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 TET TRUCE YESTERDAY MORNING. ALL MRF ELEMENTS CURTAILED THEIR OBSERVATION PATROLS AT 1020 AND RESUMED SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ALONG THE BORDER BETWEEN DINH TUONG AND KIEN PHONG PROVINCES.

THE TRUCE HAD GONE INTO EFFECT AT 1800 MONDAY, AND BY THE TIME IT WAS CANCELLED 16 HOURS LATER, THE MRF HAD ALREADYRecorded SEVERAL VC VIOLATIONS.
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SHORTLY AFTER 1900, several Chinook helicopters were inserting artillery pieces 15 miles inland. One of the MRB 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 RVN 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 RVN Div 91 received several rounds of M-79 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, 3/58 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 MRB units remained in the field Thursday night, although 10 boats of RVN Div 92 returned to the MRB early in the evening.

CODROR G.W. HONJOHNSON, who is Director Naval Laboratories visited the MRB 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 MRB such as the Nycamith growth in the calnals, better armor protection for the assault craft and similar items which he can help solve.

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