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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 01-19

A U.S. NAVY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER WAS KILLED IN ACTION THURSDAY WHEN HE RECEIVED A DIRECT HIT FROM A 3-40 ROCKET ROUND DURING THE FIRST DAY OF CORONADO X OPERATIONS IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

THE LIEUTENANT COMMANDER, WHO WAS ASSIGNED TO A UDT TEAM WORKING WITH THE MRF, WAS ABOARD FLAMETHROWER T-112-1 WHEN IT CAME UNDER FIRE ABOUT 0800. HE WAS KILLED INSTANTLY BY THE ROCKET ROUND AND A MEMBER OF THE BOAT CREW WAS WOUNDED WHEN ANOTHER ROUND STRUCK THE BOAT AND EXPLODED. THE BOATS RETURNED FIRE, BUT THE ENEMY ATTACKERS ESCAPED FROM THE AREA.

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THIS WAS THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED THURSDAY. THE 3/47 AND 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALIONS, SUPPORTED BY BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 111, BEACHED AT 0730. BUT ONLY TWO INSTANCES OF SNIPER FIRE WERE REPORTED DURING THE DAYLONG SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS. THERE WERE SIX DETAINEES TAKEN INTO CUSTODY DURING THE DAY, AND ONE U.S. ARMY MAN WAS WOUNDED WHEN HE STEPPED IN A PUNJI PIT.

THE MRB MOVED ITS ANCHORAGE EAST OF DONG TAM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO MONTHS THURSDAY. THE PRESENT ANCHORAGE IS 17 KILOMETERS DOWN RIVER FROM DONG TAM AND 9 KILOMETERS EAST OF MY THO.

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