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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-11
MRF UNITS REPORTED A DAY OF LITTLE CONTACT THURSDAY WHILE OPERATING IN EASTERN DINH TUONG, WESTERN GO CONG AND SOUTHERN LONG AN PROVINCES.

THREE VC KIA WERE RECORDED DURING THE DAY, ALL BY GUNSHIPS. ONE GUNSHIP CREWMEMBER WAS WOUNDED IN THE ARM AND FOOT BY ENEMY GROUNDFIRE, BECOMING THE ONLY U.S. CASUALTY OF THE DAY. HOWEVER, FOUR MEN FROM 3-47 WERE MEDIVAC'ED DUE TO ILLNESS AND HEAT EXHAUSTION. THE OPERATION COMMENCED AT 0320 THURSDAY WITH 3/47 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS BEING LIFTED TO THE BEACHING AREAS BY THE BOATS OF RIVER ASSAULT SQUADRON NINE. BOTH ARMY BATTALIONS HAD BEACHED WITHOUT OPPOSITION BY 0730 AND THE ASSAULT CRAFT ESTABLISHED SUPPORTING PATROLS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AS THE TROOPS SWEEP INLAND.

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AT 1300 RIVDIV 91 BOATS REEMBARKED A COMPANY OF 4/47 AND LIFTED THEM BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANDING ZONE WHERE THEY WERE RE-INSERTED WITHOUT CONTACT AT 1410. THE INFANTRYMEN THEN SWEEP INLAND IN A DIFFERENT DIRECTION THAN THEY HAD GONE DURING THE MORNING LANDING. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO CONTACT BY GROUND UNITS DURING THE DAY, 384 ENEMY BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED. RIVRON NINE CRAFT PROVIDED TROOP SUPPORT AND INTERDICTION PATROLS ALONG THE CHO GAO CANAL THROUGHOUT THE DAY. A PSY OPS MISSION WAS ALSO CONDUCTED FROM THE BOATS. ALL UNITS REMAINED IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA OVERNIGHT.

AT 0630 THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRB DEPARTED DONG TAM AND TRANSITED TO A NEW ANCHORAGE ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF MY THO TO SUPPORT THE CURRENT OPERATION.

CTF 117 WAS VISITED THURSDAY BY AIR FORCE MAJOR GENERAL R.N. BAKER, MACV-J5. HE WAS BRIEFED ON PAST AND CURRENT MRF OPERATIONS AND PLANS FOR THE PROGRAM FIVE EXPANSION OF THE FORCE.

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