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FM COMNAVFLT ONE  
TO USS BENEWAH  
USS COLLETON  
USS ASKARI  
APL TWO SIX  
USS WASHTENAW COUNTY  
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Time 2000ZAT 1530Z  
-T-APL-26, COMNAVFLT ONE

TOD  
-NBLL 1500Z  
-NDNU 1518Z  
-NFLX 1516Z  
-NUUY 1514Z  
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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO 02-20

ARMY ELEMENTS OF THE MRF WERE IN MODERATE CONTACT MONDAY NIGHT AFTER BEING AIRLIFTED SOUTHEAST OF CAN THO TO SUPPORT TWO ARVN BATTALIONS BATTLING A VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE.

AT 2000, SIX VC HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KILLED IN ACTION. US CASUALTIES WERE ONE KIA AND EIGHT WOUNDED. SEVEN VIETNAMESE ARMY TROOPS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND FORTY WERE WOUNDED IN DAY-LONG FIGHTING. VC KILLED BY ARVN TROOPS ARE NOT KNOWN.

THE DAY STARTED WITH THREE COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY CONDUCTING

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A ROUTINE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION TO COUNTER GUERILLA ACTIVITY IN AN AREA EIGHT MILES WEST OF CAN THO. THE ARMY TROOPS WERE INSERTED AT 1110 ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE BASSAC FOUR MILES UP RIVER FROM THE MRB.

WHEN RECEDING TIDES PERMITTED THE ASSAULT CRAFT TO CLEAR A BRIDGE ON THE TRA NOC RIVER, THE TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED AND RE-INSERTED FARTHER SOUTH AT 1255. THEY CONTINUED THEIR OPERATIONS FOR THREE HOURS UNTIL IT WAS DECIDED TO AIRLIFT THEM EVEN FARTHER SOUTH TO SUPPORT THE ARVN ELEMENTS WHO WERE ENGAGED IN HEAVY CONTACT.

THREE COMPANIES OF THE 3/60 INFANTRY WHO WERE ENJOYING A DAY OF REST WHILE IN A READY REACTION POSTURE WERE ALSO COMMITTED TO THE BATTLE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON. BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111 LANDED THEM ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE BASSAC EAST OF THE MRB, FROM WHICH HELICOPTERS TRANSPORTED THEM INTO THE AO.

SIX BOATS EACH FROM RIVER DIVISION 91 AND 112 WERE PATROLLING ON THE CAN THO RIVER SOUTH OF THE OPERATING AREA IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM ESCAPING VIA WATER ROUTES.

MONITOR 112-1, CONDUCTING A SIMILAR PATROL IN THE SAME RIVER SUNDAY NIGHT, RECEIVED ONE BURST OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE ABOUT MIDNIGHT. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO DAMAGE IN THE ONLY INCIDENT REPORTED BY THE ASSAULT CRAFT IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

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