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DAILY INTERNALL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-13
     FOUR SHIPS OF THE MRB MOVED FARTHER WEST MONDAY THEN ANY TIME
PREVIOUSLY IN THE MRF'S ONE-YEAR HISTORY AS THEY COMPLETED THE
FIRST LEG OF A 120-MILE TRIP TO CAN THO.
     MONDAY NIGHT'S ANCHORAGE WAS LOCATED ALMOST 60 MILES UP RIVER
FROM DONG TAM AND 25 MILES NORTHWEST OF SA DEC. WHEN THE FOUR
SHIPS BEGIN THEIR TRANSIT TUESDAY MORNING OF THE VAM NAO, WHICH
CONNECTS THE MEKONG AND BASSAC RIVERS, THEY WILL BE OPERATING
LESS THAN 20 MILES FROM THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.
     APL-26 AND ITS ACCOMPANYING YTB'S ANCHORED NEAR VINH LONG LATE

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MONDAY AFTERNOON AND WILL CONTINUE THE TRANSIT UP THE MEKONG
RIVER ON TUESDAY. THE MRB DEPARTED DONG TAM AT 1230, WITH THE
WASHTENAW COUNTY THE LAST SHIP TO ANCHOR ABOUT 2000. THE
SHIPS AVERAGED NINE KNOTS FOR THE ESTIMATED 60-MILE TRIP.
     ELEMENTS OF 3/60 AND 3/47 INFANTRY BATTALIONS RETURNED TO THE
MRB MONDAY MORNING FOLLOWING A DAY OF OPERATIONS IN THE AP BAC
DISTRICT NORTH OF DONG TAM. FINAL RESULTS OF THE
JOINT OPERATION WITH TWO OTHER BATTALIONS OF THE NINTH DIVISION
WERE 65 VC KILLED IN ACTION AND MANY VC WEAPONS CAPTURED.
     THREE U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 40 OTHERS WERE
WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING. ONE OF THOSE KILLED AND 25 OF THE WOUNDED
WERE FROM THE SECOND BRIGADE. ONE OF THE FRIENDLY FATALITIES AND
20 OF THE WOUNDED OCCURRED JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT MONDAY MORNING WHEN
ALPHA COMPANY OF 3/47 RECEIVED SIX ROUNDS OF ENEMY MORTAR FIRE.
     DONG TAM WAS ALSO HIT HARD BY MORTARS SUNDAY NIGHT AD MONDAY
MORNING, REPORTING 62 ROUNDS. THERE WAS ONE ARMY KIA RECORDED AS A
RESULT OF THE ATTACK AND 12 WERE WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO CREWMEN OF
LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-FOUR.
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