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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 89-26

TWO ARTILLERYMEN WERE KILLED, A THIRD IS MISSING AND EIGHT WERE WOUNDED EARLY THURSDAY WORNING IN THE ENERY MINING OF AN ARTILLERY BARGE AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE GIAO HOA CANAL AND THE BEN TRE RIVER.

THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED ABOUT 2140 AND OPENED A SIZEABLE HOLE IN THE PERSONNEL SPACES OF THE ARTILLERY BARGE. ALL EIGHT OF THE

WOUNDED HAD TO BE EVACUATED BY ARMY HELICOPTER.

IN AN UNRELATED INCIDENT EARLIER IN THE EVENING, AN ARMY INFANTRYMAN SUFFERED FATAL WOUNDS WHEN HE STEPPED ON A BOOBY TRAP. THE SOLDIER WAS ATTACHED TO AN ELEMENT OF ALFA COMPANY, 3/47 INFANTRY WHICH WAS OPERATING SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE.

BOATS OF RIVDIV 131 SUPPORTED THREE REGIONAL FORCE COMPANIES

PAGE 2 RUMUGKK2216 UNCLAS E F T O THURSDAY IN A SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION NEAR THE CROSSROADS OF THE SONG BA LAI AND GIAO HOA CANAL. THE VIETNAMESE TROOPS WERE BEACHED WITHOUT INCIDENT AT 0910. AND KILLED ONE VC. CAPTURED ANOTHER AND SEIZED AN ENERY CARBINE IN THE SWEEP.

MOBILE RIVERINE BASE BRAVO REACHED FULL STRENGTH THURSDAY EVENING WHEN APL-30 JOINED APL-26, SATYR AND VERNON COUNTY AT THE

DONG TAM ANCHORAGE.

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