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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-16

THREE COMPANIES OF 4/47 INFANTRY STAYED IN MODERATE TO HEAVY CONTACT ALL DAY FRIDAY IN OPERATIONS SEVERAL KILOMETERS INLAND FROM THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG MY THO OPPOSITE THOI SON ISLAND.

THE FIRST HOSTILE FIRE WAS REPORTED AT 0842 BY BRAVO COMPANY 4/47 AS IT CONTINUED SWEEPING WEST FROM ITS NIGHT POSITIONS NORTH OF THE BA LAI RIVER. THE STEADY ENEMY FIRE CONTINUED ALL DAY AND WAS OF SUCH INTENSITY DURING THE AFTERNOON THAT A DUSTOFF HELICOPTER WAS DRIVEN OFF BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS WHEN IT FIRST TRIED TO LAND.

SOME OF THE HEAVIEST FIGHTING WITH THE VC FORCE ESTIMATED AT BETTER THAN COMPANY SIZE OCCURRED AFTER 1700 AS THE SECOND PLATOON OF CHARLEY COMPANY 4/47 WAS PINNED DOWN BY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE. DURING THE NEXT THREE HOURS, ALL THREE COMPANIES WERE PINNED DOWN AT LEAST ONCE IN HEAVY CROSSFIRE AS CONTACT CONTINUED AFTER DARKNESS.

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TWO COMPANIES OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE ALSO OPERATING NORTH OF THE 4/47 POSITIONS BUT THEY BOTH REPORTED A QUIET DAY.

ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR ALL TROOPS TO BE BACKLOADED IN MID-AFTERNOON, BUT, AS THE CONTACT CONTINUED, THE OPERATION WAS EXTENDED INDEFINITELY. AS OF 2045 FRIDAY, FIVE VC HAD BEEN KILLED IN THE FIGHTING. ONE U. S. INFANTRYMAN HAD BEEN KILLED AND 16 OTHERS WOUNDED.

THE MRB DEPARTED THE MY THO ANCHORAGE AT 1825 WITH THE BENEWAH THE LAST SHIP TO ANCHOR AT DONG TAM AT 2043.

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