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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-21

THIRTY-ONE VC WERE KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE OTHER WAS CAPTURED IN OPERATIONS SOUTH OF CAN THO MONDAY NIGHT AND TUESDAY.

THE BATTLES TOOK PLACE AFTER 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE AREA TO SUPPORT TWO ARVN BATTALIONS WHO HAD ATTAINED HEAVY CONTACT MONDAY MORNING. U.S. CASUALTIES IN THE FIGHTING WERE 5 KIA AND 34 WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES.

SIX OF THE WOUNDED WERE CREWMEN ABOARD MONITOR-91-1 WHICH WAS ONE OF SIX RIV DIV 91 BOATS WHICH RECEIVED A BARRAGE OF B-47 ROCKET, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS OF THE CAN THO RIVER

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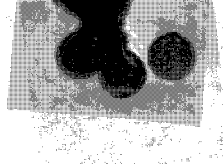
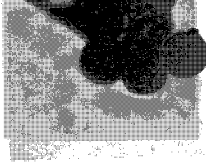
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AT 2215 MONDAY.

THE FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS, BUT NOT BEFORE MONITOR-91-1 TOOK A B-47 HIT IN THE 40 MM MOUNT. FOUR OF THE WOUNDED WERE INJURED SERIOUSLY ~~ENOUGH~~ ENOUGH TO REQUIRE EVACUATION FROM A NEARBY MEDICAL AID BOAT, ATC-112-8. THREE CREWMEN, SN LARUE, SN MAYES, GMS2 FRANK, WERE EVACUATED TO 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL LONG BINH. AT 201900H NONE WERE CONSIDERED SERIOUS. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AS THE RIVDIV 91 UNITS WERE PATROLLING THE CAN THO TO PREVENT EXFILTRATION OF VIET CONG FROM THE AO.

A SECOND INCIDENT INVOLVING ASSAULT CRAFT OCCURRED AT 0140 WHEN MONITOR-92-2, ONE OF SIX UNITS WHICH HAD RELIEVED THE 91 BOATS, TOOK A RECOILESS RIFLE ROCKET IN THE STARBOARD SIDE. THE ROUND DID NOT PENETRATE AND DAMAGE TO THE BAR ARMOR WAS MINOR. FIRE WAS NOT RETURNED AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

ALL ARMY AND NAVY UNITS RETURNED TO THE MRB TUESDAY AFTERNOON WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FOUR UNITS OF RIV DIV 112 WHICH ARE CONTINUING PATROLS SOUTH OF CAN THO.

THE BENEWAH AND RIVFLOT ONE CO-HOSTED A FAREWELL LUNCHEON TUESDAY FOR MAJOR GENERAL O'CONNOR, WHO IS LEAVING VIETNAM AFTER A NINE MONTH TOUR AS COMMANDER OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION. HE ALSO SERVED NINE



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 MONTHS AS THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER. GENERAL O'CONNOR IS BEING
 ASSIGNED TO THE U.S. CONTINENTAL ARMY COMMAND, FORT MONROE, VA.
 THE MRF WAS VISITED TUESDAY AFTERNOON BY MR. JACK ANDERSON,
 WHO CO-AUTHORS A NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COLUMN WITH DREW PEARSON.
 MR. ANDERSON WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS, VISITED RIVER ASSAULT
 CRAFT ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAH, AND WAS GIVEN AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE
 AFTERNOON'S TROOP EXTRACTION SOUTH OF CAN TWO.

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