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DAILY INTERNALL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-13

FOUR SHIPS OF THE MRB MOVED FARTHER WEST MONDAY THEN ANY TIME PREVIOUSLY IN THE MRF'S ONE-YEAR HISTORY AS THEY COMPLETED THE FIRST LEG OF A 120-MILE TRIP TO CAN THO.

MONDAY NIGHT'S ANCHORAGE WAS LOCATED ALMOST 60 MILES UP RIVER FROM DONG TAM AND 25 MILES NORTHWEST OF SA DEC. WHEN THE FOUR SHIPS BEGIN THEIR TRANSIT TUESDAY MORNING OF THE VAM NAO, WHICH CONNECTS THE MEKONG AND BASSAC RIVERS, THEY WILL BE OPERATING LESS THAN 20 MILES FROM THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.

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MONDAY AFTERNOON AND WILL CONTINUE THE TRANSIT UP THE MEKONG RIVER ON TUESDAY. THE MRB DEPARTED DONG TAM AT 1230, WITH THE WASHTEAW COUNTY THE LAST SHIP TO ANCHOR ABOUT 2000. THE SHIPS AVERAGED NINE KNOTS FOR THE ESTIMATED 60-MILE TRIP.

ELEMENTS OF 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS RETURNED TO THE MRB MONDAY MORNING FOLLOWING A DAY OF OPERATIONS IN THE AP BAC DISTRICT NORTH OF DONG TAM. FINAL RESULTS OF THE JOINT OPERATION WITH TWO OTHER BATTALIONS OF THE NINTH DIVISION WERE 65 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND MANY VC WEAPONS CAPTURED.

THREE U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 40 OTHERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING. ONE OF THOSE KILLED AND 25 OF THE WOUNDED WERE FROM THE SECOND BRIGADE. ONE OF THE FRIENDLY FATALITIES AND 20 OF THE WOUNDED OCCURRED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT MONDAY MORNING WHEN ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF ENEMY MORTAR FIRE.

DONG TAM WAS ALSO HIT HARD BY MORTARS SUNDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY MORNING, REPORTING 62 ROUNDS. THERE WAS ONE ARMY KIA RECORDED AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK AND 12 WERE WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO CREWMEN OF LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-FOUR.

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