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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 25-23

OPERATIONS SOUTHWEST OF BEN TRE WERE CONCLUDED AT NOON FRIDAY AFTER CONTINUED SWEEPS DURING THE MORNING PRODUCED NO CONTACT.

THE TWO ARMY BATTALIONS WERE RETURNED TO THE MRB BY 1500, WHILE THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE LANDED AT 1545 AT A BIVOUVAC SITE ON THE EAST BANK OF THE HAM LUONG OPPOSITE THE MRB.

FINAL RESULTS OF THE 28-HOUR OPERATION WERE ONE VC KILLED

IN ACTION AND 38 SUSPICIOUS VIETNAMESE DETAINED.

UDT AND HARBOR CLEARANCE UNIT TEAMS DESTROYED A BRIDGE ON THE RACH MO CAY SOUTH OF THE MRB FRIDAY THAT WOULD HAVE INTERFERRED WITH FUTURE TRANSITS OF THE RIVER BY ASSAULT BOATS.

UNITS OPERATING IN I CORPS CONTINUED TO RECEIVE STEADY

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UNTIL 2512 FRIDAY MORNING.
IT WAS ALSO LEARNED FRIDAY THAT LT. J. R. NELSON, COMMANDER RIVER DIVISION 112, RECEIVED MULTIPLE FRAGMENT WOUNDS OF THE FACE WHEN MONITOR 111-2 WAS ATTACKED WITH SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHILE SUPPORTING A MARINE OPERATION ON WEDNESDAY. LT. NELSON, WHO WAS THE ONLY CASUALTY OF THE ATTACK. WAS TREATED AND RELEASED.

THREE OTHER PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO RIVER DIVISION
112 ATC'S WERE WOUNDED IN A 20-MINUTE ARTILLERY ATTACK WEDNESDAY
NIGHT. TWO WERE EVACUATED TO MEDICAL FACILITIES AT DONG HA WHERE
THEY WERE REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION, WHILE THE THIRD WAS TREATED
AND RELEASED.

THE MRF WAS VISITED FRIDAY BY ADMIRAL JOHN J. HYLAND, COMMANDER IN CHIEF, U. S. PACIFIC FLEET, WHO ATE LUNCH WITH COMMODORE SALZER AND RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS. THE FOUR-STAR ADMIRAL ALSO PRESENTED AWARDS TO FIVE FLOTILLA PERSONNEL. THOSE RECEIVING AWARDS INCLUDE BM1 VERNON M. WARE OF RIVER ASSAULT DIVISION 111, THE SILVER STAR; BM1 THOMAS A. PATTERSON, RIVER

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DIVISION 111, THE BRONZE STAR AND THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL;
LT. THOMAS W. ZIEGLER, THE FLOTILLA MEDICAL OFFICER, THE BRONZE
STAR; BOZ GEORGE L. GADSEN. RIVER DIVISION 111, THE NAVY
COMMENDATION MEDAL; AND BM3 DAVID L. MICHALETZ, RIV DIV
111, ALSO THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL.
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