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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO.

ARMY ELEMENTS ENGAGED IN A SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION WEST OF CAN THO WERE IN MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT ALL DAY FRIDAY, REPORTING SEVEN VIET CONG KILLED IN ACTION AS OF 2000.

IN ADDITION, THE BODIES OF SEVEN OTHER VC KILLED DURING OPERATIONS IN THE AREA EARLIER IN THE WEEK WERE DISCOVERED BY CHARLIE COMPANY OF 3/60 INFANTRY.

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES IN FRIDAY'S BATTLE, WHICH WAS STILL IN PROGRESS WELL AFTER SUNDOWN, WERE THREE KILLED AND 26 WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES. ONE OF THE ARMY PERSONNEL KILLED WAS THE COMMANDER OF ALFA COMPANY OF 3/60 INFANTRY. THE FIGHTING WAS WIDESPREAD, WITH ALL OF THE SEVEN COMPANIES IN THE AO IN ACTION AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE DAY.

THE NAVY ALSO HAD ITS SHARE OF CONTACT FRIDAY. AT ABOUT 2400, ASPB-112-8 TOOK A B-40 ROCKET ROUND ASTERN WHILE PATROLLING IN THE AREA OF

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THE SUNKEN ASPB-112-4. THE ROUND EXPLODED IN THE ENGINE SPACES, APPARENTLY KNOCKING THE BOAT CAPTAIN OVERBOARD AND ALSO INJURING THE BOAT CAPTAIN OF ASPB-112-4 WHO WAS RIDING ASPB-112-8 WHILE ASSISTING IN THE SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON HIS OWN BOAT.

THE ROCKET HIT CAUSED SOME FLOODING FROM RUPTURED ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM, BUT IT WAS QUICKLY CONTAINED AS OTHER UNITS MOVED IN TO HELP ASPB-112-8 SUPPRESS THE FIRE. AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH FOR THE MISSING BOAT CAPTAIN WAS CONDUCTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-FOUR WAS SUCCESSFUL IN RAISING THE SUNKEN ASPB BY EARLY IN THE EVENING FRIDAY, BUT APPROACHING DARKNESS PREVENTED ITS REMOVAL FROM

THE AO. BOATS OF RIV DIV III AND BRAVO COMPANY OF 3/60 INFANTRY ARE PROVIDING OVERNIGHT SECURITY FOR BOTH THE BEACHED ASPB AND THE LIGHT LIFT CRAFT.

OTHER NAVAL UNITS IN THE AO FRIDAY NIGHT WERE BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 SUPPORTING ARTILLERY ELEMENTS AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE JUST SOUTH OF CAN THO AND RIV DIV 92 UNITS PATROLLING THE RACH BINH THU NORTH OF THE AO.

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