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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 73-10

ONE NAVYMAN WAS KILLED AND 15 WERE WOUNDED MONDAY WHEN ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 92 WERE HIT BY A DEVASTATING BARRAGE OF ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FIVE KILOMETERS NORTH OF SNOOPY'S NOSE.

KILLED IN THE ATTACK WAS LT. DAVID WYRICK, WHO ASSUMED COMMAND OF RIVER DIVISION 92 ONLY FIVE DAYS AGO. ALL BUT THREE OF THE WOUNDED WERE EVACUATED, MOST OF THEM TO MEDICAL FACILITIES ON THE COLLETON.

THE ATTACK OCCURRED AT 1512 AS THE DIVISION 92 BOATS WERE MOVING NORTH ON THE RACH BA RAI TO THEIR NIGHT POSITIONS. THE FOUR LEAD BOATS TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE ASSAULT, AND THE ENTIRE COLUMN WAS FORCED TO REVERSE COURSE IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY FIRE. ASPR'S 92-5 AND 92-9, MONITOR 92-1 AND FLAMETHROWER 92-5 WERE THE UNITS HIT HARDEST.

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IN ADDITION TO THE MAJOR ATTACK ON THE RIV DIV 92 BOATS, THERE WERE FIVE OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVING RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT AS OF 2200 MONDAY. FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE REPORTED IN ANY OF THE OTHER ATTACKS.

BOATS OF RIV DIV 91 RECEIVED FIRE THREE TIMES DURING THE DAY WHILE OPERATING ON THE RACH CAI BE NORTH OF THE CITY OF CAI BE. THE FIRST ATTACK OCCURRED AT 1427 WHILE BOATS WERE OFFLOADING ECHO COMPANY OF A/47 INFANTRY 5 KILOMETERS NORTH OF CAI BE. AT 1730, SEVERAL KILOMETERS FARTHER NORTH OF THE FIRST ATTACK, MONITOR 91-1 SUPPRESSED A FLURRY OF ENEMY RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE.

OTHER ENEMY FIRE WAS RECEIVED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AT 1830 AS THE DIVISION 91 BOATS WERE RE-INSERTING ELEMENTS OF A/47 INFANTRY AT A NEW LOCATION.

BOATS SUPPORTING ARTILLERY ELEMENTS AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE JUST SOUTH OF SNOOPY'S NOSE ON THE SONG NAM THEN ALSO CAME UNDER HEAVY ENEMY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AT 1915. THE FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED, BUT 15 MINUTES LATER, THE BOATS AGAIN BEGAN RECEIVING FIRE, INCLUDING SEVERAL ROCKET ROUNDS.

ONE ARMY ARTILLERYMAN WAS WOUNDED AND TWO LCM 8'S DAMAGED BEFORE THE BOATS FILED VECT THE ENEMY GUNS.

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MONDAY'S OPERATIONS COMMENCED AT 0735 WHEN BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 LEFT THE MRR TO ESCORT ARTILLERY ELEMENTS TO THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE.

BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE GOT UNDERWAY SEVERAL HOURS LATER, WITH 92 UNITS INSERTING 3/67 INFANTRY AT 1735 AND 91 BOATS BEACHING 4/67 INFANTRY AT 1830. IN CONTRAST TO THE HEAVY NAVY FIGHTING, THE ARMY REPORTED VIRTUALLY NO ACTION DURING THE DAY.

TWO VIET CONG WERE KILLED BY GUNSHIPS AND FOUR PRISONERS WERE TAKEN BY ELEMENTS OF 3/67 INFANTRY AS THE ARMY REPORTED THREE OF THEIR OWN MEN WOUNDED DURING THE DAY.

THE PACV'S WERE ALSO OPERATING MONDAY, CONDUCTING A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION ON CON IRON ISLAND ADJACENT TO THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE. NEITHER OF THE TWO PACV'S NOR THEIR EMBARDED ARMY ELEMENTS REPORTED ANY CONTACT, AND THE TROOPS WERE RETURNED TO THE FIRE SUPPORT BASE.

IN REPORTS FROM I CORPS, A THIRD BODY FROM THURSDAY'S MINING OF ATC 112-7 WAS DISCOVERED DURING OPERATIONS IN THE THACH HAN RIVER. THREE OTHER CREWMEN OF THE TROOP CARRIER ARE STILL MISSING IN ACTION.

THE MRR SHIFTED TO THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE IN THE MORNING IN ORDER TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS NORTH OF CAI BE.

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THE REEFERAN GOT UNDERWAY FROM DONG TAN AT 0720, AND ALL SHIPS HAD ANCHORED BY 1030.

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