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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 03-01

SHIPS OF THE NRB CAME UNDER HEAVY ATTACK FROM THE SOUTH BANK EARLY TUESDAY MORNING, BUT DESPITE THE HEAVY ATTACK, THERE WERE NO HITS AND NO CASUALTIES.

AN ESTIMATED 25 ROUNDS WERE REPORTED BEING LAUNCHED BY 0215, AND THE COLLECTOR, APL, TCM, AND ASKARI ALL REPORTED SEVERAL NEAR MISSES, BUT WITH NO LAUNCHES JUST MINUTES AFTER DONG TAN WAS HIT BY THE FIRST OF FIVE MORTAR AND RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACKS.

THE SHIPS RETURNED FIRE WITH 40MM, 3" GUNS, AND MACHINE GUNS, AND A LIGHT HELD FIRE TEAM STOPPED THE ENEMY POSITIONS.

AT DONG TAN, SIX PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED IN THE SERIES OF ATTACKS, WHICH INCLUDED 100 MM MORTAR ROCKETS AND 75 MM

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RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE.

THE COMMANDER NAVAL FORCES VIETNAM HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM VICE ADMIRAL CHARLES K. DUNCAN USN, CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL, WHO VISITED TF 147 ON 18 APRIL. "IN MY NECESSARY BRIEF TRIP TO NAVAL UNITS IN VIETNAM, I WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE COMPETENCE, QUALITY, ENTHUSIASM AND SPIRIT OF OUR NAVY MEN THERE. PLEASE EXPRESS FOR ME TO THE COMMANDERS MY CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO DO THE NAVY'S PART IN WINNING AND BRINGING PEACE - AND OF MY CONTINUING PERSONAL CONCERN FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL."

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-02
THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED THURSDAY BY EITHER
THE ARMY OR THE MARINES IN THE THREE BATTALION RECONNAISSANCE-IN-
FORCE OPERATIONS SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE. THE VIETNAMESE MARINES
WERE LANDED AT THEIR OBJECTIVE BEACHES AT 0825 BY ASSAULT CRAFT
OF RIVER DIVISION 111, AND 35 MINUTES LATER 4/47 INFANTRY WAS
INSERTED BY BOATS OF RIV DIV 91. RIVER DIVISION 112 TRANSPORTED
3/47 INFANTRY TO A FIRE SUPPORT BASE FROM WHERE THEY WERE AIRLIFTED
INTO THE AO.
DURING THE DAY'S SWEEPS, 31 VIETNAMESE WERE DETAINED AND EIGHT
BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED.
ALL SHIPS IN THE MRB TRANSITED FROM DONG TAM TO AN ANCHORAGE NEAR
BEN TRE. THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND TIME THAT THE MRB HAS TRANSITED

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THE SONG HAM LUONG. THE PREVIOUS TIME WAS ON JANUARY 25-26 WHEN
THE SHIPS ANCHORED OVERNIGHT AT THE PRESENT LOCATION.
THE SITUATION REMAINS TENSE WITH MRF ELEMENTS OPERATING IN I
CORPS. SIX NAVY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED WEDNESDAY NIGHT WHEN
THE SUPPLY DEPOT AT CUA VIET RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 60 ROUNDS OF
ARTILLERY FIRE BETWEEN 2310 AND 2330. MINOR DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED ON
THREE ATC'S AN LCM-8, AN AMMI BARGE AND A PERSONNEL BUNKER.
THERE APPARENTLY WERE NO CREW MEMBERS OF THE ASSAULT BOATS WOUNDED.
ON TUESDAY, THE BOATS WERE ESCORTING A CONVOY OF LOGISTICS
CRAFT ON THE CUA VIET RIVER WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED WITH ROCKET,
RECOILLESS RIFLE AND HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE. ATC 112-13 RECEIVED
SEVERAL NEAR MISSES. NAVY LCU SUSTAINED A DIRECT HIT IN THE PORT
SIDE OF A JUN TUB, RESULTING IN THREE NAVYMEN KILLED AND SIX
WOUNDED. THE ATTACK WAS ONE OF THE MOST SEVERE SINCE THE MRF UNITS
BEGAN OPERATING JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ IN EARLY MARCH.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 25-23

OPERATIONS SOUTHWEST OF BEN TRE WERE CONCLUDED AT NOON FRIDAY AFTER CONTINUED SWEEPS DURING THE MORNING PRODUCED NO CONTACT.

THE TWO ARMY BATTALIONS WERE RETURNED TO THE MRB BY 1500, WHILE THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE LANDED AT 1545 AT A BIVOUVAC SITE ON THE EAST BANK OF THE HAM LUONG OPPOSITE THE MRB.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE 28-HOUR OPERATION WERE ONE VC KILLED IN ACTION AND 38 SUSPICIOUS VIETNAMESE DETAINED.

UDT AND HARBOR CLEARANCE UNIT TEAMS DESTROYED A BRIDGE ON THE RACH MO CAY SOUTH OF THE MRB FRIDAY THAT WOULD HAVE INTERFERRED WITH FUTURE TRANSITS OF THE RIVER BY ASSAULT BOATS.

UNITS OPERATING IN I CORPS CONTINUED TO RECEIVE STEADY

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HARASSING ARTILLERY FIRE FRIDAY. THE NORTH VIETNAMESE GUNS DROPPED SHELLS ON THE CUA VIET SUPPLY DEPOT AT RANDOM INTERVALS FROM 2315 UNTIL 0512 FRIDAY MORNING.

IT WAS ALSO LEARNED FRIDAY THAT LT. J. R. NELSON, COMMANDER RIVER DIVISION 112, RECEIVED MULTIPLE FRAGMENT WOUNDS OF THE FACE WHEN MONITOR 111-2 WAS ATTACKED WITH SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHILE SUPPORTING A MARINE OPERATION ON WEDNESDAY. LT. NELSON, WHO WAS THE ONLY CASUALTY OF THE ATTACK, WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

THREE OTHER PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO RIVER DIVISION 112 ATC'S WERE WOUNDED IN A 20-MINUTE ARTILLERY ATTACK WEDNESDAY NIGHT. TWO WERE EVACUATED TO MEDICAL FACILITIES AT DONG HA WHERE THEY WERE REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION, WHILE THE THIRD WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

THE MRB WAS VISITED FRIDAY BY ADMIRAL JOHN J. KYLAND, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. PACIFIC FLEET, WHO ATE LUNCH WITH COMMODORE SALZER AND RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRB OPERATIONS. THE FOUR-STAR ADMIRAL ALSO PRESENTED AWARDS TO FIVE FLOTILLA PERSONNEL. THOSE RECEIVING AWARDS INCLUDE BMT VERNON M. WARE OF RIVER ASSAULT DIVISION 111, THE SILVER STAR; BMT THOMAS A. PATTERSON, RIVER

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DIVISION III, THE BRONZE STAR AND THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL;
LT. THOMAS W. ZIEGLER, THE FLOTILLA MEDICAL OFFICER, THE BRONZE
STAR; BO2 GEORGE L. GADSEN, RIVER DIVISION III, THE NAVY
COMMENDATION MEDAL; AND BM3 DAVID L. MICHALETZ, RIV DIV
III, ALSO THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 05-05

A BOOBY TRAP CONSISTING OF A CHINESE COMMUNIST GRENADE INJURED
 THREE ARMY PERSONNEL IN THE ONLY INCIDENT REPORTED SUNDAY BY ALPHA
 AND BRAVO COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY OPERATING ON THE SOUTH
 BANK OF THE SONG MY THO OPPOSITE THOI SON ISLAND.
 BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 112 INSERTED BRAVO COMPANY AT 1225,
 REPLACING ECHO COMPANY 3/47 WHICH WAS EXTRACTED FOR RETURN TO THE
 MRB.

A TOTAL OF FIVE VIETNAMESE WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION CARDS WERE
 DETAINED AND THREE DUD 105MM ROUNDS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE ONLY
 SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF THE TWO COMPANY OPERATION.
 OTHER MRB ELEMENTS REMAINED IN A STATE OF MAXIMUM READINESS
 SUNDAY IN RESPONSE TO A WAVE OF HARRASSING ATTACKS THROUGHOUT

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THE DELTA SATURDAY NIGHT. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT GROUND
 ACTION, A NUMBER OF CITIES REPORTED RECEIVING HEAVY MORTAR FIRE,
 INCLUDING MY THO, VINH LONG, CAN THO, TAN AN AND NHA BE.
 IN THE FIRST ACTUAL RELOCATION OF MRB FORCES, ONE INFANTRY COMPANY
 AND AN ARTILLERY BATTERY WERE DISPATCHED TO THE CAI BE-CAI LAY AREA
 TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY TO THOSE TWO CITIES. ALPHA COMPANY
 OF 4-47 INFANTRY WAS AIRLIFTED TO A LOCATION NORTH OF CAI BE AT 1700,
 WHILE THE ARTILLERY OF ALPHA BATTERY 3-34 DEPARTED THE MRB AT 1700.
 THEY WERE BEING ESCORTED TO A FIRE SUPPORT BASE NEAR CAI BE BY
 THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER AND FOUR BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92.
 A CREW MEMBER OF MONITOR 111-2 IS MISSING AND PRESUMED DROWNED AFTER
 HE FELL OFF THE TOM GREEN COUNTY PONTOONS AT 1700 SATURDAY. AN
 INTENSIVE SEARCH OF THE MRB ANCHORAGE AREA WAS LAUNCHED IMMEDIATELY,
 BUT PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 35-26

ALPHA AND BRAVO COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY RETURNED TO THE MRF MONDAY MORNING TO END A THREE-DAY, TWO COMPANY OPERATION ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MY THU OPPOSITE THOI SON ISLAND.

THERE WAS NO CONTACT REPORTED ON EITHER OF THE THREE DAYS.

OTHER MRF UNITS REMAINED IN A STAND-BY STATUS AWAITING POSSIBLE EMERGENCY DEPLOYMENT IN THE FACE OF CONTINUING HARASSMENT THROUGHOUT THE DELTA. AMONG THE CITIES MORTARED SUNDAY NIGHT WERE VINH KIM, NHA BE, BEN TRE AND CAI LAY.

ALPHA COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY AND ALPHA BATTERY OF 3/34 ARTILLERY WERE BOTH RUSHED TO THE CAI BE-CAI LAY AREA SUNDAY NIGHT IN RESPONSE TO THREATENED GROUND ATTACKS THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

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ONE MAN WAS WOUNDED AT DONG TAM MONDAY MORNING AS THE ARMY BASE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 77 ROUNDS OF 32 AND 120 MM MORTAR IN A SERIES OF ATTACKS BETWEEN 2315 AND 0330.

A BODY BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF BMS C.L. PERRY OF MONITOR 111-2 WAS FOUND IN THE VICINITY OF APL-26 MONDAY AFTERNOON. THE BODY WAS FLOWN TO SAIGON WHERE IT WAS TO BE COMPARED WITH MEDICAL RECORDS OF PERRY, WHO FELL OFF THE TOM GREEN COUNTY PONTOON SATURDAY NIGHT.

THE MRF WAS VISITED MONDAY BY WING COMMANDER R.H. MARTIN OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE AND TWO OTHER RANKING OFFICERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES. THEY WERE BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS AND EXAMINED THE RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAH PONTOONS.

AN AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD ON THE BENEWAH PONTOON AT 1600. COMMODORE SALZER AWARDED 33 PURPLE HEARTS TO MEN WHO HAD BEEN WOUNDED IN RECENT ACTIONS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-07

AN UNEVENTFUL DAY WAS REPORTED TUESDAY BY ALL THREE MRF BATTALIONS ENGAGED IN SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATIONS IN THE GIAO DUC DISTRICT OF WESTERN DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

RESULTS OF THE OPERATION, IN WHICH THERE WAS NO CONTACT, WERE ONE PRISONER OF WAR, 19 DETAINEES AND ONE CAPTURED WEAPON.

THE VIETNAMESE MARINES AND 4/47 INFANTRY DEPARTED THE DONG TAM ANCHORAGE EARLY IN THE MORNING ABOARD ASSAULT CRAFT OF FIVE DIVISION 111 AND 91. THE MARINES WERE INSERTED AT 0810 ALONG THE TPEACHEROUS RACH RUONG, WHILE 4/47 INFANTRY WAS LANDED SOUTHWEST OF THE MARINE POSITIONS ON THE RACH DAO AT 0835.

THE OTHER U.S. BATTALION, 3/47 INFANTRY, REMAINED ABOARD SHIPS OF THE MRF AS THEY GOT UNDERWAY AT 0615 TO TRANSIT THE SONG TIEN

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GIANG TO THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE. UPON ARRIVAL AT 1015, THREE COMPANIES WERE LOADED ABOARD ASSAULT CRAFT, AND CHARLEY AND ECHO COMPANIES REACHED SOUTH OF THE OTHER MRF ELEMENTS AT 1320.

THE ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR BRAVO COMPANY OF 3/47 TO BEACH IN THE SAME AREA, BUT REPORTS OF HEIGHTENED VC ACTIVITY IN THE DONG TAM-MY THO-BEN TRE AREA PROMPTED ITS IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT BACK TO DONG TAM. CSO RIVER ASSAULT DIVISION 112 AND AN EIGHT BOAT TASK ELEMENT WITH BRAVO COMPANY EMBARKED DEPARTED THE AO AT 1400 AND WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN DONG TAM ABOUT 2100.

WHEN NO CONTACT HAD DEVELOPED IN THE AO BY MID-AFTERNOON, IT WAS DECIDED TO WITHDRAW THE TWO U.S. BATTALIONS TO THE MRF AND THE VIETNAMESE MARINES TO A BASE CAMP WEST OF VINH LONG.

HOWEVER, NO SOONER HAD THE REMAINING ELEMENTS OF 3/47 CLOSED THE MRF THAN THEY WERE PLACED ON ALERT FOR AN EMERGENCY MOVEMENT TO BEN TRE, WHICH WAS REPORTED TO BE THREATENED BY A MAJOR ENEMY ATTACK.

DONG TAM RECEIVED ANOTHER NIGHT-LONG SERIES OF MORTAR ATTACKS MONDAY EVENING AND TUESDAY MORNING AND EVEN REPORTED A FLURRY OF INCOMING ROUNDS AT 1900 TUESDAY. A TOTAL OF 63 ROUNDS WERE COUNTED DURING THE NIGHT WITH TWO KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED AS A

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RESULT OF THE ATTACK. THE MRB SET DEFOON ONE AT 0340 WHEN ONE OF THE ROUNDS INTENDED FOR DONG TAM FELL SHORT AND EXPLODED 15 YARDS OFF THE PORT QUARTER OF THE BENEMAH.

TWENTY-FOUR PERSONNEL OF ALPHA COMPANY, 4/47 INFANTRY, WERE INJURED IN CAI RE MONDAY NIGHT AS THEY WERE ATTEMPTING TO LINK UP WITH 3/34 ARTILLERY SOUTH OF THE CITY. TEN WERE WOUNDED WHEN A GRENADE WAS TOSSED INTO A CLUSTER OF THE INFANTRYMEN, WHILE THE OTHER 14 WERE INJURED IN THE EXPLOSION OF A COMMAND DETONATED MINE.

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NONE OF THE MEN WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE ATTACK WHICH TOOK PLACE AT VIRTUALLY THE SAME LOCATION WHERE THREE CTF 117 PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 38 WOUNDED ON APRIL 4.

IN THE FIRST ASSAULT AT 1330, MONITORS 91-1 AND 91-2 AND ASPBS 91-3 AND 91-6 WERE HIT WITH ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM THE SOUTH BANK. SIX PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED AND ALL FOUR BOATS SUFFERED MODERATE TO HEAVY DAMAGE WHICH REQUIRED THEIR RETURN TO THE ASKARI FOR REPAIRS. AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK, THE MONITORS AND ASPBS WERE ESCORTING THREE ATCS WHICH WERE MOVING IN TO INSERT CHARLEY COMPANY OF 4/47

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SIX OF THE WOUNDED MEN WERE MEDEVAC'ED BY ARMY HELO.

ABOUT ONE HOUR LATER, AT 1450, THE BOATS WERE ASSAILED WITH RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IN A LESS SEVERE ATTACK AT THE SAME LOCATION. THE FIRE WAS AGAIN SUPPRESSED, UT FOUR PERSONNEL RECEIVED MINOR FRAGMENT WOUNDS AND MONITOR 91-3 AND FLAME THROWER 92-7 SUSTAINED LIGHT DAMAGE. ALL FOUR PERSONNEL REMAINED ON DUTY.

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THE VIETNAMESE MARINES AND 4/47 INFANTRY GOT UNDERWAY FROM THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE EARLY IN THE MORNING AND WERE LANDED NEAR THE CROSSROADS IN THE KINH GIAO HOA BETWEEN 0845 AND 0930.

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THE MRF WAS REDUCED TO A TWO-BATTALION FORCE AGAIN THURSDAY WHEN THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE SUDDENLY DIRECTED TO RETURN TO THE SAIGON AREA.

BOATS OF RIVER ASSAULT DIVISION 111 BACKLOADED THE MARINES AT 0955 AND TRANSPORTED THEM TO DONG TAM WHERE THEY WERE UNLOADED AT 1200.

ELEMENTS OF THE TWO U.S. BATTALIONS REPORTED LIGHT CONTACT THURSDAY AS THEY CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE SOUTH OF MY THO. A TOTAL OF FIVE VC WERE REPORTED KIA, THREE FROM ARTILLERY FIRE THE PREVIOUS DAY AND ONE EACH BY THE TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS. TWO ENEMY WEAPONS AND SEVERAL SMALL AMMO CACHES WERE ALSO SEIZED. ONE U.S. INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND SIX OTHERS WERE WOUNDED BY

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SNIPERS THURSDAY. ANOTHER MAN WAS KILLED BY THE BLAST FROM HIS OWN HAND GRENADE EARLY IN THE EVENING.

NAVY ELEMENTS REPORTED A QUIET DAY IN THE AO, BUT A CREW MEMBER OF FLAMETHROWER 111-7 WAS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT AND KILLED THURSDAY AFTERNOON WHILE HIS BOAT WAS TIED UP ALONGSIDE THE ASKARI. BMS ROY A. COX WAS STRUCK IN THE HEAD BY A .32 CALIBER ROUND THAT WAS ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED FROM A MOUNT ON ANOTHER BOAT.

THE MRF MOVED FIVE KILOMETERS UP RIVER THURSDAY NIGHT TO A NEW ANCHORAGE FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF MY THO.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-10

THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 INFANTRY STAYED IN MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT ALL DAY FRIDAY IN OPERATIONS SEVERAL KILOMETERS INLAND FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MY THO OPPOSITE THOI SON ISLAND.

THE FIRST HOSTILE FIRE WAS REPORTED AT 0842 BY BRAVO COMPANY 4/47 AS IT CONTINUED SWEEPING WEST FROM ITS NIGHT POSITIONS NORTH OF THE BA LAI RIVER. THE STEADY ENEMY FIRE CONTINUED ALL DAY AND WAS OF SUCH INTENSITY DURING THE AFTERNOON THAT A DUSTOFF HELICOPTER WAS DRIVEN OFF BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WHEN IT FIRST TRIED TO LAND.

SOME OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING WITH THE VC FORCE ESTIMATED AT BETTER THAN COMPANY SIZE OCCURRED AFTER 1700 AS THE SECOND PLATOON OF CHARLEY COMPANY 4/47 WAS PINNED DOWN BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE. DURING THE NEXT THREE HOURS, ALL THREE COMPANIES WERE PINNED DOWN AT LEAST ONCE IN HEAVY CROSSFIRE AS CONTACT CONTINUED AFTER DARKNESS.

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TWO COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE ALSO OPERATING NORTH OF THE 4/47 POSITIONS BUT THEY BOTH REPORTED A QUIET DAY.

ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR ALL TROOPS TO BE BACKLOADED IN MID-AFTERNOON, BUT, AS THE CONTACT CONTINUED, THE OPERATION WAS EXTENDED INDEFINITELY. AS OF 2045 FRIDAY, FIVE VC HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE FIGHTING. ONE U. S. INFANTRYMAN HAD BEEN KILLED AND 16 OTHERS WOUNDED.

THE MRB DEPARTED THE MY THO ANCHORAGE AT 1825 WITH THE BENEWAN THE LAST SHIP TO ANCHOR AT DONG TAM AT 2040.

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FIVE MORE VC WERE KILLED SATURDAY IN SEVERAL ISOLATED INSTANCES OF CONTACT AS ARMY ELEMENTS COMPLETED THEIR SWEEP WEST THROUGH THE TRUC GIANG AND HAM LONG DISTRICTS OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

THE TWO COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY AND THREE COMPANIES OF 4-47 INFANTRY WERE EXTRACTED BETWEEN 1320 AND 1400 ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MY RHO OPPOSITE THOI SON ISLAND.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE FOUR-DAY OPERATION WERE 20 VIET CONG KIA, 33 SUSPICIOUS VIETNAMESE DETAINED AND SIX WEAPONS CAPTURED. THREE U.S. PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 41 WERE WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 25-12

RIVER ASSAULT DIVISION 111 ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY SUNDAY FOR SUPPORT OF 3/47 INFANTRY, RELIEVING RIVER DIVISION 112 WHICH WILL NOW BEGIN SUPPORTING ARMY ARTILLERY ELEMENTS.

RIV DIV 111 HAD BEEN SUPPORTING THE 2ND BATTALION OF THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WHICH WAS SUDDENLY RECALLED TO SAIGON LAST WEEK.

THE MRF WAS VISITED SUNDAY BY MAJOR GENERAL COFFIN, DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE ARMY'S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. HE WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS BY CAPTAIN ALLEN AND LT. COLONEL CONLIN AND WAS GIVEN AN ORIENTATION RIDE INTO DONG TAM ON AN ASPB.

ANOTHER VISITOR TO THE MRF SUNDAY WAS MR. BONNER DAY, A MILITARY CORRESPONDENT FROM U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 05-13

AN ARMY ENLISTED MAN FELL OVERBOARD FROM AN ASPB ALONGSIDE THE COLLETON AT 2230 SUNDAY AND IS PRESUMED DROWNED AFTER AN INTENSIVE SEARCH YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

A PLATOON LEADER ATTACHED TO BRAVO COMPANY 3/47 INFANTRY WAS KILLED BY A SNIPER'S BULLET MONDAY MORNING AS HIS UNIT WAS HELPING DEFEND THE VILLAGE HAMLET OF VINH KIM NORTHEAST OF DONG TAM. TWO VC WERE KILLED AND TWO AK-47'S WERE CAPTURED IN THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE.

A CREWMAN OF ASPB 112-2 RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES MONDAY MORNING WHEN A SHELL COOKED OFF IN HIS 20MM MOUNT DURING FIRING EXERCISES ON THE SOUTH BANK.

MAJOR GENERAL G. B. PRICKETT, VICE-DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, VISITED THE MRF FOR A BRIEFING ON THE FORCE'S OPERATIONS MONDAY.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 35-14

NRF ELEMENTS REPORTED SEVERAL VC SIGHTINGS BUT LITTLE CONTACT TUESDAY DURING THE FIRST DAY OF OPERATION IN THE DON NOON AND MO CAY DISTRICTS OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE INVOLVED IN THE MOST HEATED ACTION OF THE DAY AS THEY WERE AMBUSHED TWICE WHILE TRANSITING THE NARROW RACH MO CAY ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE NRF ANCHORAGE.

THE FIRST ATTACK OCCURRED AT 0935 AS THE CRAFT WERE LEAVING THE STREAM AFTER HAVING INSERTED 4-47 INFANTRY. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE IN THE HEAVY BARRAGE OF SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE DIRECTED AT THE REAR ELEMENTS OF THE COLUMN. THE ENEMY FIRE WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED AS THE BOATS

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THOROUGHLY RAZED THE ENEMY POSITIONS.

SEVERAL OF THE RIV DIV 91 BOATS REENTERED THE STREAM IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON TO SUPPORT A BRIDGE REMOVAL PROJECT. WHEN THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED AND THE BOATS BEGAN MOVING OUT OF THE AREA THEY RECEIVED A SECOND HEAVY ATTACK FROM A POINT JUST WEST OF THE FIRST AMBUSH. WHEN THE BOATS RETURNED HEAVY SUPPRESSING FIRE WITH ALL WEAPONS, INCLUDING FLAMETHROWER, NUMEROUS VC WERE SPOTTED RUSHING FROM THE FIRE-ENGULFED BUNKERS. BOTH THE BOATS AND A LIGHT HELO FIRE TEAM COVERING THE TRANSIT OPENED UP ON THE FLEEING ENEMY, WITH THE NAVY CLAIMING THREE VC PROBABLE KIA.

FOUR OTHER VIET CONG KIA WERE CREDITED TO AN AIR FORCE STRIKE IN THE AREA, WHILE AN EIGHTH VC WAS REPORTED KILLED BY 4-47 INFANTRY.

AFTER BEING INSERTED AT 0815 AT BEACHES EIGHT KILOMETERS APART, THE TWO BATTALIONS SWEEP TOWARD EACH OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, ENCOUNTERING SEVERAL SIGNS OF VC ACTIVITY BUT NO ENEMY.

THE NRF DEPARTED THE DONG YAM ANCHORAGE AT 0615 AND ARRIVED AT BEN TRE ABOUT 1200.

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FORTY-SEVEN VIET CONG WERE KILLED WEDNESDAY IN A DAY-LONG BATTLE FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE KIEN HOA PROVINCE CITY OF MO CAY.

THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT AT 1335 SHORTLY AFTER ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY COMPLETED AN AIRLIFT INTO THE AO. WHEN THE GROUND FORCES BECAME ENGAGED WITH SMALL AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, 4/47 INFANTRY WAS AIRLIFTED TO A LANDING ZONE JUST WEST OF THE ENEMY POSITIONS.

THE TWO BATTALIONS CLOSED IN ON THE COMPANY-SIZE ELEMENT FOR THE REST OF DAY, CALLING IN 13 AIR STRIKES AND STEADY ARTILLERY FIRE.

LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, THE SECOND BRIGADE FORCES BEGAN SWEEPING ACROSS THE BATTLEFIELD, COUNTING NUMEROUS BODIES AND PICKING UP 13 ENEMY WEAPONS.

ARMY LOSSES IN THE HEAVY FIGHTING AS OF 1930 WERE SIX KILLED IN ACTION AND 13 WOUNDED. ANOTHER NINE WERE LISTED AS CASUALTIES OF

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HEAT EXHAUSTION.

GROUND FORCES ACCOUNTED FOR 43 OF THE VC KIA, WHILE AIR FORCE PLANES WERE CREDITED WITH THREE VC KILLED AND 55 BUNKERS DESTROYED.

THREE NAVYMEN WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED WEDNESDAY MORNING AS A RESULT OF AN EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH VC ELEMENTS WHICH AMBUSHED THE BOATS ALONG THE RACH MO CAY. THE BOATS WERE HIT AS THEY WERE ESCORTING A CONVOY CONSISTING OF FIVE VIETNAMESE RAG UNITS, 13 CIVILIAN CRAFT LOADED WITH FOOD AND BUILDING MATERIALS AND AN ARMY LCM-S CARRYING ARTILLERY AMMUNITION.

THE ATTACK OCCURRED AT THE SAME SPOT WHERE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE HIT TWICE ON TUESDAY.

ATC 112-2, OPERATING WITH TF 117 FORCES IN I CORPS, RECEIVED TWO RPG-7 HITS AT 0145 TUESDAY AS IT WAS ANCHORED IN THE CUA VIET RIVER. THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES IN THE ATTACK, EVEN THOUGH ONE OF THE ROUNDS EXPLODED IN THE ENGINE ROOM SPACES ON THE STARBOARD SIDE. THE SECOND ROUND ONLY PARTIALLY DETONATED AND LODGED ITSELF IN THE STYROFOAM BETWEEN THE BAR ARMOR AND HULL.

ATC 112-8 AND A PBR MOVED IN TO SUPPRESS THE HOSTILE FIRE WITH MACHINE-LAUNCHED 40MM GRENADES.

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ARMY ELEMENTS WERE INVOLVED IN ONLY ONE EXCHANGE OF FIRE
THURSDAY MORNING AS THEY COMPLETED A SWEEP THROUGH AN AREA
SOUTHWEST OF MO CAY AND WERE BACKLOADED BY RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT.

BOTH ARMY BATTALIONS CLOSED THE MRF BY 1130, AND THE
SHIPS GOT UNDERWAY 30 MINUTES LATER FOR THE THREE-HOUR TRANSIT
TO DONG TAM.

FORTY-EIGHT VIET CONG WERE KILLED AND 10 WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED
IN THE TWO-DAY OPERATION AS THE MRF SAW ITS FIRST SIGNIFICANT ACTION
OF THE MONTH. U.S. CASUALTIES WERE SIX KILLED AND 28 INJURED,
INCLUDING 11 FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES.

A THREE-MAN CAMERA CREW FROM CBS-TV AND A REPORTER FROM
UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL ARRIVED THURSDAY AFTERNOON TO COVER

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FRIDAY'S MRF OPERATION.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 25-17

ONLY ONE VIET CONG WERE KILLED FRIDAY IN A FOUR-HOUR SEARCH
AND SWEEP OPERATION IN THE THANH DUC DISTRICT OF LONG AN PROVINCE 12
MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON.

OPERATING WITH THE 3/39 AND 4/39 INFANTRY BATTALIONS OF THE 9TH
INFANTRY DIVISION'S 3RD BRIGADE, THE TWO MRF BATTALIONS WERE IN CONTACT
WITH SMALL GROUPS OF ENEMY SNIPERS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE INVOLVED IN THE HEAVIEST ACTION,
REPORTING **18** VIET CONG KILLED. VC KIA TOTALS FOR OTHER UNITS WERE
AIR FORCE 9, 4/47 INFANTRY 7, 3/39 INFANTRY 6, AND RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT 1.
U.S. CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING WERE SIX KILLED AND 21 WOUNDED, ALL
FROM THE SECOND BRIGADE.

IN ADDITION TO THE VC BODY COUNT, FIVE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE

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CAPTURED AND NINE WEAPONS SEIZED.

THE OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED AT 2100 THURSDAY WHEN ARTILLERY BARGES
ESCORTED BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 112 DEPARTED DONG TAM. THE TWO MRF
BATTALIONS EMBARKED ON BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111 LEFT DONG TAM
ABOUT THREE HOURS LATER BETWEEN 2330 AND 2345.

THE BOATS REPORTED A QUIET TRANSIT TO THE AO EXCEPT FOR THE ARTILLERY
ELEMENTS WHICH RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS OF RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE AT 2335
WHILE MOVING UP THE CHO GAO CANAL. THERE WERE NO HITS AND NO CASUALTIES
IN THE ATTACK.

THE ARTILLERY BARGES REACHED THE OBJECTIVE FIRE SUPPORT BASE AT 0430.
WHILE THE INFANTRY BATTALIONS WERE BEACHED ON TRIBUTARIES OF THE RACH
VANG AT 0800. THE BOATS RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE DURING THE
DAY, BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED. THE NAVY RECEIVED
CREDIT FOR ITS KIA WHEN A FLAMETHROWER FLUSHED HIM FROM A THICK GROWTH
OF NIPPA PALM AND HE WAS KILLED WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE.

THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRF DEPARTED DONG TAM AT 0700 AND COMPLETED THE
62 MILE TRIP TO THE NEW ANCHORAGE ABOUT 1600. IN SHIFTING TO THE VICINITY
OF THE CUA SOIRAP AND THE SONG VAM CO, THE MRF CROSSED THROUGH THE SOUTH
CHINA SEA FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER.

AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH FOR A MAN WHO FELL OVERBOARD FROM THE TOM GREEN

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COUNTY AT 2200 THURSDAY PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE MISSING MAN IS
BELIEVED TO BE BN2 KENNETH A. CARROLL OF ASPB 111-4 WHO WAS THE ONLY
INFANTRYMAN OR NAVYMAN WHO COULD NOT BE LOCATED IN A MUSTER AFTER THE
INCIDENT.

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PRISONERS OF WAR AND 23 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS SEIZED.

ARMY CASUALTIES IN THE TWO DAY'S FIGHTING WERE SIX KILLED AND
28 WOUNDED, INCLUDING FOUR FROM NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

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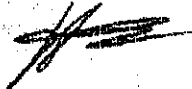
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THE TOTAL ENEMY BODY COUNT ROSE WELL OVER 100 SATURDAY NIGHT AS MRF ELEMENTS KILLED AT LEAST 35 VIET CONG IN THE FINAL BATTLE OF A TWO-DAY SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION IN THE THAN DUC DISTRICT OF LONG AN PROVINCE.

AFTER REPORTING A RELATIVELY QUIET DAY, 4/47 INFANTRY FORCED AN ESTIMATED PLATOON-SIZED VC ELEMENT INTO THE OPEN ABOUT 1830. AIR CAVALRY UNITS, RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT AND GROUND FORCES COMBINED TO CUT DOWN THE ENEMY AS THEY FLED ACROSS OPEN RICE PADDIES.

THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES REPORTED IN THE ENGAGEMENT, WHICH BROKE OUT JUST AS THE TROOPS WERE PREPARING TO RETURN TO THE MRB.

ALTHOUGH CONTACT EARLIER IN THE DAY HAD BEEN SPORADIC,

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THE 4/47 INFANTRYMEN CONDUCTED A PROFITABLE SEARCH OF THE SCENE OF FRIDAY'S HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY STRIKES, DISCOVERING DOZENS OF ENEMY BODIES AND SEVERAL WEAPONS.

RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE INVOLVED IN ONE OF THE DAY'S MOST HEATED SKIRMISHES AT 1520 WHEN THEY WERE AMBUSHED FROM BOTH BANKS OF THE KINH LO WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE. THE BOATS, WHICH WERE IN THE PROCESS OF LANDING ELEMENTS OF 4/47 INFANTRY, REPLIED WITH ALL WEAPONS, SUPPRESSING THE ENEMY FIRE WHILE THE TROOPS CONTINUED TO BEACH.

FOURTEEN NAVYMEN AND ONE INFANTRYMAN WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, INCLUDING FIVE CREW MEMBERS OF MONITOR 91-1, FOUR FROM FLAMETHROWER 92-11 AND THREE FROM ASPB 91-5. ASPB 91-2 AND MONITOR 91-3 ALSO REPORTED ONE CASUALTY EACH.

FOUR OF THOSE INJURED WERE REGARDED AS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, WHILE MOST OF THE OTHERS WERE TREATED IN THE AO AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

BOTH MRF BATTALIONS RETURNED TO THE MRB LATE IN THE EVENING WHEN CONTACT BROKE OFF AFTER 1900.

WITH REPORTS NOT YET COMPLETE, CUMULATIVE RESULTS OF THE TWO-DAY OPERATION AT 2200 SATURDAY WERE 123 VIET CONG KILLED, FIVE

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MONITOR 92-2 JOINED WITH TWO PBR'S BASED AT WHA BE SUNDAY
TO BURN OUT A FAVORITE VC AMBUSH SITE ALONG THE SONG LONG
TRANH IN THE RUNG SAY SPECIAL ZONE.

THE FLAMETHROWING MONITOR'S MISSION WAS COMPLETED BY 0900,
BUT IT STAYED IN THE AREA WHEN A MERCHANT TANKER MOVING UP THE
SONG LONG RIVER WAS HIT BY A 75 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUND.

TWO JETS AND A LIGHT HELO FIRE TEAM WERE CALLED IN TO STRAFE
THE ENEMY POSITIONS AND ARVN TROOPS WERE BEACHED IN THE AREA.
WHEN PBR'S FORMING A WATER BLOCK WERE ATTACKED WITH ROCKET AND
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, THE MONITOR MOVED IN AND POUNDED THE
ENEMY BUNKERS WITH 52 ROUNDS OF 40 MM CANNON FIRE AND MACHINE-
LAUNCHED GRENADES.

THE MRF WAS VISITED SUNDAY BY GENERAL DE BRIGADA MARIOTE
JAIME NEVARES OF THE ARGENTINE ARMY. HE AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY
WERE BRIEFED OF MRF OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-20

ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE MONDAY WHILE PREPARING FOR THE NEXT MRF OPERATION.

THE FORCE WAS VISITED MONDAY BY MAJOR GENERAL BARRISON,
U.S. ARMY INSPECTOR GENERAL. HE WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-21

NO CONTACT WAS REPORTED BY MRF ELEMENTS TUESDAY IN THE FIRST DAY OF A SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION SOUTH OF THE "MOUSE EARS" IN LONG AN PROVINCE.

THE ONLY RESULTS OF THE FIRST DAY'S SWEEP SOUTH TOWARD THE CHO GAO CANAL WERE ONE WEAPON CAPTURED AND 11 VIETNAMESE DETAINEES. THE TWO BATTALIONS WERE LANDED BY ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111 BETWEEN 0750 AND 0820. AFTER THE INSERTION, THE BOATS RETURNED TO A FIRE SUPPORT BASE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SONG VAM CO AND THE SONG TRA, WHERE THEY SPENT THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY. DURING THE NIGHT, 13 BOATS FROM THE TWO SQUADRONS CONDUCTED PATROLS ALONG A FIVE KILOMETER STRETCH OF THE CHO GAO CANAL, NORTH OF THE ARMY NIGHT POSITIONS.

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THE MRF IS BEING VISITED BY REAR ADMIRAL J.V. SMITH, USN, PROSPECTIVE COMPHIBPAC. THE ADMIRAL ARRIVED AT 0530 AND VISITED ALL FIVE SHIPS IN THE FLOTILLA AND FLEW OUT TO THE AO DURING THE DAY. HE ALSO PRESENTED SEVERAL NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS AND A NUMBER OF PURPLE HEART AWARDS TO TASK FORCE 117 PERSONNEL IN CEREMONIES ABOARD THE BENEWAH AND ON THE DECK OF AN ATC (H) AT THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE. ADMIRAL SMITH STAYED OVERNIGHT IN BENEWAH AND WILL DEPART EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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ALL ELEMENTS RETURNED TO THE MFB WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOLLOWING A SECOND DAY WITHOUT CONTACT SOUTH OF THE "MOUSE EARS" IN LONG AN PROVINCE.

THE TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED IN THE AFTERNOON AND
CLOSED THE MRR BY 1740.

THE FIVE SHIPS DEPARTED THE ANCHORAGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE CUA SOI RAP AND THE SONG VAY CO AT 0700, WITH THE LAST SHIP ANCHORING AT DONG TAM SHORTLY AFTER 1500.

REAR ADMIRAL J. V. SMITH, PROSPECTIVE COMPHIBPAC, DEPARTED THE BENEFANE WEDNESDAY MORNING FOR BINH THUY TO CONTINUE HIS TOUR OF PHIBPAC UNITS IN VIETNAM.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-23
USS VERNON COUNTY (LST-1161) JOINED THE MRB THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND BEGAN PREPARATIONS TO RELIEVE THE TOM GREEN COUNTY AS MRF SUPPORT LST. THREE COMPANIES OF 3-60 INFANTRY BEGAN MOVING ABOARD USS COLLETON TO REPLACE 4-47 INFANTRY WHICH IS BEING ROTATED ASHORE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF DONG TAM. A FOURTH COMPANY OF 3-60 IS EXPECTED TO MOVE ABOARD VERNON COUNTY FRIDAY.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-24

ONE BRIEF EXCHANGE OF FIRE LATE IN THE AFTERNOON INTERRUPTED AN OTHERWISE QUIET DAY FRIDAY AS 3/47 INFANTRY CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MY THO OPPOSITE THAI SON ISLAND.

AN ARMY INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED BY THE HOSTILE FIRE AT 1630 JUST AS THE TROOPS WERE PREPARING TO COMMENCE AN AIRLIFT OUT OF THE AO. THERE WERE THREE ENEMY KILLED IN THE INCIDENT. OTHER RESULTS OF THE SWEEP WERE THREE WOODEN MORTAR PLATES AND 28 BUNKERS DESTROYED.

THE THREE COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE LANDED ON THE SOUTH BANK AT 2705 BY ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 111. AFTER MOVING SOUTH AND EAST FOR 10 HOURS, THE TROOPS WERE AIRLIFTED INTO

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DONG TAM BETWEEN 1700 AND 1753 AND WERE RETURNED TO THE MRB BY THE 111 BOATS.

ELEMENTS OF 3/60 INFANTRY COMPLETED THEIR MOVE ABOARD COLLETON AND VERNON COUNTY FRIDAY AS 4/47 INFANTRY MOVED INTO DONG TAM AND ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF THE ARMY BASE.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 25-25

A CREW MEMBER OF ASPB 112-1 FELL OVERBOARD AND PRESUMABLY
DROWNED FRIDAY NIGHT WHILE HIS BOAT WAS ALONGSIDE THE TOM
GREEN COUNTY.

THE MISSING MAN IS EMFN FREDERICK V. ARENS WHO COULD NOT BE
LOCATED IN A THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE MRF ANCHORAGE.

TOM GREEN COUNTY DEPARTED THE MRF AT 1145 SATURDAY AFTER
BEING RELIEVED AS MRF SUPPORT LST BY VERNON COUNTY.

THE MRF WAS VISITED SATURDAY BY THE NAVFORV ASSISTANT CHIEF
OF STAFF FOR INTELLIGENCE, CAPT. UPSHUR, AND HIS RELIEF, CAPT RECTANUS.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 95-26

THIRTY VIET CONG WERE KILLED AND THREE WERE CAPTURED BY MRF UNITS
SUNDAY IN HEAVY FIGHTING SEVEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE.

THE BATTLE BROKE OUT AT 0715 WHEN ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER
DIVISION 111 WERE AMBUSHED ON THE ONG HUONG RIVER. GROUND ELEMENTS
WHICH WERE BEACHED IN THE AREA ACHIEVED ALMOST IMMEDIATE CONTACT AND
THE FIGHTING CONTINUED UNTIL SUNDOWN.

TWO NAVYMEN WERE KILLED AND 13 WERE INJURED IN A SERIES OF ROCKET
AND RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACKS ON THE BOATS. MOST OF THE CASUALTIES
OCCURRED IN THE FIRST ASSAULT ON THE 111 CRAFT AS THEY MOVED IN TO
LAND ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY.

THE LEAD UNITS IN THE COLUMN BORE THE BRUNT OF THE ATTACK. THE
BOAT CAPTAIN AND RADIO MAN OF ASPB 111-1 WERE KILLED INSTANTLY AND TWO

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OTHER CREWMEN WERE INJURED WHEN THEIR BOAT TOOK TWO ROCKET AND TWO
RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS. TWO OF THE ROUNDS STRUCK THE BOAT'S 20 MM
CANNON. ANOTHER HIT THE MAST AND THE FOURTH TORE INTO THE COXSWAIN'S
FLAT.

FOUR CREWMEN ON ASPB 111-5 WERE ALSO INJURED IN THE FIRST ATTACK
AS A ROCKET BLEW OPEN THEIR 20 MM MOUNT. MONITOR 111-2, THE FIRST
BOAT BEHIND THE LEAD ASPB'S TOOK HEAVY FIRE AND REPORTED TWO MEN WITH
MINOR WOUNDS. ASPB 111-3 AND ATC 111-6 ALSO TOOK ROCKET HITS, BUT
THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE ALSO HIT SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE
DAY. AT 0750 THEY WERE AMBUSHED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS JUST WEST OF
THE POINT WHERE THE 111 BOATS WERE ATTACKED. A CREWMEN OF ASPB 91-7
WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT
DAMAGE TO THE BOATS.

THE 91 BOATS WERE THE TARGET FOR A SECOND, MORE SUBSTANTIAL ATTACK
LATER IN THE MORNING AT VIRTUALLY THE SAME POSITION WHERE THE 111
BOATS WERE HIT. FOUR MEN, INCLUDING THREE CREWMEN OF ATC 91-3, WERE
INJURED BY THE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, ROCKET AND RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE.

THE BOATS WERE ATTACKED ON SEVERAL OTHER OCCASIONS DURING THE
AFTERNOON, BUT NO OTHER PERSONNEL CASUALTIES RESULTED. OTHER UNITS

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HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE WERE ASPB 111-2, WHICH TOOK FOUR RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, FLAMETHROWER 111-7 AND ATC 111-1.

GROUND FORCES STAYED IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE VC ELEMENTS, CALLING IN HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY STRIKES ON THE ENEMY BUNKERS. AS OF 1900, THREE ARMY PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED KILLED AND 26 WERE WOUNDED. ALL ARMY CASUALTIES EXCEPT FOR TWO WIA WERE FROM 3-47 INFANTRY.

MOST OF THE BOATS MOVED OUT OF THE AO EARLY IN THE EVENING AS THE ARMY SETTLED INTO NIGHT POSITIONS.

THE MRB RELOCATED TO BEN TRE SUNDAY MORNING, DEPARTING DONG TAM AT 0800 AND ARRIVING AT THE NEW ANCHORAGE ABOUT 1115.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-27

NINE TF 117 PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED MONDAY AS THE ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 91 AND 111 WERE AMBUSHED THREE MORE TIMES ALONG THE BEN TRE RIVER.

NINE VIET CONG WERE KILLED MONDAY TO BRING TO 41 THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO-DAY OPERATION WHICH ENDED EARLY IN THE EVENING.

IN THE FIRST ATTACK AT 0720, THE BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 WERE HIT WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, RECOILLESS RIFLE, AND ROCKET FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS EAST OF BEN TRE. TWO CREW MEMBERS OF ATC 111-10 AND ONE ABOARD MONITOR 111-3 WERE INJURED WHEN THOSE BOATS EACH TOOK TWO ROCKET OR RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS. SEVERAL OTHER BOATS WERE HIT IN THE ATTACK, BUT THE ENEMY FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED AFTER A 10-MINUTE BATTLE.

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LESS THAN FIVE HOURS LATER AT 1145, TWO MORE CREW MEMBERS OF ATC 111-10 WERE INJURED WHEN THE BOAT RECEIVED ANOTHER ROCKET HIT NINE KILOMETERS FARTHER SOUTH ON THE BEN TRE RIVER. ATC 111-13 WAS ALSO HIT IN THIS SECOND ATTACK, WHICH OCCURRED AS THE BOATS WERE LANDING ELEMENTS OF THE 3/47 INFANTRY. IN ADDITION TO THE NAVY CASUALTIES, ONE INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS WOUNDED AS THE TROOPS ATTEMPTED TO LAND IN THE FACE OF THE HEAVY FIRE. THE ENEMY GUNS WERE AGAIN SILENCED BY THE BOATS AND ARMY HELICOPTERS WERE CALLED IN TO STRAFE THE ENEMY POSITIONS.

THE FINAL ATTACK OCCURRED AT 1415 AS THE ASSAULT CRAFT OF BOTH DIVISIONS WERE MOVING OUT OF THE AO. SIX BOATS WERE HIT WITH ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, BUT GUNNERS ABOARD RIV DIV 91 BOATS REPORTED KILLING TWO OF THE ENEMY. FOUR NAVYMEN WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK: TWO FROM ATC 111-8 AND ONE EACH FROM MONITOR 91-3 AND ATC 91-3.

THE NINE NAVY WIA RAISED THE NAVY'S TWO-DAY TOTAL TO 24, INCLUDING 15 WHO WERE WOUNDED IN A SERIES OF FIVE AMBUSHES IN THE SAME AREA ON SUNDAY. ALL OF THE WOUNDED MEN WERE REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION MONDAY AFTERNOON.

TWO NAVYMEN DIED IN SUNDAY'S FIGHTING. THEY WERE RM2 RONALD

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W. DURBIN AND RM3 JERRY L. WILLIAMS, THE BOAT CAPTAIN AND RAIDMAN OF ASPB 111-1.

DESPITE THE HEAVY NAVY CONTACT, THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT GROUND ACTION MONDAY. THE TROOPS SWEEP SOUTHWEST FROM THEIR NIGHT POSITIONS, THEN WERE FERRIED BY THE BOATS ACROSS THE BEN TRE RIVER AND CONTINUED MOVING WEST UNTIL THEY WERE AIRLIFTED TO A LANDING ZONE ON THE HAM LUONG RIVER. THE ASSAULT BOATS BACKLOADED THE TWO BATTALIONS AT THIS POINT AND RETURNED THEM TO THE MRF EARLY IN THE EVENING.

CUMULATIVE ARMY CASUALTIES IN THE TWO-DAY SWEEP WERE EIGHT KILLED AND 27 WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRF ALSO RECEIVED HOSTILE FIRE AT 2109 SUNDAY. APL-26 WAS HIT BY TWO RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, NEITHER OF WHICH EXPLODED. ONE PENETRATED THE STARBOARD SIDE AND LODGED IN A PERSONNEL LOCKER, WHILE THE SECOND STRUCK A LIFE RAFT ON THE DECK LEVEL. THERE WAS NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES AND NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE WAS VISITED MONDAY BY CAPTAIN MAX C. DUNCAN, COMMANDER NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY SAIGON. HE SPENT THE DAY DISCUSSING MRF SUPPLY PROBLEMS WITH COMODORE SALZER AND THE FLOTILLA LOGISTICS OFFICERS.

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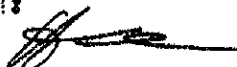
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COLONEL ROBERT ARCHER ASSUMED COMMAND OF THE SECOND BRIGADE TUESDAY MORNING IN COLORFUL CEREMONIES ON THE FLIGHT DECK OF THE BENEVAN. HE REPLACED COLONEL BERT A. DAVID WHO HAS SERVED AS BRIGADE COMMANDER SINCE AUGUST 1, 1967. DURING THE CEREMONY, COLONEL DAVID WAS PRESENTED THE LEGION OF MERIT, THE SILVER STAR, THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH GOLD PALM, AND AN AIR MEDAL (SEVENTH AWARD). COLONEL DAVID HAS NEW ORDERS TO THE STAFF OF THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE AT CARLISLE BARRACKS, PENNSYLVANIA.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 05-29

FIVE PIET CONG WERE KILLED TUESDAY BY MRF ELEMENTS OPERATING WEST OF THE MRB IN THE MO CAY AND DON NHON DISTRICTS OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

FOUR ENEMY DEAD WERE CLAIMED BY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND THE FIFTH WAS KILLED AT 0835 BY ASSAULT BOATS DURING A FIREFIGHT ON THE MO CAY RIVER.

THERE WERE NO U. S. CASUALTIES DUE TO HOSTILE FIRE DURING THE DAY. IN THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE ASSAULT CRAFT, ENEMY FIRE WAS CONFINED TO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS. THE ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED WITH THE DETONATION OF A CLAYMORE MINE, BUT THE HOSTILE FIRE WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED BY THE BOATS WHICH LEVELED THE ENEMY POSITIONS WITH ALL WEAPONS.

THE TROOPS OF 3/63 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS WERE INSERTED

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BETWEEN 0730 AND 0745 AND SWEEP TOWARD EACH OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, REPORTING NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WHILE DETAINING 45 SUSPICIOUS VIETNAMESE FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING.

MOST OF THE BOATS RETURNED TO THE MRB IN THE MORNING, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL UNITS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111 REMAINED AT THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT.

LT. COL. JAMES L. SCOVEL ARRIVED YESTERDAY TO BECOME THE NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SECOND BRIGADE. HE COMES TO THE MRF FROM THE INFANTRY BRANCH OF THE OFFICE OF PERSONNEL OPERATIONS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. LT. COL. COMLIN, USMC, WHO HAS BEEN ACTING XO SINCE. LT. COL. LACKMAN LEFT TO TAKE COMMAND OF 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION, WILL CONTINUE HIS DUTIES ON THE BRIGADE STAFF AS RIVERINE ADVISER.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 05-30

ARMY GUNSHIPS KILLED 10 MORE ENEMY THURSDAY AS MRF ELEMENTS COMPLETED A SWEEP THROUGH THE HUONG MY DISTRICT OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE TWO-DAY OPERATION WERE 15 VIET CONG KILLED, 14 BY GUNSHIPS AND ONE BY NAVY ASSAULT BOATS IN A FIRE-FIGHT WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE TWO ARMY BATTALIONS HAD SPENT THE NIGHT ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS INLAND EAST OF THE MRF AND WERE MOVED INTO THE NEW AO SOUTHEAST OF MO CAY THURSDAY MORNING IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. AFTER SWEEPING TOWARD EACH OTHER WITH NO CONTACT FOR MOST OF THE DAY, THE TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED BY RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111 AND RETURNED TO THE MRF BY 1730.

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OF 182 VIETNAMESE DETAINED DURING THE OPERATION, 54 WERE RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS, 22 WERE HELD AS CIVIL DEFENDANTS WANTED BY THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT, AND ONE WAS DESIGNATED AS POW. THE OTHER 25 HAVE NOT BEEN CLASSIFIED.

NAVY ELEMENTS AT DONG TAM WERE HIT HARD AT 1740 THURSDAY BY A MORTAR ATTACK. FOURTEEN NAVY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, WHICH ORIGINATED FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MY THO.

NINE OF THE 14 INJURED WERE CREW MEMBERS OF THE YRSM-17 WHICH TOOK ONE 120 MM ROUND. ONLY ONE OF THE INJURED WAS FROM THE FLOTILLA AND HIS WOUND WAS MINOR. DAMAGE WAS REPORTED TO BE LIGHT.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 65-31

THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE EARLY FRIDAY MORNING AS THE COLLETON TOOK ONE RECOILLESS RIFLE HIT IN A FIVE-ROUND ATTACK ON THE MRF AT 9343.

THE ROUND CAUSED A THREE-INCH HOLE IN THE BULKHEAD OF THE WEAPONS OFFICER'S STATEROOM, BUT FORTUNATELY IT FAILED TO DETONATE.

THE COLLETON AND BID PATROLS RETURNED THE FIRE, WHICH ORIGINATED FROM THE EAST BANK, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

THE MRF HOSTED A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS FRIDAY. MAJOR GENERAL YOSE BEVANASDIN, COMMANDER OF THE ROYAL THAI FORCES IN VIETNAM, WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SALZER AND COLONEL ARCHER.

OTHERS RECEIVING AN ORIENTATION BRIEFING FRIDAY WERE U.S. ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL A.R. COLEMAN AND TWO ARVN BRIGADIER GENERALS.

REAR ADMIRAL J.S. COWAN, CINCPAC SURGEON, TOURS MEDICAL FACILITIES ON THE BENEWAH AND COLLETON DURING A TWO-HOUR VISIT FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

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