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R 121244Z JAN 68 CWO 2358  
FM COMRIVFLOT ONE  
TO USS BENEWAH  
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 01-13

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION III WERE INVOLVED IN THE ONLY MAJOR CONTACT FRIDAY IN THE FIRST DAY OF OPERATIONS IN THE "MOUSE EARS" AREA OF LONG AN PROVINCE.

RIV DIV III WAS MOVING IN TO LAND ELEMENTS OF THE 4/47 INFANTRY BATTALION AT ABOUT 1230 WHEN THE BOATS RECEIVED A HEAVY BARRAGE OF B-40 ROCKETS, RECOILESS RIFLE, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE ENEMY ATTACK WAS SUPPRESSED AFTER A BRIEF FIRE-FIGHT IN WHICH THE BOATS COUNTERED WITH 20MM, 40MM AND .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN FIRE. MONITOR III-2 AND SEVERAL ASPB'S WERE HIT BY SMALL ARMS FIRE, BUT THE HEAVIER ORDNANCE FELL SHORT OF ITS MARK AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

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ARMY CONTACT DURING THE DAY WAS LIMITED TO OCCASIONAL SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS SNIPER FIRE IN WHICH ONE MAN WAS REPORTED WOUNDED. HUEY GUNSHIPS ACCOUNTED FOR FOUR VC KILLED IN ACTION-- THE ONLY CASUALTIES RECORDED FRIDAY.

THE MRF REGAINED PART OF ITS MOBILITY FRIDAY WITH THE RETURN OF THE BENEWAH FROM A THREE-WEEK STAY IN VUNG TAU FOR REPLACEMENT OF ITS A-C GENERATORS.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS TO THE MRF FRIDAY INCLUDED 19 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THEY RECEIVED BRIEFINGS ON BOTH THE ARMY AND NAVY FACETS OF MRF OPERATIONS, MET WITH CONSTITUENTS, VISITED OUR BOATS AND VIEWED THE PACV'S.

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