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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO 04-05

VERY LITTLE RESISTANCE WAS ENCOUNTERED FRIDAY BY MRF FORCES SWEEPING THROUGH THE SCENE OF THURSDAY'S HEATED DAY-LONG BATTLE.

BUT, AFTER BEING INSERTED ABOUT TWO MILES EAST OF THURSDAY'S OPERATING AREA, THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 INFANTRY ACHIEVED MODERATE CONTACT WITH A SMALL FORCE OF VC. A TOTAL OF 14 VIET CONG HAD BEEN KILLED AS OF 1900 FRIDAY, WHILE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 14 WOUNDED, TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR THE TWO DAYS OF FIGHTING SHOW 22 U.S. AND TWO VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL KILLED IN ACTION. ANOTHER 120 ALLIED PERSONNEL HAD BEEN WOUNDED AS OF 1930 FRIDAY. ECHO COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY WAS THE MOST SERIOUSLY HIT WITH 12 KILLED AND 34 WOUNDED. THIRTY-SEVEN VIET CONG HAD BEEN CONFIRMED KILLED AND THREE OTHERS WERE CAPTURED.

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A THIRD NAVYMAN DIED FRIDAY FROM WOUNDS SUFFERED IN THURSDAY'S VIOLENT ASSAULT ON THE BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE. HE WAS FN DOUGLAS GEORGE MORTON, A CREWMAN ON MONITOR 91-3 WHO HAD RECEIVED MASSIVE HEAD WOUNDS WHEN HIS BOAT CAME UNDER HEAVY ROCKET AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE IN AN ATTACK LATE THURSDAY AFTER NOON.

OTHER NAVYMEN WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THURSDAY'S BATTLE WERE BMC SAMUEL C. CHAVOUS AND BM3 JOHN D. WOODARD OF MONITOR 92-2. THEY WERE FATALY WOUNDED WHEN AN RPG-7 ROCKET EXPLODED IN THEIR BOAT'S COXSWAIN'S PLAT.

THIRTY-THREE OTHER RIV RON NINE PERSONNEL, THREE UDI DEI GOLF MEN AND TWO MARINES ASSIGNED TO THE FLOTILLA'S RIVERINE SURVEY TEAM WERE INJURED, BUT MOST OF THEM WERE REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION ON FRIDAY.

A SPECIAL EASTER SERVICE WAS HELD ON THE BENEWAH'S C2 LEVEL FORWARD FRIDAY FOR FILMING A TELEVISION PROGRAM TO BE SHOWN ON EASTER SUNDAY IN THE U.S. A THREE-MAN CAMERA CREW FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PHOTOGRAPHED THE SERVICE WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY ARMY CHAPLAIN HUGHES AND NAVY CHAPLAIN LCESCH.

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