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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 03-24

FOUR SHIPS OF THE MRF PLUS THE RESUPPLY LST COMPLETED ONE OF THE MRF'S LONGEST TRANSITS IN A SINGLE DAY SUNDAY WHEN THEY BEACHED AT DONG TAM BETWEEN 1845 AND 1915.

THE AVERAGE SPEED FOR THE 105 STATUTE MILE TRIP WAS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN SEVEN KNOTS. THE ASKARI, 10 RIVER ASSAULT BOATS AND THE TWO LIGHT LIFT CRAFT REMAIN AT CAN THO TO SUPPORT SALVAGE OPERATIONS. THE TWO GP'S WHICH SANK SOUTHWEST OF THE CITY.

THE SECOND GP, A-91-1, WENT DOWN ABOUT 1900 SATURDAY WHEN IT WAS SWAMPED BY THE WAKE OF TWO OTHER UNITS WHICH PASSED NEARBY. IT SETTLED TO THE BOTTOM IN LESS THAN A MINUTE AND THE BOAT'S RADICMAN WAS MISSING WHEN OTHER ASSAULT CRAFT IN THE AREA RESCUED OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

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SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON THIS BOAT STARTED SUNDAY MORNING, JUST AS EMERGENCY REPAIRS WERE BEING COMPLETED ON ASPB-112-4, BEACHED ABOUT 1500 YARDS WEST OF THE AREA WHERE ASPB-91-1 SANK. IT IS EXPECTED BOTH BOATS WILL BE RAISED AND MOVED OUT OF THE AREA WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

FOUR OF THE ASSAULT CRAFT SUPPORTING THE SALVAGE OPERATIONS RECEIVED A BRIEF FLURRY OF SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AS THEY WERE MOVING DOWN THE SONG CAN THO JUST EAST OF THE CAU RANG BRIDGE AT 2125 SUNDAY. THE HOSTILE FIRE WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED AND THERE WAS NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

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