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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-17

ARMY ELEMENTS WERE IN MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT WITH  
A VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE WEDNESDAY DURING OPERATIONS UP  
ROUTE 66 IN THE CAI LAY DISTRICT OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT SHORTLY AFTER 1100 WHEN ALPHA  
COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY CAME UNDER SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC  
WEAPONS FIRE ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THEIR BEACHING  
AREA. AS THE BATTLE RAGED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ELEMENTS OF  
3-47 INFANTRY MOVED IN TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY ON HIS EAST FLANK. THE  
HEAVY ACTION CONTINUED INTO THE EVENING, AND BOTH BATTALIONS WERE  
STILL IN CONTACT AFTER DARKNESS.

AS OF 2000 TEN VIET CONG HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KILLED AND THREE  
OTHERS CAPTURED. TWO U.S. PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 31 WOUNDED.

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THE TWO BATTALIONS HAD BEEN BEACHED WITHOUT OPPOSITION BETWEEN 0730 AND 0800 BY BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE. MOST OF THE BOATS REMAINED IN THE AO THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ALTHOUGH THE ATC'S WERE RETURNED TO THE MRB EARLY IN THE EVENING.

THE REMAINING HEAVIES STAYED AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE KINH XANG AND KINH BA BEO TO PROVIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL AND FIRE SUPPORT AS NEEDED.

A CREWMAN OF ASPB 92-6 WAS SUCCESSFULLY RESCUED ABOUT 2215 TUESDAY AFTER HE FELL OVERBOARD FROM THE BENEWAH PONTOON. HE FLOATED SEVERAL HUNDRED YARDS DOWNSTREAM BEFORE BEING PLUCKED FROM THE WATER ABEAM OF THE COLLETON.

SALVAGE OPERATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL TUESDAY ON CCB 112-1 WHICH SANK NEAR THE LST RAMP IN CUA VIET ON MONDAY. THE BOAT WAS RAISED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF DIVERS AND PERSONNEL FROM THE USS SUTTER COUNTRY.

PACV-2 WAS UNDERWAY FOR A SHAKEDOWN CRUISE TUESDAY IN ITS FIRST OPERATIONS SINCE BEING DISABLED IN LATE FEBRUARY BY A RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACK NEAR CAN IHO.

THE MRF WAS VISITED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN MURPHY (D-N.Y.) WHO RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF CONCEPTS

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AND OPERATIONS. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR. GEORGE ANDERSON, HEAD OF THE POLITICAL SECTION AT THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON.

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