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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 01-26

BOTH THE ARMY AND NAVY REPORTED MODERATE CONTACT FRIDAY DURING OPERATIONS IN THE TRUC GIANG DISTRICT OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE, BUT THE ONLY KNOWN ENEMY CASUALTY WAS ONE VC KILLED IN AN AMBUSH.

THE MRF MOVED INTO TRUC GIANG DISTRICT AFTER A DAY OF LITTLE ACTION THURSDAY IN THE MO CAY AND HUONG MAY DISTRICTS. BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111 TRANSPORTED 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION TO THEIR NEW OBJECTIVES, WHILE 3/47 INFANTRY WAS AIRLIFTED INTO THE NEW OPERATING AREA.

RIVER DIVISION 111 ASSAULT CRAFT WERE INVOLVED IN THE HEAVIEST

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CONTACT OF THE DAY. AS THEY WERE MOVING IN TO BEACH THREE COMPANIES OF 3/60 ABOUT 0810, THEY CAME UNDER SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE. DESPITE REPEATED FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY ONLY ONE BOAT, T-111-13, WAS HIT AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. HOWEVER TWO AMERICANS RECEIVED SLIGHT INJURIES WHEN ONE OF THEIR OWN ROUNDS EXPLODED PREMATURELY ABOARD MONITOR 111-2. BOTH WERE RETURNED TO DUTY IMMEDIATELY. THE RIVDIV 111 BOATS SUPPRESSED THE ENEMY FIRE WITH 40 MM AND 20 MM CANNON AND .30 AND .50 CAL MACHINE GUN FIRE.

THE ONLY OTHER MAJOR INCIDENT INVOLVING THE BOATS OCCURRED EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN ATC-112-3, PATROLLING IN THE SONG MY THO WEST OF DONG TAM, RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. THE ATC RETURNED THE FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.

PERSONNEL IN CCB-112-1 OBSERVED A PROBABLE RPG-7 ROUND SPLASH IN THE WATER AFTER BEING FIRED AT THE BOAT FROM THE OPPOSITE BANK OF THE SONG MY THO WEST OF DONG TAM.

THE ARMY REPORTED NUMEROUS INSTANCES OF SNIPER FIRE AND OTHER LIGHT CONTACT DURING THE DAY BUT COULD CONFIRM ONLY ONE VC KILLED IN ACTION. TWO OF THEIR OWN PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED.

THE MRB COMPLETED ITS MOVE FROM THE VICINITY OF BEN TRE TO NINE KILOMETERS EAST OF MY THO AT 1815. TODAY'S TRANSIT COVERED 30 NAUTICAL

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MILES, MAKING THE TWO DAY TOTAL OF 60 MILES ONE OF THE LONGEST IN THE
MRF'S ONE-YEAR HISTORY.

THE MRF WAS VISITED FRIDAY MORNING BY THREE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES, C.S. FOLEY AND L.M. MEEDS, BOTH DEMOCRATS FROM
WASHINGTON, AND T.R. KUPFERMAN, REPUBLICAN FROM NEW YORK. THEY
RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS, MET WITH CONSTITUENTS AND
VISITED RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAH.

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