

UNCLASEFTO

5/5 / 4APD
700 / 14 FEB.

CWO NR #1349
R 141548Z FEB 68
FM COMRIVFLOT ONE
TO USS BENEWAH
USS COLLETON
USS ASKARI
USS WASHTENAW COUNTY
AFR TWO SIX
BT

Time out at 2200
-T-APL-26

- N414 2147Z
- N0NA 2155Z
- NFK 2157Z

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ARMY ELEMENTS OPERATING SOUTH OF CAN THO REPORTED MODERATE CONTACT WEDNESDAY WHILE CAPTURING ONE OF THE LARGEST ENEMY ARMS CACHES IN THE MRF'S ONE-YEAR HISTORY. THIS IS THE SECOND LARGE WEAPONS CACHE CAPTURED IN THE PAST WEEK.

ONE INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND 10 WERE WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF SPORADIC SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND OTHER HEAVY FIRE DURING THE DAY. IN ADDITION, 14 OTHERS WERE WOUNDED WHEN GUNSHIPS SUPPORTING THE GROUND FORCES WHO WERE IN HEAVY, CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY HAD SOME OF THEIR ROCKETS IMPACT AMONG OUR TROOPS.

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BY 2000 FOUR VC BATTALIONS KILLED IN ACTION AND TWO OTHERS
TAKEN PRISONER.

AMONG THE ENEMY ARMS CONFISCATED WERE 460 B-40 ROCKET ROUNDS, 166
B-40 CHARGES, 279 MISCELLANEOUS GRENADES, 112 ANTI-PERSONNEL WEAPONS,
92 RPG-7 CHARGES AND ASSORTED OTHER WEAPONS, MORTAR ROUNDS AND
EXPLOSIVES.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 AND ELEMENTS OF 3/34 ARTILLERY
BATTALION WERE THE FIRST TO ENTER THE OPERATING AREA IN THE CAI
RANG DISTRICT OF PHONG DINH PROVINCE. THEY ESTABLISHED A FIRE
SUPPORT BASE ONE MILE SOUTH OF CAN THO IN ORDER TO COVER ELEMENTS
OF 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION AS THEY WERE INSERTED AT THEIR OBJECTIVE
BEACHES BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 BETWEEN 0705 AND 0720.

THE BOATS THEN ASSUMED BLOCKING POSITIONS ON THE CAN THO RIVER TO
PREVENT ANY ENEMY ESCAPE ON THE WATER ROUTES, BUT NO SIGNIFICANT
SAMPAH ACTIVITY OR OTHER SUSPICIOUS MOVEMENTS WERE REPORTED.

THE APL-26 AND BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 COMPLETED THEIR TRANSIT
FROM NEAR THE CROSSOVER FROM THE MEKONG TO THE BASSAC RIVERS TO CAN
THO AT 1340 WEDNESDAY.

THE TWO COMPANIES OF 3/60 INFANTRY EMBARKED ON THE APL WERE
INSERTED IN THE AO BY BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 AT 2000.

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IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF CAN THO, COMMANDER RIVER
ASSAULT DIVISION 112 AND FOUR OF HIS UNITS ARE PATROLLING IN A
SUSPECTED VC CROSSING AREA ON THE BASSAC RIVER SOUTHEAST OF THE MRS.

THE MRS WAS VISITED WEDNESDAY BY MR. NEWBOLD NOYES, EDITOR OF THE
WASHINGTON, D.C. STAR. HE WAS GIVEN A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS
BY CAPTAIN ALLEN, VISITED RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAH'S
PONTONS, AND RECEIVED AN ORIENTATION RIDE IN AN ASPB.

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CTU 117.0.1....CTU 117.3.1...CCD-17....CRR-9/11,....
CO...XO...OPS...COMM...CDO...A-PERS...
TOD:NU1Y/2147Z/NDNU/2155Z/WFLX/2154Z/14 FEB 68/S/S
TOD:14/2220Z FEB 68/TMC WU:1A/SUPVR:2

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