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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 01-11

ELEMENTS OF THE 3/60 AND 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS WERE INVOLVED WEDNESDAY IN THE MRF'S BIGGEST BATTLE SINCE DECEMBER 4.

OPERATING IN THE CAI BE DISTRICT OF WESTERN DINH TUONG PROVINCE, THE ARMY UNITS GAINED CONTACT WITH A VIET CONG FORCE OF SIGNIFICANT SIZE ABOUT 1300. THE FIGHTING CONTINUED INTO THE NIGHT, WITH THE ARMY REPORTING LIGHT TO MODERATE CASUALTIES.

MOST OF THE HEAVY CONTACT WAS ACHIEVED BY ALPHA AND CHARLEY COMPANIES OF 3/60 INFANTRY AND ALPHA COMPANY OF 4/47. TOTAL CONFIRMED CASUALTIES AS OF 2200 WEDNESDAY WERE 10 U.S. ARMY KILLED IN ACTION AND 32 WOUNDED. DARKNESS AND HEAVY ENEMY FIRE PREVENTED A COMPLETE COUNT OF U.S. CASUALTIES AND MADE IMPOSSIBLE ANY ESTIMATE OF VC LOSSES.

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RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT OF DIVISIONS 91, 111 AND 112 ARE SUPPORTING THE ARMY IN THE OPERATING AREA, BUT THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF SIGNIFICANT ENEMY FIRE DIRECTED AT THE BOATS.

THE ONLY NOTEWORTHY INCIDENT INVOLVING NAVY UNITS OCCURRED EARLY IN THE MORNING AS BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 WERE PREPARING TO LAND ELEMENTS OF THE 3/60 INFANTRY. TWO VC SUSPECTS WERE CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF TRYING TO LAY A WATERMINE IN THE PATH OF THE ONCOMING BOATS AND WERE CAPTURED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.

THE MRF WAS VISITED WEDNESDAY BY THE REV. H. J. KENNEDY, EPISCOPALIAN BISHOP OF HONOLULU.

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