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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 18-27

GROUND AND AIR ELEMENTS ACHIEVED LIGHT CONTACT SUNDAY WITH A SMALL VC FORCE ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MI THO, FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTH OF DOG TAM.

TWELVE VIET CONG WERE KILLED IN THE ENGAGEMENT, 10 BY HELICOPTERS OF DELTA COMPANY, 3/5 AIR CAVALRY AND TWO BY 3/68 INFANTRY. THE ACTION STARTED ABOUT 1130 WHEN THE GUNSHIPS SPOTTED 15 VC NEAR A LARGE HOOTCH. THE HELICOPTERS' ROCKET FIRE TOUCHED OFF A LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSION, AND IT WAS DECIDED TO AIRLIFT TWO COMPANIES OF 3/68 INFANTRY IN TO INVESTIGATE.

SOON AFTER LANDING, THE 3/68 INFANTRYMEN BEGAN RECEIVING HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND MACHINE GUN FIRE WHICH KILLED TWO TROOPS AND WOUNDED SEVEN OTHERS. VIETNAMESE MARINES WHICH HAD BEEN LANDED ON

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THE SOUTH BANK EARLIER IN THE MORNING MOVED IN TO HELP EXPLOIT THE CONTACT AND REPORTED FIVE WOUNDED BY HOSTILE FIRE.

IN OTHER TASK GROUP ALFA OPERATIONS SUNDAY, BOATS OF RIV DIV 112 LIFTED THREE COMPANIES OF 6/31 INFANTRY TO DONG TAM FROM AN EXTRACTION POINT ON THE CUA TIEU, 20 KILOMETERS EAST OF MY THO.

BOATS OF RIV DIV 151 SUPPORTED EOD AND HARBOR CLEARANCE UNIT DIVERS SUNDAY IN A SURVEY OF TWO PARTIALLY SUNKEN BARGES WHICH ARE INTERFERING WITH TRAFFIC ON THE CHO GAO CANAL.

BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON 13 SUPPORTED A LARGE OPERATION INVOLVING VIETNAMESE UNITS ON THE XA NO CANAL SUNDAY. PARTICIPATING IN THE SWEEP 26 KILOMETERS WOUTHWEST OF CAN THO WERE FOUR COMPANIES OF THE 4TH VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS, THE 21ST ARVN HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, ONE COMPANY OF PHONG DINH REGIONAL FORCE TROOPS AND FOUR NATIONAL POLICE TEAMS.

THE GROUND FORCES WERE ALL BEACHED BY 0755 AND KILLED TWO VC AND CAPTURED ONE VC POLITICAL CADRE DURING THE DAY. ALSO SEIZED IN THE OPERATION WERE 7000 POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, A LARGE QUANTITY OF 7.62 AMMUNITION AND THREE KILOGRAMS OF DOCUMENTS.

FOUR TASK GROUP BRAVO ASPBS MAINTAINED WATERBORNE BLOCKS IN SUPPORT OF THE GROUND OPERATION, DETAINING NINE VIETNAMESE WHILE

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INSPECTING 168 SAMPANS. ALLIED CASUALTIES WERE 17 VIETNAMESE AND ONE U.S. MARINE ADVISER WOUNDED IN ACTION.

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