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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 83-29

ARMY ELEMENTS WERE IN MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT FRIDAY EVENING AS THE MRF SHIFTED THE CENTER OF ITS OPERATIONS BACK TO NORTHEAST OF MY THO.

AS OF 1830H, TWELVE VC HAD BEEN KILLED IN ACTION WITH TROOPS OF 4/47 INFANTRY STILL ENGAGED IN HEAVY FIGHTING.

THE BATTLE ERUPTED IN THE EARLY AFTER NOON SHORTLY AFTER CHANLEY COMPANY OF 3/60 INFANTRY COMPLETED ITS AIRLIFT INTO THE NEW AREA OF OPERATIONS AT 1345. NUMEROUS VC WERE SPOTTED RUNNING ALONG A WOODLINE, AND IN THE ENSUING EXCHANGE OF FIRE, EIGHT ENEMY WERE KILLED. THERE WAS ONE U. S. INFANTRYMAN KILLED AND FIVE OTHERS WOUNDED. THE FATALITY AND THREE OF THE WOUNDED RESULTED FROM FRIENDLY GUNSHIP FIRE.

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MORE FIGHTING BROKE OUT AT 1745 WHEN THE ENEMY ATTACKED FROM PREPARED POSITIONS AS BRAVO COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY WAS COMPLETING ITS AIRLIFT INTO A LANDING ZONE. DURING THE BARRAGE OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE, FIVE HELICOPTERS WERE SHOT DOWN AND AT LEAST THREE U. S. PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED AS GROUND FIGHTING CONTINUED AFTER DARKNESS.

FRIDAY'S OPERATIONS BEGAN NORTH OF MY THO WHERE BOTH MRF BATTALIONS HAD BEEN AIRLIFTED THURSDAY EVENING. ONE ARMY ENGINEER WAS KILLED AND 12 OTHER PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE IN THE EVENING, BUT THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT DURING THE NIGHT AND ONLY FOUR VC WERE KILLED DURING A SWEEP THROUGH THE AREA FRIDAY MORNING.

WHEN VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED NORTH OF THE CHO GAO CANAL, IT WAS DECIDED TO AIRLIFT THE TWO BATTALIONS BACK INTO THE AREA WHERE THE ENTIRE OPERATION STARTED THURSDAY MORNING.

NAVY ELEMENTS CONTINUED PATROLLING ALONG THE SONG MY THO FRIDAY BUT REPORTED NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.

HEAVY FOG NEAR THE VAM NAO CROSSOVER BETWEEN THE BASSAC AND MY THO RIVERS DELAYED THE TRANSIT OF RIV DIV III, THE TWO LIGHT LIFT CRAFT AND EIGHT ASSAULT BOATS FROM CAN THO THURSDAY

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NIGHT. BUT THE UNITS ~~WERE~~ UNDERWAY AGAIN AT 2700 FRIDAY AFTER
A SEVEN HOUR-STOP AND WERE EXPECTED TO CLOSE DONG TAM BY LATE
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