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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 37-24

ARMY GROUND ELEMENTS FOUND MANY SIGNS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY

BUT NO ENEMY WEDNESDAY AS THEY CONTINUED TO SWEEP THROUGH

THE GIONG TROW DISTRICT SOUTHE AST OF BEN TRE.

IR OOPS OF 3/60 AND A/47 INFANTRY DESTROYED NUMEROUS

ENEMY BUNKERS, FOUND AN ABANDONED POW CAMP, AND DISCOVERED

A FEW ENEMY DOCUMENTS. THE ONLY HOSTILE CONTACTS OF THE DAY

WERE REPORTED BY NAVY SEAWOLVES WHO DREW AUTOMATIC WEAPONS

FIRE WHILE FLYING COVER FOR THE ASSAULT BOATS EAST OF BEN TRE

AND BY ALPHA COMPANY 3/66 FOR ABOUT A WALF-HOUR IN THE LATE

AFTERNOON, THE ALPHA COMPANY COMMANDER WAS KILLED BY THE FIRST

BURST OF FIRE AND WAS THE ONLY CASUALTY OF THE BRIEF ATTACY.

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LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-5 COMPLETED SALVAGE OPERATIONS WEDNESDAY
ON ASPB 91-4 WHICH WAS PARTIALLY SUNA DURING TUESDAY MORNING'S
SEVERE AMBUSH ON THE RACH BEN TRE. THE SALVAGE BOAT DEPARTED FOR DONG TAM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WITH THE BADLY DAMAGED ASPR IN TOW.

THE MRB RELOCATED 23 KILOMETERS DOWN THE HAM LUONG RIVER WEDNESDAY NIGHT, ANCHORING LESS THAN 23 KILOMETERS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE RIVER.

I HE MRF WAS VISITED WEDNESDAY BY MR. BILL MARMON, A WRITER-PHOTOGRAPHER FOR TIME MAGAZINE. HE IS GATHERING MATERIAL FOR A POSSIBLE FEATURE ON THE FLOTILLA'S MEDICAL EVACUATION BOATS AND THE MEDICAL FACILITIES ABOARD USE COLLETON.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 07-25

A SIGNIFICANT-SIZED ELEMENT OF SUSPECTED VIET CONG WAS CAPTURED BY BRAVO COMPANY 3/63 INFANTRY THURSDAY AS THE COMPANY SWEPT THROUGH A STALL VILLAGE IN THE GIONG TROY DISTRICT SOUTH OF BEN TRE.

A TOTAL OF 40 VIETNAMESE -- MOST OF THEM MALES IN THEIR EARLY
TWENTIES - WERE DETAINED BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT CARRYING PROPER
IDENTIFICATION AND TRIED TO EVADE THE U.S. FORCES. SEVERAL OF
THE SUSPECTED ENEMY HID IN BUNKERS, SIX WERE FOUND LOCKED IN A CHURCH
AND ONE ATTEMPTED TO CONCEAL HIMSELF IN A BARREL. WITH
INTERROGATION CONTINUING THURSDAY EVENING, ABOUT 12 OF THE
40 DETAINEES HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY CLASSIFIED AS VC POW'S.
NINE VIET CONG WERE REPORTED KILLER IN LIGHT CONTACT

PAGE 2 RIMSBB 138C UNCLASE F T O DIR ING THE DAY, FIVE WERE KILLED BY GROUND FORCES AND FOUR WERE CREDITED TO ARMY GUNSHIPS, THERE WERE NO U.S. CASUALTIES. ALL 2ND BRIGADE ELEMENTS RETURNED TO THE MRB THURSDAY AFTERNOON, CONCLUDING THE THREE-DAY OPERATION. CUMULATIVE RESULTS WERE 11 VIET CONG KIA. 137 VIETNAMESE DETAINED AND 282 BUNKERS DESIROYED. U.S. LOSSES WERE FOUR KILLED IN ACTION AND FOURTEEN WOUNDED.

MOBILE RIVERINE GROUP BRAVO LAUNCHER OPERATIONS IN LONG AN PROVINCE SCUTH OF SAIGON THURSDAY. BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 131 REPORTED RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE ABOUT 0830 AS THEY WERE MOVING IN TO BEACH 4/39 INFANTRY ABOVE THE BEN LUC HRIDGE, WINDHAM COUNTY AND SATYR SPENT THE DAY RELOCATING FROM DONG TAM TO THE INTERSECTION OF THE SONG VAM CO AND CUASOIRAP.

MRB ALFA ALSO RELOCATED THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MOVING 20 KILOMETERS BACK UP RIVER TO THE ANCHORAGE AT BENTRE.

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TWO VIET CONG WERE KILLED BY 4/39 IRFANTRY SATURDAY AS TASK

GROUP ERAVO CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN LONG AN PROVINCE.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 131 CONDUCTED SEVERAL INSERTIONS OF THE TROOPS DURING THE DAY BUT ENCOUNTERED NO SIGNIFICANT RESISTANCE. CONTACT WAS LIMITED TO A FEW ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE ABOUT

1800 IN THE EVENING.

CUMIL AT IVE RESULTS OF THE THREE-DAY OPERATION, WHICH WAS LAUNCHED ON THUR SDAY, ARE 15 VC MILLED AND FOUR OTHERS CAPTURED. FIND HAM COUNTY AND SATYR ARE SUPPORTING THE OPERATION FROM THE INTERSECTION OF THE SONG VAM CO AND THE CUA SOLRAP. ARB ALFA, ANCHORED AT THE JUNCTICA OF THE SCHOOL THO

PAGE 2 RUMSBB 250C UNCLAS E F T O AND THE SONG CO CHIEN, SPENT SATURDAY PREPARING FOR FUTURE OPERAT I ONS.

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ALL NOBBLE PIVERINE GROUP ALFA ELEMENTS RELOCATED TO CAN THO SURDAY AND BEGAN PREPARTING FOR THE MEXT SERIES OF SEAPOR AND SWEEP OPERAT IONS.

THE FIVE SHIPS OF MRB ALFA AND THE RESUPPLY LST FLOOD COUNTY DEPARTED THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE AT 8648 AND CLOSED CAN THO AT 1530. most of the assault craft reached the new anchorage via the song Mane thit/nicholai canal system. Although u.s. Elemen's have prequently BEEN MARASSED IN TRANSITS OF THIS WATERWAY, THE BOATE REPORTED NO HOSTILE FIFE SHOAY.

PEJOIRING MRB ALFA AT CAN THO SUNDAY EVENING WAS USS ASKAPI.

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WHICH WAS SPENT THE PAST MONTH UNDERGOING FOUTINE OVERHAUL IN SINGAPORE. FOUR ATC'S OF RIVER DIVISION 131 ALSO JOINED MG ALFA SUNDAY

NIGHT TO AUGMENT THE GROUP, ALFA FORCES DUPING OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHER N. DELTA.

TASK GROUP BRAVO REPORTED A QUIET DAY SURDAY AS RIVER DIVISION 151 CONTINUED TO SUPPORT 4/39 INFARTRY IN OPS IN LOW- AN PROVINCE. ON SATURD AY EVENING, HOWEVER, BOTH THE SHOUND FORCES AND THE BOATS RECEIVED SPORADIC FIRE SHORTLY AFTER SETTLING INTO MIGHT POSITIONS, AIR FORCE PLANES AND A HELICOPTER FIRE TEAM PLACED A STRIKE OF THE ENEMY POSITIONS, AND FIVE VIET CONG BODIES WERE FOUND DURING A Sveep through the area sunday morning. There were two army personnel WOUNDED IN THE INCIDENT.

TASK GROUP BRAVO WAS VISITED IN THE FIELD SU'DAY BY THE SECETARY OF THE ARMY, THE HON STANLEY R. RESOR. COMMANDE PEVERIL BLUNDELL, COMMANDER PIVER ASSAULT SQUADRON 13. AND THE COMMANDING OFFICER INFAMTRY BATTAL ION, BR IE FED THE SECRETARY ON MRT OPERATIONS DURING HIS PO-MINUTE VISIT.

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THE MRF REMAINED IN A READY REACTION POSTURE AND CONDUCTED PHEVENT IVE MAINTENANCE MONDAY HILE PREPA ING FO THE NEXT

SEARCH AND SHEEP OPERATION.

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MICRE THAN 49 VC WERE KILLED AND A HUE CACHE OF WEAPONS WAS
CAPTURED TUESDAY DURING THE MRF'S FIRST DAY OF OPERATIONS IN THE
KIEN THIEN DISTRICT OF CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE APPROXIMATELY GOVERNED THE OPERATION REPRESENTS INE
MICH STERRS SOUTHWEST OF CAN THOUTH SOUTHERN DELTA BY A MAJOR
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MICH SASAULT FORCE IN THE WAR.

ELEMENTS OF THE STH BATTALION, VIETNAMZSE MARINE CORPS, OPERATING WITH THE MRF ACHIEVED CONTACT IN MID-4 FTERNOON WHILE SWEEPING TASTVARD BETWEEN THE CAILON AND NUOCYTRONGRIVERS. WHEN THE MARINES SPOTTED A LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY TROOPS MOVING IN A NEAR BY BUNKER

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COMPLEX, THE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 MOVED IN AND UNLEASHED
A DEVASTATING BARRAGE OF CANNON, MACHINE GUN AND MORTAR FIRE ON
THE ENEMY POSITIONS. IN A SUBSEQUENT SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA, THE
MARINES DISCOVERED MORE THAN 49 VC KILLED BY THE MARINES, NAVY GUNFIRE
AND HELD GUNSHIPS.

INCLUDED IN THE CAPTURED WEAPONS WERE 32 COMMUNIST CHINESE RIPLES, SIX .30 CALIEER U.S. CARBINES, 12 SEMI-AUTOMATIC SKS WEAPONS, THREE M-60 MACHINE GUNS, ONE 120MM MCRIAR, ONE 75MM HONTZER, FOUR MCRIAR SIGNES, 180 81MM MCRIAR ROUNDS, 270 75MM MCRIAR ROUNDS, 48 82MM MCRIAR ROUNDS, 220 GRENADES, 12,500 CKC MACHINE GUN ROUNDS, AND 13 CLAYMORE ROUNDS.

THE FIRST BOATS LEFT THE MRE SHORTLY AFTER MID-NIGHT FOR THE LONG TRANSIT TO THE OPERATING AREA VIA THE RACH CAN THO AND KINN HAND BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91, WITH THE MARINES EMBARKED FROM CAN THO, WERE THE LEAD CRAFT IN THE CONVOY AND ARRIVED AT THE LESIONATED LANDING SITES AT 1110.

FOLL OW IN G AL ON G BEHIND RIVDIV 91 WERE THE ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVDIV SE CARRYING THE TROOPS OF 3/60 INFAMERY EATTALION AND THE BOATS OF RIVDIV 111 LIFTING 4/47 INFAMERY BATTALION. ALL. OF THE ARMY TROOPS WERE BEACHED AT A FORWARD BASE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE VITHANH A IRFIELD APPROXIMATELY 42 KIL OMETERS SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO, THE RIVDIV SE BOATS RETURNED TO THE TRB AFTER THE TROOPS

FARE 3 RUNSBB 429C UNCLASE FT O WINT ASKIRE: THE RIVDIV 111 BOATS REMAINED ON CALL WITH 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALION AT THE AIRFIELD TO ACT AS A RIVERINE READY REACTION

FORCE WHILE THE SYSO BN WAS AIRMOBILED. INTO THE 4Q.

DUE TO THE DISTANCE OF THE CURRENT OFERATIONS FROM THE MRB, A
FORWARD TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN CCB 92-1
WHICH OFERATED MOST OF THE DAY NEAR VI THANH AIRFIELD. IN ADDITION
VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE ERIGADE AND BATTOLIPM SUPPORT PERSONNEL
RELOCATED TO THE FORWARD BASE AT VI THANK, SUPPLIES TO SUPPORT
THE OFERATION WERE MOVED TO THE AIRFIELD BY BOAT AND AIRCRAFT.

MOBILE RIVERINE GROUP BRAVO, OPERATING IN LONG AN PROVINCE,
HAD A COMPARATIVELY QUIET DAY TUESDAY BUT IN A TRAGIC INCIDENT
IN THE AFTERNOON, THE CO OF 4/39 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS KILLED
BY A COMMAND DETONATED MINE. THE 4/39 HAS BEEN OPERATING WITH
CIG 117.2 ASSAULT CRAFT FOR THE PAST WEEK IN AN AREA SOUTH OF SAISON.
A BOUT 2190 MONDAY, THE BOATS OF RIVING HIT 150 YARDS FROM THE

BOAT S AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

LIGHT LIFT CRAFT 2 ARRIVED AT THE MAR BRAVO ANCHORASE TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND RELIEVED LLC-5.

MR. DOUG WARREN OF UPI AND MR. MIKE ROBERTS OF THE CLEVELAND FLAIN DEALER FLEW FROM BENEWAR TO THE OPERATING AREA TODAY. MR. BILL GARRETT OF NATIONAL EOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE WAS ALSO COVERING THE OPERATION, EMBARMED WITH RIVDIV 91.

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THE BODY COUNT AFTER TWO DAYS OF OPERATIONS IN CHUCKG THIES PROVINCE ROSE TO 102 WED WE SDAY AS ARMY HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND OR OUND ELEMENT'S ACCOUNTED FOR 47 MORE .VC KIA.

GUNSKIPS WERE CREDITED WITH CUITING DOWN 31 ENEMY TROOPS AND VIET : AME SE MAR INES ADDED 14 VC KIA WHILE STAYING IN M COERATE CONTACT WITH SMALL VC ELEMENTS NONTH OF THE AREA OF TUESDAY'S HEAVY CONTACT. THE CIER TWO ENEMY WERE KILLED BY 3/60 INFANTRY WHICH REPORTED SPORADIC CONTACT AFTER BEING AIRLIFTED INTO A HEAVILY WOODED AREA IN THE KIEN HUNGDISTRICT.

SEVEN MORE RIFLES AND A MACHINE GUN WERE SEIZED BY

PA & 2 RIMSBB 489C UNCLAS E FT O THE MARINES WEDNESDAY, RAISING TO 69 INE NUMBER OF WEAPONS CONFISCATED DIR ING THE PAST TWO DAYS.

ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 111 AND 4/47 INFANTRY REMAINED IN A STAND-BY STATUS AT THE MRF'S FRWARD BASE AT VITHANH WE DIE SDAY. BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE VIET NAME SE MARINES, WHO MOVED THE CENTER OF THEIR OPERATIONS NORTH OF THE CAILONGRIVER INTO A DENSE BRUSHWOOD FOREST. ALL IED CASUALT IES AFTER TWO DAYS OF FIGHT ING WERE TWO

VIET MAME SE WOUNDED IN THE SDAY'S BATTLE, SOUTH OF THE CALLOWG RIVER, AND ONE ARMY INFANTRYMAN INJURED BY A BOOBY TRAP ON WEDNE SDAY.

MR B ALFA MOVED 10 KIL OMETERS UP RIVER WED NESDAY NI GKI. REL CCAT IN G TO AN ANCHORAGE FIVE KIL METERS WORTHWEST OF BINH THUY.

TASK OR OUP BRAVO ELEMENTS REPORTED ONLY ONE INCIDENT WED NESDAY WHILE CONDUCTING OPERATIONS ALONG THE WAY CODONG RIVER 18 MILES WEST OF SAIGON. IT OCCURRED IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN BOATS WITH RIVER DIVISION 131 WERE ATTACKED WITH ROCKETS THEE MILES WEST OF THE TOWN: OF BEN LUC. ASPB 91-6 TOOK JME HIT IN THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE, BUT THERE WAS

PAGE 3 RUMSBB 489C UNCLASE FT O
NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE AND NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.
THREE COMPANIES OF 4/39 INFANTRY CONTINUED TO SWEEP ALONG
THE SONG VAM CO DONG, REPORTING CMLY LIGHT SNIPER FIRE.
DESTROYED DURING WEDPESDAYS OPERATIONS VERE SEVEN SAMPANS, 18
HOST CHES AND 28 BUNNERS. FOUR ARMY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED
BY BOOBY TRAPS.

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