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RIVFLOT ONE DAILY BRIEF

COMRIVFLOT ONE NOTICE 5722 OF 21 DEC

(NOTE: THIS IS THE FIR ST IN A SERIES OF DAILY SUMMARIES TO BE
DISTRIBUTED TO ELEMENTS OF RIVER ASSAULT FLOTILLA ONE IN AN EFFORT TO
KEEP PERSONNEL BETTER INFORMED OF THE ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
OF THE MR7.)

ACTION ON DECEMBER 28-29 WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF 9
THE PACV'S --PATROL AIR CUSHION VEHICLES IN OUR OPERATIONS. THESE
95-FOOT CRAFT CAN TRAVEL ON A CUSHION OF AIR AT BETWEEN 40 AND 50
KNOTS OVER BOTH LAND AND WATER AND REPRESENT A VERSATILE ADDITION TO
THE MR7. DURING SEVERAL MONTHS OF OPERATIONS LAST YEAR, THESE NINE-TON
VEHICLES SO TERRORIZED THE VC, THEY ACQUIRED THE NICKNAME OF "THE
MONSTER BOATS."

ELEMENTS OF THE 760 AND 447 INFANTRY BATTALIONS REPORTED EXTREMELY
LIGHT CONTACT DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF OPERATIONS IN WESTERN DINH

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THONG PROVINCE. ENEMY CASUALTIES INCLUDED 1 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE
PRISONER OF WAR. NAVAL FORCES WERE USED PRIMARILY FOR WATERBORNE BLOCKS
AND PATROLS WITH RIVDIV 91 SEARCHING A TOTAL OF 535 SAMPHANS ON FRIDAY.
RIVDIV 91'S CCS WAS THE SCENE FOR THE RIVRON 9 CHANGE OF COMMAND CERE-
MONY ON 29 DECEMBER. LCDR CHARLES HOROWITZ WAS RELIEVED BY CDR L.H.
HANEL ABOARD THE COMMUNICATIONS BOAT DURING A LULL IN ITS REGULAR PATROLS
ON THE MY THO RIVER.

THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE WAS VISITED ON FRIDAY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM NGUYEN (WIN) VAN THIEU (TOC), A NUMBER OF HIS TOP
FIELD GENERALS AND GEN ABRAMS, DEPUTY TO GENERAL WESTMORELAND.
PRESIDENT THIEU RECEIVED BRIEFING FROM BOTH COMKODORE SALZER AND COLONEL
DAVID AND ALSO WENT ABOARD THE ASSAULT BOATS AND A PACV MOORED AT THE
DONG TAM PONTONS.

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