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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 06-10

FORTY-FOUR VIET CONG WERE KILLED BY AIR AND NAVAL ELEMENTS MONDAY IN OPERATIONS CENTERED SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE.

THE ASSAULT BOATS WERE INVOLVED IN SOME OF THE MOST HEATED FIGHTING OF THE DAY, COUNTING 20 VIET CONG KILLED IN TWO CLASHES.

IN THE MOST PROFITABLE EXCHANGE OF FIRE, BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 111 KILLED 16 VC, DESTROYED THREE ENEMY SAMPANS AND ACHIEVED THREE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WHILE SUPPRESSING HEAVY SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE. THE BATTLE BROKE OUT JUST BEFORE SUNSET WHEN ONE OF THREE SAMPANS CROSSING IN FRONT OF THE COLUMN OF DIVISION 111 BOATS OPENED FIRE WITH ROCKETS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS.

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AS THE ASSAULT CRAFT REPLIED WITH ALL WEAPONS, THEY BEGAN TAKING MORE ROCKET AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM ENEMY TROOPS ON THE EAST BANK OF THE NARROW TAI PHU RIVER. THE BOATS ELECTED TO RUN THE AMBUSH, SINKING ALL THREE ENEMY CRAFT AND STRAFING THE ENEMY POSITIONS ON THE SHORE.

THE ATTACK OCCURRED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE TAI PHU AND BEN TRE RIVERS, THE SAME POINT AT WHICH THE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 HAD ENGAGED IN A 20-MINUTE FIREFIGHT THREE HOURS EARLIER. THERE WERE NO

FRIENDLY CASUALTIES AND THE DENSE FOLIAGE ALONG THE SHORE MADE AN ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY LOSSES IMPOSSIBLE.

FOUR OTHER VIET CONG WERE KILLED BY THE RIVER ASSAULT BOAT CREWMEN IN A PRE-DAWN BATTLE JUST SOUTH OF THE "CROSSROADS" ON THE GIAO HOA CANAL. THIS ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED AT ABOUT 0630 AND ALSO INCLUDED HEAVY ROCKET, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ALONG THE WOODED BANK. THE 111 CRAFT RECEIVED SPORADIC FIRE FOR THE NEXT HOUR AS THEY CONTINUED MOVING DOWN THE RACH BEN TRE TOWARD THEIR OBJECTIVE BEACHES.

A TOTAL OF 10 NAVY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED MONDAY, NINE IN THE EARLY MORNING FIREFIGHT AND ONE IN THE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE SAMPANS. SEVEN OF THOSE WOUNDED IN THE FIRST FIGHT WERE ABOARD MONITOR 111-2.

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INCLUDING LT. CHARLES COX WHO ASSUMED COMMAND OF RIVER DIVISION III
ON SUNDAY. ONLY ONE OF THOSE INJURED WAS CONSIDERED TO BE SERIOUSLY
HURT.

IN ADDITION TO THE HEAVY NAVAL CONTACT, ARMY HELO GUNSHIPS ALSO
KILLED 20 ENEMY IN SPORADIC INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AIR FORCE
STRIKES ACCOUNTED FOR THE OTHER TWO CONFIRMED ENEMY KIA.

GROUND ACTION WAS EXTREMELY LIGHT, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL AMMUNITION
AND SUPPLY CACHES WERE LOCATED BY THE INFANTRYMEN.

BOTH BATTALIONS WERE BEACHED BETWEEN 0830 AND 0915, BUT NEITHER
REPORTED ANY CONTACT AS THEY MANEUVERED NORTH ALONG THE RACH BEN TRF.
WHEN ARVN ELEMENTS OPERATING SOUTH OF THE CITY OF BEN TRE WERE
REPORTED IN LIGHT CONTACT, IT WAS DECIDED TO MOVE THE MRF UNITS
INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS IN THE AREA.

THE INFANTRYMEN AGAIN FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONTACT AND SETTLED INTO
NIGHT POSITIONS AS MOST OF THE ASSAULT BOATS MOVED
OUT OF THE AO ONTO THE HAM LUONG RIVER TO FIND A QUIET ANCHORAGE.
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