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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-25

IN ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF ITS ABILITY TO REACT RAPIDLY TO NEW CONTINGENCIES, THE MRF MOVED INTO ITS FORTH OPERATING AREA IN FIVE DAYS SUNDAY, SHIFTING FROM THE VICINITY OF CAI LAY INTO THE AREA SURROUNDING THE EMBATTLED CITY OF VINH LONG.

THREE COMPANIES OF 3/62 INFANTRY BATTALION AND ONE COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE NEW AO LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, WHILE OTHER UNITS WERE LANDED IN THE EVENING BY RIVER ASSAULT BOATS OF RIV DIV 92. BY 2000 ALPHA COMPANY, 3/62TH, HAD REPORTED 7 VC KILLED AND 5 WEAPONS CAPTURED. NO AMERICAN CASUALTIES HAD BEEN REPORTED.

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FINAL RESULTS OF THE TWO-DAY CAMPAIGN IN THE CAI LAY DISTRICT WERE 20 VC KILLED IN ACTION. A TOTAL OF SEVEN FRIENDLY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED, INCLUDING THREE NAVYMEN ON SUNDAY AS A RESULT OF NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 WERE INVOLVED IN THE NAVY'S ONLY SIGNIFICANT CONTACT OF THE OPERATION AT 1532 SUNDAY WHEN THEY CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE WHILE MOVING DOWN THE RACH BA RAI ABOVE SNOOPY'S NOSE. THERE WERE NO U.S. CASUALTIES AS ATC-92-5 RECEIVED TWO CLOSE MISSES FROM B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS AND M-92-1 WAS THREATENED BY RECOILESS RIFLE FIRE. THE ASSAULT BOATS RETURNED FIRE WITH ALL WEAPONS INCLUDING THEIR FLAMETHROWER WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

THE MRB WENT TO GENERAL QUARTERS TWICE SATURDAY NIGHT AND EARLY SUNDAY MORNING AS DONG TAM RECEIVED SPORADIC MORTAR FIRE THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT. AN ESTIMATED 20 ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS TO MORE THAN 270. THE PACV MAINTENANCE WAS DAMAGED BY ONE MORTAR ROUND BUT NOT ENOUGH TO DEGRADE THE MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY.

THE MRB RETURNED TO ITS VINH LONG ANCHORAGE AT 1640 SUNDAY, COMPLETING THE 20-MILE TRANSIT IN THREE HOURS AND 45 MINUTES.

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