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TASK FORCE 117 MAINTAINED A READY REACTION STATUS WHILE
CONDUCTING PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR REMEMBED OPERATIONS
TOMMORROW.

AT 1040H TODAY, THE ARV. SEVE THE DIVISION CONDUCTED A "TRAILDUST MISSION" IN WHICH THEY DROPPED CHEMICAL DEFOLIATION AGENT ON THE SOUTH BANK AROUND THE SPECIFIED STRIKE ZONE. THE MISSION WAS DESIGNED TO UPROOF VIET CONG CONCEALMENT

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THE OLLY I CIDE T OF THE DAY OCCURRED AT 1651H WHE SIX PERSO...EL FROM BRAVO COMPANY AZATTH WERE WOULDED BY A COMMAND DETOLATED BOOBY TRAP I. THE VIC XS 411 426. TWO VIET CONG WERE SIGHTED RULLING FROM THE SAME VICILITY AND WERE TA ELUNDER FIRE WITH LEGATIVE RESULTS. THE SIX ME. WERE EVACUATED TO DOING TAM BY ARMORED TROOP CARRIER.

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THE AREA FROM WHICH THE MOBILE RIVERING FORCE AND DONG TAM HAVE BEEN RECEIVING HARASSMENT FIRE WITH THE FORLING RESULTS:

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I US WIA BY MON-HOSTILE FINE WHEN HE THREW A GRENADE INTO A MAYSTACK TO CHECK IT OUT. HE WAS EVACUATED TO 3RD BURGICAL MOSPITAL AS DONG TAM.

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8 CHINESE COMMUNIST SRENADES AND 50 ROUNDS OF MACHINE GON AMMO DESTROYED.

2. TASK UNIT 117.1.1 PROVIDED LIFT AT 0710 FOR ARMY PERSONNEL TO

PAGE 2 UNCLAS E F T C JUNG ZAM FROM WHERE THEY WERE AIN-MOBILED TO THE AO. TASK UNIT 117,1.1 ELEMENTS REDAINED IN A READY REACTION STATUS THROUGHOUT THE DAY: AT 1710 ARMY ELEMENTS OF 4/47 WERE RETURNED TO THE MRD FROM JONG TAM.

3/47 BATTALION CAME ABDARD APL-25 AND BENEWAR TODAY WRILE 3/68

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 01-03

ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY COMPLETED THEIR MOVE ABOARD BENEWAH
AND APL-26 WEDNESDAY, REPLACING 3/66 INFANTRY WHICH HAS MOVED
INTO DONG TAM TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF THE BASE.
THE REST OF THE MRB REMAINED IN A READY REACTION POSTURE

WED NESDAY, PREPARING FOR OPERATIONS NORTHEAST OF BEN TRE.

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LESS THAN THREE MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE MRB ANCHORAGE.

TEN PERSONNEL WERE KILLED IN THE FIGHTING. INCLUDING SIX ARMY, TWO NAVY AND TWO VIETNAMESE. ANOTHER 189 WERE WOUNDED. INCLUDING 70 ARMY PERSONNEL, 37 NAVY AND TWO MARINES. A TOTAL OF 21 VC HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KIA AS OF 2000, BUT CONTINUING ENEMY FIRE PROHIBITED A FURTHER SEARCH FOR ENEMY BODIES. SIXTEEN OF THE VC KIA WERE ACCOUNTED FOR BY GUNSHIPS AND THE OTHER FIVE BY AZRY BATTALION WHICH ALSO TOOK ONE PRISONER.

THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT AT 0845 WHEN A COLUMN OF TROOPCARRYING RIVER DIVISION 92 BOATS WERE HIT FROM BOTH BANKS OF THE NARROW SONG BA LAI BY A VICIOUS BARRAGE OF ENEMY ROCKET, RECOILESS RIFLE

PAGE TWO UNCLAS E F TOO AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE.

THE BOATS WERE HIT FROM HEAVILY FORTIFIED ENEMY BUNKERS JUST AS THEY WERE MOVING IN TO BEACH AND UNLOAD THE EMBARKED TROOPS OF 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION.

FIVE PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND MORE THAN 62 WERE WOUNDED IN THIS ORIGINAL ASSAULT, WITH THE HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE DAY. TWO NAVYMEN ABOARD MONITOR 92-2 WERE KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WERE WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF A RPG-7 ROCKET ROUND WHICH EXPLODED IN THE COXSWAIN'S FLAT. TWENTY-THREE OTHER NAVYMEN FROM EIGHT RIV DIV 92 BOATS WERE ALSO INJURED IN THIS INITIAL ATTACK. OTHER BOATS BESIDES MONITOR 92-2 WHICH TOOK CASUALTIES WERE MONITOR 92-1, ASPB'S 92-1 AND 92-4, AND ATC'S 92-2, 92-3, 92-5, 92-6. AND 92-7.

AFTER THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF HEAVY FIGHTING, ENEMY RESISTANCE SLACKED OFF TO STEADY HARRASSING .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AND STALL ARMS FIRE. BUT, AT ABOUT 1230, SIX CREWMEN ABOARD MONITOR 91-3 WERE WOUNDED IN A ROCKET AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ATTACK.

ANOTHER NAVYMAN ABOARD ATC 92-10 WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED AT 1620 WHEN A B-40 ROCKET ROUND EXPLODED IN THE BOAT'S WELL DECK. THE BLAST ALSO FURTHER INJURED A NUMBER OF WOUNDED ARMY PERSONNEL THE BOAT

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THE BURY WAS CARRYING.

MOST OF THE ARMY CASUALTIES WERE TROOPS EMBARKED IN THE ASSAULT CRAFT, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS LIGHT CONTACT REPORTED IN GROUND ACTION EARLY IN THE EVENING.

ALL SHIPS OF THE MRB EXCEPT APL-26, WHICH IS COMPLETING REPLACEMENT OF ITS GENERATORS AT DONG IAM, SHIFTED ANCHORAGE THURSDAY MORNING

TO SIX MILES EAST OF MY THO. THE MOVE WAS COMPLETED BY 0830.

THE MRF WAS VISITED THURSDAY BY MAJOR GENERAL THANH, COMMANDING CENERAL OF THE IV CORPS: MAJOR GENERAL ECKHART, SENIOR ADVISER IV CORPS; AND MAJOR GENERAL HAY, DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL, TWO FIELD FORCES.

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VERY LITTLE RESISTANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED FRIDAY BY MRF FORCES. SWEEPING THROUGH THE SCENE OF THURSDAY'S HEATED DAY-LONG BATTLE. BUT, AFTER BEING INSERTED ABOUT TWO MILES EAST OF THURSDAY'S OPERATING AREA. THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 INFAMTRY ACHIEVED MODERATE COMFACT WITH A SMALL FORCE OF VC. A TOTAL OF 14 VIET CONG HAD BEEN KILLED AS OF 1902 FRIDAY, WHILE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 14 WOUNDED, TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR THE TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING SHOW 22 U.S. AND TWO VIET NAMESE PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION, ANOTHER 120 ALLIED PERSONNEL HAD BEEN WOUNDED AS OF 1932 FRIDAY. ECHO COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY WAS THE MOST SERIOUSLY HIT WITH IS KILLED AND 34 WOUNDED. THIRTY- SEVEN VIET CONG HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KILLED AND THREE OTHERS WERE CAPTURED.

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A THIRD NAV YMAN DIED FRIDAY FROM WOUNDS SUFFERED IN THURSDAY"S VICIOUS ASSAULT ON THE BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE. HE WAS FN DOUGLAS GEORGE MORTON, A CREWMAN ON MONITOR 91-3 WHO HAD RECEIVED MASSIVE HEAD WOUNDS WHEN HIS BOAT CAME UNDER HEAVY ROCKET AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IN AN ATTACK LATE THURSDAY AFTER NOON.

OT HER NAVYMEN WHO LOST THE IR LIVES IN THURSDAY'S BATTLE WERE BMC SAMUEL C. CHAVOUS AND BM3 JOHN D. WOODARD OF MONITOR 92-2. THEY WERE FATALLY WOUNDED WHEN AN RPG-7 ROCKET EXPLODED IN THEIR BOAT'S COXSWAIN'S FL AT .

THIRTY-THREE OTHER RIV RON NINE PERSONNEL, THREE UDT DET GOLF MEN AND TWO MARINES ASSIGNED TO THE FLOTILLA'S RIVERINE SURVEY TEAM WERE INJURED, BUT MOST OF THEM WERE REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION ON FRIDAY.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE WAS HELD ON THE BENEWAH'S 02 LEVEL FORWARD FRIDAY FOR FILMING A TELEVISION PROGRAM TO BE SHOWN ON EASTER SUNDAY IN THE U.S. A THREE-MAN CAMERA CREW FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PHOTOGRAPHED THE SERVICE WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY ARMY CHAPLAIN HUGHES AND NAVY CHAPLAIN LCESCH. BT

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 24-26
AFTER TWO DAYS OF RIGOROUS FIGHTING, MRF FORCES REPORTED
A DAY OF NO CONTACT SATURDAY AS THEY SHIFTED THE CENTER OF
THEIR OPERATIONS FROM THE BALALRIVER TO FOUR MILES
SOUTHEAST OF BENTRE.

BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE TRANSPORTED THE TROOPS TO THE IR NEW BEACHES EARLY IN THE AFTER MOCK, THERE WAS ONLY ONE FRIENDLY CASUALTY SATURDAY-AN ARMY INFANTRYMAN WHO WAS MED-EVAC'ED WITH A SUSPECTED CASE OF MALARIA.

OF THE OPERATION SHOW 32 VIET CONS KILLED AND FOUR OTHERS

THIRTY-SEVEN ALLIED PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 153 WOUNDED.

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THE MRF WAS VISITED SATURDAY BY MR. PAUL K. EDMONDS, PROSPECTIVE
NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM, AND LT. COLONEL R.H. SMITH,
COMMANDER, NEW ZEALAND FORCES, VIETNAM. THEY RECEIVED A
BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS FROM CAPT. ALLEN AND LIEUTENANT
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COMULATIVE REPORT OF 22 VC KILLED IN ACTION INCOMES SATURDAY WAS REVISED DOWNMARD TO 69 YESTERDAY WHEN IT MADE DETERMINED THAT AN AIR FORCE STRINE ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY THREE WE INSTRUCT OF THE 16 OR 16 WALLY REPORTED.

EXTNO U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL WERE INJURED STATEW FOR A FOUR-DAY FORM OF 155 ARMY, MARINE AND VIRTUANTED WOUNDED.
THIRTY-SIX OTHER ALLIED PERSONNEL LOSS THEM LIVES IN HEAVY FIGHT ING ALONG THE BALAIR IVER THURSDAY, AND FRIDAY.

A RAPID RESPONSE BY A BENEVAN FIRE FIGHT NO TEAM PREVENTED A BOILER ROOM FIRE FROM DEVELOPING INTO A MAJOR CONFLAGRATION LATE SATURDAY NIGHT. THE BLAZE SHOWS OUT AT 234Z AND WAS EXTINGUISHED SEVERAL SMOKE-FILLED WINDRES LATER BY FIRE-FIGHTERS WINDRESS TO THE SCENE.

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THE MRF CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE MONDAY AND PREPARED FOR ITS NEXT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION.

THE MRB RELOCATED TO DONG TAM IN THE AFTER NOON, DEPARTING THE ANCHORAGE EAST OF MY THO AT 1422 AND ARRIVING AT DONG TAM AT 1515.

MR. LES MLEVEN, A REPORTER REPRESENTING NEWSPAPERS AND RAD TO STATIONS IN NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA AND WYOMING, VISITED THE MRF MONDAY. HE INTERVIEWED SEVERAL PERSONNEL FROM THOSE THREE STATES FOR HOMETOWN FEATURE STORIES.

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MRF DEMOLITION EXPERTS REMOVED A PARTIGELY SUNKEN BRIDGE TUESDAY FROM

THE MOUTH OF THE RACH CAM THREE KILONETERS WEST OF THE MRB.

NAVY UDT AND EOD TEAMS AND DELTA COMPANY OF THE ARMY'S 15TH ENGINEERS DESTROYED A SECTION OF THE BRIDGE WHICH WAS PREVENTING THE PASSAGE OF RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT. THE DEMOLITION PERSONNEL WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE ABEA BY FIVE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION LIL.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 64-10

NO ENEMY CONTACT USVELOPED WED NESDAY AS 3/47 INFANTRY PART ICIPATED IN A FIEEP AND SEARCH OPERATION ON THE MORTH BANK OF THE SONG MY THO EIGHT KILOMETERS WEST OF THE MRB.

THE OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED IN RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OF INCRESED ENERY ACTIVITY IN THE VINH KIM AND LONG DINH DISTRICTS, NORTH AND WEST OF DONG TAN.

BOATS OF RI' DIV 92 INSERTED THREE COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY AT 1'00 AND BACKLUADED THEM FOR RETURN TO THE MRB FIVE HOURS LITER.

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PAGE 2 UNCLAS E F T O AT 1300 RIVDIV: 91 BOATS REEMBARKED A COMPANY OF 4/47 AND LIFTED THEM BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANDING ZONE WHERE THEY WERE RE-INSERTED WITHOUT CONTACT AT 1410. THE INFANTRYMEN THEN SWEPT INLAND IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION THAN THEY HAD GONE DURING THE MORNING LANDING, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO CONTACT BY GROUND UNITS DURING THE DAY, 384 EMEMY BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED. RIVRON NINE, CRAFT PROVIDED TROOP SUPPORT AND INTERDICTION PATROLS ALONG THE CHO GAD CANAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. A PSY OPS MISSION WAS ALSO CONDUCTED FROM THE BOATS. ALL UNITS REMAINED IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA OVERNIGHT. AT 0630 THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRB DEPARTED DONG TAM AND TRANSITED TO A NEW ANCHORAGE ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF MY THO TO SUPPORT THE CURRENT OPERATION. CTF 117 WAS VISITED THURSDAY BY AIR FORCE MAJOR GENERAL R.N. BAKER, MACV-JS, HE WAS BRIEFED ON PAST END CURRENT MRF OPERATIONS AND PLANS FOR THE PROGRAM FIVE EXPANSION OF THE FORCE.

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FRIDAY TURNED OUT TO BE A DAY OF NO CONTACT AS 3/47 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND RIVRON WINE ASSAULT CRAFT CONTINUED THE OPERATIONS WHICH BEGAN THURSDAY IN DINH TUONG AND GO CONG PROVINCES.

THE ONLY CASUALTIES OF THE DAY WERE AN INFANTRYMAN WHO DROWNED WHILE CROSSING A STREAM AND A SOLDIER WHO WAS SHOT IN THE LEG BY ANOTHER MAN IN HIS UNIT WHEN A PISTOL DISCHARGED AS IT WAS BEING CLEANED.

AT \$438, 3747 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS BACKLOADED IN RIVDIV 92 BOATS, TRANSITED THE CHO GAO CANAL INTO THE SONG MY THO, AND WAS LATER REINSERTED ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG MY THO ABOUT II MILES WEST OF MY THO. PACV'S ONE AND THREE HAD RECONNED THE AREA PRIOR TO THE LANDING,

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WHICH WAS UNOPPOSED. 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS AIR MOBILED
TO THE NEW OPERATION AREA LATER. IN THE MORNING.
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THREE FLOTILLA PERSONNEL WERE INJURED, ONE SERIOUSLY, SATURDAY AS A NEWLY INSTALLED CHEMICAL GAS LAUNCHER MALFUNCTIONED ABOARD

MONITOR 91-2 AS IT WAS OPERATING SOUTH OF THE MRB.

THE SERIOUSLY INJURED MAN WAS FIRST TAKEN TO THE BENEWAH FOR TREATMENT, BUT WAS LATER RUSHED TO THE COLLETON FOR EMERGENCY SURGERY. THE OTHER TWO INJURED MEN RECEIVED ONLY MINOR WOUNDS AND WERE TREATED AND RELEASED.

A FOURTH MEMBER OF THE MONITOR CREW WAS BLOWN OVERBOARD BY THE EXPLOSION, BUT HE WAS QUICKLY PICKED UP BY ASPB-111-1 WHICH WAS ON BID

PATROL IN THE AREA. HE WAS NOT HURT IN THE INCIDENT.

OTHER UNITS OF THE MRF REMAINED IN A READY REACTION STATUS SATURDAY WHILE PREPARING FOR THE FORCE'S NEXT OPERATION.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY DA-LA

MRF GROUND ELEMENTS FOUND MANY SIGNS OF VC ACTIVITY BUT FEW VC SUNDAY DURING OPERATIONS IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE, SIX TO EIGHT MILES SOUTKEAST OF THE MRS.

LARGE CACHES OF ENEMY WEAFONS AND AMMUNITION WERE CONFISCATED AND NUMEROUS BUNKERS AND VC FLAGS WERE DESTROYED, BUT CONTACT ON THE GROUND WAS LIMITED TO FEW INSTANCES OF SNIPER FIRE. A TOTAL OF TEN VC WERE KILLED -- EIGHT BY GUNSHIPS.

ONE BY ARTILLERY, AND ONE BY INFANTRY FORCES.

AMONG THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION CAPTURED WERE 40 ROCKETS, 102 GERNADES, 48 MORTARS, IWO CLAYMORE MINES, A FIVE-FOOT BANGALOR TORPEDO AND AN ESTIMATED 8000 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AMMUNITION. ALSO CAPTURED WERE 200 ENTRENCHING TOOLS,

PAGE 2 UNCLAS E F T O SAMO BLASTING CAPS, HUNDREDS OF BATTERIES AND NUMEROUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

DOZENS OF ENEMY BUNKERS WERE ALSO FOUND AND DESTROYED AS THE TROOPS OF 3/47 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS SWEPT ACROSS THEIR OBJECTIVE AREAS.

THE TROOPS WERE LANDED JUST EAST OF "FOUR CORNERS" ON THE BA LAI RIVER BETWEEN 0830 AND 0845 BY BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE. EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON, THE FOUR COMPANIES OF 4/47 INFANTRY WERE SHIFTED TWO MILES FARTHER EAST ON THE BA LAI WHERE THEY CONTINUED THE SWEEP AND SEARCH TACTICS.

RIV DIV 92 UNITS RETURNED TO THE MRB BEFORE NOON, BUT BOATS OF DIVISION 91 REMAINED IN THE AC OVERNIGHT

TO SUPPORT THE A/A7 INFANTRYMEN.

ONLY ONE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED SUNDAY BY NAVAL UNITS.
AT ABOUT 9830, A RIV DIV 91 ATC REPORTED A SIZABLE EXPLOSION
SIX FEET IN FRONT OF THE BOW AS IT WAS MOVING IN TO BEACH.
THE ORDINANCE WAS BELIEVED TO BE A B-40 ROCKET ROUND, - AND THERE
WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-15

EIGHTEEN ARMY AND NAVY PERSONNEL RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS MO MDAY AFTER NOON IN A SWIFT RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACK ON THE TRB AS IT WAS ANCHORED EAST OF MY THO.

TOM GREEN COUNTY TOOK SIX HITS AND BENEWAH WAS STRUCK THREE TIMES IN THE SUDDEN ATTACK FROM THE SOUTH BANK AT 1407. ALL OF THE HITS WERE ABOVE THE WATERLINE AND NO SERIOUS DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE SHIPS.

DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK WAS A CONVERTED LCM-6 WHICH HAD BEEN SPECIALLY CONFIGURED TO SERVE AS A REFUELER TO THE ASSAULT BOATS. IT WAS STRUCK BY A ROUND WHILE ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAH AND WAS IMMEDIATELY CAST OFF WHEN IT BURST INTO FLAMES. THE BLAZE COULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY ONE OF THE YTB'S AND IT

PAGE 2 UNCLAS E F T O WAS DECIDED TO INTENTIONALLY SINK THE ENFLAMED REFUELER. THE TANKER'S THREE CREWMEN ALL JUMPED OVERBOARD AND WERE RESCUED BY ASPB 92-2.

THE 18 WOUNDED INCLUDED FOUR PERSONNEL, ABOARD THE TOM GREEN COUNTY, FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BENEWAH'S SHIP'S COMPANY, FOUR ARMY PERSONNEL EMBARKED ON THE BENEWAH AND FIVE ASSAULT BOAT CREWMEN.

THE HOSTILE FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED BY THE SHIPS WITH 40MM CANNON, THREE-INCH AND MACHINE GUN FIRE. THE AREA WAS ALSO STRAFED BY ARMY ARTILLERY AND AN AIR FORCE AIR STRIKE.

TWO HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK, ONE OF THE BID PATROLS DISCOVERED A LOG FLOATING NEAR THE SOUTH BANK WITH A DEAD VIETNAMESE TIED TO IT. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, A FLOATING BOOBY TRAP WITH A VC FLAG AND PROPAGANDA MATERIALS WAS DESCOVERED BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111, 1500 METERS WEST OF MY THO. THE BOOBY TRAP AND OTHER MATERIALS WERE DESTROYED.

THE ATTACK ON THE SKIPS OCCURRED AS BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE WERE PREPARING TO BACKLOAD THE IWO MRF BATTALIONS IN THE AO. SIX MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE MRB. CONTACT WAS GENERALLY LIGHT MONDAY WITH SIX VC KILLED IN ACTION AND THREE US PERSONNEL WOUNDED FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES.

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BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 RECEIVED A FLURRY OF SMALL ARMS, AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHILE TRANSITTING THE SONG BA LAI ABOUT 0915 IN THE ONLY INCIDENT REPORTED MONDAY, BY NAVAL ELEMENTS. FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED BY BOTH THE BOATS AND ARMY HELICOPIERS. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE, ALTHOUGH SHORTLY AFTER THE ATTACK. AN UNEXPLODED B-40 ROCKET ROUND WAS FOUND LODGED IN THE STYROFOAM OF ATC 92-10. THE ROUND WAS TO BE REMOVED BY EOD PERSONNEL AFTER THE BOAT'S RETURN TO THE MRS.

THE FIVE SHIPS RETURNED TO THE DONG TAM ANCHORAGE MONDAY AFTER NOON, COMPLETING THE ONE-HOUR TRIP AT 1900.
THE MRF IS BEING VISITED BY MR. CAL TINNEY, A POPULAR HUMORIST WHO WILL BE CONDUCTING A HANDSHAKE TOUR ON THE SHIPS ALL DAY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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ARMY ELEMENTS WERE IN MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT WITH A VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE WEDNESDAY DURING OPERATIONS UP ROUTE 66 IN THE CAI LAY DISTRICT OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT SHORTLY AFTER 1100 WHEN ALPHA COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY CAME UNDER SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THEIR BEACHING AREA. AS THE BATTLE RAGED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ELEMENTS OF 3-47 INFANTRY MOVED IN TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY ON HIS EAST FLANK. THE HEAVY ACTION CONTINED INTO THE EVENING, AND BOTH BATTALIONS WERE STILL IN CONTACT AFTER DARKNESS.

AS OF 2000 TEN VIET CONG HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KILLED AND THREE OTHERS CAPTURED. TWO U.S. PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 31 WOUNDED.

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HE TWO BATTALIONS HAD BEEN BEACHED WITHOUT OPPOSITION BETWEEN 0730 AND 0800 BY BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE. MOST OF THE BOATS REMAINED IN THE AO THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ALTHOUGH THE ATC'S WERE RETURNED TO THE MRB EARLY IN THE EVENING.

THE REMAINING HEAVIES STAYED AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE KINH XANG AND KINH BA BEO TO PROVIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL AND FIRE SUPPORT AS NEEDED.

A CREWMAN OF ASPB 92-6 WAS SUCCESSFULLY RESCUED ABOUT 2215 TUESDAY AFTER HE FELL OVERBOARD FROM THE BENEWAH PONTOON. HE FLOATED SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS DOWNSTREAM BEFORE BEING PLUCKED FROM THE WATER ABEAM OF THE COLLETON.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL TUESDAY ON CCB 112-1 WHICH SANK NEAR THE LST RAMP IN QUA VIET ON MONDAY. THE BOAT WAS RAISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DIVERS AND PERSONNEL FROM

THE USS SUTTER COUNTRY.

PACV-2 WAS UNDERWAY FOR A SHAKEDOWN CRUISE TUESDAY IN ITS FIRST OPERATIONS SINCE BEING DISABLED IN LATE FEBRUARY BY A RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACK NEAR CAN THO.

THE MRF WAS VISITED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURPHY (D-N,Y.) WHO RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF CONCEPTS

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THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT IN VEEKS, ARMY FORCES KILLED CHESTAPTURED AN EVEN 100 VIET CONG WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY IN DEERATIONS IN THE CAI LAY DISTRICT 24 KILOMETERS WORTHWEST OF DONO TAM.

海影片MAL CASUALTY FIGURES SHOWED 97 VC KILLED AND THREE CONTINUED ON TO A COST OF FOUR U.S. PERSONNEL KILLED AND 53 WOUNDED. MUST OF THE VC KIA WERE RECORDED IN A RINE HOUR BATTLE THAT BEGAN AT 1100 THURSDAY AND LASTED UNTIL AFTER DARK. OPERATING WTEN ARVE TROOPS AND UNITS OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION'S FIRST BREGADE, THE TWO MRF BATTALIONS PARTIALLY SUPROUNDED THE VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE AND THEN CLOSED IN ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS WITH HEAVY ATRILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT.

PAGE & UNCLASE F T O THE ENEMY SURVIVORS EXFILTRATED THE AREA DURING THE HIGHT AND CONTACT ON THURSDAY WAS LIMITED TO SEVERAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING ARRESTABLO GUNSKIPS. AFTER BEING AIRMOBILED TO PICK-UP TONES LARE IN THE AFTERWOON, THE TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED ON SCATS OF REVER ASSAULT SQUADRON NINE AND RETURNED TO THE MRB.

漢與漢RAINING EXERCISES THURSDAY, BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111 DUMPHOTED A PRACTICE INSERTION AND EXTRACTION ON THE SOUTH BANK WITH THE SECOND VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION. THE MARINES, WHO ARRIVED IN DONG TAM YESTERDAY, WILL BE WORKING WITH THE THE THE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

THEY ARE THE FIRST MARINES TO OPERATE WITH THE MRF SINCE THE FIFTH VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION COMPLETED AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL SIX WEEKS OF OPERATIONS LATE LAST DECEMBER.

THE PAF HAD TWO DISTINGUISHED MILITARY VISITORS THURSDAY --CENERAL HAROLD K. JOHNSON, CRIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY AND A SEMBER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF; AND VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES ALDUNCAN, CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, BOTH FLAG OFFICERS RECEIVED BRIEFINGS ON MRF OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA AND PRESENTED AMANDS TO MRY PERSONNEL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICES, VICE ADMIRAL MINCAN AMARDED FOUR MEDALS TO FLOTILLA PERSONNEL IN A CEREMONY ON

FAGE 3 UNCLASE FT O THE BENEWAH PONTOONS AT 1400.

ETHREE NAVYMAN FROM RIVER DIVISION 111 RECEIVED BRONZE STARS FOR ACTION LAST DECEMBER 4. THEY WERE BMI ROBERT D MILIAN, BM3 WILLIAM R. WOLVERTON, AND ENS GERALD R. VINOPAL. ANDOLD STAR IN LIEU OF A THIRD PURPLE HEART WAS PRESENTED TO FULL ROYALE J. PARISEAU OF RIVER SQUADROW NINE STAFF.

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RIVER ASSAULT DIVISION 92 MOVED TO THE BENEWAH FRIDAY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOBILE RIVERINE BASE DEFENSE AND

SUPPORT OF THE 3/34 ARTILLERY BATTERY:

RIVER DIVISION 111 SHIFTED FROM THE BENEWAH TO THE TOM GREEN COUNTY TO BEGIN SUPPORTING THE SECOND VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION, WHILE RIVER DIVISION 112 REMAINS AT THE APL AND WILL BEGIN SUPPORT OF TROOPS OF 3/47; INFANTRY.

RIVDIV 91 REMAINS AT THE COLLETON AND CONTINUES WORKING

WITH 4/47 INFANTRY.

LT. JOHN HERRMANN HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF RIVER DIVISION 92. HE HAS BEEN SERVING AS A BOAT MAINTENANCE OFFICER ON THE YRBM-17 AND AS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DONG TAM DETACKMENT.

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THE MARS SYSTEM ABOARD BENEWAH AGAIN PROVED ITS WORTH LAST WIGHT WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IN TF 117 RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE RED CROSS TO CALL HIS WIFE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF AN EMERGENCY. THE MARS OPERATORS HAD THE MAN'S WIFE ON THE PHONE 30 MINUTES AFTER THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. EMERGENCY PHONE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEN OF THE MRF ANYTIME, DAY OR NIGHT.

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AN INSTANCE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS THE ONLY CONTACT REPORTED SATURDAY BY 4/47 INFANTRY AND THE 2ND VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION WHICH CONDUCTED A SWEEP AND SEARCH OPERATION ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE MY THO RIVER FAST OF THE MPS

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THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE IN THE ONE-DAY
OPERATION. THE MARINES WERE INSERTED AT 0745 BY BOATS OF RIVER
DIVISION III AND SWEPT WEST UNTIL THEY WERE BACKLOADED AT 1330.

RIVER DIVISION 91 CARRIED THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 INFANTRY INTO DONG TAM FROM WHERE THEY WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE AO. HELICOPTERS INSERTED ELEMENTS OF THE 4/47 ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS INLAND BEGINNING AT 0900, AND THE TROOPS WORKED NORTH TO THE SONG MY THO WHERE THEY WERE BACKLOADED ABOUT 1500.

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A FEW ENEMY ARMS AND SUPPLIES WERE CONFISCATED OR DESTROYED, INCLUDING NINE 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS, A BANGALER TORPEDO, AND TWO CASES OF UNATTENDED ICED BEER.

FIFTEEN ADULTS AND 30 CHILDREN WERE TREATED AT A MED CAP ON THOI SON ISLAND SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

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COMRIVDIV 91

LT R.E. HANSON, USN

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1. MISSION: TU 117.1.1 SUPPORTS 4/47 AS RRF ON ONE HOUR STANDBY AFTER ARRIVAL OF MRB AT VINH LONG.

#### EXECUTION: 2.

(a) MRB will move to VINH LONG commencing 210630H.

(b) The following will take place if ordered.

CODE EVENT

T-91-4;5,6 load C/4/47 at COLETON.

T-91-7,9,10 load A/4/47 at LST.

T-91-11,13,3 load B/4/47 at COLLETON.

NEW MEXICO

ETD MRB.

ARIZONA Land 4/47 Inf at Beaches to be announced. UTAH

Pick up 4/47 at Beaches to be announced and return

to MRB.

#### 3. CODE WORDS

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EVENT

CAROLINA

Backload designated units.

KANSAS

Insert Designated units. Block at designated places.

WASHINGTON DAKOTA

Return to MRB.

#### COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

Detainees 14-50 will be evacuated to FSPB CAMERON as (a) directed.

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#### I. FREQUENCY PLAN (ARMY)

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3. VOICE CALLS FOR TU 117.1.1: CALL SIGN: DRAGONFLY for Monitors: DRAGONFLY MIKE (HULL NUMBER) for ASPB's: DRAGONFLY ALFA (HULL NUMBER) for ATC's: DRAGONFLY TANGO (HULL NUMBER) for CCB: DRAGONFLY CHARLIE (HULL NUMBER) NOTE: For TU 117.1.2 units CHOPPED to TU 117.1.1 use word "SAIR SNIPS" vice word "DRAGONFLY".

4. ALL OTHER COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COI.

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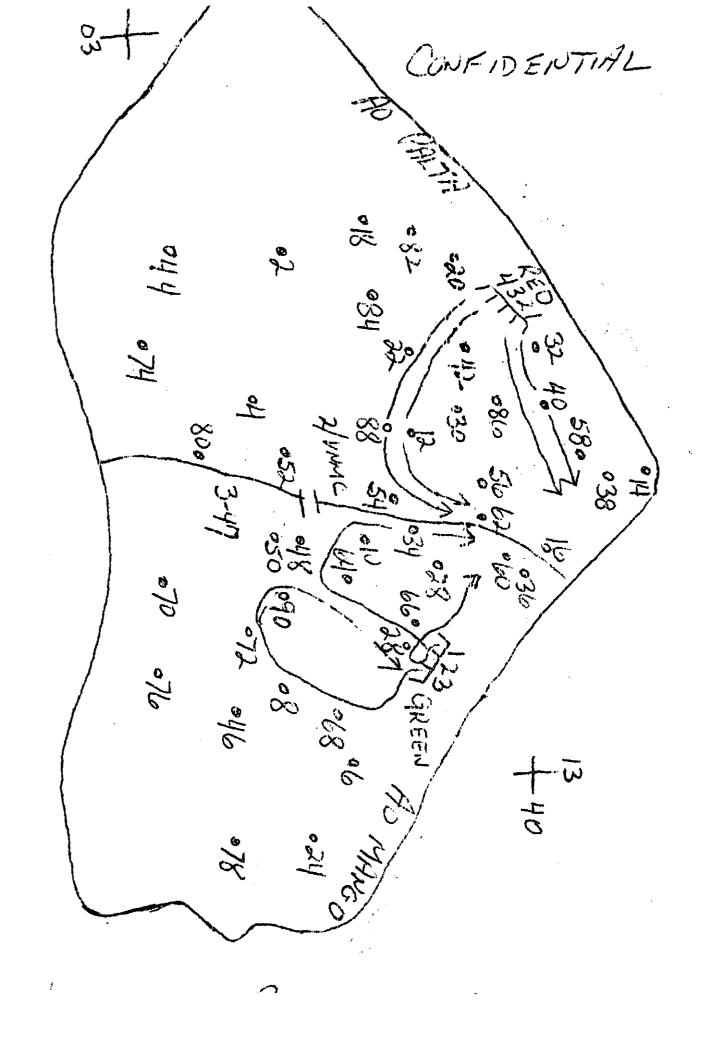
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 84-21

MRF FORCES SWEEPING ACROSS THE BINH HING PENINSULA HAD A CUIET DAY SUNDAY, REPORTING NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE AND ONLY A FEW INSTANCES OF SNIPER FIRE.

A TOTAL OF 36 VIETNAMESE WERE CETAINED, AND, OF THESE, SEVERAL WERE SUSPECTED TO BE VC. THIRTY-FIVE BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED BY ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANIRY AND SEVERAL BOOBY TRAPS WERE FOUND.

THE ARTILLERY BARGES ESCORTED BY BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 WERE THE FIRST TO DEPART THE DONG TAM ANCHORAGE AT 2300. THEY ESTABLISHED A FIRE

SUPPORT BASE JUST NORTH OF VINH LONG TO SUPPORT THE DAY'S OPERATION. THE VIETNAMESE MARINES AND 3/47 INFANTRY EMBARKED IN BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 111 AND 112. RESPECTIVELY, DEPARTED DONG TAM ABOUT 2426 AND BEACHED JUST AFTER 0820.

Page 2 unclas e f I o AFTER COMPLETING THEIR SWEEP, THE ARMY TROOPS AND MARINES WERE BACKLOADED IN MID-AFTER NOON, WITH 3/47 INFANTRY RETURNING TO THE MRB AT 1830. THE VIETNAMESE MARINES HAVE ESTABLISHED NIGHT POSITIONS NEAR THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE AT VINH LONG.

THE MRB DEPARTED THE DONG TAM ANCHORAGE AT 8639. WITH THE LAST UNIT ANCHORING NEAR VINH LONG AT 1645. BT

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MRF ELEMENTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A LULL IN OPERATIONS MONDAY TO CONDUCT MAINTENANCE AND PREPARE FOR THE NEXT SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION.

HUNDREDS OF ARMY AND NAVY PERSONNEL WERE TREATED TO AN AFTER NOON OF FOLK MUSIC ON THE BENEWAH PONTOONS MONDAY. THE FEATURED PERFORMERS WERE THE ONE MALE AND TWO MINI-SKIRT CLAD FEMALE MEMBERS OF A FOLK SINGING GROUP WHICH IS ON A USO-SPONSORED TOUR OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. BT

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AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF LITTLE ACTION, MRF FORCES ACHIEVED

MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT TUESDAY, REPORTING 46 VC KILLED IN ACTION.

OPERATING SIX MILES NORTHWEST OF THE MRB IN GIAD DUC DISTRICT OF
DINH TUONG PROVINCE, THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE THE FIRST TO REPORT
ENEMY CONTACT ABOUT 1000. FIGHTING CONTINUED UNTIL THE EARLY
EVENING, WITH ALLIED CASUALTIES REPORTED AS FIVE KILLED AND 28
WOUNDED. THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE HEAVIEST
ACTION WITH FOUR OF THE FIVE KIA AND 20 OF THE 28 WIA.

AS THE MARINE CONTACT PERSISTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ARMY ELEMENTS WERE MOVED INTO THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO SURROUND THE ESTIMATED VC COMPANY. IN THE ENSUING FIGHTING, 4/47 INFANTRY AND THE MARINES WERE EACH CREDITED WITH 15 VC KILLED. ARTILLERY ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER

EIGHT VC KIA, WHILE GUNSHIPS CLAIMED SIX AND THE AIR FORCE TWO. ARMY ELEMENTS ALSO DETAINED 65 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS, SOME OF WHICH WERE CONSIDERED LIKELY VC.

THREE NAVYMEN WERE INJURED AT 1645 WHEN THEIR FLAMETHROWER RECEIVED A ROCKET HIT IN THE COXSWAIN'S FLAT. ZIPPO 111-7 WAS MOVING IN TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT TO THE MARINES WHEN THE ENEMY UNLEASHED THEIR ATTACK FROM A DENSE WOODLINE. ALL THREE CREWMEN WERE MED EVAC'ED, ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE WAS REPORTED TO BE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

MOST BOATS RETURNED TO THE MRB EARLY IN THE EVENING, WITH A TOTAL OF 20 UNITS LEFT AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER SUPPORT TO UNITS. IN THE FIELD.

THE MRF WAS VISITED TUESDAY BY GENERAL WILLIAM WESTMORELAND, MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMANDER VIETNAM, HE WAS BRIEFED ON PAST AND PROPOSED MRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SALZER AND LCOL CONLIN, USMC, ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER 2ND BRIGADE, OTHERS ATTENDING THE BRIEFING WERE MAJOR GENERAL HAY, COMMANDER, II FIELD FORCES VIETNAM, MAJOR GENERAL EWELL, COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION AND BRIGADIER GENERAL KNOWLTON, ASST DIV COMMANDER 9TH INF DIV.

REAR ADMIRAL NORBERT G. WARD, COMMANDER SERVICE GROUP 3, ARRIVED

TUESDAY AND REMAINED OVERNIGHT ON THE ASKARI AS PART OF AN ORIENTATION VISIT TO THAT SERVICE FORCE SHIP

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THIRTEEN MORE VIET CONG BODIES WERE DISCOVERED WEDNESDAY DURING A SWEEP THROUGH TUESDAY'S AREA OF HEAVY CONTACT IN THE GIAO DUC DISTRICT OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

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THE ADDITIONAL VC KIA RAISED THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO-DAY OPERATION TO 59. THERE WAS ONLY ONE FRIENDLY CASUALTY WEDNESDAY--A VIETNAMESE MARINE WHO RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS AT 1240 IN THE DAY'S ONLY INSTANCE OF HOSTILE FIRE.

TOTAL ALLIED CASUALTIES FOR THE TWO DAYS WERE FIVE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED. FOUR OF THE FATALITIES AND 27 OF THE WIA WERE VIETNAMESE MARINES WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SOME OF TUESDAY'S HEAVIEST FIGHTING.

THE US TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED BEFORE NOON ON WEDNESDAY AND

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RETURNED TO THE MRS SY 1430 ASOARD BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91
AND 112. THE VIETNAMESE MARINES REMAINED IN THE AC UNTIL 1400
WHEN THEY WERE LOADED ABOARD ATC'S OF RIV DIV 111 FOR THE
RETURN TRIP TO THEIR BASE AT DONG TAM.

A SWIMMER AND A SUSPICIOUS LIGHT IN THE WATER WERE REPORTED IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING BY SENTRIES ON THE TOM GREEN COUNTY.

AT 0245, A LOOKOUT SPOTTED A SWIMMER WITH FACE MASK ON THE SURFACE ABOUT 10 YARDS OFF THE STARBOARD QUARTER. THE SENTRY FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS WITH HIS M-1 RIFLE, AND THE SWIMMER APPEARED TO HIDE UNDER A BOSTON WHALER MOORED. AFT OF THE PONTOONS. BID PATROLS MOVED IN AND DROPPED CONCUSSION GRENADES IN THE AREA, BUT NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF THE SWIMMER WAS FOUND.

ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR LATER AT 0315, TWO OTHER TOM GREEN COUNTY PERSONNEL SIGHTED A SMALL LIGHT BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE WATER ABOUT 45 YARDS OFF THE STARBOARD QUARTER. THE LIGHT BLINKED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE GOING OUT AS BID PATROLS MOVED IN TO INVESTIGATE. THEY FOUND NOTHING SUSPICIOUS, AND A THOROUGH HULL INSPECTION IN THE MORNING ALSO YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE MRS DEPARTED THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE AT 1500 FOR THE

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THE MRF WAS VISITED THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY LT. GENERAL LEVIS WALT, FORMER COMMANDER OF MARINE FORCES IN VIETNAM, AND NOW THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS.

DURING HIS ONE-HOUR VISIT, THE MARINE GENERAL WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SALZER AND COLONEL DAVID.

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A ONE-COMPANY OPERATION ON THE SOUTH BANK & KILOMETERS EAST OF THE MRB RESULTED IN FIVE DETAINEES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF 40 BUNKERS FRIDAY MORNING.

ALPHA COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY WAS TINSERTED AT 0510 BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 IN RESPONSE TO CONTACT MADE IN THE SAME AREA BY A PLATOON-SIZE ELEMENT THURSDAY NIGHT.

AT 2000 THURSDAY, THE ALPHA COMPANY PLATOON HAD RECEIVED SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADE FIRE AS THEY WERE BEING BACKLOADED ABOARD AN ATC. FINAL RESULTS OF THE OPERATION WERE TWO U.S. PERSONNEL INJURED, ONE FROM: FRAGMENT WOUNDS AND ANOTHER WHO BROKE HIS LEG WHILE TRYING TO EVADE SNIPER FIRE.

THE FULL COMPANY REPORTED NO CONTACT WHEN IT RETURNED TO SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA FRIDAY MORNING AND IT RETURNED TO THE MRB AT 1000.

MR. ROBERT JORDAN, A SENIOR EDITOR FOR THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, VISITED THE MRF PRIDAY IN REGARD TO A STORY THE MAGAZINE IS DOING ABOUT ARMY OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE WAS BRIEFED ABOUT MRF OPERATIONS AND OBSERVED A MONITOR AND ATC'S FIRING THIER VARIOUS WEAPONS DURING TARGET PRACTICE ON THE SOUTH BANK, HE IS SPENDING THE NIGHT ON BENEWAH AND WILL LEAVE TOMORROW MORNING.

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WO CONTACT WAS REPORTED SATURDAY BY MRF FORCES SWEEPING THROUGH THE CAM SON AREA OF DINH TOUNG PROVINCE.

THE ONLY TANGIBLE RESULTS OF THE FIRST DAY OF OPERATIONS INVOLVING BOTH U. ST BATTALIONS AND THE VIETNAMESE MARINES

WERE 16 DETAINEES AND 26 BUNKERS DESTROYED.

THE MARINES WERE INSERTED BY RIVER DIVISION 111 BOATS AT ATS A CM THE RACH BA RAI JUST ABOVE SMOOPY'S NOSE, AND 4/47 IPPANTRY WAS BEACHED MINUTES LATER BY RIV DIV 91 CRAFT ON THE RACH CAI BE SEVEN MILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF THE MARINE INSERTION POINT. THE TWO BATTALIONS SWEFT TOWARD EACH OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY WITH NEITHER INVOLVED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ACTION.

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THREE COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY REMAINED ABOARD BOATS OF RIV DIV 112 AS A READY REACTION FORCE UNTIL 1410 WHEN THEY WERE INSERTED EAST OF THE MARINE POSITIONS ON THE RACH TRA TAN.

THE CALY TWO CASUALTIES OF THE DAY WERE FROM NON-HOSTILE ACTION. AN INFANTRYMAN FROM ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 WAS SITTEN BY A SNAKE JUST AFTER GOING ASHORE, AND A CREW MENBER OF ASFB 91-7 SUFFERED SEVERE BRUISES DURING A FALL LATER IN THE MORNING.

MOST OF THE POATS REMAINED AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE ON THE SONG TIEN GIANG THURSDAY NIGHT, ALTHOUGH SIX UNITS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 AND ALL DIVISION 111 CRAFT STAYED WITHIN DEFENSIVE HERIMETERS OF THE VIETNAMESE MARINES ON THE RACH BA RAI WORTH OF SMOOPY'S MOSE. Ţ,

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GROUND FORCES REPORTED A RELATIVEL QUIET DAY SUNDAY, BUT NAVAL ELEMENTS WERE INVOLVED IN MIREE DIFFERENT SKIRMISHES IN ENTCH A TOTAL OF 13 WERE WOUNDED.

THE AMBUSHES OCCURED DURING THE MORNING AS ASSAULT CRAFT WERE VITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM THE CAM SON AREA AND INSERTING THEM IN THE BAN LONG DISTRICT JUSTIMEST-NORTHWEST OF THE MRB.

ELVEN PERSONNEL OF RIVER DIVISION III WERE WOUNDED IN THE DAY'S SEVEREST ATTACK AT 1145, EME BOATS WERE STRAFED WITH ROCKET, RECOLLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS JUST AS THEY TURNED OFF THE SONG MY THO AND BEGAN MOVING NORTH UP THE SONG MAI SEVEN KILOMETERS WEST OF THE MRB.

THE SOATS TOOK AT LEAST FIVE A-46 ROCKET HITS, AND FIVE

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CRAFT RECEIVED MODERATE DAMAGE, INCLUDING MONITOR 111-2 AND
ATC'S 111-1, 111-4, 111-8 AND 91-10. THE BOATS RETURNED
FIRE WITH ALL WEAPONS INCLUDING FLAMETHROWER AND COMPLETELY
SCOURED THE ENEMY POSITIONS IN SUPPRESSING THE HOSTILE FIRE.

THE MONITOR. NONE OF THE WOUNDED WAS CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY INJURED. FIVE RETURNED TO DUTY IMMEDIATELY, AND THE OTHER SIX

VERE MEDEVAC'ED TO THE COLLETON.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION S2 OPERATING WITH DIVISION 112
WERE INVOLVED IN THE DAY'S FIRST INCIDENT AT 8918. TWO-THIRDS
OF THE COLUMN OF BOATS HAD CLEARED THE RACH TRA TAM AND WAS
ON THE SONG NAM THON WHEN THE REAR ELEMENTS WERE ASSAILED
ENON BOTH BANKS WITH ROCKET, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADE
TIRE. MONITOR 92-2, STATIONED AT THE END OF THE COLUMN,
PLITZED THE ENEMY POSTIONS WITH ALL HER WEAPONS TO SUPPRESS THE
TWENT ATTACK, ATG 92-7 WAS STRUCK WITH A 5-40 HOCKET ROUND AND
SEVERAL OTHER BOATS WERE HIT WITH SMALLER WEAPONS, BUT THERE
WAS ONLY ONE MINOR CASUALLY -- A CREW MEMBER ABOARD
ASPORTED.

IN A THIRD CLASH AT 1130, BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE

AND ANGUSTED WITH B-40 ROCKEL. AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FROM THE EAST SANK OF THE RACH BA BALLOW SHOOPY'S NOSE. A CREW MEMBER OF TONITON SI-I RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE IN THE ATTACK, BUT FORTUNATELY, ALL ROCKET ROUNDS WERE WIDE OF THEIR LARGET. A TEAM OF SEAWOLVES AND THE FIREPOWER OF THE BOATS CONGINED TO SILENCE THE ENERY WEAPONS.

MATT OF THE ASSAULT BOATS RETURNED TO MRE SUNDAY MIGHT, WRILE OTHERS REMAINED AL A FIRE SUPPORT BASE ON THE BORTH BANK OF THE SONE MY THO, 18 KILOMETERS WEST OF THE MRB. BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 REMAINED ON THE SONG SAM GIANG

SUPPORTING A/A7 INFANTRY.

THE TWO ARMY CAITALIONS AND THE VIETNAMESE MARINES ALL

HAD NO CONTACT DURING THE DAY AND EARLY EVENING, ALTHOUGH THREE

ARMY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED BY BOHEY, TRAPS. THIRTY-ONE BUNKERS

WERE REPORTED DESIROYED, AND IND ENEMY WEAPONS AND FOUR A-AN

ROCKETS WERE DISCOVERED BY 3/47 INFANTRY. TWO POW'S WERE

TAKEN BY 4/47 INFANTRY.

THE CITY OF MY THO RECEIVED 20 ST MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE BETWEEN 2245 AND 2300 SATURDAY. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE IN THE INCIDENT.

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GROUND FORCES HAD ANOTHER QUIET DAY MONDAY IN OPERATIONS IN THE

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BAN LONG DISTRICT OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

ONE BURST OF ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS THE SUM TOTAL OF HOSTILE CONTACT. ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SEVERAL SIGHTINGS OF SMALL GROUPS OF SUSPECTED VC.

THE TWO U. S. ARMY BATTALIONS REMAINED IN THE AC MONDAY NIGHT. WHILE THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE BACKLOADED AND RETURNED TO DONG TAM AT 1530 BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION III. THE ONLY CASUALTY OF THE DAY WAS A MARINE WHO STEPPED IN A PUNJI PIT.

THE 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALION AND BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 CONTINUED OPERATIONS 7 KILOMETERS MORTHWEST OF THE MRB ALONG THE SONG SAM GIANG. THE THREE CONPANIES OF 3/47 WERE BACKLOADED WORTH

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THE TWO ARMY BATTALIONS DETAINED FIVE VIETNAMESE AND DESTROYED 189 BUNKERS DURING THEIR SWEEPS.

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THE EXPLOSION OF A BOOBY TRAP MARRED AN OTHERWISE QUIET DAY TUESDAY AS THE TWO ARMY BATTALIONS COMPLETED THEIR SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL DINH THONG PROVINCE.

ONE MAN FROM ALPHA COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY WAS KILLED AND THREE WERE INJURED WHEN A CLAYMORE-TYPE MINE WAS TRIPPED AT 1200H. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED LESS THAN TWO HOURS BEFORE THE THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 WERE BACKLOADED BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 FOR RETURN TO THE MRB.

THE ONLY OTHER CONTACT REPORTED TUESDAY WAS AN EXCHANGE OF SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AT 0930 IN WHICH THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY OR ENEMY CASUALTIES.

ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY CLOSED THE MRB AT 1130 AFTER

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THE MRF WAS VISITED TUESDAY BY NAVY: CAPTAIN R.K. BARTON AND ARMY COLONEL J.A. SHEEDY, BOTH ATTACHED TO THE MACV MEDICAL STAFF. DURING THEIR VISIT, THEY CONDUCTED A FAMILIARIZATION INSPECTION OF THE MEDICAL FACILITIES ON THE COLLETON AND BENEWAH.

A BUPERS FIELD TEAM CONSISTING OF CDR A.M. OSBORNE, LCDR G.F. NOTTOLI (EPDOPAC REP), AND LT J.P. JACKSON VISITED TF 117 ON 29-30 APRIL. DURING THEIR VISIT THEY DISCUSSED PERSONNEL MANNING PROBLEMS FOR UNITS OF THE FORCE, PROGRAM FIVE MANNING, MET WITH JUNIOR OFFICERS TO DISCUSS RETENTION OPPORTUNITIES, AND MET WITH CLERICAL PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS SEAVEY, EARLY OUTS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS.

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