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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 HAN 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 4 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 GUN 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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