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 DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 07-13

ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVERINE GROUP BRAVO HAD A BUSY DAY ON THE RACH BA RAI SATURDAY, REPORTING 16 U.S. PERSONNEL INJURED IN AN AMBUSH AND TWO BOATS MODERATELY DAMAGED BY UNDERWATER EXPLOSIONS WHICH WERE POSSIBLY MINES.

THE AMBUSH OCCURRED AT 0310 AS THE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 131 WITH 4/39 INFANTRY EMBARKED WERE COMING OUT OF SNOOPY'S NOSE. NONE OF THE BOATS WERE SERIOUSLY DAMAGED IN THE BARRAGE OF SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE IN A 1500-METER LONG ATTACK. HOWEVER, NINE NAVYMEN AND SEVEN INFANTRYMEN ON ATC'S WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK. TWO OF THE BOAT CREWMEN AND TWO OF THE ARMY

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PERSONNEL RECEIVED INJURIES SERIOUS ENOUGH TO REQUIRE MEDICAL
EVACUATION.

THE BOATS SUPPRESSED THE FIRE WHILE RUNNING THE AMBUSH, AND
HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND AIR FORCE PLANES MOVED IN TO STRAF THE
ENEMY POSITIONS. AFTER THE AIR STRIKES, THE TROOPS WERE INSERTED
BELOW THE AMBUSH POINT AND SWEEPED THROUGH THE AREA WITH NO CONTACT.
AN UNOFFICIAL COUNT OF 7 VC BODIES WERE FOUND IN THE AREA.

DURING THE BEACHING, HOWEVER, ATC 131-8 WAS HOLED BY AN EXPLOSION
WHICH OPENED A NINE-INCH GASH BELOW THE WATERLINE ADJACENT TO THE
ENGINE SPACES. NO PERSONNEL WERE INJURED, AND THE FLOODING WAS
CONTROLLED BY P-250 PUMPS AFTER THE BOAT HAD BEEN BEACHED.

LESS THAN TWO HOURS LATER ANOTHER BOAT, ATC 131-13, WAS HOLED
BY AN UNDERWATER EXPLOSION NEAR THE SAME SPOT. AGAIN, THERE WERE
NO CASUALTIES, BUT THE BOAT HAD TO BE BEACHED TO PREVENT IT FROM
SINKING. IT WAS LATER TOWED TO DONG TAM.

IN ORDER TO AID THE TWO DISABLED BOATS, TWO DIVERS FROM THE SPHINX
WERE AIRLIFTED TO THE SCENE. AND THE COMBAT SALVAGE BOAT WITH TWO
ASPB ESCORTS WAS DISPATCHED FROM THE SONG CO CHIEN TO ASSIST IN THE
REPAIRS.

IN SHARP CONTRAST TO MRG BRAVO, THE GROUP AFLA ELEMENTS HAD A
QUIET DAY. UNITS OF RIV DIV 111 WITH BRAVO AND CHARLIE COMPANIES,
4/47 INFANTRY, SUPPORTED THE REMOVAL OF A WATERBLOCK ON THE RACH TROM.
THE TWO COMPANIES ENCOUNTERED NO CONTACT DURING A SWEEP THROUGH THE

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AREA, BUT REPORTED DESTROYING 57 BUNKERS. THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED
AT 1400 AND THE BOATS RETURNED TO THE MRG ABOUT 1530.

THE FOUR RIVER DIVISIONS ROTATED ASSIGNMENTS SATURDAY WITH
DIVISIONS 91 AND 112 RETURNING TO THE LINE. DIVISION 91 MOVES TO
THE COLLETON TO SUPPORT 3/60 INFANTRY, WHILE DIVISION 112 SHIFTS TO
THE AFL-26 TO CARRY 4/47 INFANTRY.

RIVER DIVISION 92 IS NOW LOCATED AT THE WASHTENAW COUNTY AND WILL
ESCORT ELEMENTS OF 3/34 ARTILLERY BATTERY. DIVISION 111 IS BASED AT
THE BENEWAH AND ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF THE MRG.

THE LITCHFIELD COUNTY (LST-901) CONDUCTED ITS FIRST WEEKLY
RESUPPLY OF THE WINDHAM COUNTY SATURDAY.

THE MRG WAS VISITED SATURDAY MR. LAWRENCE PICKERING, THE SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO THE U. S. AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM.

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