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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-23

THE MRF ENJOYED ONE OF ITS MOST SUCCESSFUL DAYS IN RECENT MONTHS THURSDAY WHEN 60 VIET CONG WERE KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WERE CAPTURED WHILE FRIENDLY FORCES SUSTAINED ONLY FIVE WOUNDED, ONE OF WHICH WAS SERIOUS.

THIRTY-TWO OF THE ENEMY WERE KILLED BY GUNSHIPS, WHILE THE OTHER 28 WERE RECORDED BY GROUND FORCES IN THE FIGHTING 20 MILES SOUTH OF CAN THO.

FOUR OF THE FIVE WOUNDED WERE CREWMEN ABOARD RIVER DIVISION III BOATS WHICH RECEIVED SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE FOR FORTY MINUTES AS THEY

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WERE MOVING IN TO BEACH ELEMENTS OF 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION. FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED EACH TIME IT WAS RECEIVED WITH 20 MM CANNON, 30 CAL MACHINE GUNS AND 40MM GRENADES.

BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 ALSO RECEIVED OCCASIONAL SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AS THEY MOVED DOWN THE NARROW LAI HIEU CANAL TOWARD THEIR OBJECTIVE BEACHES.

DESPITE THE HARRASSMENT DURING THE TRANSIT DOWN THE CANAL, THE ACTUAL LANDINGS WERE ALL UNOPPOSED AND THE BOATS REPORTED NO FURTHER INCIDENTS AS THEY TOOK UP BLOCKING POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE GROUND FORCES. THE ENTIRE OPERATION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED

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USING RIVERINE ASSAULT CRAFT WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE FOURTH CORPS ENGINEERS WHO RAISED A LOW BRIDGE TO ENABLE THE TF 117 BOATS TO PASS UNDERNEATH TO THE OPERATION AREA.

IN ADDITION TO OPERATIONS IN THE AO, FOUR UNITS OF RIV DIV 112 ARE CONTINUING TO CONDUCT NIGHTLY PATROLS JUST SOUTH OF CAN THO. SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY THESE UNITS AT 2110 AND JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT WHICH WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

THE THREE PACV'S COMPLETED THEIR TRANSIT FROM DONG TAM TO THE PBR BASE AT BINH THUY AT 0800 THURSDAY. THE AIR-CUSHIONED VEHICLES HAVE

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BEEN CHOPPED TO TASK FORCE 116 AND WILL BE OPERATING WITH PBR UNITS FOR A SHORT PERIOD.

THE MRF LEARNED THURSDAY THAT 15 FORMER TF 117 PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED EARLY MONDAY MORNING IN THE TAN SON NHUT AIR TERMINAL AS THEY WERE AWAITING THEIR RETURN FLIGHT TO THE US. ALTHOUGH FIVE OF THE 15 PERSONNEL REQUIRED HOSPITALIZATION, NONE OF THE INJURIES WAS CONSIDERED SERIOUS.

IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT SEAMAN A.J. LARUE WHO WAS WOUNDED IN THE ACTION ON M-91-1 IS FEB IS IN CRITICAL CONDITION IN 24TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL LONG BINH. GUNNERS MATE SECOND CLASS I.B. FRANK AND SEAMAN D.S. MAYERS OF M-91-1 CREW ARE ALSO IN THE 24TH EVAC HOSP AND ARE IN GOOD CONDITION. ALL WERE VISITED BY CHAPLAIN LOESCH ON WEDNESDAY.

THE COLLETON'S FLIGHT DECK WAS THE SCENE THURSDAY FOR CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONIES FOR LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FLOYD BANBURY. HE WAS RELIEVED AS COLLETON CO BY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DONALD ALDERSON.

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