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INFO ZEN1/CO SECOND BRIGADE NINTH INF DIV
RUWFKRF/USS SEXAR
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TAD/AGE
K16/12522

Ime-T APL-26
CRR-11-CAPL
CRF-1 D.O.T.
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YLLC-5 AT 2

1505 AT 1430

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 07-15

MRF ELEMENTS ACHIEVED THEIR FIRST SUSTAINED CONTACT IN SEVERAL WEEKS MONDAY, KILLING 47 VIET CONG (INCOMPLETE COUNT AT 1930) AND CAPTURING TWO OTHERS IN FIGHTING IN THE CANG LONG DISTRICT OF VINH BINH PROVINCE.

ARMY HELICOPTERS AND ARTILLERY ACCOUNTED FOR MOST OF THE BODY COUNT IN THE MRF'S FIRST PENETRATION OF THIS AREA. THE GUNSHIPS CUT DOWN 26 VC, WHILE 10 ENEMY DEAD WERE CREDITED TO THE GUNS OF 3/34 ARTILLERY.

GROUND/FORCES WERE IN LIGHT TO MODERATE CONTACT MOST OF THE DAY AND HAD REPORTED 10 VC KIA AND TWO POW'S AS OF 1930. SPORADIC ACTION WAS CONTINUING AT DARKNESS, WITH 3/60 INFANTRY MOVING INTO POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE ENEMY FORCE IN AN EFFORT TO SURROUND IT. TWO COMPANIES

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OF 3/47 INFANTRY WERE AIRLIFTED FROM CONG TAM TO A NEARBY FIRE SUPPORT BASE AND WERE PREPARING TO MOVE INTO THE AO IF THE SITUATION WARRANTED.

ARMY CASUALTIES WERE RELATIVELY LIGHT WITH 17 INFANTRY MEN WOUNDED BY SNIPER FIRE OR BOOBY TRAPS AND ONE CREW MEMBER ON AN ARMY HELICOPTER INJURED BY HOSTILE FIRE WHILE ENGAGING IN A "PEOPLE SNIFFER" MISSION. ONE U. S. INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND FOUR WERE WOUNDED BY FRIENDLY FIRE FROM A HELICOPTER GUNSHIP.

ASSAULT BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 112 ALSO HAD A BUSY DAY ALONG THE CAI HAP RIVER, REPORTING CONSIDERABLE SNIPER FIRE AFTER BEACHING 4/47 INFANTRY. MONITOR 112-1 SUSTAINED A 12-INCH CRACK IN THE PORT BOW WHEN IT WAS HIT AT 2835 WITH WHAT WAS BELIEVED TO BE A RIFLE GRENADE. ABOUT AN HOUR LATER, THE 20MM GUNNER ON ASPE 112-1 KILLED ONE VC WHO WAS ATTEMPTING TO FLEE FROM A BUNKER ALONG THE RACH CAI HAP.

LATER IN THE MORNING, ABOUT 1105, TWO NAVYMEN WERE HIT WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE DURING A BRIEF ATTACK ON THE RIV DIV 112 ECATS. NEITHER WAS SERIOUSLY HURT, AND BOTH RETURNED TO DUTY AFTER BEING TREATED ON THE SCENE.

THE SIX SHIPS OF MRE ALFA MOVED 10 KILOMETERS UP RIVER MONDAY DURING THE NIGHTLY ANCHORAGE SHIFT. THE PRESENT ANCHORAGE IS ONLY

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THREE KILOMETERS EAST OF THE SCENE OF MONDAY'S FIGHTING.

THE MRF WAS VISITED MONDAY BY FATHER MICHAEL V. GANNON, A WRITER FOR "AMERICA," A NATIONALLY CIRCULATED JOURNAL OF CATHOLIC OPINION.

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TOD: 15/1252Z/JUL 68/AAE/

TOD: 15/1309Z/NUY/1308Z/NDMQ/1310Z/NFLX/1317Z/NDMO/JUN 68/S/S

TOD: 15/1430Z/JUL 68/TMC-T-APL26/CRR11/C02NDBDE/CRF-1 DET/ WU:JAC/SUPVR: C
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