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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 75-26

THIRTY VIET CONG WERE KILLED AND THREE WERE CAPTURED BY MRF UNITS SUNDAY IN HEAVY FIGHTING SEVEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE.

THE BATTLE BROKE OUT AT 0715 WHEN ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 111 WERE AMBUSHED ON THE ONG HUONG RIVER. GROUND ELEMENTS WHICH WERE BEACHED IN THE AREA ACHIEVED ALMOST IMMEDIATE CONTACT AND THE FIGHTING CONTINUED UNTIL SUNDOWN.

TWO NAVYMEN WERE KILLED AND 13 WERE INJURED IN A SERIES OF ROCKET AND RECOILLESS RIFLE ATTACKS ON THE BOATS. MOST OF THE CASUALTIES OCCURRED IN THE FIRST ASSAULT ON THE 111 CRAFT AS THEY MOVED IN TO LAND ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY.

THE LEAD UNITS IN THE COLUMN BORE THE BRUNT OF THE ATTACK. THE BOAT CAPTAIN AND RADIOMAN OF ASPB 111-1 WERE KILLED INSTANTLY AND TWO

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OTHER CREWMEN WERE INJURED WHEN THEIR BOAT TOOK TWO ROCKET AND TWO RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS. TWO OF THE ROUNDS STRUCK THE BOAT'S 20 MM CANNON, ANOTHER HIT THE MAST AND THE FOURTH TORE INTO THE COXSWAIN'S FLAT.

FOUR CREWMEN ON ASPB 111-5 WERE ALSO INJURED IN THE FIRST ATTACK AS A ROCKET BLEW OPEN THEIR 20 MM MOUNT. MONITOR 111-2, THE FIRST BOAT BEHIND THE LEAD ASPB'S TOOK HEAVY FIRE AND REPORTED TWO MEN WITH MINOR WOUNDS. ASPB 111-3 AND ATC 111-6 ALSO TOOK ROCKET HITS, BUT THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE ALSO HIT SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY. AT 0750 THEY WERE AMBUSHED WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS JUST WEST OF THE POINT WHERE THE 111 BOATS WERE ATTACKED. A CREWMEN OF ASPB 91-7 WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO THE BOATS.

THE 91 BOATS WERE THE TARGET FOR A SECOND, MORE SUBSTANTIAL ATTACK LATER IN THE MORNING AT VIRTUALLY THE SAME POSITION WHERE THE 111 BOATS WERE HIT. FOUR MEN, INCLUDING THREE CREWMEN OF ATC 91-5, WERE INJURED BY THE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, ROCKET AND RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE.

THE BOATS WERE ATTACKED ON SEVERAL OTHER OCCASIONS DURING THE AFTERNOON, BUT NO OTHER PERSONNEL CASUALTIES RESULTED. OTHER UNITS

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HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE WERE ASPB 111-2, WHICH TOOK FOUR RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, FLAMETHROWER 111-7 AND ATC 111-1.

GROUND FORCES STAYED IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH THE VC ELEMENTS, CALLING IN HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY STRIKES ON THE ENEMY BUNKERS. AS OF 1900, THREE ARMY PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED KILLED AND 26 WERE WOUNDED. ALL ARMY CASUALTIES EXCEPT FOR TWO WIA WERE FROM 3-47 INFANTRY.

MOST OF THE BOATS MOVED OUT OF THE AO EARLY IN THE EVENING AS THE ARMY SETTLED INTO NIGHT POSITIONS.

THE MRB RELOCATED TO BEN TRE SUNDAY MORNING, DEPARTING DONG TAM AT 0800 AND ARRIVING AT THE NEW ANCHORAGE ABOUT 1115.

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