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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 08-02

THREE ALLIED PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 30 WERE WOUNDED FRIDAY IN A SEVERE AMBUSH OF RIVER DIVISION 91 BOATS NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE CAI TU AND CAI NHUT RIVERS 10 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF VI THANH.

KILLED IN THE ATTACK WERE TWO ARVN SOLDIERS AND A BOAT CREWMAN OF ATC 131-9, WHICH WAS CHOPPED TO TASK GROUP ALFA FOR THE OPERATIONS IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE. NINETEEN ARVN'S AND 11 OTHER NAVYMEN WERE WOUNDED IN THE SAVAGE BARRAGE OF ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE.

THE AMBUSH WAS SPRUNG ABOUT 2750 AS THE BOATS AND THEIR EMBARKED TROOPS WERE MOVING TOWARD BEACHES ON THE CIA LON RIVER.

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ALSO HEAVILY HIT IN THE ASSAULT WERE ATC'S 91-1, 91-4 AND 91-5. THREE CREWMEN WERE WOUNDED ON ATC 91-5, TWO CREWMEN WERE INJURED ON ATC 91-4, AND THREE UDT-12 PERSONNEL SUSTAINED FRAGMENT WOUNDS WHILE RIDING ATC 91-1. THE BOAT MOST SERIOUSLY DAMAGED, HOWEVER, WAS ATC 131-9 WHICH TOOK FIVE RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS AND HAD THREE MEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN ADDITION TO THE MAN WHO SUFFERED FATAL WOUNDS.

THE BOATS OPENED UP ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS WITH ALL WEAPONS, SUPPRESSING THE HOSTILE FIRE, BUT THERE WAS NO WAY OF DETERMINING ENEMY CASUALTIES.

U.S. ARMY TROOPS FROM 3/60 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS REPORTED A FOURTH CONSECUTIVE DAY WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CONTACT FRIDAY WHILE SWEEPING THROUGH BRUSHWOOD FORESTS SOUTH OF FIRE SUPPORT BASE FRONTIER. THE 4/47 INFANTRY REMAINED IN THE AO OVERNIGHT, WHILE 3/60 INFANTRY AND ALL BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 AND 111 RETURNED TO THE MRF FORWARD BASE AT VI THANH.

THE MRF CAME TO WITHIN ONE SHIP OF FULL STRENGTH THURSDAY WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE NUECES (APB-40) AND MERCER (APB-39).

THE NUECES JOINED MRB ALFA ABOUT 1300 FRIDAY AND RELIEVED APL-26 WHICH GOT UNDERWAY FOR VUNG TAU AT 2005 AFTER COMPLETING PERSONNEL

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AND EQUIPMENT TRANSFER. AFTER A TENDER PERIOD AT VUNG TAU, THE APL WILL JOIN MRB BRAVO.

THE MERCER, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME PART OF MRB ALFA, IS NOW TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO TASK GROUP BRAVO AND WILL BE SERVING AS THE CTG 117.2 FLAGSHIP. STAFF PERSONNEL BEGAN MOVING FROM THE WINDHAM COUNTY TO THE MERCER FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

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