

CUO NR #1536

YAPD YAPD DE J881 NR09/16
R 161150Z FEB 68
FM COMRIVFLOT ONE
TO USS BENEWAH
USS COLLETON
USS ASKARI
APL TWO SIX
USS WASHTENAW COUNTY
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TMC 1117 AT 1240Z
T-APL-26, COMRIVRON 11

TOD	1240Z
NFLX	1241Z
NUIY	1242Z
NDNU	1242Z

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-17

MRB ELEMENTS CONTINUED THEIR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS
SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO THURSDAY, REPORTING VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT
ALL DAY.

FIVE DEAD VIET CONG FOUND BY ECHO COMPANY OF 3/47TH
INFANTRY LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WERE THE ONLY ENEMY CASUALTIES
OF THE DAY. TWO ARMY PERSONNEL RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS WHEN THEY
STEPPED ON BOOBY TRAPS.

RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT CONTINUED NIGHTLY WATERBORNE PATROLS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, BUT ENCOUNTERED NO UNUSUAL SAMPAN TRAFFIC.

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ATC 111-3 WAS THE ONLY BOAT TO DRAW HOSTILE FIRE DURING THE FIRST
THREE DAYS OF OPERATIONS. AT 2220 THURSDAY IT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS
AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS OF A NARROW STREAM. THE
HOSTILE FIRE WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED BY 20 MM CANNON AND .30 CAL AND
.50 CAL MACHINE GUNS.

ON FRIDAY, BENEWAH LOGGED HER 5,000TH HELICOPTER LANDING SINCE
ARRIVING IN VIETNAM A LITTLE LESS THAN TEN MONTHS AGO. COMMODORE
SALZER, WHO WAS EMBARKED IN THE ARMY HUEY WHEN IT TOUCHED DOWN
AT 1400, WAS GREETED BY BENEWAH COMMANDING OFFICER LIEUTENANT
COMMANDER SAUCIER.

ASKARI IS CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HER SECOND TOUR
OF SERVICE IN VIETNAM. THE LANDING CRAFT REPAIR SHIP WAS THE FIRST
OF THE MRB'S FOUR PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED SHIPS TO ARRIVE IN COUNTRY ON
FEBRUARY 15, 1967. THE ASKARI IS THE MRB'S ONLY VIETNAM VETERAN,
HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE VIETNAMESE "PASSAGE TO FREEDOM" IN 1954.

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