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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 05-27

NINE TF 117 PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED MONDAY AS THE ASSAULT CRAFT OF RIVER DIVISION 91 AND 111 WERE AMBUSHED THREE MORE TIMES ALONG THE BEN TRE RIVER.

NINE VIET CONG WERE KILLED MONDAY TO BRING TO 41 THE TOTAL FOR THE TWO-DAY OPERATION WHICH ENDED EARLY IN THE EVENING.

IN THE FIRST ATTACK AT 0720, THE BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 WERE HIT WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, RECOILLESS RIFLE, AND ROCKET FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS EAST OF BEN TRE. TWO CREW MEMBERS OF ATC 111-10 AND ONE ABOARD MONITOR 111-3 WERE INJURED WHEN THOSE BOATS EACH TOOK TWO ROCKET OR RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS. SEVERAL OTHER BOATS WERE HIT IN THE ATTACK, BUT THE ENEMY FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED AFTER A 10-MINUTE BATTLE.

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LESS THAN FIVE HOURS LATER AT 1145, TWO MORE CREW MEMBERS OF ATC 111-10 WERE INJURED WHEN THE BOAT RECEIVED ANOTHER ROCKET HIT NINE KILOMETERS FARTHER SOUTH ON THE BEN TRE RIVER. ATC 111-13 WAS ALSO HIT IN THIS SECOND ATTACK, WHICH OCCURRED AS THE BOATS WERE LANDING ELEMENTS OF THE 3/47 INFANTRY. IN ADDITION TO THE NAVY CASUALTIES, ONE INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND ANOTHER WAS WOUNDED AS THE TROOPS ATTEMPTED TO LAND IN THE FACE OF THE HEAVY FIRE. THE ENEMY GUNS WERE AGAIN SILENCED BY THE BOATS AND ARMY HELICOPTERS WERE CALLED IN TO STRAFE THE ENEMY POSITIONS.

THE FINAL ATTACK OCCURRED AT 1415 AS THE ASSAULT CRAFT OF BOTH DIVISIONS WERE MOVING OUT OF THE AO. SIX BOATS WERE HIT WITH ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, BUT GUNNERS ABOARD RIV DIV 91 BOATS REPORTED KILLING TWO OF THE ENEMY. FOUR NAVYMEN WERE WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK: TWO FROM ATC 111-8 AND ONE EACH FROM MONITOR 91-3 AND ATC 91-3.

THE NINE NAVY WIA RAISED THE NAVY'S TWO-DAY TOTAL TO 24, INCLUDING 15 WHO WERE WOUNDED IN A SERIES OF FIVE AMBUSHED IN THE SAME AREA ON SUNDAY. ALL OF THE WOUNDED MEN WERE REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION MONDAY AFTERNOON.

TWO NAVYMEN DIED IN SUNDAY'S FIGHTING. THEY WERE BM2 RONALD

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W. DURBIN AND RM3 JERRY L. WILLIAMS, THE BOAT CAPTAIN AND RAIDOMAN OF ASPB 111-1.

DESPITE THE HEAVY NAVY CONTACT, THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT GROUND ACTION MONDAY. THE TROOPS SWEEPED SOUTHWEST FROM THEIR NIGHT POSITIONS, THEN WERE FERRIED BY THE BOATS ACROSS THE BEN TRE RIVER AND CONTINUED MOVING WEST UNTIL THEY WERE AIRLIFTED TO A LANDING ZONE ON THE HAM LUONG RIVER. THE ASSAULT BOATS BACKLOADED THE TWO BATTALIONS AT THIS POINT AND RETURNED THEM TO THE MRF EARLY IN THE EVENING.

CUMULATIVE ARMY CASUALTIES IN THE TWO-DAY SWEEP WERE EIGHT KILLED AND 27 WOUNDED, INCLUDING TWO FROM NON-HOSTILE ACTION.

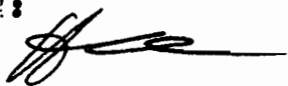
THE FIVE SHIPS OF THE MRF ALSO RECEIVED HOSTILE FIRE AT 2109 SUNDAY. APL-26 WAS HIT BY TWO RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS, NEITHER OF WHICH EXPLODED. ONE PENETRATED THE STARBOARD SIDE AND LODGED IN A PERSONNEL LOCKER, WHILE THE SECOND STRUCK A LIFE RAFT ON THE 02 LEVEL. THERE WAS NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES AND NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE.

THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE WAS VISITED MONDAY BY CAPTAIN MAX C. DUNCAN, COMMANDER NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY SAIGON. HE SPENT THE DAY DISCUSSING MRF SUPPLY PROBLEMS WITH COMODORE SALZER AND THE FLOTILLA LOGISTICS OFFICERS.

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