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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 25-18

THE TOTAL ENEMY BODY COUNT ROSE WELL OVER 100 SATURDAY NIGHT AS MRF ELEMENTS KILLED AT LEAST 35 VIET CONG IN THE FINAL BATTLE OF A TWO-DAY SEARCH AND SWEEP OPERATION IN THE THAN DUC DISTRICT OF LONG AN PROVINCE.

AFTER REPORTING A RELATIVELY QUIET DAY, 4/47 INFANTRY FORCED AN ESTIMATED PLATOON-SIZED VC ELEMENT INTO THE OPEN ABOUT 1330. AIR CAVALRY UNITS, RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT AND GROUND FORCES COMBINED TO CUT DOWN THE ENEMY AS THEY FLED ACROSS OPEN RICE PADDIES.

THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES REPORTED IN THE ENGAGEMENT, WHICH BROKE OUT JUST AS THE TROOPS WERE PREPARING TO RETURN TO THE MRB.

ALTHOUGH CONTACT EARLIER IN THE DAY HAD BEEN SPORADIC,

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THE 4/47 INFANTRYMEN CONDUCTED A PROFITABLE SEARCH OF THE SCENE OF FRIDAY'S HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY STRIKES, DISCOVERING DOZENS OF ENEMY BODIES AND SEVERAL WEAPONS.

RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE INVOLVED IN ONE OF THE DAY'S MOST HEATED SKIRMISHES AT 1320 WHEN THEY WERE AMBUSHED FROM BOTH BANKS OF THE KINH LO WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE. THE BOATS, WHICH WERE IN THE PROCESS OF LANDING ELEMENTS OF 4/47 INFANTRY, REPLIED WITH ALL WEAPONS, SUPPRESSING THE ENEMY FIRE WHILE THE TROOPS CONTINUED TO BEACH.

FOURTEEN NAVYMEN AND ONE INFANTRYMAN WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, INCLUDING FIVE CREW MEMBERS OF MONITOR 91-1, FOUR FROM FLAMETHROWER 92-11 AND THREE FROM ASPB 91-2. ASPB 91-2 AND MONITOR 91-3 ALSO REPORTED ONE CASUALTY EACH.

FOUR OF THOSE INJURED WERE REGARDED AS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED, WHILE MOST OF THE OTHERS WERE TREATED IN THE AO AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

BOTH MRF BATTALIONS RETURNED TO THE MRB LATE IN THE EVENING WHEN CONTACT BROKE OFF AFTER 1900.

WITH REPORTS NOT YET COMPLETE, CUMULATIVE RESULTS OF THE TWO-DAY OPERATION AT 2030 SATURDAY WERE 123 VIET CONG KILLED, FIVE

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PRISONERS OF WAR AND 23 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS SEIZED.

ARMY CASUALTIES IN THE TWO DAY'S FIGHTING WERE SIX KILLED AND
28 WOUNDED, INCLUDING FOUR FROM NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

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