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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 35-14

MRF ELEMENTS REPORTED SEVERAL VC SIGHTINGS BUT LITTLE CONTACT TUESDAY DURING THE FIRST DAY OF OPERATION IN THE DON NAM AND MO CAY DISTRICTS OF KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE INVOLVED IN THE MOST HEATED ACTION OF THE DAY AS THEY WERE AMBUSHED TWICE WHILE TRANSITING THE NARROW RACH MO CAY ABOUT THREE KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE MRB ANCHORAGE.

THE FIRST ATTACK OCCURRED AT 0935 AS THE CRAFT WERE LEAVING THE STREAM AFTER HAVING INSERTED 4-47 INFANTRY. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE IN THE HEAVY BARRAGE OF SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE DIRECTED AT THE REAR ELEMENTS OF THE COLUMN. THE ENEMY FIRE WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED AS THE BOATS

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THOROUGHLY RAZED THE ENEMY POSITIONS.

SEVERAL OF THE RIV DIV 91 BOATS REENTERED THE STREAM IN THE EARLY AFTERNOON TO SUPPORT A BRIDGE REMOVAL PROJECT. WHEN THE OPERATION WAS COMPLETED AND THE BOATS BEGAN MOVING OUT OF THE AREA THEY RECEIVED A SECOND HEAVY ATTACK FROM A POINT JUST WEST OF THE FIRST AMBUSH. WHEN THE BOATS RETURNED HEAVY SUPPRESSING FIRE WITH ALL WEAPONS, INCLUDING FLAMETHROWER, NUMEROUS VC WERE SPOTTED RUSHING FROM THE FIRE-ENGULFED BUNKERS. BOTH THE BOATS AND A LIGHT HELD FIRE TEAM COVERING THE TRANSIT OPENED UP ON THE FLEEING ENEMY, WITH THE NAVY CLAIMING THREE VC PROBABLE KIA.

FOUR OTHER VIET CONG KIA WERE CREDITED TO AN AIR FORCE STRIKE IN THE AREA, WHILE AN EIGHTH VC WAS REPORTED KILLED BY 4-47 INFANTRY.

AFTER BEING INSERTED AT 0815 AT BEACHES EIGHT KILOMETERS APART, THE TWO BATTALIONS SWEPT TOWARD EACH OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY, ENCOUNTERING SEVERAL SIGNS OF VC ACTIVITY BUT NO ENEMY.

THE MRB DEPARTED THE DONG TAM ANCHORAGE AT 0615 AND ARRIVED AT BEN TRE ABOUT 1000.

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