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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO 02-02

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

BY 2300 THURSDAY, AFTER SIX HOURS OF FIGHTING, THE 3/60 AND 3/47 BATTALIONS HAD REPORTED A TOTAL OF 84 VIET CONG KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE PRISONER OF WAR TAKEN. THERE WERE TWO ARMY PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE FIGHTING AND 41 OTHERS WERE REPORTED WOUNDED. ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION BOSE THE BRUNT OF THE CASUALTIES, SUFFERING BOTH FATALITIES AND 28 WOUNDED WHEN

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

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

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

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

JUST AS THEY WERE EMERGING FROM THE RACH RUONG ABOUT MIDNIGHT, THE TROOP-LADEN ASSAULT CRAFT AND THE ARTILLERY BARGES AND LCM 8'S WERE HIT BY A HEAVY BARRAGE OF SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND RECOILLESS RIFLE AND ROCKET FIRE. THE AMBUSH WAS SPRUNG VEJY CLOSE TO THE SAME SPOT AT WHICH THE MRF WAGED ONE OF ITS BIGGEST BATTLES ON DECEMBER 4, 1967. MIRACULOUSLY, THERE WAS ONLY ONE CASUALTY IN THE 25-MINUTE

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ATTACK, BUT THIS WAS A SURPRISE--THE BOAT CAPTAIN WHO WAS  
KILLED INSTANTLY IN THE FIRST MOMENTS OF THE ATTACK.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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