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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 31-39

ALL ARMY AND NAVY UNITS RETURNED TO THE MRB MONDAY NIGHT FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF A TWO-DAY SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN EAST VINH LONG PROVINCE.

THERE WERE TWO VC KILLED IN ACTION MONDAY--ONE EACH BY THE ARMY AND NAVY. THE NAVY'S KIA CAME AT 1915 WHEN A SAMPAN WITH TWO OCCUPANTS ATTEMPTED TO ELUDE MONITOR 112-2 NEAR THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE. WHEN THE TWO FLEEING VC SUSPECTS BEACHED THEIR BOAT AND TRIED TO ESCAPE OVERLAND, THE MONITOR TOOK THEM UNDER FIRE. ONE WAS FATALLY WOUNDED BUT THE OTHER ESCAPED.

IN THE ONLY OTHER INCIDENT INVOLVING NAVY CRAFT, ASPB 91-6 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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