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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO 02-72

ALL UNITS OF THE MRF WERE RUSHED INTO MY THO THURSDAY TO SUPPORT ALLIED TROOPS BATTLING AN ESTIMATED FORCE OF 500 VIET CONG FOR CONTROL OF THAT CITY.

MY 2100 THURSDAY, AFTER SIX HOURS OF FIGHTING, THE 3/68 AND 3/47 BATTALIONS HAD REPORTED A TOTAL OF 84 VIET CONG KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE PRISONER OF WAR TAKEN. THERE WERE TWO ARMY PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE FIGHTING AND 41 OTHERS WERE REPORTED WOUNDED. ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION BORE THE BRUNT OF THE CASUALTIES, SUFFERING BOTH FATALITIES AND 20 WOUNDED WHEN

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THEY WERE IN HEAVY CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY EARLY IN THE EVENING.

ONE COMPANY HAD BEEN Airlifted INTO THE EMBATTLED TOWN WEDNESDAY NIGHT, AND SIX MORE COMPANIES WERE LANDED IN THE WESTERN SECTION OF THE CITY THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91, 92 AND 111.

ARMY ELEMENTS WERE CONVERGING ON MY THO FROM THE NORTH AND EAST, AND BETWEEN THEM, THE URS, AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE HAD THE CITY ENCIRCLED ON THREE SIDES. THE HEAVY UNITS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111 REMAINED ON THE SCENE TO PREVENT AN ESCAPE BY WATER.

BRAVO COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY WAS THE FIRST TO ARRIVE ON THE SCENE AS THEY WERE Airlifted INTO THE AREA STARTING AT ABOUT 1900 WEDNESDAY. OTHER ARMY ELEMENTS MOVED OUT OF THE OPERATING AREA NORTH OF VINH LONG LATER IN THE NIGHT ABOARD ARMORED TROOP CARRIERS, RETURNING TO THE MRF AFTER 0100.

JUST AS THEY WERE EMERGING FROM THE RACH RUONG ABOUT MIDNIGHT, THE TROOP-LANDER ASSAULT CRAFT AND THE ARTILLERY BARGES AND LCM 6'S WERE HIT BY A HEAVY BARRAGE OF SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS RECOILLESS RIFLE AND ROCKET FIRE. THE AMBUSH WAS SPRUNG VERY CLOSE TO THE SAME SPOT AT WHICH THE GPF WAGED ONE OF ITS BIGGEST BATTLES ON DECEMBER 4, 1967. MIRACULOUSLY, THERE WAS ONLY ONE CASUALTY IN THE 25-MINUTE

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ATTACK, BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST MOMENTS OF THE ATTACK.
BOAT CREWS AND THE AMERICAN TROOPS WERE GIVEN LESS THAN SIX HOURS OF
RESPIRE FROM BATTLE THURSDAY, AS THEY MOVED OUT AGAIN AT DAYBREAK
AND BEACHED ABOUT 0900 AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE OPPOSITE CAI BE. A FEW
MINUTES LATER, THE COMMANDER OF THE IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE DIRECTED
THAT THE TROOPS BE MOVED TO SUPPORT ALLIED FORCES TRYING TO REGAIN
CONTROL OF MY THO.

WITHIN MINUTES THE ASSAULT BOATS WERE AGAIN UNDERWAY, ARRIVING
AT THEIR OBJECTIVE BEACHES ON THE WEST SIDE OF MY THO AT 1515.

THE MRB FOLLOWED THE ASSAULT BOATS DOWN RIVER, LEAVING THE VINH
LONG ANCHORAGE ABOUT NOON AND ARRIVING AT DONG TAM SHORTLY AFTER 1500.

THE BATTLE AT MY THO IS ONLY ONE OF MANY RAGING THROUGHOUT THE
DELTA. TERRORISTS CONTINUE TO CONTROL MAJOR SECTIONS OF BEN TRE AND
ALLIES ARE BATTLING FOR CONTROL OF MANY OTHER DELTA CITIES.

LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON CHARLIE CO., 3/47TH, WAS AIRLIFTED FROM
ALABAMA FIRE SUPPORT BASE TO THE VINH LONG AIRSTRIP WHERE THEY
ASSISTED ARMY AVIATION PERSONNEL, WHO HAD SEEN HEAVY ACTION THE NIGHT
BEFORE, TO MAINTAIN THE SECURITY OF THE AIRFIELD. LOOL LACKMAN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, 2ND BRIGADE, WAS IN COMMAND OF THE TASK FORCE.

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DONG TAM, WHICH WENT UNSCATHED DURING THE FIRST WAVE OF ATTACKS
TUESDAY NIGHT, RECEIVED ONE OF THE HEAVIEST MORTARINGS IN ITS ONE-
YEAR HISTORY THURSDAY. A TOTAL OF 170 MORTAR ROUNDS WERE COUNTED
AND NINE INJURIES WERE RECORDED DURING THREE SEPARATE EARLY MORNING
ATTACKS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-03

ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS OF THE MRF WERE CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN THEIR THIRD MAJOR OPERATING AREA IN THREE DAYS FRIDAY, AFTER PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN ROUTING VIET CONG TERRORISTS FROM MY TWO.

RIVER ASSAULT BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 92 AND 111 WITH 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS EMBARKED COMPLETED A 30 MILE TRANSIT FROM MY TWO BP SNOOPY'S NOSE INTO THE CAI LAI DISTRICT OF WESTERN DINH TUONG PROVINCE ABOUT 1830 FRIDAY. THE LANDINGS WERE COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT AND THERE WAS NO CONTACT REPORTED BY EITHER THE ARMY OR NAVY BY 2100.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE 21-HOUR CAMPAIGN IN MY TWO SHOWED A TOTAL OF 115 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND FOUR OTHERS TAKEN PRISONER IN SOME OF THE MRF'S HEAVIEST FIGHTING SINCE DECEMBER 7. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES INCLUDED TWO KIA AND 67 WOUNDED IN ACTION.

MANY TOWNS THROUGHOUT THE DELTA WERE STILL BEING THREATENED BY ENEMY FORCES FRIDAY. FOUR ASPB'S ESCORTING AN ARTILLERY ELEMENT FROM VINH LONG TO DONG TAM FRIDAY MORNING BROUGHT WITH THEM 40 AMERICAN REFUGEES WHO HAD BEEN EVACUATED WHEN VINH LONG WAS ALL BUT COMPLETELY OVERRUN BY THE VC INSURGENTS.

THE NEW MEDICAL FACILITY ON COLLETON WAS USED EXTENSIVELY FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN 27 WOUNDED WERE EVACUATED TO HER AND TREATED. SEVEN OF THESE WERE ARVN SOLDIERS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 22-04

MRP ELEMENTS CONTINUED OPERATIONS NEAR CAI LAY IN WESTERN
DINH YUONG PROVINCE SATURDAY, REPORTING SEVERAL VC SIGHTINGS BUT
ONLY LIGHT CONTACT.

GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTED FOR TEN VIET CONG KILLED IN ACTION AND
3/68 INFANTRY BATTALION REPORTED TWO OTHER VC KILLED IN GROUND
FIGHTING. THERE WERE FOUR FRIENDLY CASUALTIES (WOUNDED) SATURDAY--
THREE FROM SNIPER FIRE AND ONE FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES.
BRAVO AND CHARLIE COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY FOUND MORE
THAN 5,000 POUNDS OF RICE DURING THEIR SEARCH AND DESTROY

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OPERATIONS.

THE MRP WENT TO GENERAL QUARTERS FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT
NIGHT FRIDAY WHEN BONG TAN RECEIVED ITS THIRD MORTARING IN AS MANY
NIGHTS. THREE US PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK
IN WHICH 70 ROUNDS WERE COUNTED. THIS BRINGS TO MORE THAN 250 THE
TOTAL ROUNDS RECEIVED IN THE PAST 72 HOURS. THE WASHTENAW COUNTY
ALSO RECEIVED SMALL ARM FIRE FROM THE NORTH BANK OF THE RIVER DURING
THE NIGHT.

VC HARASSMENT CONTINUED IN OTHER DELTA TOWNS FRIDAY NIGHT
AND SATURDAY MORNING AS CAN THO RECEIVED 80 MORTAR ROUNDS AND MY
THO REPORTED 20 ROUNDS.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE THREE-DAY BATTLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF
MY THO WERE 400 VC KIA AND 24 PRISONERS OF WAR. US AND SOUTH
VIETNAMESE FORCES LOST 45 KIA AND REPORTED 187 WOUNDED. AN
ESTIMATED 2,000 CIVILIANS WERE ALSO INJURED IN THE FIGHTING.
AT BEN TRE, 70 VC WERE KILLED IN ACTION AND NINE
PRISONERS TAKEN. AS FRIENDLY FORCES REPORTED 24 KIA AND 74 WOUNDED.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 22-23

IN ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF ITS ABILITY TO REACT RAPIDLY TO NEW CONTINGENCIES, THE MRB MOVED INTO ITS FORTH OPERATING AREA IN FIVE DAYS SUNDAY, SHIFTING FROM THE VICINITY OF CAI LAY INTO THE AREA SURROUNDING THE EMBATTLED CITY OF VINH LONG.

THREE COMPANIES OF 3/68 INFANTRY BATTALION AND ONE COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE NEW AD LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, WHILE OTHER UNITS WERE LANDED IN THE EVENING BY RIVER ASSAULT BOATS OF RIV DIV 92. BY 2000 ALPHA COMPANY, 3/68TH, HAD REPORTED 7 VC KILLED AND 5 WEAPONS CAPTURED. NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES HAD BEEN REPORTED.

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FINAL RESULTS OF THE TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN IN THE CAI LAY DISTRICT WERE 20 VC KILLED IN ACTION. A TOTAL OF SEVEN FRIENDLY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED, INCLUDING THREE NAVYMEN ON SUNDAY AS A RESULT OF NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 WERE INVOLVED IN THE NAVY'S ONLY SIGNIFICANT CONTACT OF THE OPERATION AT 1530 SUNDAY WHEN THEY CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE WHILE MOVING DOWN THE RACH DA RAI ABOVE SNOOPY'S NOSE. THERE WERE NO U.S. CASUALTIES AS ATC-92-5 RECEIVED TWO CLOSE MISSES FROM B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS AND M-92-1 WAS THREATENED BY RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE. THE ASSAULT BOATS RETURNED FIRE WITH ALL WEAPONS INCLUDING THEIR FLAMETHROWER WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

THE MRB WENT TO GENERAL QUARTERS TWICE SATURDAY NIGHT AND EARLY SUNDAY MORNING AS DONG TAM RECEIVED SPORADIC MORTAR FIRE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. AN ESTIMATED 22 ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS TO MORE THAN 270. THE PACV MAINTENANCE WAS DAMAGED BY ONE MORTAR ROUND BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DEGRADE THE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY.

THE MRB RETURNED TO ITS VINH LONG ANCHORAGE AT 1640 SUNDAY, COMPLETING THE 20-MILE TRANSIT IN THREE HOURS AND 45 MINUTES.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY F.O. 62-66

ALL ARMY AND NAVY UNITS RETURNED TO THE MRS MONDAY EVENING, CONCLUDING THE MOST INTENSIVE PERIOD OF OPERATIONS IN THE MRS'S ONE-YEAR HISTORY. MRS ELEMENTS HAVE SPENT EIGHT STRAIGHT DAYS IN THE FIELD AND HAVE CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN FOUR DIFFERENT AREAS SINCE VIET CONG TERRORISTS LAUNCHED A WAVE OF ATTACKS DURING THE TET TRUCE PERIOD.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE LATEST CAMPAIGN--A 24-HOUR OPERATION IN VINH LONG PROVINCE--WERE 37 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND SIX PRISONERS OF WAR. ONE ARMY INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND ELEVEN OTHER ARMY PERS ONEL WERE WOUNDED.

ONE MAN WAS WOUNDED WHEN AN ARMY HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT WHILE CONDUCTING A RESUPPLY OF 3/66 INFANTRY. ELEMENTS OF ECHO COMPANY OF 3/62 PROVIDED SECURITY FOR THE FALLEN HELO UNTIL IT COULD BE EXTRACTED LATER IN THE DAY.

THE ONLY UNIT STILL IN THE AO MONDAY NIGHT WAS ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY WHICH IS PROVIDING SECURITY AT THE VINH LONG AIRFIELD.

SERIAL ASPB'S OF RIVER DIVISION 91 REPORTED THE NAVY'S ONLY HOSTILE CONTACT EARLY MONDAY MORNING WHEN THEY CAME UNDER TWO ATTACKS OF SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHILE PATROLLING SOUTH OF VINH LONG. THE BOATS REPLIED WITH 20 MM CANNONS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WAS NO DAMAGE TO THE BOAT AND NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-07

A LIMITED OPERATIONS DAX THURSDAY TURNED INTO ONE OF FULL-SCALE OPERATIONS WHEN RIVER DIVISION 111 CARRYING BRAVO COMPANY OF 3/70 INFANTRY CAME UNDER HEAVY ENEMY FIRE SOUTH OF VINH LONG AT 1855.

ONE NAVY MAN AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE EMBACKED ARMY TROOPS WERE WOUNDED IN THE BARRAGE OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND B-40 ROCKET FIRE. IMMEDIATELY ALPHA AND ECHO COMPANIES WERE MOBILIZED AND WITHIN AN HOUR THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO THE AREA OF ATTACK ABOARD OTHER UNITS OF RIVER DIVISION 111.

IN THE CONTACT THAT DEVELOPED DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING, THREE ARMY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 44 OTHERS HAD BEEN WOUNDED AS OF 2100 TUESDAY EVENING. SIXTY THREE VC HAD BEEN KIA AS

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OF 2100.

THE THREE ARMY FATALITIES AND EIGHT OF THEIR WOUNDED OCCURRED WHEN ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/70TH CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM THREE SIDES JUST AFTER BEACHING BY RIV DIV 111 UNITS. LATER ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY AND BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 WERE ALSO DEPLOYED TO THE AREA AND BRAVO COMPANY WAS INSERTED ABOUT 1910.

FOURTEEN NAVAL PERSONNEL HAD BEEN WOUNDED AS OF 2100. SIX MEN WERE WOUNDED WHEN A ROCKET STRUCK T-111-1. THERE WERE TWO WOUNDED ON A-92-2 AND ONE EACH ON T-111-9, T-111-10, T-111-12, A-111-1, A-111-7, AND M-92-1.

MONITOR 91-3 WHILE UNDERWAY NEAR THE MRB AT 2020 REPORTED THAT A CONCUSSION WENT OFF BENEATH THE BOAT, RAISING THE ASSAULT CRAFT ABOUT TWO FEET OUT OF THE WATER. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO THE BOAT.

LIGHT LIFT CRAFT THREE WAS DISPATCHED FROM VUNG TAU TO THE MOUTH OF THE MY THO (CUA DAI) TUESDAY TO BEGIN SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON AN ASPB WHICH HAD SUNK IN THE AREA ON MONDAY WHEN ITS ENGINE SPACES FLOODED. THE ASPB, A-3 OF RIV DIV 92, HAD BEEN CONDUCTING TRIAL OPERATIONS WITH PBR UNITS FOR THE PAST FOUR WEEKS. A-92-3 IS BEING RETURNED TO DONV TAM FOR REPAIRS.

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FROM THE BEVING OF THE TET PERIOD UNTIL 0001 ON 6 FEBRUARY, THE MRF HAD ACCOUNTED FOR 189 VC KIA AND TAKEN 163 DETAINEES. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THERE WERE 7 US KIA AND 97 WIA. THIS EQUALS A KILL RATIO OF 27 TO 1.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-02

SEVENTEEN MORE VC BODIES WERE FOUND WEDNESDAY AS 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS REPORTED NO CONTACT WHILE SWEEPING THROUGH THE AREA OF THESDAY'S HEAVY FIGHTING SOUTH OF VINH LONG.

THE 17 ADDITIONAL BODIES RAISED THE NUMBER OF ENEMY KILLED DURING THE TWO-DAY OPERATION TO 80. FOUR AMERICANS WERE KILLED IN THE FIERCE FIGHTING TUESDAY AND 69 OTHERS WERE WOUNDED. A NAVYMAN ASSIGNED TO ASPB-92-2 REMAINS ON THE MISSING LIST.

ALL RIVER ASSAULT BOATS AND ARMY ELEMENTS RETURNED TO THE MRF BY 1700 WEDNESDAY, LEAVING TWO BASE SECURITY PLATOONS AS THE ONLY ELEMENTS IN THE FIELD.

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WEDNESDAY'S ACTION EXTENDED THE MRF'S RECORD OF CONSECUTIVE OPERATING DAYS TO TEN, THE LONGEST IN THE FORCE'S HISTORY.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FRANK "DUSTY" RHODES, COMMANDER OF RIVER ASSAULT SQUADRON ELEVEN FOR THE PAST YEAR, LEFT THE MRF WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AFTER CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES ON THUESDAY. LCDR RHODES, WHO WAS AWARDED THE NATION'S SECOND HIGHEST AWARD FOR VALOR --THE NAVY CROSS--FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS WHILE SERVING AS COMMANDER OF RAS 11, NOW REPORTS TO THE NAVAL INSHORE OPERATIONS TRAINING CENTER AT MARE ISLAND.

HE HAS BEEN RELIEVED BY COMMANDER ROBERT SULLIVAN, THE FLOTILLA'S LOGISTICS OFFICER FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HIS PENNANT WAS BROKEN ON APL-26 AT 1345 TUESDAY.

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THERE WAS NO CONTACT REPORTED SATURDAY BY 3/47 AND 3/62 INFANTRY BATTALIONS AS THEY CONDUCTED A SECOND DAY OF SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NORTHWEST OF MY THO.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 AND 111 TRANSPORTED THE ARMY TROOPS INTO DONG TAM EARLY IN THE MORNING. FROM THERE, HELICOPTERS AIRLIFTED THEM TO THEIR OBJECTIVES, BUT THERE WERE NO HOSTILE INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING THE NEXT SEVEN HOURS OF OPERATIONS. SEVERAL AMMUNITION CACHES WERE DISCOVERED, HOWEVER, AND ONE TON OF RICE WAS CONFISCATED. THE ARMY ELEMENTS WERE AIRLIFTED BACK

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TO DONG TAM LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, WITH THE ASSAULT BOATS RETURNING THEM TO THE MRS.

LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-FOUR CONTINUED SALVAGE OPERATIONS SATURDAY ON ASPB-91-4 WHICH SANK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE MY THO WHILE TIED UP ALONGSIDE THE ASKARI FRIDAY.

ONE NAVY MAN WAS INJURED SATURDAY WHEN BOATS OF RIV DIV 112 WERE CONDUCTING PRACTICE FIRING EXERCISES ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE MY THO. THE CREWMAN, A 20MM GUNNER ON ASPB-112-7, RECEIVED MINOR SHRAPNEL WOUNDS WHEN A SHELL EXPLODED IN HIS MOUNT.

THE MRF WAS VISITED SATURDAY BY MR HOLE, AN EX-CONGRESSMAN WHO NOW IS SERVING AS A CORRESPONDENT WITH THE VALLEY NEWS OF VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA. HE RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS FROM COMMODORE SALZER AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL LOCKMAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SECOND BRIGADE.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY #2 02-11

THERE WAS NO CONTACT REPORTED SATURDAY BY 3/47 AND 3/60
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DAILY INTERNAL IVE PMAN G SUMMARY NO 72-12

ONLY ONE BRIEF FLURRY OF CONTACT WAS REPORTED SUNDAY BY ELEMENTS OF 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION OPERATING UP THE KINH HANG NORTH OF DORT TAM.

THIS OCCURRED EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN CHARLEY COMPANY OF 3/60 INFANTRY RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THERE WERE THREE ARMY PERSONNEL REPORTED WOUNDED. THE ONLY U.S. CASUALTIES OF THE DAY. THERE WAS ONE NO KIA. ONE OF THE LARGEST CACHES OF ENEMY WEAPONS EVER TO BE CAPTURED BY THE ARMY WAS TAKEN TODAY. INCLUDING 1 M7 CACH TYPE 13 U.S. CARBINES, 6 .45 CALIBER SUBMACHINE GUNS, 2

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100MM ATOMIC RIFLES, 10 CHINESE CARBINES, 10 GRENADE GUNS, 1 M-16, 1 M-1, 23 B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS, 1 82MM MORTAR ROUND, 12 75MM ROUNDS AND 100 60MM ROUNDS.

THE ARMY TROOPS WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE OPERATING AREA SUNDAY MORNING AFTER BEING TRANSPORTED INTO DONG TAM ABOARD ATC'S OF RIVER DIVISIONS 92 AND 113.

ASSAULT CRAFT IN THE AO INCLUDE UNITS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WHICH ARE SUPPORTING ARTILLERY ELEMENTS AND THE CORPS AND ATC EACH FROM 92 AND 113. THESE BOATS ARE PROVIDING COMMAND AND CONTROL AND OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE TWO BATTALIONS AND FOR THE FIRE SUPPORT BATT.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-13
FOUR SHIPS OF THE MRB MOVED FARTHER WEST MONDAY THEN ANY TIME
PREVIOUSLY IN THE MRB'S ONE-YEAR HISTORY AS THEY COMPLETED THE
FIRST LEG OF A 120-MILE TRIP TO CAN THO.

MONDAY NIGHT'S ANCHORAGE WAS LOCATED ALMOST 60 MILES UP RIVER
FROM DONG TAM AND 25 MILES NORTHWEST OF SA DEC. WHEN THE FOUR
SHIPS BEGIN THEIR TRANSIT TUESDAY MORNING OF THE HAM NAO, WHICH
CONNECTS THE MEKONG AND BASSAC RIVERS, THEY WILL BE OPERATING
LESS THAN 20 MILES FROM THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.
APL-26 AND ITS ACCOMPANYING YTB'S ANCHORED NEAR VINH LONG LAKE

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MONDAY AFTERNOON AND WILL CONTINUE THE TRANSIT UP THE MEKONG
RIVER ON TUESDAY. THE MRB DEPARTED DONG TAM AT 1230, WITH THE
WASHENAW COUNTY THE LAST SHIP TO ANCHOR ABOUT 2000. THE
SHIPS AVERAGED NINE KNOTS FOR THE ESTIMATED 60-MILE TRIP.
ELEMENTS OF 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS RETURNED TO THE
MRB MONDAY MORNING FOLLOWING A DAY OF OPERATIONS IN THE AP BAC
DISTRICT NORTH OF DONG TAM. FINAL RESULTS OF THE
JOINT OPERATION WITH TWO OTHER BATTALIONS OF THE NINTH DIVISION
WERE 65 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND MANY VC WEAPONS CAPTURED.
THREE U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 40 OTHERS WERE
WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING. ONE OF THOSE KILLED AND 25 OF THE WOUNDED
WERE FROM THE SECOND BRIGADE. ONE OF THE FRIENDLY FATALITIES AND
20 OF THE WOUNDED OCCURRED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT MONDAY MORNING WHEN
ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF ENEMY MORTAR FIRE.
DONG TAM WAS ALSO HIT HARD BY MORTARS SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY
MORNING, REPORTING 62 ROUNDS. THERE WAS ONE ARMY KIA RECORDED AS A
RESULT OF THE ATTACK AND 12 WERE WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO CREWMEN OF
LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-FOUR.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 02-14

FOUR SHIPS OF THE MRB COMPLETED THE 111 MILE TRANSIT FROM DONG TAM TO CAN THO AT 1300 TUESDAY AS THE MRB BEGAN OPERATIONS ON THE BASSAC RIVER FOR THE FIRST TIME.

APL-26, WHICH SPENT MONDAY NIGHT NEAR VINH LONG, CONTINUED ITS TRANSIT UP THE SONG TIEN GIANG WITH THE INTENTION OF ANCHORING NEAR THE SAME SITE AT WHICH THE OTHER FOUR SHIPS STOPPED MONDAY EVENING. IT IS SCHEDULED TO REJOIN THE MRB ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE MRB IS NOW LOCATED FARTHER SOUTH THAN EVER BEFORE IN ITS ONE YEAR OF OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA. CAN THO IS LOCATED ABOUT 30 MILES SOUTHWEST OF DONG TAM AND 85 MILES SOUTHWEST OF SAIGON.

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ARMY ELEMENTS OPERATING SOUTH OF CAN TWO REPORTED MODERATE
CONTACT WEDNESDAY WHILE CAPTURING ONE OF THE LARGEST ENEMY ARMS
CACHES IN THE MRF'S ONE-YEAR HISTORY. THIS IS THE SECOND LARGE
WEAPONS CACHE CAPTURED IN THE PAST WEEK.

ONE INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND 10 WERE WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF
SPORADIC SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND OTHER HEAVY FIRE DURING
THE DAY. IN ADDITION, 14 OTHERS WERE WOUNDED WHEN GUNSHIPS SUPPORTING
THE GROUND FORCES WHO WERE IN HEAVY, CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY HAD
SOME OF THEIR ROCKETS IMPACT AMONG OUR TROOPS.

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BY 2000 FOUR V... KILLED IN ACTION AND TWO OTHERS
TAKEN PRISONER.

AMONG THE ENEMY ARMS CONFISCATED WERE 460 B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS, 186
B-40 CHARGES, 279 MISCELLANEOUS GRENADES, 112 ANTI-PERSONNEL WEAPONS,
92 RPG-7 CHARGES AND ASSORTED OTHER WEAPONS, MORTAR ROUNDS AND
EXPLOSIVES.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 AND ELEMENTS OF 3/34 ARTILLERY
BATTALION WERE THE FIRST TO ENTER THE OPERATING AREA IN THE CAI
RANG DISTRICT OF PHONG DINH PROVINCE. THEY ESTABLISHED A FIRE
SUPPORT BASE ONE MILE SOUTH OF CAN THO IN ORDER TO COVER ELEMENTS
OF 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION AS THEY WERE INSERTED AT THEIR OBJECTIVE
BEACHES BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 BETWEEN 0705 AND 0720.

THE BOATS THEN ASSUMED BLOCKING POSITIONS ON THE CAN THO RIVER TO
PREVENT ANY ENEMY ESCAPE ON THE WATER ROUTES, BUT NO SIGNIFICANT
SAMPAW ACTIVITY OR OTHER SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS WERE REPORTED.

THE AFL-26 AND BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 COMPLETED THEIR TRANSIT
FROM NEAR THE CROSSOVER FROM THE MEKONG TO THE BASSAC RIVERS TO CAN
THO AT 1340 WEDNESDAY.

THE TWO COMPANIES OF 3/60 INFANTRY EMBARKED ON THE AFL WERE
INSERTED IN THE AO BY BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 AT 2000.

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IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF CAN THO, COMMANDER RIVER
ASSAULT DIVISION 112 AND FOUR OF HIS UNITS ARE PATROLLING IN A
SUSPECTED VC CROSSING AREA ON THE BASSAC RIVER SOUTHEAST OF THE MRB.

THE MRB WAS VISITED WEDNESDAY BY MR. NEWBOLD NOYES, EDITOR OF THE
WASHINGTON, D.C. STAR. HE WAS GIVEN A BRIEFING ON MRB OPERATIONS
BY CAPTAIN ALLEN, VISITED RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAR'S
PONTONS, AND RECEIVED AN ORIENTATION RIDE IN AN ASPB.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. #2-17

MRF ELEMENTS CONTINUED THEIR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
SOUTHWEST OF CAN TWO THURSDAY, REPORTING VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT
ALL DAY.

FIVE DEAD VIET CONG FOUND BY ECHO COMPANY OF 3/47TH
INFANTRY LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WERE THE ONLY ENEMY CASUALTIES
OF THE DAY. TWO ARMY PERSONNEL RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS WHEN THEY
STEPPED ON BOOBY TRAPS.

RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT CONTINUED NIGHTLY WATERBORNE PATROLS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, BUT ENCOUNTERED NO UNUSUAL SAMPAN TRAFFIC.

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ATC 111-3 WAS THE ONLY BOAT TO DRAW HOSTILE FIRE DURING THE FIRST
THREE DAYS OF OPERATIONS. AT 2220 THURSDAY IT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS
AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS OF A NARROW STREAM. THE
HOSTILE FIRE WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED BY 20 MM CANNON AND .30 CAL AND
.50 CAL MACHINE GUNS.

ON FRIDAY, BENEWAH LOGGED HER 5,000TH HELICOPTER LANDING SINCE
ARRIVING IN VIETNAM A LITTLE LESS THAN TEN MONTHS AGO. COMMODORE
SALZER, WHO WAS EMBARKED IN THE ARMY HUEY WHEN IT TOUCHED DOWN
AT 1400, WAS GREETED BY BENEWAH COMMANDING OFFICER LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER SAUCIER.

ASKARI IS CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HER SECOND TOUR
OF SERVICE IN VIETNAM. THE LANDING CRAFT REPAIR SHIP WAS THE FIRST
OF THE MRB'S FOUR PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED SHIPS TO ARRIVE IN COUNTRY ON
FEBRUARY 15, 1967. THE ASKARI IS THE MRB'S ONLY VIETNAM VETERAN,
HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE VIETNAMESE "PASSAGE TO FREEDOM" IN 1954.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 02-19

NO CONTACT WAS REPORTED SUNDAY BY THREE COMPANIES OF 3/60 INFANTRY WHICH CONDUCTED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS JUST SOUTH OF THE MRB IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAN THO AIRFIELD. ONE OF THE PURPOSES WAS TO SEARCH FOR VC CONDUCTING ATTACKS ON CAN THO AIRFIELD. ONE VACATED MORTAR SITE WAS LOCATED.

THE ARMY ELEMENTS WERE INSERTED BY BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 AT 1120 AND WERE EXTRACTED SEVEN AND ONE-HALF HOURS LATER AT 1830.

FOUR BOATS OF RIV DIV 112 ARE CONDUCTING NIGHTLY PATROLS IN A SUSPECTED VC CROSSING AREA JUST SOUTH OF CAN THO.

THE SEDGWICK COUNTY (LST-1129) ARRIVED SUNDAY FOR ITS FIRST

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WEEKLY RESUPPLY OF THE MRB. THE SEDGWICK COUNTY RELIEVED THE JEROME COUNTY.

THE MRB REMAINED IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS SUNDAY NIGHT WHILE PREPARING FOR POSSIBLE RELOCATION TO OTHER AREAS OF THE DELTA WHICH ARE FEELING THE EFFECTS OF PHASE TWO OF THE LATEST VIET CONG OFFENSIVE.

VINH LONG CAME UNDER HEAVY ENEMY ATTACK SUNDAY BY AN ESTIMATED 800 TO 900 VC. OTHER AREAS STRUCK EARLY SUNDAY INCLUDED LONG BINH, BINH HOA, CAN THO, BIEN THUY AND TAN SON NHUT AIRFIELD AND MACV HEADQUARTERS IN SAIGON. TWENTY-EIGHT PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED AT LONG TAM IN A HEAVY MORTAR ATTACK. LONG TAM WAS HIT AGAIN SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH SOME ROUNDS FALLING IN THE NAVY AREA BUT IN NEITHER ATTACK WERE ANY IF 117 PERSONNEL WOUNDED.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO 02-20

ARMY ELEMENTS OF THE MRF WERE IN MODERATE CONTACT MONDAY NIGHT AFTER BEING AIRLIFTED SOUTHEAST OF CAN THO TO SUPPORT TWO ARVN BATTALIONS BATTLING A VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE.

AT 2000, SIX VC HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KILLED IN ACTION. US CASUALTIES WERE ONE KIA AND EIGHT WOUNDED. SEVEN VIETNAMESE ARMY TROOPS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND FORTY WERE WOUNDED IN DAY-LONG FIGHTING. VC KILLED BY ARVN TROOPS ARE NOT KNOWN.

THE DAY STARTED WITH THREE COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY CONDUCTING

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A ROUTINE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO COUNTER GUERRILLA ACTIVITY IN AN AREA EIGHT MILES WEST OF CAN THO. THE ARMY TROOPS WERE INSERTED AT 1110 ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE BASSAC FOUR MILES UP RIVER FROM THE MRB.

WHEN RECEDING TIDES PERMITTED THE ASSAULT CRAFT TO CLEAR A BRIDGE ON THE TRA NOC RIVER, THE TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED AND RE-INSERTED FARTHER SOUTH AT 1255. THEY CONTINUED THEIR OPERATIONS FOR THREE HOURS UNTIL IT WAS DECIDED TO AIRLIFT THEM EVEN FARTHER SOUTH TO SUPPORT THE ARVN ELEMENTS WHO WERE ENGAGED IN HEAVY CONTACT.

THREE COMPANIES OF THE 3/60 INFANTRY WHO WERE ENJOYING A DAY OF REST WHILE IN A READY REACTION POSTURE WERE ALSO COMMITTED TO THE BATTLE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111 LANDED THEM ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE BASSAC EAST OF THE MRB, FROM WHICH HELICOPTERS TRANSPORTED THEM INTO THE AO.

SIX BOATS EACH FROM RIVER DIVISION 91 AND 112 WERE PATROLLING ON THE CAN THO RIVER SOUTH OF THE OPERATING AREA IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM ESCAPING VIA WATER ROUTES.

MONITOR 112-1, CONDUCTING A SIMILAR PATROL IN THE SAME RIVER SUNDAY NIGHT, RECEIVED ONE BURST OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE ABOUT MIDNIGHT. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE IN THE ONLY INCIDENT REPORTED BY THE ASSAULT CRAFT IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-21

THIRTY-ONE VC WERE KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE OTHER WAS CAPTURED
 IN OPERATIONS SOUTH OF CAN THO MONDAY NIGHT AND TUESDAY.

THE BATTLES TOOK PLACE AFTER 3/62 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS
 WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE AREA TO SUPPORT TWO ARVN BATTALIONS WHO HAD
 ATTAINED HEAVY CONTACT MONDAY MORNING. U.S. CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING
 WERE 5 KIA AND 34 WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES.

SIX OF THE WOUNDED WERE CREWMEN ABOARD MONITOR-91-1 WHICH WAS ONE
 OF SIX RIV DIV 91 BOATS WHICH RECEIVED A BARRAGE OF B-42 ROCKET, AUTO-
 MATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS OF THE CAN THO RIVER

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 AT 2215 MONDAY.

THE FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS, BUT NOT BEFORE
 MONITOR-91-1 TOOK A B-42 HIT IN THE 42 MM MOUNT. FOUR OF THE
 WOUNDED WERE INJURED SERIOUSLY ~~AND~~ ENOUGH TO REQUIRE EVACUATION
 FROM A NEARBY MEDICAL AID BOAT, ATC-112-8. THREE CREWMEN, SN LARUE,
 SN MAYES, GMSG FRANK, WERE EVACUATED TO 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL
 LONG BINH. AT 201900H NONE WERE CONSIDERED SERIOUS. THE INCIDENT
 OCCURRED AS THE RIVDIV 91 UNITS WERE PATROLLING THE CAN THO TO
 PREVENT EXFILTRATION OF VIET CONG FROM THE AO.

A SECOND INCIDENT INVOLVING ASSAULT CRAFT OCCURRED AT 2140 WHEN
 MONITOR-92-2, ONE OF SIX UNITS WHICH HAD RELIEVED THE 91 BOATS,
 TOOK A RECOILESS RIFLE ROCKET IN THE STARBOARD SIDE. THE ROUND DID
 NOT PENETRATE AND DAMAGE TO THE BAR ARMOR WAS MINOR. FIRE WAS NOT
 RETURNED AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

ALL ARMY AND NAVY UNITS RETURNED TO THE MRB TUESDAY AFTERNOON
 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOUR UNITS OF RIV DIV 112 WHICH ARE CONTINUING
 PATROLS SOUTH OF CAN THO.

THE BENEWAH AND RIVFLOT ONE CO-HOSTED A FAREWELL LUNCHEON TUESDAY
 FOR MAJOR GENERAL O'CONNOR, WHO IS LEAVING VIETNAM AFTER A NINE MONTH
 TOUR AS COMMANDER OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION. HE ALSO SERVED NINE

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MONTHS AS THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER. GENERAL O'CONNOR IS BEING
ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. CONTINENTAL ARMY COMMAND, FORT MONROE, VA.

THE MRF WAS VISITED TUESDAY AFTERNOON BY MR. JACK ANDERSON,
WHO CO-AUTHORS A NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COLUMN WITH DREW PEARSON.
MR. ANDERSON WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS, VISITED RIVER ASSAULT
CRAFT ALONGSIDE THE BENENAH, AND WAS GIVEN AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE
AFTERNOON'S TROOP EXTRACTION SOUTH OF CAN THO.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-22

ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS OF THE MRF CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WEDNESDAY WHILE PREPARING FOR THE RESUMPTION OF OPERATION CORONADO XI SOUTH OF CAN THO.

THE ONLY UNITS IN THE FIELD WEDNESDAY WERE TWO BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE UP RIVER FROM THE MRB AND FOUR BOATS OF RIV 112 CONDUCTING NIGHTLY PATROLS SOUTH OF CAN THO.

A-111-3 AND A-112-2 ESCORTING THREE LCU FROM DONG TAM TO THE MRB CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM THE NORTH BANK OF THE MY THO RIVER JUST

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WEST OF DONG TAM LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON. FIRE WAS RETURNED AND SUPPRESSED BY THE ASPB. NO ENEMY HITS WERE MADE AND THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

A-111-4 AND A-111-7 WERE FIRED ON BY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WHILE TRANSITING THE BASSAC ABOUT 5 MILES SE OF THE MRB THIS AFTERNOON. NO CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED.

THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE WAS FEATURED AS THE UNIT OF THE DAY WEDNESDAY ON THE ARMED FORCES RADIO STATION IN SAIGON. THE FIVE-MINUTE BROADCAST DISCUSSED THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRB, THE FOUR MAJOR TYPES OF ASSAULT CRAFT, AND DESCRIBED A TYPICAL MRF OPERATION.

CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD THURSDAY AT 1000 FOR LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FLOYD BANBURY, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE COLLETON, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER BANBURY, WHO HAS SERVED AS COLLETON CO SINCE THE SHIP WAS COMMISSIONED IN JANUARY, 1967, WILL BE RELIEVED BY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DONALD ALDERSON.

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THE MRF ENJOYED ONE OF ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL DAYS IN RECENT MONTHS THURSDAY WHEN 60 VIET CONG WERE KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WERE CAPTURED WHILE FRIENDLY FORCES SUSTAINED ONLY FIVE WOUNDED, ONE OF WHICH WAS SERIOUS.

THIRTY-TWO OF THE ENEMY WERE KILLED BY GUNSHIPS, WHILE THE OTHER 28 WERE RECORDED BY GROUND FORCES IN THE FIGHTING 20 MILES SOUTH OF CAN THO.

FOUR OF THE FIVE WOUNDED WERE CREWMEN ABOARD RIVER DIVISION III BOATS WHICH RECEIVED SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE FOR FORTY MINUTES AS THEY

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WERE MOVING IN TO BEACH ELEMENTS OF 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION. FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED EACH TIME IT WAS RECEIVED WITH 20 MM CANNON, 30 CAL MACHINE GUNS AND 40MM GRENADES.

BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 ALSO RECEIVED OCCASIONAL SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AS THEY MOVED DOWN THE NARROW LAI HIEU CANAL TOWARD THEIR OBJECTIVE BEACHES.

DESPITE THE HARRASSMENT DURING THE TRANSIT DOWN THE CANAL, THE ACTUAL LANDINGS WERE ALL UNOPPOSED AND THE BOATS REPORTED NO FURTHER INCIDENTS AS THEY TOOK UP BLOCKING POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE GROUND FORCES. THE ENTIRE OPERATION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED

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USING RIVERINE ASSAULT CRAFT WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE FOURTH CORPS ENGINEERS WHO RAISED A LOW BRIDGE TO ENABLE THE TF 117 BOATS TO PASS UNDERNEATH TO THE OPERATION AREA.

IN ADDITION TO OPERATIONS IN THE AO, FOUR UNITS OF RIV DIV 112 ARE CONTINUING TO CONDUCT NIGHTLY PATROLS JUST SOUTH OF CAN THO. SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY THESE UNITS AT 2110 AND JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT WHICH WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

THE THREE PACV'S COMPLETED THEIR TRANSIT FROM DONG IAM TO THE PBR BASE AT BINH THUY AT 0800 THURSDAY. THE AIR-CUSHIONED VEHICLES HAVE

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BEEN CHOPPED TO TASK FORCE 116 AND WILL BE OPERATING WITH PBR UNITS FOR A SHORT PERIOD.

THE MRF LEARNED THURSDAY THAT 15 FORMER TF 117 PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED EARLY MONDAY MORNING IN THE TAN SON NHUT AIR TERMINAL AS THEY WERE AWAITING THEIR RETURN FLIGHT TO THE US. ALTHOUGH FIVE OF THE 15 PERSONNEL REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION, NONE OF THE INJURIES WAS CONSIDERED SERIOUS.

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT SEAMAN A.J. LARUE WHO WAS WOUNDED IN THE ACTION ON M-91-1 19 FEB IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL LONG BINH. GUNNERS MATE SECOND CLASS T.B. FRANK AND SEAMAN D.S. MAYERS OF M-91-1 CREW ARE ALSO IN THE 24TH EVAC HOSP AND ARE IN GOOD CONDITION. ALL WERE VISITED BY CHAPLAIN LOESCH ON WEDNESDAY.

THE COLLETON'S FLIGHT DECK WAS THE SCENE THURSDAY FOR CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES FOR LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FLOYD BANBURY. HE WAS RELIEVED AS COLLETON CO BY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DONALD ALDERSON.

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MRB UNITS CONCLUDED THEIR TWO-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION 20 MILES SOUTH OF CAN TNO FRIDAY, REPORTING A FINAL TOTAL OF 62 VC KILLED IN ACTION.

IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THURSDAY'S HEAVY FIGHTING, THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT ON FRIDAY.

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES IN THE TWO-DAY OPERATION WERE SIX WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES. ALL ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS CLOSED THE MRB BY MID-AFTERNOON.

THE FLOTILLA FINALLY REACHED ITS FULL STRENGTH OF 100 RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT FRIDAY EVENING WHEN THE FINAL FOUR ASPB'S COMPLETED

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THEIR TRANSIT FROM CAT LOVI A DONG TAM. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MONITOR 111-1, WHICH HAD BEEN UNDERGOING OVERHAUL AT DONG TAM. EACH OF THE FOUR DIVISIONS WILL GET ONE OF THE ASPB'S, BRINGING THEM UP TO THEIR FULL COMPLEMENT OF 100.

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 DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 22-25

A NEW CONCEPT IN MRF OPERATIONS WAS INTRODUCED YESTERDAY AS ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS CONDUCTED A NOVEL ENCIRCLE AND SEARCH OPERATION ON CU LAO MAY ISLAND, TEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE MRB IN THE BASSAC RIVER.

BY 0730, FORTY-FOUR RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT AND 10 PBR'S HAD COMPLETELY SURROUNDED THE ISLAND WITH A NAVAL BLOCKADE. BOTH AFLOAT AND AIRBORNE LOUD-SPEAKER TEAMS WARNED THE POPULACE OF THE IMPENDING OPERATION AND DIRECTED THEM TO REPORT TO ONE OF TWO DETAINEE CENTERS.

THE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 AND 111 THEN MOVED IN TO BEACH 3/47 AND 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALIONS ON EITHER END OF THE ISLAND. THE ARMY TROOPS SWEEP TOWARD EACH OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE

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DAY, REPORTING NO CONTACT BUT DETAINING 433 VIETNAMESE MALES OF MILITARY AGE AND CAPTURING A SMALL AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION AND A FEW PROPAGANDA MATERIALS.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS LATER CLASSIFIED THE 433 DETAINEES AS 406 INNOCENT CIVILIANS, 23 CIVILIAN DEFENDANTS, TWO POLITICAL CADRE AND TWO PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE ONLY CASUALTIES OF THE DAY WERE THREE ARMY PERSONNEL WHO WERE WOUNDED BY A BOOBY TRAP EARLY IN THE MORNING.

FOLLOWING THE SWEEP OF THE ISLAND, IN WHICH 49 BUNKERS AND TWO MINES WERE DESTROYED, THE TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED AND RETURNED TO THE MRB BY EARLY EVENING.

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 DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-26

BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE AND TROOPS OF 3/47 INFANTRY
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 DISABLED BY A ROCKET ROUND SATURDAY NIGHT WHILE OPERATING WITH PERCS
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ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER SQUADRON ELEVEN WERE INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE FLOTILLA'S HEAVIEST FIGHTING SINCE DECEMBER 4 EARLY TUESDAY MORNING WHEN A VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH THEIR WATER BLOCKADE ON THE SONG CAN THO.

UNITS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 111 AND 112 WERE CONDUCTING SATURATION PATROLS TO PREVENT ENEMY EXFILTRATION FROM THE OPERATING AREA NORTH OF THE RIVER WHERE ARMY ELEMENTS ACHIEVED CONTACT WITH A LARGE VC UNIT ON MONDAY. AT ABOUT 2215, ASPB-112-4 CAME UNDER ROCKET AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS WHILE PATROLLING JUST WEST OF 3/34 ARTILLERY'S FIRE SUPPORT BASE. THE BOAT SUSTAINED SEVERAL B-40 ROCKET HITS CAUSING MAJOR FLOODING AND INJURING TWO OF THE BOAT'S SIX CREWMEN. OTHER ASSAULT CRAFT MOVED INTO THE AREA AND SUPPRESSED THE FIRE, BUT

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ASPB-112-4 SANK BEFORE IT COULD BE TOWED BACK TO THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE. MONITOR 111-3 TOOK SEVERAL HITS WHILE COMING TO THE DEFENSE OF THE DISABLED ASPB, REPORTING FIVE WOUNDED BUT NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME, ASPB-111-4, PATROLLING FOUR KILOMETERS EAST OF THE SITE OF THE FIRST INCIDENT, RECEIVED A HEAVY BARRAGE OF UNKNOWN ASSORTED FIRE, CAUSING MAJOR DAMAGE AND KILLING INSTANTLY THE BOAT CAPTAIN AND ONE CREW MEMBER. THE BOAT WAS IMMEDIATELY BEACHED BY THE THREE SURVIVING CREW MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM WERE WOUNDED. IT WAS TOWED BACK TO THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE BY ASPB-112-7 WHICH ALSO DREW HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AS IT WAS PROVIDING ASSISTANCE.

SPORADIC FIRE CONTINUED IN THE AREA FOR AN HOUR AND ONE-HALF AFTER THE FIRST ATTACK, WITH ATC'S TWO, NINE AND ELEVEN OF RIV DIV 111 SEEING CONSIDERABLE ACTION IN THE FIREFIGHT.

ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE VC COULD BE CONFIRMED KILLED IN THE HEAVY FIGHTING, IT IS BELIEVED THAT NUMEROUS OTHERS WERE SLAIN BY NAVAL GUNFIRE AND A LIGHT HELICOPTER FIRE TEAM WHICH RECOGNIZED BY FIRE THE AREA OF ATTACK. MORE IMPORTANTLY, DESPITE THE HEAVY EXCHANGE OF FIRE AND NUMEROUS CASUALTIES, THE BOATS WERE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE BLOCKADE THROUGHOUT THE FIREFIGHT, PREVENTING ANY SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ESCAPE FROM THE AO.

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ASPB-112-4, WHICH SANK SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO FOLLOWING A HEAVY FIRE FIGHT TUESDAY MORNING, WAS LOCATED AT 1415 WEDNESDAY AFTER AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH BY BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON ELEVEN, LIGHT-LIFT CRAFT-FOUR AND EOD AND LDT PERSONNEL.

THE LIGHT LIFT CRAFT WAS UNABLE TO RAISE THE BOAT BEFORE SUNDOWN, HOWEVER, AND IT WAS SCHEDULED TO RESUME SALVAGE OPERATIONS THURSDAY MORNING.

LLC-4 REMAINED IN THE AO WEDNESDAY NIGHT, ALONG WITH NINE BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 AND SEVEN UNITS OF RIV DIV 111. BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 TRANSPORTED BRAVO COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY TO THE VICINITY OF THE SUNKEN BOAT EARLY WEDNESDAY EVENING TO PROVIDE FURTHER SECURITY. THE BOATS RETURNED TO THE MRB AFTER THE TROOPS HAD BEEN LANDED.

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ALL BUT TWO OF THE 12 FLOTILLA PERSONNEL INJURED IN THUESDAY MORNING'S ATTACK HAVE BEEN TREATED AND RELEASED. BMC NIEL MOSKI OF MONITOR 111-3 IS BEING TREATED FOR FRAGMENT WOUNDS BUT IS IN GOOD CONDITION.

THE ONLY ONE OF 12 WITH SERIOUS INJURIES IS FM ALBERT READER OF ASPB 112-4 WHO IS IN THE THIRD SURGICAL HOSPITAL AT DONG TAM WITH FRAGMENT WOUNDS IN THE HEAD, ARMS AND ABDOMEN.

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AT DAY BREAK TUESDAY, THE LIFT CRAFT FOUR ATTACHED TO THE AREA WERE ASPB-112-4 SANK, BUT AN EXTENDED SEARCH BY DIVERS AND SONAR EQUIPMENT FAILED TO LOCATE THE SUNKEN BOAT. THE SALVAGE CRAFT RETURNED TO THE MRB LATE IN THE AFTERNOON BUT WILL RESUME SALVAGE ATTEMPTS ON WEDNESDAY.

ARMY ELEMENTS WHICH WERE INVOLVED IN EXTREMELY HEAVY FIGHTING MONDAY, STAYED IN MODERATE CONTACT TUESDAY. AS 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS CONTINUED THEIR SWEEP SOUTH, THEY REPORTED 46 VC KILLED IN ACTION TUESDAY AND CAPTURED AN ENORMOUS ARMS AND WEAPONS CACHE.

AMONG THE ENEMY MATERIAL TAKEN TODAY WERE 15,600 ROUNDS OF 7.62 AND AK-47 AMMUNITION, 21 RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS, FIVE B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHERS, 80 B-40 AND B-50 ROUNDS, 8 RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, 190 MORTAR ROUNDS, 25 ASSORTED MINES AND 125 MISCELLANEOUS GRENADES.

CUMULATIVE RESULTS OF THE TWO-DAY OPERATION, WHICH ENDED LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN THE ARMY WAS BACKLOADED AND RETURNED TO THE MRB, WERE 68 VC KILLED AND ONE CAPTURED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES INCLUDING THE NAVY'S WERE 22 KILLED AND 87 WOUNDED. ONE UH-1D HELICOPTER WAS LOST AND 11 WERE DAMAGED IN THE HEAVY ATTACK ON BRAVO COMPANY OF 3/60 INFANTRY DURING THEIR AIRMOBILE ASSAULT ON MONDAY.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 03-01

DAY-LONG EFFORTS TO RAISE ASPB 112-4 WERE FINALLY SUCCESSFUL

AT 1555 THURSDAY, BUT LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-FOUR WAS ABLE TO TOW THE

BOAT ONLY 1500 YARDS BEFORE A STRAP BROKE AND IT AGAIN SETTLED TO

THE BOTTOM. THIS OCCURRED ABOUT 1800, AND SALVAGE OPERATIONS

WERE SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF APPROACHING DARKNESS. THE SUNKEN BOAT

WAS SIGHTED, AND REGIONAL FORCE POPULAR FORCES WILL PROVIDE SECURITY

UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING WHEN OPERATIONS ARE RESUMED.

ABOUT 15 ASSAULT CRAFT, CHARLEY BATTERY OF 3/34 ARTILLERY AND

ECHO COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY ARE ALSO REMAINING IN THE AO FOR

SECURITY PURPOSES.

THE MRF WAS VISITED THURSDAY BY CAPTAIN SAMUEL T. ORME, CHIEF

OF STAFF TO COMNAVFORV.

A THREE-MAN NEWS TEAM FROM NBC-TV HEADED BY CORRESPONDENT ERIC

UTLEY JOINED THE MRF THURSDAY TO FILM FRIDAY'S SEARCH AND DESTROY

OPERATION. THE NEWSMEN WILL ACCOMPANY ELEMENTS OF 3/60 INFANTRY

ABOARD A BOAT FROM RIVER DIVISION 111.

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