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CWU NR #1536

YAPD YAPD DE J8BI NR009/16

R 161150Z FEB 68

FM COMRIVFLOT ONE

TO USS BENEWAH

USS COLLETON

USS ASKARI

APL TWO SIX

USS WASHTENAW COUNTY

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-17

MRF 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 1402, 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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TOD:16/1248Z FEB 68/TMC

TOD:NFLX/1240Z/NUIY/1241Z/NDNU/1242Z FEB 68/S/S

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TMC 111-3 AT 1310Z
T- APL-26, COMRIVRON 11

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