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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 08-15

SEVENTEEN RIVER DIVISION 91 CREW MEMBERS WERE WOUNDED EARLY THURSDAY AFTERNOON IN AN AMBUSH ON THE RACH BEN TRE 10 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY OF BEN TRE.

DESPITE THE SEVERITY OF THE ATTACK, NONE OF THE WOUNDED WERE REGARDED AS SERIOUSLY INJURED AND ONLY THREE REQUIRED EVACUATION FROM THE AO FOR TREATMENT. AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK, THE BOATS WERE MOVING SOUTH ON THE RIVZR TO PICK UP TROOPS OF 3/60 INFANTRY.

MONITOR 91-3 WAS THE MOST SEPIOUSLY HIT, REPORTING 10 MEN WOUNDED BY FOUR 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLE POUNDS. THE INJURED INCLUDED THE DIVISION'S CHIEF STAFF OFFICE, LTJG JAMES ELDRIDGE. FOUR OTHER

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PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED ON ASPB 91-3 WHICH TOOK TWO RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS, INCLUDING ONE IN THE COXSWAINS FLAT. MONITOR 91-2, ASPB 91-2 AND FLAMETHROWER 91-11 EACH REPORTED ONE WIA IN THE ASSAULT.

THE BOATS RECEIVED FIRE FOR ABOUT 35 MINUTES ALONG A TWO-KILOMETER STRETCH OF THE RIVER, BUT WERE ABLE TO SUPPRESS THE ATTACK WITH A HEAVY LAYER OF RETURN FIRE.

LESS THAN FOUR HOURS LATER, THE BOATS WERE AGAIN ATTACKED IN A NEARBY AREA WITH RECOILLESS RIFLES AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. ASPB 91-2 AND 91-5 BOTH TOOK ROCKET OR RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS, BUT THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES.

RIVER DIVISION 112 HAD ALSO REPORTED ONE INSTANCE OF HOSTILE FIRE EARLIER IN THE MORNING AS THEY WERE MOVING DOWN THE SAME RIVER TO BEACH 4/47 INFANTRY. THE COLUMN OF ASSAULT CRAFT REPORTED RECEIVING ONE RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUND, BUT IT EXPLODED HARMLESSLY IN THE RIVER.

ARMY ELEMENTS REPORTED KILLING FOUR VIET CONG THURSDAY IN ANOTHER DAY WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT GROUND CONTACT. TWO INFANTRYMEN WERE INJURED BY SNIPER FIRE. BOTH 3/60 AND 4/47 INFANTRY AND THE BOATS OF DIVISIONS 91 AND 112 REMAINED IN THE AO OVERNIGHT. ASSAULT CRAFT OF DIVISION 92 ARE SUPPORTING BARGES OF 3/34 ARTILLERY AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE RACH BEN TRE AND THE KINH GIAO HOA.

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TASK GROUP BRAVO REMAINED IN A READY REACTION POSTURE THURSDAY WHILE ENJOYING A WELL DESERVED BREAK BETWEEN OPERATIONS. VERNON COUNTY (LST-1161) JOINED MRG BRAVO AT NHA BE THURSDAY MORNING AND BEGAN PREPARATIONS TO RELIEVE WINDHAM COUNTY AS THE TG 117.2 SUPPORT LST.

TASK GROUP BRAVO WAS VISITED THURSDAY AFTERNOON BY THE MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY, GMCM J. D. BLACK. CHIEF BLACK, WHO IS CONDUCTING DISCUSSIONS WITH ENLISTED PERSONNEL SERVING IN VIETNAM, WILL VISIT TASK GROUP ALFA ON FRIDAY.

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