THE ONLY CIDE T OF THE DAY OCCURRED AT 1651H WHEN SIX PERSONNEL FROM BRAVO COMPANY 4/4TH WERE WOUNDED BY A COMMAND DETONATED BUDDY TRAP 1. THE VIC KS 411 48S. TWO VIET Cong WERE SIGHTED FROM THE SAME VIC.IBUTY AND WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. THE SIX WOUNDED WERE EVACUATED TO DONG TAM BY ARMY TROOP CARRIERS.

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DAILY INTE RNAL INFO SUMMARY 01-03
ELE ME NT S OF 3/47 INFANTRY COMPLE TEED THEIR MOVE A BROAD BENUWAN
AND APL-26 WEDNESDAY, REPLACING 3/66 INFANTRY WHICH HAS MOVED
INTO DONG TAM TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF THE BASE.
THE REST OF THE MRB REMAINED IN A READY REACTION POSTURE
WEDNESDAY, PREPARING FOR OPERATIONS NORTHEAST OF BEN TRE.
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THE BOATS WERE HIT FROM HEAVILY FORTIFIED ENEMY BUNKERS JUST AS THEY WERE MOVING IN TO BEACH AND UNLOAD THE EMBARKED TROOPS OF THE INFANTRY BATTALION.

FIVE PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND MORE THAN 60 WERE WOUNDED IN THIS ORIGINAL ASSAULT, WITH THE HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUING THROUGHOUT THE DAY. TWO NAVYMEN ABOARD MONITOR 92-2 WERE KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WERE WOUNDED AS A RESULT OF A RPG-7 ROCKET ROUND WHICH EXPLODED IN THE COXSWAIN'S FLAT. TWENTY-THREE OTHER NAVYMEN FROM EIGHT RIV DIV 92 BOATS WERE ALSO INJURED IN THIS INITIAL ATTACK. OTHER BOATS BESIDES MONITOR 92-2 WHICH TOOK CASUALTIES WERE MONITOR 92-1, ASPB's 92-1 and 92-4, AND ATC's 92-2, 92-3, 92-5, 92-6, AND 92-7.

AFTER THE FIRST TWO HOURS OF HEAVY FIGHTING, ENEMY RESISTANCE SLACKED OFF TO STEADY HARRASSING .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. BUT, AT ABOUT 1230, SIX CREWMEN ABOARD MONITOR 91-3 WERE KILLED IN A ROCKET AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS ATTACK.

ANOTHER NAVYMEN ABOARD ATC 92-10 WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED AT 1630 WHEN A B-40 ROCKEX ROUND EXPLODED IN THE BOAT'S WELL DECK. THE BLAST ALSO FURTHER INJURED A NUMBER OF WOUNDED ARMY PERSONNEL. THE BOAT
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Most of the Army casualties were troops embarked in the assault craft, although there was light contact reported in ground action early in the evening.

All ships of the MRB except APL-26, which is completing replacement of its generators at Dong Tam, shifted anchorage Thursday morning to six miles east of My Tho. The move was completed by 0330.

The MRB was visited Thursday by Major General Thomas, commanding general of the IV Corps; Major General Eckhart, senior adviser, IV Corps; and Major General Hay, Deputy Commanding General, Two Field Forces.

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A third Navymen died Friday from wounds suffered in Thursday's vicious assault on the boats of River Squadron Nine. He was FN Douglas George Morton, a crewman on Monitor 91-3 who had received massive head wounds when his boat came under heavy rocket and automatic weapons fire in an attack late Thursday afternoon.

Other Navymen who lost their lives in Thursday's battle were BM3 Samuel C. Chavous and BM3 John D. Woodard of Monitor 92-2. They were fatally wounded when an RPG-7 rocket exploded in their boat's coxswain's flat.

Thirty-three other River Nine personnel, three UDI Det Golf men and two Marines assigned to the Flatolla's Riverine Survey Team were injured, but most of them were reported in good condition on Friday.

A Special Easter Service was held on the Benewah's 02 level forward Friday for filming a television program to be shown on Easter Sunday in the U.S. A three-man camera crew from the Department of Defense photographed the service which was conducted by army Chaplain Hughes and Navy Chaplain Loesch.

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AFTER TWO DAYS OF RIGOROUS FIGHTING, MRF FORCES REPORTED A DAY OF NO CONTACT SATURDAY AS THEY SHIFTED THE CENTER OF THEIR OPERATIONS FROM THE BA LAI RIVER TO FOUR MILES SOUTHEAST OF BENTHE.

BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE TRANSPORTED THE TROOPS TO THEIR NEW BEACHES, EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON; THERE WAS ONLY ONE FRIENDLY CASUALTY SATURDAY--AN ARMY INFANTRYMAN WHO WAS MED-EVACUATED WITH A SUSPECTED CASE OF MALARIA.

CUMULATIVE CASUALTY FIGURES FOR THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE OPERATION SHOW 32 VIET CONG KILLED AND FOUR OTHERS CAPTURED.

THIRTY-SEVEN ALLIED PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 153 WOUNDED.

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THE MRF WAS VISITED SATURDAY BY MR. PAUL K. EDMONDS, PROSPECTIVE NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO VIETNAM; AND LT. COLONEL R.H. SMITH, COMMANDER, NEW ZEALAND FORCES, VIETNAM. THEY RECEIVED A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS FROM CAPT. ALLEN AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL LACKMAN.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 24-37

GUNSHIPS KILLED 13 VIET CONG SUNDAY AS THE ATTACK TERMINATED
A FOUR-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN KIET HIEU PROVINCE.

THE 16 KIA RAISED THE TOTAL FOR THE OPERATION TO 86. A
CUMULATIVE REPORT OF 29 VIET CONG KILLED IN ACTION TO DATE SATURDAY WAS
REVISED DOWNWARD TO 69 YESTERDAY WHEN IT WAS DETERMINED THAT AN
AIR FORCE STRIKE ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY THREE KIA INSTEAD OF THE 16
ORIGINALLY REPORTED.

TWO U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL WERE INJURED SUNDAY FOR A FOUR-DAY
TOTAL OF 36 ARMED, MARINE AND VIETNAMESE WOUNDED.

THIRD-SIX OTHER ALLIED PERSONNEL LOST THEIR LIVES IN HEAVY
FIGHTING ALONG THE DA LAT RIVER THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

A RAPID RESPONSE BY A BASHAN FIRE FIGHTING TEAM PREVENTED
A BOILER ROOM FIRE FROM DEVELOPING INTO A MAJOR CONFLAGRATION
LATE SATURDAY NIGHT. THE BLAZE BROKE OUT AT 2342 AND WAS
EXTINGUISHED SEVERAL MINUTES LATER BY FIRE-FIGHTERS
WHO RUSHED TO THE SCENE.

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MR. LES KLEVEN, A REPORTER REPRESENTING NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS IN NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA AND WYOMING, VISITED THE MRF MONDAY. HE INTERVIEWED SEVERAL PERSONNEL FROM THOSE THREE STATES FOR HOMETOWN FEATURE STORIES.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 04-09
MRF DEMOLITION EXPERTS REMOVED A PARTIALLY SUNKEN BRIDGE TUESDAY FROM THE MOUTH OF THE RACH CAM THREE KILOMETERS WEST OF THE MRB.
NAVY UDT AND EOD TEAMS AND DELTA COMPANY OF THE ARMY'S 15TH ENGINEERS DESTROYED A SECTION OF THE BRIDGE WHICH WAS PREVENTING THE PASSAGE OF RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT. THE DEMOLITION PERSONNEL WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE AREA BY FIVE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111.

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DAILY INTERVAL INFO SUMMARY 04-10

NO ENEMY CONTACT DEVELOPED WEDNESDAY AS 3/47 INFANTRY PARTICIPATED IN A SWEET AND SEARCH OPERATION ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE SONG M'HIO EIGHT KILOMETERS WEST OF THE MRB.

THE OPERATION WAS LAUNCHED IN RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE VINH KIM AND LONG Dinh DISTRICTS, NORTH AND WEST OF DOONG-TAN.

BOATS OF RI DIV 92 INSERTED THREE COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY AT 1430 AND BACKLOADED THEM FOR RETURN TO THE MRB FIVE HOURS LATER.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 04-11-68
NRF UNITS REPORTED A DAY OF LITTLE CONTACT THURSDAY WHILE
OPERATING IN EASTERN DINH TUONG, WESTERN GO CONG AND SOUTHERN LUNG
AN PROVINCES.
THREE VC KIA WERE RECORDED DURING THE DAY, ALL BY GUNSHIPS. ONE
GUNSHIP CREWMEMBER WAS WOUNDED IN THE ARM AND FOOT BY ENEMY
GROUNDFIRE, BECOMING THE ONLY U.S. CASUALTY OF THE DAY. HOWEVER,
FOUR MEN FROM 3-47 WERE MEDIVACED DUE TO ILLNESS AND HEAT EXHAUSTION.
THE OPERATION COMMENCED AT 0320 THURSDAY WITH 3/47 AND 4/47
INFANTRY BATTALIONS BEING LIFTED TO THE BEACHING AREAS BY THE BOATS
OF RIVER ASSAULT SQUADRON NINE. BOTH ARMY BATTALIONS HAD REACHED
WITHOUT OPPOSITION BY 0730 AND THE ASSAULT CRAFT ESTABLISHED
SUPPORTING PATROLS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA AS THE TROOPS SWEEPED INLAND.

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AT 1300 RIVDIV 91 BOATS REEMBARKED A COMPANY OF 4/47 AND LIFTED THEM
BACK TO THE ORIGINAL LANDING ZONE WHERE THEY WERE RE-INSERTED
WITHOUT CONTACT AT 1410. THE INFANTRY THEN SWEEPED INLAND IN A
DIFFERENT DIRECTION THAN THEY HAD DONE DURING THE MORNING LANDING,
ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO CONTACT BY GROUND UNITS DURING THE DAY, 364
ENEMY BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED. RIVIV'91 CRAFT PROVIDED TROOP
SUPPORT AND INTERDICTIOIN PATROLS ALONG THE CHU GAO CANAL THROUGHOUT
THE DAY. A PSY OPS MISSION WAS ALSO CONDUCTED FROM THE BOATS. ALL
UNIT'S REMAINED IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA OVERNIGHT.
AT 0630 THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRB DEPARTED DONG TAM AND TRANSITED
TO A NEW ANCHORAGE ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF MY THO TO SUPPORT THE
CURRENT OPERATION.

CTF 117 WAS VISITED THURSDAY BY AIR FORCE MAJOR GENERAL R.M.
BAKER, MACV-J5, HE WAS BRIEFED ON PAST AND CURRENT NRF OPERATIONS
AND PLANS FOR THE PROGRAM FIVE EXPANSION OF THE FORCE.

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DAILY INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-12
FRIDAY TURNED OUT TO BE A DAY OF NO CONTACT AS 3/47 AND
4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND RIVIVON WINE ASSAULT CRAFT
CONTINUED THE OPERATIONS WHICH BEGAN THURSDAY IN DINH
TUONG AND GO CONG PROVINCES.
THE ONLY CASUALTY OF THE DAY WERE AN INFANTRYMAN
WHO DROWNED WHILE CROSSING A STREAM AND A SOLDIER WHO
WAS SHOT IN THE LEG BY ANOTHER MAN IN HIS UNIT WHEN A PISTOL
DISCHARGED AS IT WAS BEING CLEANED.
AT 0430, 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS BACKLOADED IN
RIVDIV 92 BOATS, TRANSITED THE CHO GAO CANAL INTO THE
SONG MY THO, AND WAS LATER REINSET ON THE NORTH BANK
OF THE SONG MY THO ABOUT 11 MILES WEST OF MY THO, PACV'S ONE
AND THREE HAD RECONNED THE AREA PRIOR TO THE LANDING.

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WHICH WAS UNOPPOSED, 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS AIR MOBILED
TO THE NEW OPERATIONAL AREA LATER IN THE MORNING.
BOTH ARMY AND NAVY UNITS RETURNED TO THE MRB DURING THE
EARLY EVENING.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-13

THREE FLOTTILLA PERSONNEL WERE INJURED, ONE SERIOUSLY, SATURDAY AS A NEWLY INSTALLED CHEMICAL GAS LAUNCHER MALFUNCTIONED ABOARD MONITOR 91-2 AS IT WAS OPERATING SOUTH OF THE MRB.

THE SERIOUSLY INJURED MAN WAS FIRST TAKEN TO THE BENEWAH FOR TREATMENT, BUT WAS LATER RUSHED TO THE COLLETON FOR EMERGENCY SURGERY. THE OTHER TWO INJURED MEN RECEIVED ONLY MINOR WOUNDS AND WERE TREATED AND RELEASED.

A FOURTH MEMBER OF THE MONITOR CREW WAS BLOWN OVERBOARD BY THE EXPLOSION, BUT HE WAS QUICKLY PICKED UP BY ASPB-I -I -I WHICH WAS ON PATROL IN THE AREA. HE WAS NOT HURT IN THE INCIDENT.

OTHER UNITS OF THE MRF REMAINED IN A READY REACTION STATUS SATURDAY WHILE PREPARING FOR THE FORCE'S NEXT OPERATION.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 04-14

NRF GROUND ELEMENTS FOUND MANY SIGNS OF VC ACTIVITY BUT
FEW VC SUNDAY DURING OPERATIONS IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE, SIX
TO EIGHT MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE MRB.

LARGE CACHES OF ENEMY WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION WERE CONFIS-
CATED AND NUMEROUS BUNKERS AND VC FLAGS WERE DESTROYED, BUT
CONTACT ON THE GROUND WAS LIMITED TO FEW INSTANCES OF SNIPER FIRE.
A TOTAL OF TEN VC WERE KILLED-- EIGHT BY GUNSHIPS;
ONE BY ARTILLERY, AND ONE BY INFANTRY FORCES.

AMONG THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION CAPTURED WERE 40 ROCKETS,
102 GRENADES, 48 MORTARS, TWO CLAYMORE MINES, A FIVE-FOOT
SANGALOR TORPEDO AND AN ESTIMATED 6000 ROUNDS OF AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS AMMUNITION. ALSO CAPTURED WERE 200 ENTRENCHING TOOLS.

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6400 BLASTING CAPS, HUNDREDS OF BATTERIES AND NUMEROUS
MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

DOZENS OF ENEMY BUNKERS WERE ALSO FOUND AND DESTROYED
AS THE TROOPS OF 3/47 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS SHEPT
ACROSS THEIR OBJECTIVE AREAS.

THE TROOPS WERE LANDED JUST EAST OF "FOUR CORNERS" ON
THE BA LAI RIVER BETWEEN 0830 AND 0845 BY BOATS OF RIVER
SQUADRON NINE. EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON, THE FOUR COMPANIES
OF 4/47 INFANTRY WERE SHIFTED TWO MILES FARTHER EAST ON THE
BA LAI WHERE THEY CONTINUED THE SWEET AND SEARCH TACTICS.

RIV DIV 92 UNITS RETURNED TO THE MRB BEFORE NOON, BUT
BOATS OF DIVISION 91 REMAINED IN THE AO OVERNIGHT
TO SUPPORT THE 4/47 INFANTRYMEN.

ONLY ONE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED SUNDAY BY NAVAL UNITS.
AT ABOUT 0830, A RIV DIV 91 ATC REPORTED A SIZABLE EXPLOSION
SIX FEET IN FRONT OF THE BOW AS IT WAS MOVING IN TO BEACH.
THE ORDINANCE WAS BELIEVED TO BE A B-40 ROCKET ROUND, AND THERE
WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE.

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EIGHTEEN ARMY AND NAVY PERSONNEL RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS MONDAY AFTERNOON IN A SWIFT RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACK ON THE MRB AS IT WAS ANCHORED EAST OF MY THO. TOM GREEN COUNTY TOOK SIX HITS AND BENJWAH WAS STRUCK THREE TIMES IN THE SUDDEN ATTACK FROM THE SOUTH BANK AT 1407. ALL OF THE HITS WERE ABOVE THE WATERLINE AND NO SERIOUS DAMAGE WAS DONE TO THE SHIPS.

DESTROYED AS A RESULT OF THE ATTACK WAS A CONVERTED LCM-6 WHICH HAD BEEN SPECIALLY CONFIGURED TO SERVE AS A REFUELER TO THE ASSAULT BOATS. IT WAS STRUCK BY A ROUND WHILE ALONGSIDE THE BENJWAH AND WAS IMMEDIATELY CAST OFF WHEN IT BURST INTO FLAMES. THE BLAZE COULD NOT BE CONTROLLED BY ONE OF THE YTB'S AND IT WAS DECIDED TO INTENTIONALLY SINK THE ENFAMED REFUELER.

THE TANKER'S THREE CREWMEN ALL JUMPED OVERBOARD AND WERE RESCUED BY ASPB 92-2.

THE 18 WOUNDED INCLUDED FOUR PERSONNEL ABOARD THE TOM GREEN COUNTY, FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BENJWAH'S SHIP'S COMPANY, FOUR ARMY PERSONNEL EMBARKED ON THE BENJWAH AND FIVE ASSAULT BOAT CREWMEN.

THE HOSTILE FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED BY THE SHIPS WITH 40MM CANNON, THREE-INCH AND MACHINE GUN FIRE. THE AREA WAS ALSO STRAFED BY ARMY ARTILLERY AND AN AIR FORCE AIR STRIKE.

TWO HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK, ONE OF THE BID PATROLS DISCOVERED A LOG FLOATING NEAR THE SOUTH BANK WITH A DEAD VIETNAMESE TIED TO IT. IN ANOTHER INCIDENT, A FLOATING BOOBY TRAP WITH A VC FLAG AND PROPAGANDA MATERIALS WAS DISCOVERED BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111, 1500 METERS WEST OF MY THO. THE BOOBY TRAP AND OTHER MATERIALS WERE DESTROYED.

THE ATTACK ON THE SHIPS OCCURRED AS BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE WERE PREPARING TO BACKLOAD THE TWO MRB BATTALIONS IN THE AO, SIX MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE MRB. CONTACT WAS GENERALLY LIGHT MONDAY WITH SIX VC KILLED IN ACTION AND THREE US PERSONNEL WOUNDED FROM NON-HOSTILE CAUSES.
BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 RECEIVED A FLURRY OF SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHILE TRANSITTING THE SONG BA LAI ABOUT 0915 IN THE ONLY INCIDENT REPORTED MONDAY by NAVAL ELEMENTS. FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED BY BOTH THE BOATS AND ARMY HELICOPTERS. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE, ALTHOUGH SHORTLY AFTER THE ATTACK, AN UNEXPLODED 840 ROCKET ROUND WAS FOUND LODGED IN THE STYROFOAM OF ATC 92-10. THE ROUND WAS TO BE REMOVED BY EOD PERSONNEL AFTER THE BOAT'S RETURN TO THE MRF.

THE FIVE SHIPS RETURNED TO THE DONG TAM ANCHORAGE MONDAY AFTERNOON, COMPLETING THE ONE-HOUR TRIP AT 1900.

THE MRF IS BEING VISITED BY MR. CAL IINNEY, A POPULAR HUMORIST WHO WILL BE CONDUCTING A HANDSHAKE TOUR ON THE SHIPS ALL DAY TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNING.

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Army elements were in moderate to heavy contact with a VC force of unknown size Wednesday during operations up Route 66 in the Cai Lay district of Dinh Tuong Province.

The fighting broke out shortly after 1100 when Alpha Company of 4/47 Infantry came under small arms and automatic weapons fire about three kilometers south of their beaching area. As the battle raged throughout the day, elements of 3-47 Infantry moved in to engage the enemy on his east flank. The heavy action continued into the evening, and both battalions were still in contact after darkness.

As of 2000 ten Viet Cong had been confirmed killed and three others captured. Two U.S. personnel were killed and 31 wounded.
The two battalions had been beached without opposition between 0730 and 0800 by boats of River Squadron Nine. Most of the boats remained in the AO throughout the day, although the ATC's were returned to the MRB early in the evening.

The remaining heavies stayed at a fire support base near the intersection of the Kinh Xang and Kinh Ba Beo to provide command and control and fire support as needed.

A crewman of ASPB 92-6 was successfully rescued about 2215 Tuesday after he fell overboard from the Benewah pontoon. He floated several hundred yards downstream before being plucked from the water abeam of the Colleton.

Salvage operations were successful Tuesday on COB 112-1 which sank near the LST ramp in Cua Viet on Monday. The boat was raised with the assistance of divers and personnel from the USS Sutter Country.

PACV-2 was underway for a shakedown cruise Tuesday in its first operations since being disabled in late February by a recoilless rifle attack near Can Tho.

The MRB was visited Wednesday afternoon by Congressman John Murphy (D-N.Y.) who received a briefing on MRB concepts and operations. He was accompanied by Mr. George Anderson, head of the Political Section at the American Embassy in Saigon.

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And Operations. He was accompanied by Mr. George Anderson,
head of the Political Section at the American Embassy in
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IN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ENGAGEMENT IN WEEKS, ARMY FORCES KILLED OR CAPTURED AN EVEN 100 VIET CONG WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY IN OPERATIONS IN THE CAI LAY DISTRICT, 24 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF DONG TAM.

FINAL CASUALTY FIGURES SHOWED 97 VC KILLED AND THREE CAPTURED AT A COST OF FOUR U.S. PERSONNEL KILLED AND 33 WOUNDED.

MOST OF THE VC KIA WERE RECORDED IN A NINE HOUR BATTLE THAT BEGAN AT 1100 THURSDAY AND LASTED UNTIL AFTER DARK. OPERATING WITH ARVN TROOPS AND UNITS OF THE NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION'S FIRST BRIGADE, THE TWO MRF BATTALIONS PARTIALLY SURROUNDED THE VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE AND THEN CLOSED IN ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT.

THE ENEMY SURVIVORS EXPIRITRATED THE AREA DURING THE NIGHT AND CONTACT ON THURSDAY WAS LIMITED TO SEVERAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING ARMY HELICOPTERS, AFTER BEING AIRMOBILIZED TO PICK-UP TONES LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, THE TROOPS WERE BACKLASHED ON BOATS OF RIVER ASSAULT SQUADRON NINE AND RETURNED TO THE MRF.

IN TRAINING EXERCISES THURSDAY, BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION III CONDUCTED A PRACTICE INSERTION AND EXTRACTION ON THE SOUTH BANK WITH THE SECOND VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION. THE MARINES, WHO ARRIVED IN DONG TAM YESTERDAY, WILL BE WORKING WITH THE MRF IN FUTURE OPERATIONS.

THEY ARE THE FIRST MARINES TO OPERATE WITH THE MRF SINCE THE FIFTH VIETNAMESE MARINE BATTALION COMPLETED AN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL SIX WEEKS OF OPERATIONS LATE LAST DECEMBER.

THE MRF HAD TWO DISTINGUISHED MILITARY VISITORS THURSDAY--GENERAL HAROLD K. JOHNSON, CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. ARMY AND A MEMBER OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF; AND VICE ADJUTANT CHARLES K. DUNCAN, CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL. BOTH FLAG OFFICERS RECEIVED BRIEFINGS ON MRF OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA AND PRESENTED AWARDS TO MRF PERSONNEL IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SERVICES. VICE ADMIRAL DUNCAN AWARDED FOUR MEDALS TO FLOTILLA PERSONNEL IN A CEREMONY ON THE BOWWHEEL.
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-19
RIVER ASSAULT DIVISION 92 MOVED TO THE BENEWAH FRIDAY TO
ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOBILE RIVERINE BASE DEFENSE AND
SUPPORT OF THE 3/34 ARTILLERY BATTERY.
RIVER DIVISION 111 SHIFTED FROM THE BENEWAH TO THE TOM
GREEN COUNTY TO BEGIN SUPPORTING THE SECOND VIETNAMESE MARINE
BATTALION, WHILE RIVER DIVISION 112 REMAINS AT THE APL AND
WILL BEGIN SUPPORT OF TROOPS OF 3/47 INFANTRY.
RIVDIV 91 REMAINS AT THE COLLETON AND CONTINUES WORKING
WITH 4/47 INFANTRY.

LT. JOHN HERRMANN HAS ASSUMED COMMAND OF RIVER DIVISION
92. HE HAS BEEN SERVING AS A BOAT MAINTENANCE OFFICER ON THE
VRBM-17 AND AS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DONG TAM DETACHMENT.

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LTJG JOHN COLLINS, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF RIV DIV 92, HAS
BEEN SERVING AS ACTING COMMANDER SINCE LT. DAVID WYRICK WAS
KILLED IN ACTION ON MARCH 18.
THE MARS SYSTEM ABOARD BENEWAH AGAIN PROVED ITS WORTH LAST
NIGHT WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IN TF 117 RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM THE
RED CROSS TO CALL HIS WIFE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF AN
EMERGENCY. THE MARS OPERATORS HAD THE MAN'S WIFE ON THE PHONE
30 MINUTES AFTER THE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED BY THE COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER. EMERGENCY PHONE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL MEN OF THE
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DAILY INTERNATION INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-20

AN INSTANCE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS THE ONLY CONTACT REPORTED
SATURDAY BY 4/47 INFANTRY AND THE 2ND VIETNAMESE MARINE
BATTALION WHICH CONDUCTED A SWEEP AND SEARCH OPERATION ON THE
SOUTH BANK OF THE MY THO RIVER EAST OF THE MRB.

THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE IN THE ONE-DAY
OPERATION. THE MARINES WERE INSERTED AT 0745 BY BOATS OF RIVER
DIVISION 111 AND SWEPT WEST UNTIL THEY WERE BACKLOADED AT 1330.
RIVER DIVISION 91 CARRIED THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 INFANTRY
INTO DONG TAM FROM WHERE THEY WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE AO.
HELICOPTERS INSERTED ELEMENTS OF THE 4/47 ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS
INLAND BEGINNING AT 0900, AND THE TROOPS WORKED NORTH TO THE
SONG MY THO WHERE THEY WERE BACKLOADED ABOUT 1500.

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A FEW ENEMY ARMS AND SUPPLIES WERE CONFISCATED OR
DESTROYED, INCLUDING NINE 82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS, A BANGALER
TORPEDO, AND TWO CASES OF UNATTENDED ICED BEER.
FIFTEEN ADULTS AND 30 CHILDREN WERE TREATED AT A MEDCAP
ON THOI SON ISLAND SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
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CTG 117.1
WATER MOVEMENT PLAN 36-68

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

REF: MAP, VIETNAM, 1:50,000, SHEETS 6229I, 6229IV, 6129I

TASK ORGANIZATION:

TG 117.1 RIVERINE ASSAULT GROUP ALFA
TU 117.1.1 RIVERINE ASSAULT UNIT ALFA ONE

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1. MISSION: TU 117.1.1 SUPPORTS 4/47 AS RRF ON ONE HOUR STANDBY AFTER ARRIVAL OF MRB AT VINH LONG.

2. EXECUTION:
   (a) MRB will move to VINH LONG commencing 210630H.
   (b) The following will take place if ordered.

   CODE EVENT
   --- T-91-4,5,6 load C/4/47 at COLLETON.
   --- T-91-7,9,10 load A/4/47 at LST.
   --- T-91-11,13,3 load B/4/47 at COLLETON.
   NEW MEXICO ETD MRB.
   ARIZONA Land 4/47 Inf at Beaches to be announced.
   UTAH Pick up 4/47 at Beaches to be announced and return to MRB.

3. CODE WORDS

   CODE EVENT
   CAROLINA Backload designated units.
   KANSAS Insert Designated units.
   WASHINGTON Block at designated places.
   DAKOTA Return to MRB.

4. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
   (a) Detainees 14-50 will be evacuated to FSPB CAMERON as directed.

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3. VOICE CALLS FOR TU 117.1.1: CALL SIGN: DRAGONFLY
   for Monitors: DRAGONFLY MIKE (HULL NUMBER)
   for ASPB's: DRAGONFLY ALFA (HULL NUMBER)
   for ATC's: DRAGONFLY TANGO (HULL NUMBER)
   for CCB: DRAGONFLY CHARLIE (HULL NUMBER)

   NOTE: For TU 117.1.2 units CHOPPED to TU 117.1.1 use word "SAIR SNIPS" vice word "DRAGONFLY".

4. ALL OTHER COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COI.

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1. WATER CK PTS
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| W 1 | XS 090418 | 21 APR 0609 3:5 | 1444 9.9 |
| W 2 | XS 045387 | 21 APR 0649 3:6 | 1437 9.8 |
| W 3 | XS 263370 |                     |         |
| W 4 | XS 116398 |                     |         |
| W 5 | XS 218367 |                     |         |
| W 6 | XS 368407 | 22 APR 0734 3:9 | 1536 9.9 |
| W 7 | XS 167368 | 22 APR 0814 4:0 | 1529 9.8 |
| W 8 | XS 320400 |                     |         |
| W 9 | XS 064405 | 23 APR 0131 8:5 | 0901 4.2 |
| W 10| XS 136415 | 23 APR 0124 8:4 | 0941 4.3 |
| W 11| XS 023371 |                     |         |
| W 12| XS 162406 | 22 APR 0308 10:1 | 1503 10.2 |
| W 13| XS 195378 | 23 APR 0239 7:1 | 1556 10.1 |
| W 14| XS 176395 | 24 APR 0310 10:0 | 1012 4.2 |

2. TIDES
(VINH LONG)

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3. BEACH COORDS

- GREEN BCH 1: XS116387
- GREEN BCH 2: XS114388
- GREEN BCH 3: XS113390
- RED BCH 1: XS069402
- RED BCH 2: XS068401
- RED BCH 3: XS067399
- RED BCH 4: XS065398

4. ROUTES AND ANCHORAGES

- SONG TIEN GIANG (SOUTH) RT SPRUCE
- SONG TIEN GIANG (NORTH) RT ASH
- (W-4, W-14, W-5)
- DONG TAM ANCHORAGE MRB PALM
- VINH LONG ANCHORAGE MRB JUPITER

5. DISTANCES: From PALM to:

- W-5: 10.8 N.M.
- GREEN BCHS: 16.8 N.M.
- W-1: 18.7 N.M.
- RED BCHS: 20.3 N.M.
- JUPITER: 23.3 N.M.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-21

MRF FORCES SWEEPING ACROSS THE Binh Hung Peninsula had a quiet day Sunday, reporting no casualties on either side and only a few instances of sniper fire.

A total of 36 VIETNAMESE were detained, and of these, several were suspected to be VC. Thirty-five bunkers were destroyed by elements of 3/47 INFANTRY and several booby traps were found.

The artillery barges escorted by boats of RIV DIV 92 were the first to depart the Dong Tam Anchorage at 2330. They established a fire support base just north of Vinh Long to support the day's operation. The VIETNAMESE Marines and 3/47 INFANTRY embarked in boats of River Divisions 111 and 112, respectively, departed Dong Tam about 0400 and beached just after 0500.

After completing their sweep, the ARMY troops and Marines were backloaded in mid-afternoon, with 3/47 INFANTRY returning to the MRB at 1830. The VIETNAMESE Marines have established night positions near the fire support base at Vinh Long.

The MRB departed the Dong Tam Anchorage at 0630, with the last unit anchoring near Vinh Long at 1045.

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-22

MRF ELEMENTS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A LULL IN OPERATIONS MONDAY TO CONDUCT MAINTENANCE AND PREPARE FOR THE NEXT SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION.

HUNDREDS OF ARMY AND NAVY PERSONNEL WERE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FOLK MUSIC ON THE BENEWAH PONTOONS MONDAY. THE FEATURED PERFORMERS WERE THE ONE MALE AND TWO MINI-SKIRT CLAD FEMALE MEMBERS OF A FOLK SINGING GROUP WHICH IS ON A USO-SPONSORED TOUR OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

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AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF LITTLE ACTION, MRF FORCES ACHIEVED MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT TUESDAY, REPORTING 46 VC KILLED IN ACTION.


AS THE MARINE CONTACT PERSISTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY, ARMY ELEMENTS WERE MOVED INTO THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO SURROUND THE ESTIMATED VC COMPANY. IN THE ENSUING FIGHTING, 4/47 INFANTRY AND THE MARINES WERE EACH CREDITED WITH 15 VC KILLED. ARTILLERY ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER EIGHT VC KIA, WHILE GUNSHIPS CLAIMED SIX AND THE AIR FORCE TWO.

ARMY ELEMENTS ALSO DETAINED 65 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS, SOME OF WHICH WERE CONSIDERED LIKELY VC.

THREE NAVYMEN WERE INJURED AT 1645 WHEN THEIR FLAMETHROWER RECEIVED A ROCKET HIT IN THE COXSWAIN'S FLAT. ZIPPO 111-T WAS MOVING IN TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT TO THE MARINES WHEN THE ENEMY UNLEASHED THEIR ATTACK FROM A DENSE WOODLINE. ALL THREE CREWMEN WERE MED 'EVAC ED, ALTHOUGH ONLY ONE WAS REPORTED TO BE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

MOST BOATS RETURNED TO THE MRB EARLY IN THE EVENING, WITH A TOTAL OF 20 UNITS LEFT AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER SUPPORT TO UNITS IN THE FIELD.

THE MRF WAS VISITED TUESDAY BY GENERAL WILLIAM WESTMORELAND, MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMANDER VIETNAM. HE WAS BRIEFED ON PAST AND PROPOSED MRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SALZER AND LCOL COWLING, USMC, ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER 2ND BRIGADE. OTHERS ATTENDING THE BRIEFING WERE MAJOR GENERAL HAY, COMMANDER, II FIELD FORCES VIETNAM, MAJOR GENERAL Ewell, COMMANDING GENERAL, NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION AND BRIGADIER GENERAL KNOWLTON, ASSISTANT DIV COMMANDER 9TH INF DIV.

BEAR ADMIRAL NORBERT G. WARD, COMMANDER SERVICE GROUP 3, ARRIVED TUESDAY AND REMAINED OVERNIGHT ON THE ASKARI AS PART OF AN ORIENTATION VISIT TO THAT SERVICE FORCE SHIP.
THIRTEEN MORE VIET CONG BODIES WERE DISCOVERED WEDNESDAY DURING A SWEEP THROUGH TUESDAY'S AREA OF HEAVY CONTACT IN THE GIAO DUC DISTRICT OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

THE ADDITIONAL VC KIA RAISED THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO-DAY OPERATION TO 59. THERE WAS ONLY ONE FRIENDLY CASUALTY WEDNESDAY--A VIETNAMESE MARINE WHO RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS AT 1240 IN THE DAY'S ONLY INSTANCE OF HOSTILE FIRE.

TOTAL ALLIED CASUALTIES FOR THE TWO DAYS WERE FIVE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED. FOUR OF THE FATALITIES AND 27 OF THE WIA WERE VIETNAMESE MARINES WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SOME OF TUESDAY'S HEAVIEST FIGHTING.

THE US TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED BEFORE NOON ON WEDNESDAY AND...

RETURNED TO THE MRD BY 1400 ABOARD BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 112. THE VIETNAMESE MARINES REMAINED IN THE AO UNTIL 1400 WHEN THEY WERE LOADED ABOARD HC'S OF RIV DIV III FOR THE RETURN TRIP TO THEIR BASE AT DONG TAM.

A SWIMMER AND A SUSPICIOUS LIGHT IN THE WATER WERE REPORTED IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING BY SENTRY ON THE TOM GREEN COUNTY.

AT 0245, A LOOKOUT SPOOTTED A SWIMMER WITH FACE MASK ON THE SURFACE ABOUT 10 YARDS OFF THE STARBOARD QUARTER. THE SENTRY FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS WITH HIS M-1 RIFLE, AND THE SWIMMER APPEARED TO HIDE UNDER A BOSTON WHALER MOORED AFT OF THE PONTOONS. BID PATROLS MOVED IN AND DROPPED CONCUSSION GRENADES IN THE AREA, BUT NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF THE SWIMMER WAS FOUND.

ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR LATER AT 0315, TWO OTHER TOM GREEN COUNTY PERSONNEL SIGHTED A SMALL LIGHT BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE WATER ABOUT 45 YARDS OFF THE STARBOARD QUARTER. THE LIGHT BLINKED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE GOING OUT AS BID PATROLS MOVED IN TO INVESTIGATE. THEY FOUND NOTHING SUSPICIOUS, AND A THOROUGH HULL INSPECTION IN THE MORNING ALSO YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE MRD DEPARTED THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE AT 1500 FOR THE...
THE MRF WAS VISITED THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY LT. GENERAL LEWIS WALT, FORMER COMMANDER OF MARINE FORCES IN VIETNAM, AND NOW THE ASSISTANT COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS.

DURING HIS ONE-HOUR VISIT, THE MARINE GENERAL WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SALZER AND COLONEL DAVID.
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A ONE-COMPANY OPERATION ON THE SOUTH BANK 6 KILOMETERS
EAST OF THE MRB RESULTED IN FIVE DETAINIEES AND THE DESTRUCTION
OF 40 BUNKERS FRIDAY MORNING.

ALPHA COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY WAS INSERTED AT 0510 BY
BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 IN RESPONSE TO CONTACT MADE IN THE
SAME AREA BY A PLATOON-SIZE ELEMENT THURSDAY NIGHT.

AT 0800 THURSDAY, THE ALPHA COMPANY PLATOON HAD RECEIVED SMALL
ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADE FIRE AS THEY WERE BEING
BACKLOADED ABOARD AN ATC. FINAL RESULTS OF THE OPERATION WERE
TWO U.S. PERSONNEL INJURED, ONE FROM FRAGMENT WOUNDS AND ANOTHER
WHO BROKE HIS LEG WHILE TRYING TO EVADE SNIPER FIRE.

THE FULL COMPANY REPORTED NO CONTACT WHEN IT RETURNED TO
Sweep through the area Friday morning, and it returned to the MRB
AT 1000.

MR. ROBERT JORDAN, A SENIOR EDITOR FOR THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
SOCIETY, VISITED THE MRB FRIDAY IN REGARD TO A STORY THE MAGAZINE
IS DOING ABOUT ARMY OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. HE WAS
BRIEFED ABOUT MRB OPERATIONS AND OBSERVED A MONITOR AND ATC'S
FIRING THEIR VARIOUS WEAPONS DURING TARGET PRACTICE ON THE SOUTH
BANK, HE IS SPENDING THE NIGHT ON BENEWAH AND WILL LEAVE TOMORROW
MORNING.

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TOD: 26/22/12/94-YUC-T-APL 26, CRR 11, STU 117.3.1, CCD-17.

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No contact was reported Saturday by MRF forces sweeping through the Cam Son area of Dinh Tousng province. The only tangible results of the first day of operations involving both U.S. and Vietnamese forces were 16 detainees and 26 bunkers destroyed.

The Marines were inserted by River Division 111 boats at 0750 on the Rach Ba Rai just above Snoopy's Nose, and 4/47 Infantry was reached minutes later by Riv Div 91 craft on the Rach Ca. By 0830, they were seven kilometers northwest of the Marine insertion point. The two battalions swept toward each other for the remainder of the day with neither involved in any significant action.

Three companies of 3/47 Infantry remained aboard boats of Riv Div 112 as a ready reaction force until 1410 when they were inserted east of the Marine positions on the Rach IRA IAN. The only two casualties of the day were from non-hostile action. An infantryman from Alpha Company of 3/47 was bitten by a snake just after going ashore, and a crew member of A/2nd 91 suffered severe bruises during a fall later in the morning.

Most of the boats remained at a fire support base on the Song Tien Chiang Thursday night, although six units of River Division 91 and all Division 111 craft stayed within defensive perimeters of the Vietnamese Marines on the Rach Ba Rai north of Snoopy's Nose.
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GROUND FORCES REPORTED A RELATIVELY QUIET DAY SUNDAY,

BUT NAVAL ELEMENTS WERE INVOLVED IN THREE DIFFERENT SHIRMISHES

IN WHICH A TOTAL OF 13 WERE WOUNDED.

THE AMBUSHES OCCURRED DURING THE MORNING AS ASSAULT CRAFT

WERE WITHDRAWING TROOPS FROM THE CAM DON AREA AND INSERTING

THEM IN THE BAN LON DISTRICT JUST WEST-NORTHWEST OF THE MRB.

ELEVEN PERSONNEL OF RIVER DIVISION 111 WERE WOUNDED IN

THE DAY'S SEVEREST ATTACK AT 1145. THE BOATS WERE STRAFED WITH

ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH

BANKS JUST AS THEY TURNED OFF THE SONG MY THO AND BEGAN MOVING

NORTH UP THE SONG KAI SEVEN KILOMETERS WEST OF THE MRB.

THE BOATS TOOK AT LEAST FIVE R-46 ROCKET HITS, AND FIVE

BOATS RECEIVED MODERATE DAMAGE, INCLUDING MONITOR 111-2 AND

AIC'S 111-1, 111-4, 111-5 AND 91-10. THE BOATS RETURNED

FIRE WITH ALL WEAPONS INCLUDING FLAMETHROWER AND COMPLETELY

DISRUPTED THE ENEMY POSITIONS IN SUPPRESSING THE HOSTILE FIRE.

SIX OF THE 11 MEN WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK WERE CREWMAN ABOARD

THE MONITOR. NONE OF THE WOUNDED WAS CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY

INJURED. FIVE RETURNED TO DUTY IMMEDIATELY, AND THE OTHER SIX

WERE HIRED TO THE HOSPITAL.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 OPERATING WITH DIVISION 112

WERE INVOLVED IN THE DAY'S FIRST INCIDENT AT 0910. TWO-THIRDS

OF THE COLUMN OF BOATS HAD CLEARED THE PACH IRA TAN AND WAS

ON THE SONG KAI THEN WHEN THE REAR ELEMENTS WERE ASSAILED

FROM BOTH BANKS WITH ROCKET, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND GRENADE

FIRE. MONITOR 92-2, STATIONED AT THE END OF THE COLUMN,

STRIKED THE ENEMY POSITIONS WITH ALL HER WEAPONS TO SUPPRESS THE

ENEMY ATTACK, ATG 92-7 WAS STRUCK WITH A R-46 ROCKET ROUND AND

SEVERAL OTHER BOATS WERE HIT WITH SMALLER WEAPONS, BUT THERE

WERE ONLY ONE MINOR CASUALTY -- A CREWMEMBER ABOARD

AIC 91-1.

IN A THIRD CLASH AT 1130, BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE


THE CITY OF MY THO RECEIVED 20. 31 MIL MORTAR ROUNDS AND SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE BETWEEN 2245 AND 2300 SATURDAY. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE IN THE INCIDENT.

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GROUND FORCES HAD ANOTHER QUIET DAY MONDAY IN OPERATIONS IN THE BAN LONG DISTRICT OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

ONE BURST OF ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS THE SUM TOTAL OF HOSTILE CONTACT, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SEVERAL SIGHTINGS OF SMALL GROUPS OF SUSPECTED VC.

THE TWO U.S. ARMY BATTALIONS REMAINED IN THE AO MONDAY NIGHT, WHILE THE VIETNAMESE MARINES WERE BACKLOADED AND RETURNED TO DONG TAM AT 1530 BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION III. THE ONLY CASUALTY OF THE DAY WAS A MARINE WHO STEPPED IN A PUNJIT PIT.


OF THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE AT 0630 AND WERE REINSERTED AT 0930 ON THE RACH TRA TAN 6 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CAT LAY. FROM THAT POINT, THEY COMMENCED MOVING NORTH TOWARD ROUTE FOUR.

THE TWO ARMY BATTALIONS DETAINED FIVE VIETNAMESE AND DESTROYED 189 BUNKERS DURING THEIR SWEEPS.

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TOD: 29/1305Z/APR 68/TWO-T-APL26/CR117/CD17/CTU117.0.1/CSNDBDE/WUJAC/SUPVR...
THE EXPLOSION OF A BOOBY TRAP MARRED AN OTHERWISE QUIET DAY TUESDAY AS THE TWO ARMY BATTALIONS COMPLETED THEIR SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL Dinh Tuong Province. ONE MAN FROM ALPHA COMPANY OF 4/47 INFANTRY WAS KILLED AND THREE WERE INJURED WHEN A CLAYMORE-TYPE MINE WAS TRIPPED AT 1200H. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED LESS THAN TWO HOURS BEFORE THE THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 WERE BACKREGD BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 FOR RETURN TO THE MRB.

The only other contact reported Tuesday was an exchange of small arms and automatic weapons fire at 0930 in which there were no friendly or enemy casualties.


The MRB was visited Tuesday by Navy Captain R.K. Barton and Army Colonel J.A. Sheedy, both attached to the MACV Medical Staff. During their visit, they conducted a familiarization inspection of the medical facilities on the COLLETON, and BENEWAH.

A SUPERS FIELD TEAM CONSISTING OF CDR A.M. Osbourne, LCDR G.F. Nottoli (EPDOCREP), and LT J.P. Jackson visited TF 117 ON 29-30 APRIL. DURING THEIR VISIT THEY DISCUSSED PERSONNEL MANNING PROBLEMS FOR UNITS OF THE FORCE, PROGRAM FIVE MANNING, MET WITH JUNIOR OFFICERS TO DISCUSS RETENTION OPPORTUNITIES, AND MET WITH CLERICAL PERSONNEL TO DISCUSS SEAVEY, EARLY OUTS, AND OTHER PERSONNEL MATTERS.

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