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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 03-03

SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON ASPB-112-4, WHICH SANK LAST WEEK
SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO, WERE COMPLETED MONDAY AND THE BOAT
WAS TOWED TO THE RAG PIERS AT CAN THO. THE NUMEROUS HOLES
CAUSED BY ENEMY HITS WILL BE PATCHED THEN THE BOAT WILL BE
TOWED TO DONG TAM FOR PERMANENT REPAIRS.

LIGHT LIFT CRAFT-3 CONTINUED ITS SALVAGE ATTEMPTS ON ASPB 91-1
WHICH SANK IN THE SAME AREA ON SATURDAY. DIVERS BELIEVE THE
BOAT CAN BE LIFTED AND TOWED FROM THE AREA ON TUESDAY.

THE BODY OF BM2 LESLIE E. MURRAY WHO WAS BOAT CAPTAIN OF ASPB
112-8 WAS FOUND IN THE CAN THO RIVER SUNDAY AFTERNOON. PETTY
OFFICER MURRAY WAS KILLED AND BLOWN OVERBOARD WHEN 8-40 ROUNDS
STRUCK HIS BOAT FRIDAY NIGHT.

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THE ASKARI, WHICH REMAINED NEAR CAN THO SUNDAY TO SUPPORT THE
SALVAGE OPERATIONS, REJOINED THE MRB ON MONDAY, COMPLETING
THE TRANSIT AT 1935.

THE LUZERNE COUNTY (LST-902) RECEIVED THREE ROUNDS OF RECOILLESS
RIFLE FIRE AT 1355 WHILE SHE WAS MOVING UP THE SONG MY THO LESS
THAN THREE MILES EAST OF THE MRB. ONE OF THE SHIP'S CREW WAS INJURED
IN THE ATTACK.

COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE LIFTED INTO DONG TAM MONDAY BY
BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF
THE ARMY BASE. THEY WILL BE REPLACED AS ONE OF THE MRB'S TWO
AFLOAT BATTALIONS BY 4/47 INFANTRY WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EMBARK
ON THE COLLETON AND WASHTENAW COUNTY ON TUESDAY.

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