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DE RUMSBB 763C 2171325
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R 041325Z AUG 68
FM CTF ONE ONE SEVEN
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INFO ZEN1/CO SECOND BRIGADE NINTH INF DIV
RUMFKRF/USS SEXAR
RUMFKRF/USS INDRA
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NUIR 1659²
NNZE 1700²
NGKN 1706²
NDMP 1739²
NUM 1724²
NUU 1744

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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 08-04

MRF ELEMENTS EXTENDED OPERATIONS INTO THE NOTORIOUS U MINH FOREST SUNDAY, BECOMING THE FIRST ALLIED FORCE IN MORE THAN A DECADE TO LAUNCH A MAJOR GROUND ACTION IN THIS VC BASE CAMP AREA.

OFTER REFERRED TO AS AN R & R CENTER FOR THE VIET CONG, THE U MINH FOREST HAS LONG BEEN REGARDED AS A MAJOR LOGISTICS AND TRAINING AREA FOR ENEMY FORCES THROUGHOUT THE DELTA.

THIRTY-FOUR VC WERE KILLED SUNDAY AS 3/68 INFANTRY AND THE VIETNAMESE MARINES SWEPT THROUGH AN AREA OF THE FOREST THAT HAD BEEN HIT WITH THREE EARLY MORNING B-52 STRIKES. GUNSHIPS OF 7-1 AIR CAVALRY ACCOUNTED FOR 13 OF THE ENEMY KIA, WITH THE VIETNAMESE

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MARINES ADDING 13 DURING A LATE AFTERNOON FIREFIGHT WITH A VC ELEMENT OF UNKNOWN SIZE. FOUR VC DEAD WERE CREDITED TO ARTILLERY FIRE AND TWO WERE SHOT BY GUNNERS ON THE SECOND BRIGADE C & C SHIP.

THE 34 KIA BOOSTED THE TOTAL FOR THE SIX-DAY OPERATION TO 181. A VIETNAMESE MARINE WHO WAS KILLED IN THE AFTERNOON FIGHTING WAS THE ONLY FRIENDLY CASUALTY OF THE DAY.

THE U. S. INFANTRYMAN AND THE MARINES WERE AIRLIFTED INTO THE FOREST AFTER BEING CARRIED 45 KILOCMETERS DOWN THE XA NO CANAL AND CAI LON RIVER TO A NEARBY PICKUP ZONE. BOATS OF RIVER DIVISIONS 92, 111 AND 112 REMAINED AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE NEAR THE PICK-UP ZONE AFTER DROPPING OFF THE TROOPS.

RIVER DIVISION 91 RETURNED TO THE MRB ABOUT 2525 SUNDAY, REPORTING ONLY ONE INCIDENT DURING ITS SIX AND ONE-HALF HOUR TRANSIT FROM THE MRF FORWARD BASE AT VI THANH. AT ABOUT 2445 THE REAR ELEMENTS OF THE COLUMN OF 20 BOATS RECEIVED TWO ROUNDS OF RECOILLESS RIFLE FIRE. THE ROUNDS LANDED CLOSE ABOARD, BUT THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL OR MATERIAL CASUALTIES.

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