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INFO CO SECOND BRIGADE NINTH INF DIV  
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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 35-17

**FOURTY ONE** VIET CONG WERE KILLED FRIDAY IN A FOUR-DAY SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION IN THE THANH DUC DISTRICT OF LONG AN PROVINCE 12 MILES SOUTHEAST OF SAIGON.

OPERATING WITH THE 3/39 AND 4/39 INFANTRY BATTALIONS OF THE 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION'S 3RD BRIGADE, THE TWO MRF BATTALIONS WERE IN CONTACT WITH SMALL GROUPS OF ENEMY SNIPERS THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE INVOLVED IN THE HEAVIEST ACTION, REPORTING **18** VIET CONG KILLED. VC KIA TOTALS FOR OTHER UNITS WERE AIR FORCE 9, 4/47 INFANTRY 7, 3/39 INFANTRY 6, AND RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT 1.

U.S. CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING WERE SIX KILLED AND 21 WOUNDED, ALL FROM THE SECOND BRIGADE.

IN ADDITION TO THE VC BODY COUNT, FIVE PRISONERS OF WAR WERE

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CAPTURED AND NINE WEAPONS SEIZED.

THE OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED AT 2100 THURSDAY WHEN ARTILLERY BARGES ESCORTED BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 112 DEPARTED DONG TAM. THE TWO MRF BATTALIONS EMBARKED ON BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111 LEFT DONG TAM ABOUT THREE HOURS LATER BETWEEN 2330 AND 2345.

THE BOATS REPORTED A QUIET TRANSIT TO THE AO EXCEPT FOR THE ARTILLERY ELEMENTS WHICH RECEIVED FIVE ROUNDS OF RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE AT 2335 WHILE MOVING UP THE CHO GAO CANAL. THERE WERE NO HITS AND NO CASUALTIES IN THE ATTACK.

THE ARTILLERY BARGES REACHED THE OBJECTIVE FIRE SUPPORT BASE AT 0430. WHILE THE INFANTRY BATTALIONS WERE BEACHED ON TRIBUTARIES OF THE RACH VANG AT 0802, THE BOATS RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE DURING THE DAY, BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED. THE NAVY RECEIVED CREDIT FOR ITS KIA WHEN A FLAMETHROWER FLUSHED HIM FROM A THICK GROWTH OF NIPPA PALM AND HE WAS KILLED WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE.

THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRF DEPARTED DONG TAM AT 3700 AND COMPLETED THE 62 MILE TRIP TO THE NEW ANCHORAGE ABOUT 1600, IN SHIFTING TO THE VICINITY OF THE CUA SOIRAP AND THE SONG VAM CO, THE MRB CROSSED THROUGH THE SOUTH CHINA SEA FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER.

AN EXTENSIVE SEARCH FOR A MAN WHO FELL OVERBOARD FROM THE TOM GREEN

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COUNTY AT 2200 THURSDAY PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE MISSING MAN IS BELIEVED TO BE BN2 KENNETH A. CARROLL OF ASPB 111-4 WHO WAS THE ONLY INFANTRYMAN OR NAVYMAN WHO COULD NOT BE LOCATED IN A MUSTER AFTER THE INCIDENT.

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