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DAILY INTEIlAL INFORMATION SUMMARY

ONLY MINOR INCIDENTS MARRED THE NEW YEAR'S TRUCE MONDAY AS BOATS
OF GIV DIVS 91 AND 111 CONTINUED TO SUPPORT 3/60 AND 4/47 INFANTRY
BATTALIONS IN WESTERN DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

CHARLIE COMPANY OF THE 3/60 INFANTRY, OPERATING NORTH OF SNOOPY'S
NOSE, RECEIVED SPOGADIC AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE DURING THE DAY, AFTER
PATICULARLY HEAVY BARRAGES AT 1330 AND 1400, FIRE WAS RETURNED BY
BOTH ARMY TROOPS AND RIV DIV 91 MONITORS AND ASPH'S WITH NO KNOWN
CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE. ADDITIONAL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS
RECEIVED BY CHARLIE AND ECHO COMPANIES OF 3/60 AT 1945 WITH THE ARMY
REPORTING ONE MAN RECEIVING MINOR WOUNDS. THE TRUCE WAS SCHEDULED TO
CONTINUE UNTIL 0600 TUESDAY.

RIVER DIVISION 91 AND RIVER DIVISION 111 CONTINUED THEIR PATROLS

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ON THE SONG NAM THON AND MY TWO BUT REPORTED NO SIGNIFICANT SAMPAK
TRAFFIC.

SEVERAL BOATS OF RIV DIV 112 CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THREE ARTILLARY
BATTALIONS AT FIRE SUPPORT BASES IN THE OPERATING AREA.

THE MRF WAS VISITED MONDAY BY REPRESENTATIVE GEORGE BUSH,
REPUBLICAN FROM I EASIS. HE RECEIVED BRIEFIGINGS ON BOTH THE ARMY AND
NAVF ASPECTS OF THE MRF, VISITED ASSAULT BOATS AT DONG TAM'S EAST
PONTON AND RECEIVED AN ORIENTATION RIDE ON A PACV.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 51-23

SOATS OF RIV DIV 91, 111 AND 112 RETURNED TO THE KNB TUESDAY MORNING AFTER A FIVE-DAY OPERATION IN WESTERN Dinh Tuong PROVINCE. FINAL RESULTS RECORDED BY THE 3/50 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS INCLUDED 5 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND 8 VC POW'S. TWELVE ARMY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED BY SNIPER FIRE OR BOOBY TRAPS DURING THE FIVE DAYS IN THE FIELD.

NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED AS A RESULT OF TUESDAY MORNING'S MORTAR ATTACK ON DONG TAM. AN ESTIMATED 15 TO 20 ROUNDS FELL IN THE NORTH-WEST SECTOR OF THE BASE, MOST OF THEM JUST NORTH OF THE AIRFIELD. ARMY AND NAVY MEDICAL AND DENTAL PERSONNEL STAGED A MEDCAP AND DENICAP AT THE LOCAL HAMLET OF KIM SON TUESDAY. ATC 92-7 TRANSPORTED AND ARMY DOCTOR AND NAVY DENTIST LCDR MORRISON OF APL-26 TO THE VILLAGE, WHICH IS LOCATED 5 KM UP RIVER FROM DONG TAM.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 01-04

ALL UNITS OF THE MRB CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

WEDNESDAY.

THE STEADILY GROWING FORCE INCREASED ITS NUMBER OF ASSAULT
BOATS WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WHEN FOUR MORE ASPB'S ARRIVED FROM
CAT LO. EACH OF THE RIVDIv'S WILL GET ONE OF THE NEW BOATS.

EIGHTEEN NEWSMEN, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH MAJOR WIRE
SERVICES AND ABC AND CBS VISITED THE MRF WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON TO
SEE A PACV DEMONSTRATION. THE NEWSMEN WATCHED THE DEMONSTRATION
FROM THE HELO DECK OF ATC-112-10.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING A SNIPER MADE THE FIRST HIT ON ANY OF
THE PACV'S SINCE THEY RETURNED TO VIETNAM. NO ONE WAS HURT DURING
THE BRIEF ATTACK.
DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 01-25

LT. NORMAN WELLS, COMMANDER OF RIVER DIVISION 112, WAS AWARDED THE SILVER STAR WITH COMBAT "V" THURSDAY FOR HIS PERFORMANCE IN COMBAT OPERATIONS BETWEEN JULY 11 AND 13, 1967. LT. WELLS RECEIVED HIS AWARD FROM COMMODORE SALZER DURING CEREMONIES ON DONG TAM'S EAST PONTOON. COMMODORE SALZER ALSO AWARDED THE BRONZE STAR WITH COMBAT "V" TO LT. ROBERT PATTERSON FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS BETWEEN JANUARY AND AUGUST, 1967, WHILE SERVING AS BOAT COXSWAIN ON ATC 91-7. THIRTY OTHER PERSONNEL WERE PRESENTED PURPLE HEARTS BY COMMODORE SALZER FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING RECENT MRF BATTLES.


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AND T-3 AND T-121.

THE MRF WAS VISITED THURSDAY BY SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY, DEMOCRAT FROM MASSACHUSETTS. THE SENATOR AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY LUNCHEON IN THE BRIGADE MESS AND RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS FROM COMMODORE SALZER AND COLONEL DAVID. SENATOR KENNEDY IS ON A TEN-DAY VISIT TO VIETNAM TO STUDY PROGRESS BEING MADE BY U.S. PROGRAMS TO HELP REFUGEES AND CIVILIAN VICTIMS OF THE WAR.
DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 01-06

BOATS OF RIV DIV'S 91, 111 AND 112 SUPPORTED 3/60 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS FRIDAY IN A ONE-DAY SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION UP XANG CANAL NORTH OF DONG TAM.

THE SEARCH WAS FOR A DOWNED ARMY AIRPLANE WHICH WAS CARRYING A FORWARD AIR OBSERVER AND ARTILLERY SPOTTER. THE PLANE WAS LOCATED AT 0800 WITH BOTH OCCUPANTS FOUND DEAD OF INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE CRASH. THE ARMY REPORTED ONE CASUALTY DURING THE DAY - AN ARMY INFANTRYMAN FROM A COMPANY OF 3/60 INFANTRY WHO DROWNED WHILE CROSSING A STREAM DURING THE SEARCH.

ALL ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS RETURNED TO THE MRB BY 1800.

THE MRF WILL BE VISITED SATURDAY BY THREE U.S. CONGRESSMEN. THEY INCLUDE REP. PAUL MCCLOSKEY, A REPUBLICAN FROM CALIFORNIA'S SAN MATEO COUNTY; REP. STUCKEY, A DEMOCRAT FROM GEORGIA; AND REP. KYROS, A DEMOCRAT FROM MAINE. REP. MCCLOSKEY WILL BE AT DONG TAM FROM 1000 TO 1100 AND REPS. STUCKEY AND KYROS FROM 1530 TO 1630. THOSE INTERESTED IN MEETING THEIR CONGRESSMAN DURING THEIR VISIT HERE MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO THROUGH THE RIV FLOT ONE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AT DONG TAM 340.

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SAN MATEO COUNTY; REP. STUCKEY, A DEMOCRAT FROM GEORGIA; AND REP. KYROS, A DEMOCRAT FROM MAINE. REP. MCCLOSKEY WILL BE AT DONG TAM FROM 1000 TO 1100 AND REPS. STUCKEY AND KYROS FROM 1530 TO 1630. THOSE INTERESTED IN MEETING THEIR CONGRESSMAN DURING THEIR VISIT HERE MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO DO SO THROUGH THE RIV FLOT ONE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE AT DONG TAM 340.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMING SUMMARY NO. 31-07
ALL UNITS OF THE MRF CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE
SATURDAY WHILE PREPARING FOR CONTINUATION OF OPERATION CORONADO
IX.
THE YTB-784 ARRIVED IN SAIGON SATURDAY FOR DRYDOCKING AND
REPAIRS AT THE VIETNAMESE NAVAL SHIPYARD.
ALL THREE U.S. CONGRESSMEN WHO VISITED THE MRF YESTERDAY WERE
INTERESTED IN OUR OPERATIONS AND WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED
WITH THE DEGREE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARMY AND THE NAVY
ELEMENTS OF THE FORCE.
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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 31-08

UNITS OF THE MRF REPORTED ONLY SPORADIC CONTACT SUNDAY DURING THE
FIRST DAY OF SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN EAST VINH LONG
PROVINCE.

THE ONLY CONTACT BY NAVY UNITS OCCURRED EARLY IN THE MORNING AS
BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 WERE PREPARING TO LAND TROOPS OF THE 4/47
INFANTRY LEAD ELEMENTS WERE TAKEN UNDER SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS OF A NARROW RIVER. THE 111 BOATS
RETURNED THE FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. TWO NAVY Personnel RECEIVED
MINOR WOUNDS DURING THE EXCHANGE.

RIVER DIVISION 91 IS SUPPORTING 3/62 INFANTRY BATTALION, BUT NEITHER
UNIT WAS INVOLVED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS UNTIL LATE IN THE
AFTERNOON. AT ABOUT 1620, ALPHA AND BRAVO COMPANIES OF THE 3/62

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INFANTRY EXCHANGED FIRE WITH A VC UNIT OF UNKNOWN SIZE. THE AIR FORCE

PROVIDED AIR STRIKES IN THE SUSPECTED ENEMY AREA, AND THE CONTACT
CONTINUED FOR SEVERAL HOURS. THERE WERE NO CONFIRMED CASUALTIES
ON EITHER SIDE BY 1930.

MORE THAN 50 DETAINED WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DURING THE DAY,
INCLUDING 77 WHICH WERE PICKED UP FROM SAMPANS BY BOATS OF RIV DIV
91. THE 4/47 INFANTRY CONFISCATED MANY ENEMY SUPPLIES, INCLUDING
322 POUNDS OF RICE AND AN ESTIMATED 5000 PUNJI STICKS.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 31-39
ALL ARMY AND NAVY UNITS RETURNED TO THE HRF MONDAY NIGHT
FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF A TWO-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERA-
TION IN EAST VIETNAM PROVINCE.
THERE WERE TWO VC KILLED IN ACTION MONDAY—ONE EACH BY THE
ARMY AND NAVY. THE NAVY'S KIP CASE AT 1315 WHEN A SAMPAH WITH TWO
OCCUPANTS ATTEMPTED TO ELUDE MONITOR 112-2 NEAR THE FIRE SUPPORT
BASE. WHEN THE TWO FLEEING VC SUSPECTS REACHED THEIR BOAT AND TRIED
TO ESCAPE OVERLAND, THE MONITOR TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE. ONE WAS
FATALLY WOUNDED BUT THE OTHER ESCAPED.
THE ONLY OTHER INCIDENT INVOLVING NAVY CRAFT, AS 25 31-6
DREW SEVERAL ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS FIRE ABOUT 1700, WHICH RESULTED
IN NO U.S. CASUALTIES BUT CAUSED SLIGHT STRUCTURAL DAMAGE.

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FINAL TOTALS FOR THE TWO DAYS OF LIGHT GROUND FIGHTING WERE 29
VC KILLED IN ACTION AND SIX CAPTURED. TEN U.S. PERSONNEL WERE
WOUNDED DURING THE OPERATION—EIGHT ARMY AND TWO NAVY—ALL ON
MONDAY.
THE MRF WAS VISITED MONDAY BY GENERAL LEONARD F. CHAPMAN, THE
NEW COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS.
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TUESDAY WAS A STAND DOWN DAY FOR THE MRF AS ALL UNITS PREPARED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OPERATION CORONADO IX. COMMANDER RIVER DIVISION 92, THE RIVERINE SURVEY TEAM AND FIVE ASPB'S WERE SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT A HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY ON THE SONG CO CHIEN TUESDAY, BUT EQUIPMENT FAILURES FORCED EARLY TERMINATION OF THE MISSION.

DAILY INITIAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 01-11

ELEMENTS OF THE 3/60 AND 4/47 INfantry Battalions were involved
Wednesday in the MRF's biggest battle since December 4.

Operating in the Cai Be District of western Dinh Tuong Province,
the Army units gained contact with a Viet Cong force of significant
size about 1300. The fighting continued into the night, with the
Army reporting light to moderate casualties.

Most of the heavy contact was achieved by Alpha and Charlie
Companies of 3/60 Infantry and Alpha Company of 4/47. Total con-
firmed casualties as of 2200 Wednesday were 10 U.S. Army killed
in action and 32 wounded. Darkness and heavy enemy fire prevented
a complete count of U.S. casualties and made impossible any
estimate of VC losses.

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River Assault Craft of Divisions 91, 111 and 112 are supporting
the Army in the operating area, but there were no reports of
significant enemy fire directed at the boats.

The only noteworthy incident involving Navy units occurred
early in the morning as boats of Riv Div 91 were preparing to
land elements of the 3/60 Infantry. Two VC suspects were caught
in the act of trying to lay a watermine in the path of the oncoming
boats and were captured while trying to escape.

The MRF was visited Wednesday by the Rev. W.J. Kennedy,
Episcopal Bishop of Honolulu.
ALL ARMY AND NAVY UNITS RETURNED TO DONG TAM AND THE MRF
THURSDAY NIGHT FOLLOWING A TWO-DAY OPERATION IN THE CAI BE
DISTRICT OF WESTERN DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

IN SHARP CONTRAST TO WEDNESDAY'S 12-HOUR BATTLE, THERE WAS VIRTUALLY
NO CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY ON THURSDAY. FINAL RESULTS OF THE
OPERATION SHOWED 47 VIET CONG KILLED IN ACTION AND FIVE OTHERS
TAKEN PRISONER. THERE WERE 24 U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL KILLED AND 59
WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF WEDNESDAY'S FIERCE FIGHTING.

IN OTHER MRF OPERATIONS THURSDAY, COMMANDER RIVER DIVISION 92
AND SIX ASPB'S CONDUCTED THEIR FIRST TRIAL OPERATIONS. WITH THE
RIVER PATROL FORCE, FOUR OF THE BOATS RETURNED TO THE MRF, BUT
ASPB-92-3 AND ASPB-91-4 WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE WITH THE PBR'S

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FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

THE MRF WAS VISITED THURSDAY BY REAR ADMIRAL NORBERT G. WARD,
COMMANDER SERVICE GROUP 3. ADMIRAL WARD RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON
MRF OPERATIONS AND TOURED AND ATE LUNCH ABOARD THE ASKARI, A
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 01-14

THE LATEST VERSION OF CORONADO IX ENDED SATURDAY WITH FINAL
RESULTS SHOWING EIGHT VC KILLED IN ACTION DURING THE 36-HOUR OPERA-
TION IN THE "MOUSE EARS" AREA OF LONG AN PROVINCE.

RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111 BACKLOADED 3/60 AND 4/47 INFANTRY
BATALLIONS AT ABOUT 1200 AND RETURNED TO THE NRB LATE IN THE AFTER-
NOON.

ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SEVERAL SIGHTINGS OF SUSPECTED VC FRIDAY, THE
ARMY REPORTED NO MAJOR CONTACT EITHER DAY.

THE NRB WAS VISITED FRIDAY BY GENERAL TANG, COMMANDING GENERAL OF
THE SEVENTH ARVN DIVISION. HE WAS BRIEFED ON RECENT OPERATIONS AND
WAS GIVEN A DEMONSTRATION RIDE IN A FACV.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY No. 01-17
FOUR ASRP'S OF RIVER DIVISION 111 SUPPORTED A ONE-CATALLON
CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION TUESDAY IN AN AU DIAGRAM HAMLET JUST EAST OF
DOAN TAM. FOUR COMPANIES OF 3/37 INFANTRY BATTALION AND UNITS OF
THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE SURROUNDED THE VILLAGE ON THREE
SIDES, WHILE THE BOATS COMPLETED THE TRAP WITH WATERBORNE BLOCS
ON THE SONG MY THO.
SIXTY-EIGHT DETAINERS WERE TAKEN DURING THE OPERATION, WHICH
HAD FROM 0000 TO 1100, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO CONTACT WITH ENEMY
FORCES. TWELVE U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL WERE INJURED BY BOOBY TRAPS.
CHARLEY COMPANY OF 3/37 INFANTRY RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMOTIC
WEAPONS FIRE TUESDAY EVENING JUST AFTER REACHING ON THE SOUTH BANK
OF THE MY THO OPPOSITE THE MRF FOR A TRAINING EXERCISE. BOTH THE
ARMS ELEMENTS AND MONITOR 81-1, WHICH HAD SUPPORTED THE
INSERTION, RETURNED THE FIRE WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS.
THE MRF WAS VISITED TUESDAY BY THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO
VIETNAM. THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS PARTY OF FIFTY RECEIVED A BRIEFING
ON MRF OPERATIONS.
A FAREWELL PARTY FOR BRIGADIER GENERAL FULTON WAS HELD AT
NOON TUESDAY IN THE BERNWAL HANGAR. GENERAL FULTON, ASSISTANT
COMMANDER OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORMER COMMANDING
OFFICER OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION, LEAVES TODAY FOR HOUSTON,
LOUISIANA, WHERE HE WILL BECOME COMMANDER OF THE U.S. ARMY
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A U.S. Army infantryman from Alpha Company of 3/60 Infantry Battalion was fatally injured Wednesday by an 81 mm mortar booby trap. The explosion occurred about 1230 on the north bank opposite the MRB where one platoon of Alpha Company had been inserted for MRB defense.

Boats of River Division III supported four companies of 3/47 Infantry Wednesday in riverine training operations on the south bank of the My Tho.

The Collignon completed final tests on its newly installed A-C generators Tuesday, and got underway Wednesday from Subic Bay. She is scheduled to rejoin the MRB at Dong Tam on Saturday.

Two television correspondents from the British Broadcasting Company and a WPI correspondent are visiting the MRB, they received a briefing on MRB operations Wednesday and will join the MRB for today's operation.

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A U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander was killed in action Thursday when he received a direct hit from a 3-40 rocket round during the first day of Coronado X operations in Kien Hoa province.

The Lieutenant Commander, who was assigned to a UDT team working with the MRF, was aboard flamethrower T-112-1 when it came under fire about 0500. He was killed instantly by the rocket round and a member of the boat crew was wounded when another round struck the boat and exploded. The boats returned fire, but the enemy attackers escaped from the area.

This was the only significant contact reported Thursday. The 3/47 and 3/60 Infantry Battalions, supported by boats of River Divisions 91 and 111, beached at 0730, but only two instances of sniper fire were reported during the daylong search and destroy operations.

There were six detainees taken into custody during the day, and one U.S. Army man was wounded when he stepped in a punji pit.

The MRF moved its anchorage east of Dong Tam for the first time in two months Thursday. The present anchorage is 17 kilometers down river from Dong Tam and 9 kilometers east of my TMC.
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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 01-20

ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS OF THE MRF RETURNED TO THE MCB
LATE FRIDAY NIGHT FOLLOWING A FRUITLESS TWO-DAY OPERATION IN
KIM MARA PROVINCE.

THERE WERE NO ENEMY KILLED IN ACTION OR TAKEN PRISONER
DURING THE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION. U.S. CASUALTIES
INCLUDED ONE KIA AND TWO WIA, BOTH ON THURSDAY.

A VIETNAMESE NAVAL INTERPRETER RECEIVED SUPERFICIAL WOUNDS
AT 0745 FRIDAY WHEN THE ASPB HE WAS HIDING IN CAME UNDER HEAVY AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS AND B-40 ROCKET FIRE. ASPB S1-3 AND ASPB S1-7
TOOK NO DIRECT HITS IN THE ONLY HOSTILE INCIDENT REPORTED ALL DAY.

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THE USS WASHTEAW COUNTY JOINED THE MCB AT 1100 FRIDAY
TO RECEIVE THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY AS THE MCB SUPPORT LIST.
THE TWO LST'S PROCEEDED TO THE DOING TAN ANCHORAGE AT 1300,
WITH THE GENEVAH AND ASHANI FOLLOWING AT 1700.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 81-21

The MRF returned to full strength Saturday with the arrival of the Colleton at 1330. During her one-month absence from the MRF, she underwent replacement of her A-C generators and had her medical facilities remodeled extensively. The Colleton will now be able to act as a mobile emergency aid station and will be capable of handling up to 25 battle casualties.

The 3/41 Infantry Battalion will relocate on the Colleton while the 3/55 Infantry will move aboard APL-26.

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OTHER UNITS OF THE MRF CONDUCTED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SATURDAY IN PREPARATION FOR CONTINUATION OF OPERATION CORONADO X.

The proposed enlargement of the MRF moved a step closer to reality Friday when the CNO directed establishment of River Division 18 and 19. The two divisions, like River 9 and 11, will be homeported at San Diego and will be administratively assigned to COM RIV FLOT ONE.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 01-22

THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE BECAME COMPLETELY MOBILE AGAIN SUNDAY WHEN YE-764 RETURNED AT 1400 FROM A REPAIR PERIOD IN THE VIETNAMESE NAVAL SHIP YARD AT SAIGON.

Both Army and Navy elements of the MRF took advantage of a stand down day Sunday to complete their moves aboard the Colleton, APL-26 and Waslenaw County. River Division 91 will operate from the Waslenaw County, river Div 92 from the Colleton, 111 from APL-26, and 112 from the Genewah.

The 3/62 INFANTRY BATTALION IS SPLIT BETWEEN THE BENEWAH AND APL-

33, WHILE 3/47 INFANTRY IS EMBARKED ABOARD THE COLLETON AND WASLENAW COUNTY.

THE MRF WAS VISITED BY MAJOR GENERAL ECKHARDT, SENIOR ADVISOR IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, BASED AT CAN THO. GENERAL ECKHARDT WAS THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE NINTH DIVISION LAST YEAR AND BROUGHT IT TO VIETNAM. SINCE BEING RELIEVED IN JUNE 67 HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL II FIELD FORCE VIETNAM. MAJOR GENERAL O'CONNOR COR

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TWO BRIEF FLURRIES OF SNIPER FIRE AND A SIGHTING OF AN ESTIMATED 25 VC WERE THE ONLY INSTANCES OF HOSTILE CONTACT REPORTED DURING MONDAY'S OPERATIONS IN THE CAL BE DISTRICT OF WESTERN DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

THERE WERE NO ARMY OR NAVY CASUALTIES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION MONDAY, ALTHOUGH FOUR ARMY PERSONNEL SUSTAINED INJURIES AS A RESULT OF FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRE. ARMY ELEMENTS CONFISCATED 5000 POUNDS OF RICE AND DISCOVERED 300 AK-47 ROUNDS DURING THEIR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS.

VIETNAMESE MARINES OF MATING JUST NORTH OF U.S. POSITIONS REPORTED SEVERAL VC SIGHTINGS DURING THE DAY AND TOOK 25 PRISONERS OF WAR.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 21-24

Both army and navy elements of the MRF reported a second day of no
contact Tuesday, returning to the MRF early in the evening.

Results of the operation were one POW, nine detainees, several
captured weapons and some confiscated ammunition. A total of six army
personnel were wounded during the two-day campaign, including three
yesterday. Tuesday’s casualties included one infantryman who stepped
on a claymore mine and two others who were injured in a helicopter
crash. The helicopter, an H-20, was hoovering close to the ground
when its right skid became stuck in the mud. The helicopter then,
slightly injuring its two passengers, one of which was, Lieutenant
Colonel Bland, CO of 3/47th Infantry Battalion.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 21-25

YTB-785, IN ROUTE TO THE MRB ON THE RETURN LEG OF ITS
DAILY ADMIN RUN TO DONG TAM, WAS HIT BY AN RPO-7 ROUND WEDNESDAY.
THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT 1425 ABOUT SEVEN KILOMETERS WEST OF
DONG TAM. THE ROUND STRUCK THE TUG IN ITS MAIN ENGINE
EXHAUST STACK CAUSING MINOR DAMAGE. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED WHILE THE
TUG WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE RIVER AT LEAST 300 METERS FROM THE SHORE.

THE YTB'S PETTY OFFICER IN CHARGE, CHIEF QUARTERMASTER
QUINLAN, AND A VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER WERE THE ONLY CASUALITIES OF THE
ATTACK, RECEIVING SMALL FRAGMENT WOUNDS. WE WERE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE.
DURING THE DAY, OF WHICH 10 WERE CLASSIFIED AS PRISONERS OF WAR AND FOUR WERE IDENTIFIED AS CIVILIAN DEFENDANTS. THE OTHER 35 WERE RELEASED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS.

ONE CASUALTY WAS REPORTED DURING THE DAY. AN INFANTRYMAN FROM ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 DROWNED EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON WHILE CROSSING A STREAM. HE WAS EVACUATED TO THE WASHTENAW COUNTY BUT ATTEMPTS TO REVIVE HIM FAILED.

THE MRB WAS FORCED TO MAKE THE TRANSIT FROM VYNN LONG TO BEN TRE IN TWO STEPS THURSDAY WHEN YTB-765'S SCREWS BROKE DOWN IN APL-26'S TOWLINE AT ABOUT 0730. THE ASKARI, WASHTENAW COUNTY AND COLLETON, WHICH WERE ALREADY UNDERWAY, CONTINUED ON TO BEN TRE, COMPLETING THE 30-MILE TRANSIT AT ABOUT 1145 IN FOUR AND ONE-HALF HOURS.


ALTHOUGH THE ASSAULT BOATS HAVE OPERATED IN THE BEN TRE AREA ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, THIS REPRESENTS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE MRB HAS TRANSITED THE HAM LUONG.
BOTH THE ARMY AND NAVY REPORTED MODERATE CONTACT FRIDAY DURING OPERATIONS IN THE TRUC GIANG DISTRICT OF KIA 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 III TRANSPORTED 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION TO THEIR NEW OBJECTIVES, WHILE 3/47 INFANTRY WAS AIRLIFTED INTO THE NEW OPERATING AREA.

RIVER DIVISION III ASSAULT CRAFT WERE INVOLVED IN THE HEAVIEST 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 PRE-MATURELY ABOARD MONITOR 111-2. BOTH WERE RETURNED TO DUTY IMMEDIATELY. THE RIVDIV III BOATS SUPPRESSED THE ENEMY FIRE WITH 40 MM AND 20 MM CANNON AND .50 AND .30 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 MRF COMPLETED ITS MOVE FROM THE VICINITY OF BEN TRE TO NINE KILOMETERS EAST OF MY THO AT 1815. TODAY'S TRANSIT COVERED 30 NAUTICAL
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. KUPPERMAN, 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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THE MRB Conducted ITS THIRD MAJOR TRANSIT IN THREE DAYS SATURDAY WHEN IT RELOCATED FROM 6 MILES EAST OF MY THO TO THREE MILES NORTHWEST OF VINH LONG.

MOVING UP THE SONG MY THO AT AN AVERAGE SPEED OF JUST UNDER EIGHT KNOTS, THE MRB COVERED THE 31 MILES IN ABOUT FOUR HOURS. IN THE PAST THREE DAYS, SHIPS OF THE MRB HAVE LOGGED A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 50 NAUTICAL MILES.

THe MRl' WAS VISITED SATURDAY BY REAR ADMIRAL J.B. OSBORN, PROSPECTIVE COMMANDER OF THE NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, DANANG. ADMIRAL OSBORN RECEIVED THE MRB BRIEFING AND HAD LUNCH WITH COMMODORE SALZER.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY MR. 01-29

THE MRF ENJOYED ITS SECOND STRAIGHT STAND DOWN DAY SUNDAY WHILE PREPARING FOR CONTINUATION OF OPERATION CORONADO X.

DURING THE VIETNAMESE TET PERIOD, MRF ELEMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTING PATROL AND INTERDICTORY OPERATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE VIET CONG DO NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TRUCE TO ILLEGALLY MOVE AMMUNITION, WEAPONS AND OTHER SUPPLIES.

THE ALLIES WILL BE OBSERVING A 36-HOUR TRUCE, BEGINNING AT 0000 MONDAY.

THE USS BENEFUL CELEBRATED HER FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF RECOMMISIONED

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SERVICE SUNDAY. THE APB WAS REMOVED FROM NOTHBALLS IN JULY, 1966, AND ONE YEAR AGO YESTERDAY WAS RETURNED TO ACTIVE DUTY DURING DUAL RECOMMISIONING CEREMONIES WITH USS COLLETON (APB-36)

THF PHILADELPHIA NAVAL SHIPYARD.

THE MRF WAS VISITED SUNDAY MORNING BY VICE ADMIRAL STG ALAN MC NICOI, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY, AND MAJOR GENERAL A.L. MCDONALD, PROSPECTIVE COMMANDER OF ALL AUSTRALIAN FORCES IN VIETNAM. THE TWO OFFICERS RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA, INSPECTED ASSAULT BOATS AND WERE TAKEN FOR A RIDE IN AN ASPB.
NUMBEROUS TRUCE VIOLATIONS BY THE VIET CONG AND NORTH VIETNAMESE MONDAY NIGHT AND EARLY TUESDAY PROMPTED THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM TO CANCEL THE SCHEDULED 36-HOUR TEI TRUCE YESTERDAY MORNING. ALL MRF ELEMENTS CURTAILED THEIR OBSERVATION PATROLS AT 1929 AND RESUMED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN DINH TUONG AND KIEN PHONG PROVINCES.

THE TRUCE HAD GONE INTO EFFECT AT 0600 MONDAY, AND BY THE TIME IT WAS CANCELLED 16 HOURS LATER, THE MRF HAD ALREADY RECORDED SEVERAL VC VIOLATIONS.
Shortly after 1900, several CHINOOK helicopters inserting artillery pieces into lift #4 of the MRF received heavy automatic weapons fire. Although there were no casualties, three helos were damaged and one was forced to remain at Dong Tam for repairs.

Later, shortly after 2100, one of the Army's four fire support bases received 13 rounds of mortar fire. Boats of RIV DIV 91 received several pieces of shrapnel, and the Army and Navy each reported one man wounded. Neither seriously. Army artillery returned the fire with 105 mm howitzers and the Navy assault craft replied with 81 mm mortars.

At about 0400 Tuesday, crew members of T-111-12 had their boat beached at another fire support base when they saw a man swimming toward them from the opposite bank. They opened fire with M-16's and concussion grenades and claimed one probable VC killed in action.

Just after the truce was officially canceled, units of IRIV DIV 91 received several rounds of M-79s and machine gun fire while moving down a channel. Two Navy men received minor wounds in the attack as ASPB-91-1 and monitor 91-3 both were hit.

A member of Alpha Company, 3/52 Infantry Battalion, unfortunately was killed early Tuesday when another occupant of his bunker accidentally knocked over a weapon on which the safety was off and it discharged.

Most MRF units remained in the field Thursday night, although 19 boats of RIV DIV 92 returned to the MRF early in the evening.

Co. Commander, who is Director, Naval Laboratories, visited the MRF today as the Director of all the Navy Laboratories.

Dr. Johnson has at his disposal the facilities and people necessary to solve many of the problems which arise. He was especially interested in hearing about the problems which need solving for the MR MRF such as the hyacinth growth in the canals, better armor protection for the assault craft and similar items which he can help solve.

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TOD: 3/2/552 JAN CO/TNC-T-APL26

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SECTIONS OF THOSE CITIES. PBR'S HAVE BEEN PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN RESISTING THE ENEMY ATTACKS IN ALL THREE TOWNS.

DESpite the delta-wide attacks, neither Dong Tam nor the MRF elements had reported any abnormal contact as of 2:00 Wednesday. All the assault boats and second brigade forces were returning from the operating area and were prepared to move to any location requiring support.

Alpha Company of 4/47 Infantry was airlifted to Dong Tam late in the afternoon to augment defensive forces in that area. And, about 1300, Charlie Company of 3/47 Infantry Battalion was airlifted from one of the MRF's fire support bases to Vinh Long's airfield to support allied forces battling in that city.

The army reported two VC killed in action in isolated incidents Wednesday, while recording four friendly casualties. Three army personnel were wounded by a booby trap, while a fourth was bitten by a snake.

Three ASPs of RIV DIV 112 supported UDI-12's Aqua-Dari in evaluation trials in the operating area Wednesday.

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