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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 04-24

THIRTEEN MORE VIET CONG BODIES WERE DISCOVERED WEDNESDAY DURING A SWEEP THROUGH TUESDAY'S AREA OF HEAVY CONTACT IN THE GIAO DUC DISTRICT OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE.

THE ADDITIONAL VC KIA RAISED THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO-DAY OPERATION TO 59. THERE WAS ONLY ONE FRIENDLY CASUALTY WEDNESDAY-- A VIETNAMESE MARINE WHO RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS AT 1240 IN THE DAY'S ONLY INSTANCE OF HOSTILE FIRE.

TOTAL ALLIED CASUALTIES FOR THE TWO DAYS WERE FIVE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED. FOUR OF THE FATALITIES AND 27 OF THE WIA WERE VIETNAMESE MARINES WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SOME OF TUESDAY'S HEAVIEST FIGHTING.

THE US TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED BEFORE NOON ON WEDNESDAY AND

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RETURNED TO THE MRB BY 1430 ABOARD BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 91 AND 112. THE VIETNAMESE MARINES REMAINED IN THE AO UNTIL 1400 WHEN THEY WERE LOADED ABOARD HIC'S OF RIV DIV III FOR THE RETURN TRIP TO THEIR BASE AT DONG TAM.

A SWIMMER AND A SUSPICIOUS LIGHT IN THE WATER WERE REPORTED IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING BY SENTRY ON THE TOM GREEN COUNTY.

AT 0245, A LOOKOUT SPOTTED A SWIMMER WITH FACE MASK ON THE SURFACE ABOUT 10 YARDS OFF THE STARBOARD QUARTER. THE SENTRY FIRED SEVERAL ROUNDS WITH HIS M-1 RIFLE, AND THE SWIMMER APPEARED TO HIDE UNDER A BOSTON WHALER MOORED AFT OF THE PONTOONS. BID PATROLS MOVED IN AND DROPPED CONCUSSION GRENADES IN THE AREA, BUT NO OTHER EVIDENCE OF THE SWIMMER WAS FOUND.

ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR LATER AT 0315, TWO OTHER TOM GREEN COUNTY PERSONNEL SIGHTED A SMALL LIGHT BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE WATER ABOUT 45 YARDS OFF THE STARBOARD QUARTER. THE LIGHT BLINKED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE GOING OUT AS BID PATROLS MOVED IN TO INVESTIGATE. THEY FOUND NOTHING SUSPICIOUS, AND A THOROUGH HULL INSPECTION IN THE MORNING ALSO YIELDED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

THE MRB DEPARTED THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE AT 1500 FOR THE

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FOUR-HOUR RETURN TRANSIT TO DONG TAM.

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