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RIVFLOT ONE DAILY BRIEF

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(NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST 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 MRF.)

ACTION ON DECEMBER 28-29 WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF 0
THE PACV'S --PATROL AIR CUSHION VEHICLES IN OUR OPERATIONS. THESE
39-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 MRF. 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 1/60 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS REPORTED EXTREMELY
LIGHT CONTACT DURING THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF OPERATIONS IN WESTERN DIVI-
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TUONG PROVINCE. ENEMY CASUALTIES INCLUDED 1 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE
PRISONER OF WAR. NAVAL FORCES WERE USED PRIMARILY FOR WATERBORNE BLOCKADE
AND PATROLS WITH RIVDIV SI SEARCHING A TOTAL OF 535 SAMPANS ON FRIDAY.
RIVDIV SI'S CCB WAS THE SCENE FOR THE RIVRON 9 CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREM-
ONY ON 29 DECEMBER. LCDR CHARLES HOROWITZ WAS RELIEVED BY CDR L.R.
HAMEL 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 (BINH) VAN THIEU (TOD), A NUMBER OF HIS TOP
FIELD GENERALS AND GEN ABRAMS, DEPUTY TO GENERAL WESTMORELAND.
PRESIDENT THIEU RECEIVED BRIEFING FROM BOTH COMMANDER SALZER AND CDR CEC
DAVID AND ALSO WENT ABOARD THE ASSAULT BOATS AND A PACV BOORED AT THE
BONG TAM PONTOONS.

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