 ARTILLERY REPORTED TWO MORE VC KIA'S AS THE RESULT OF SUNDAY'S OPERATIONS IN KIEN HOA.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1025 MONDAY MORNING, THE BEN TRE AIRFIELD RECEIVED 15 MORTAR ROUNDS, RESULTING IN 3 VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE WIA'S AND ONE POW WIA.

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TWO VC KIA'S WERE REPORTED BY THE 3/34 INFANTRY BATTALION, AND THE 3/37 DETAINED TWO SUSPECTS FOR INTERROGATION.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-19
THE FIRST PLATOON OF BRAVO 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION DESTROYED THREE
CHICOM BOOBY TRAPS LATE MONDAY EVENING AND KILLED TWO VIET CONG AS
OPERATION MANGROVE SERPENT CONTINUED IN CENTRAL KIEN HOA PROVINCE.
ON TUESDAY, THE 3/47 DETAINED 29 SUSPECTS FOR INTERROGATION, WHILE THE
DELTA COMPANY OF THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION CAPTURED FOUR TONS OF RICE
AND DETAINED FIVE VIETNAMESE.

THE VMMC ARRESTED AN ADDITIONAL 24 SUSPECTS FOR INTERROGATION IN THE
BINH DAI DISTRICT, BRINGING TUESDAY'S TOTAL TO 58.

IN OTHER GROUP ALFA ACTIVITY, UNITS OF RIV DIV 151 CAPTURED ONE VC
POW AND DESTROYED THREE BUNKERS IN THEIR OPERATING AREA APPROXIMATELY
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-20
THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE BEGAN OPERATION FLAMING SWORD WEDNESDAY IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE, FIX, AND DESTROY SUSPECTED ENEMY FORCES AND POSITIONS. AIRMOBILE, WATERMOBILE, FOOTMOBILE CLOVERLEAF OPERATIONS, AND EAGLE FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN TRUC GIANG AND GIONG TRON DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY BY ELEMENTS OF THE 3/47 INF BN, 3/60 INF BN, 3/34 ARTILLERY BN, AND 7/52 ARVN BN. BOATS OF RIVDIV 112 PROVIDED TROOP TRANSPORTATION TO THE AIRMOBILE EMBARKATION SITES.

NINETEEN VC KIA'S WERE RECORDED DURING THE FIRST DAY OF FLAMING SWORD AND 1000 POUNDS OF RICE CONFISCATED, 24 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, AND 8 ASSORTED SMALL ARMS CAPTURED.

THE 3/47 INF BN WAS CREDITED WITH 2 VC KIA'S, 8 STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND ONE CACHE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES, 400 POUNDS OF RICE AND ONE US CARBINE CAPTURED. LATE TUESDAY NIGHT ELEMENTS OF THE 3/47 ALSO KILLED A VC AND HAD TWO OF THEIR OWN SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN A BRIEF CONTACT.

THE 3/34 INF BN, THE AIR CAVALRY AND US GUNSHIPS REPORTED 3, 3, AND 5 VC KIA'S RESPECTIVELY. THE 3/34 ARTILLERY SCORED TWO VC KIA'S.

THE ARVN'S KILLED 4 VIET CONG AND CAPTURED 7 ENEMY RIFLES, WHILE THE 3/60 INF BN UNCOVERED AN ENEMY CACHE OF 600 POUNDS OF RICE.

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THE VIET CONG CONTINUED TO SUFFER FROM OPERATION FLAMING SWORD ON
 THURSDAY AS 12 BUNKERS AND 1 VC KIA'S WERE REPORTED AND 10 ENEMY STRUCTURES
 DESTROYED.
 THE 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS CREDITED WITH 7 OF THE VC KIA'S AND
 SNIPER ARTILLERY SCORED AN ADDITIONAL TWO IN ACTION LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT.
 THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION KILLED 3 VC, CAPTURED ONE POUND OF
 DOCUMENTS, THREE POUNDS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND DESTROYED 37 BUNKERS.
 ARVN FORCES CAPTURED 3 POW'S WHILE THE US AIR FORCE AND THE 3/34
 INFANTRY BATTALION RECORDED 13 AND 12 STRUCTURES DESTROYED EACH.
 ON THE 19TH AND 20TH OF THIS MONTH, TASK GROUP BRAVO CONTINUED BLOCKADE

AND INTERDICTION OPS IN CENTRAL KIEN GIANG PROVINCE. BOATS OF RIVER
 ASSAULT SQUADRON 15 RECEIVED 5-40 GND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE
 SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG CAI LON ON THE 20TH. ONE ABSD WAS STRUCK BY THE

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 BURN BY A ROCKET. THE ENEMY FIRE WAS RETURNED AND SUPPRESSED, AND A
 LANDING WAS MADE AT THE AMBUSH SITE BY THE EMERALD 4TH BN OF THE 11AFB,
 WHICH SWEEP THE AREA DESTROYING 6 BUNKERS AND KILLING 1 VC. DURING NIGHT
 ACTION IN THE SAME ZONE, 4 ENEMY SAMBAMS WERE SUNK AND ANOTHER 66
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 DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-23

OPERATION MANGROVE SERPENT II BEGAN IN MO CAY DISTRICT OF KIEP HOA PROVINCE SATURDAY, WITH BOATS FROM RIV DIV 112 AND 91 SUPPLYING TRANSPORTATION AND GUNFIRE SUPPORT TO THE VIETNAMESE MARINES AND THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION. LANDINGS WERE MADE ALONG THE SONG HAM LUONG AND THE RACH MO CAY. THE 3/60 AIRMOBILED FURTHER INLAND.

GUNSHIPS, THE AIR CAVALRY, AND ARVN FORCES EACH REPORTED ONE VC KIA DURING THEIR DAY'S OPERATIONS, WHILE AIR FORCE PLANES DESTROYED 8 ENEMY STRUCTURES.

M-131-2 AND T-131-11 ASSISTED 2 PBR'S LATE THURSDAY EVENING IN THE SALVAGE OF ONE DAMAGED PBR AT AN AMBUSH SITE ALONG THE KINH RACH SOI DI VAM. THE BOATS FIRED 105MM AND 20MM ROUNDS INTO THE AMBUSH AREA, BUT NO RETURN FIRE WAS REPORTED.

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MEDCAPS WERE CONDUCTED IN LOCATIONS ALONG THE SONG HAM LUONG, WEST OF BEN TRE, ON SATURDAY BY MEMBERS OF THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE. ABOUT 90 PATIENTS WERE TREATED. ONE BOY SUFFERING FROM MALARIA WAS MEDEVACED TO THE HOSPITAL AT BEN TRE.
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SIXTEEN MORE VC WERE KILLED BY THE MRF MONDAY AS ACTION CONTINUED IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE. AIR ACTION ACCOUNTED FOR 8 OF THE KIA'S AND THE 3/34 ARTILLERY BATTALION RECORDED 5 KIA'S. THE AIR FORCE ALSO DESTROYED 27 STRUCTURES.

ELEMENTS OF THE 3/47 INF BN KILLED 2 VIET CONG, CAPTURED ONE CHINESE COMMUNIST CARBINE AND TWO POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS, AND DESTROYED SEVERAL BOOBY TRAPS.

THE 3/68 INF BN KILLED ONE VC, BUT ALSO SUSTAINED ONE FRIENDLY FATALITY AND EIGHT WIA. MOST OF THE CASUALTIES OCCURRED WHEN AN ENEMY BOOBY TRAP EXPLODED.

SENATOR RALPH W. YARBOROUGH (D-TEXAS) AND FOUR CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS VISITED MRB ALFA MONDAY. THEY WERE BRIEFED BY CAPTAIN BUCKER

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AND COLONEL BLAND, TOURED THE BOATS, AND SENATOR YARBOROUGH MET WITH CONSTITUENTS.

TASK GROUP BRAVO SHIFTED ANCHORAGES FROM LONG XUYEN TO THE DUNG ISLAND COMPLEX, THE AREA OF THE PRESENT OPERATIONS.
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FOUR VC KIA'S WERE REPORTED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION DURING ENCOUNTERS WITH ENEMY FORCES LATE MONDAY EVENING AND TUESDAY MORNING IN NORTHERN KIEN HOA PROVINCE. ONE SAMPAN WAS ALSO SUNK, AND TWO POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS AND A SMALL CACHE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE CONFISCATED.

AIR ACTION DESTROYED 12 ENEMY STRUCTURES IN THE SAME AREA ON TUESDAY

BRAVO GROUP'S RAS 13 BOATS CONDUCTED RIVERINE ASSAULT OPERATIONS AROUND THE DUNG ISLAND COMPLEX ON THE SONG HAU GIANG, ON THE 24TH AND 25TH OF NOVEMBER, WORKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARVN UNITS AND NATIONAL POLICE. ALLIED FORCES SEARCHED 264 SAMPANS AND CHECKED 410 PERSONNEL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ONE VC WAS KILLED BY GROUND FORCES DURING CONTACTS ON MONDAY MORNING.

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OPERATION TIGER CLAW BEGAN WEDNESDAY MORNING WITH TWO COMPANIES OF 3/60 INF BN AND TWO COMPANIES OF 3/47 INF BN CONDUCTING CLOVERLEAF OPS IN THE TRUC GIANG DISTRICT OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE. RAS 11 BOATS PROVIDED THE LIFT FOR BOTH BATTALIONS TO THE OPERATIONS AREA.

SEVEN VC WERE REPORTED KILLED BY THE 3/47 AND ONE RFG-2 LAUNCHER AND TWO ENEMY PACKS WERE CAPTURED. THE 3/60 KILLED FOUR VIET CONG AND CAPTURED TWO CHINESE COMMUNIST GRENADES, ONE CARBINE AND THREE POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS. ONE US SOLDIER WAS ALSO KILLED DURING TODAY'S ACTION. THIRTY-FIVE ENEMY STRUCTURES AND ONE SAMPAN WERE DESTROYED IN WEDNESDAY'S AIR ACTIVITY.

GROUP BRAVO UNITS SEARCHED 257 SAMPANS, CHECKED 352 PEOPLE AND

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DETAINED 14 SUSPECTS WEDNESDAY AS OPERATIONS CONTINUED IN THE VICINITY OF THE DUNG ISLAND COMPLEX. ARVN UNITS REPORTED LIGHT GROUND CONTACT AND CAPTURED TWO POW'S, ONE RIFLE, TEN KILOS OF TNT, 50 GRENADES, AND 1000 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION. TWO POW CAMPS, EACH HAVING A 500 PERSON CAPACITY, WERE ALSO DESTROYED.

RARE OPS WERE CONDUCTED ON THE KINH PHU HUU/KINH SANG AND PHEM BANG CO BUT THERE WAS NO CONTACT.

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ALLIED FORCES COMPLETED THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE DAY OF OPERATIONS
FRIDAY IN KIEP HOA PROVINCE. THIRTEEN VC KIA'S WERE REPORTED, 7
WEAPONS CAPTURED (INCLUDING ONE 82MM MORTAR TUBE) AND 25 ENEMY
STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

ARVN UNITS KILLED TWO AND PLANES OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE 5.
ONE SOLDIER OF THE 3/34 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS KILLED AND 4
WOUNDED WHEN THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY A GROUP OF VC WITH AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS EARLY FRIDAY AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE.
THE VIET CONG WAS ALSO KILLED IN THE ENGAGEMENT.

THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION RECOVERED 1 1/2 POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS
AND SIGHTED THE GRAVE OF ONE VC APPARENTLY KILLED BY YESTERDAY'S
ARTILLERY STRIKES.

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ONE ARVN SOLDIER WAS ALSO KILLED AND 4 MORE WOUNDED DURING ENEMY
ENCOUNTERS FRIDAY.

IN TASK GROUP BRAVO ACTION THURSDAY NIGHT, BOATS FROM RIVARON 13
RECEIVED SIX 60MM AND 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS FROM 500 METERS EAST OF
THEIR RON POSITION ON THE SONG CAI BE IS KIEN GIANG PROVINCE. THE
BOATS EXTRACTED THEIR REGIONAL FORCE SECURITY ELEMENT AND PROCEEDED
TO THE SONG CAI LON. THERE WERE NO U.S. CASUALTIES.

AT 2300 THURSDAY, BEN TRE RECEIVED THREE B-40 ROCKETS. NO
CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

IN OTHER ACTIVITY ON FRIDAY, VADM J.V. SMITH, COMPHIEPAC, AND
SEVERAL OF HIS STAFF OFFICERS VISITED THE MRF FOR A SERIES OF
BRIEFINGS ON FLOTILLA OPERATIONS. DURING HIS VISIT HE PRESENTED A
SILVER STAR MEDAL TO LT. CHARLES COX AND BRONZE STAR MEDALS TO LT.
BOB HANSON AND RM1 WESLEY SHEALEY.

LT. GEN VINH LOC ARVN, COMMANDANT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE,
VIETNAM, ARRIVED ABOARD THE USS BENEVAH FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AND AFTER
BEING BRIEFED ON MOBILE RIVERINE TACTICS AND OPERATIONS, WAS GIVEN
A TOUR OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF ASSAULT CRAFT PRESENT. HE WAS
ACCOMPANIED BY MORE THAN 20 STUDENTS OF THE WAR COLLEGE.

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SEVEN VIET CONG WERE KILLED BY ALFA GROUP RIVERINE FORCES ON FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER. THE 3/34 ARTILLERY BATTALION WAS CREDITED WITH 5 OF THESE DURING A HARASSMENT AND INTERDICTION MISSION APPROXIMATELY 4 KILOMETERS NW OF BEN TRE.

AIR ACTION ACCOUNTED FOR 2 VC KIA'S AND THE DESTRUCTION OF 6 ENEMY STRUCTURES.

IN GROUP BRAVO ACTIVITY ON 27 NOVEMBER, SEAWOLVES PROVIDED SPOTTING ASSISTANCE FOR THE USS HUNTERDON COUNTY, WHICH SUPPORTED RIVERINE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS ALONG THE KINH PHU HUU AND KINH SANG.

ARVN GROUND FORCES CONTINUED SWEEP OPERATIONS SOUTHEASTWARD ON THE DUNG ISLAND COMPLEX, AND LIBERATED 2 GVN PERSONNEL, CAP-

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TURED ONE POW, 3 KILOS OF DOCUMENTS, 50 PROTECTIVE MASKS, AND 3 VIET CONG FLAGS. BLOCKADE FORCES SEARCHED 196 SAMPANS AND CHECKED 411 PEOPLE. FIVE SUSPECTS WERE DETAINED.

THE GROUP BRAVO MRB MOVED TO BINH THUY ANCHORAGE ON FRIDAY.
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