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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 08-16

NINE MORE NAVYMEN AND FIVE INFANTRYMEN WERE WOUNDED FRIDAY IN ANOTHER SERIES OF ENEMY ATTACKS ON THE BEN TRE RIVER'S SO-CALLED "AMBUSH ALLEY."

IN THE MOST SERIOUS ATTACK AT 0815, EIGHT BOAT CREWMEN OF RIVER DIVISION 91 WERE INJURED BY ROCKET, RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS OF THE RACH BEN TRE. WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK WERE SIX CREW MEMBERS OF ATC 91-4 AND TWO ON ATC 91-1. TWO OF THE PERSONNEL HAD TO BE EVACUATED FROM THE AREA.

THE BOATS, WHICH HAD BACKLOADED 3/60 INFANTRY AND WERE RETURNING TO A FIRE SUPPORT BASE, WERE ABLE TO SUPPRESS THE HOSTILE FIRE AFTER

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A 10-MINUTE BATTLE, AND AN ARMY HELICOPTER FIRE TEAM PLACED A STRIKE ON THE ENEMY POSITIONS. ONE ENEMY KIA WAS CREDITED TO THE BOATS DURING THE ENGAGEMENT.

BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 112 SAW THEIR SHARE OF ACTION ABOUT 1715 WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED NEAR THE SAME AREA AFTER HAVING BACKLOADED 4/47 INFANTRY. ATC 112-1 TOOK TWO RECOILLESS RIFLE HITS AND REPORTED ONE CREW MEMBER AND FIVE OF THE EMBARKED ARMY TROOPS WOUNDED.

LESS THAN 15 MINUTES LATER, THE BOATS WERE ATTACKED AGAIN WITH RECOILLESS RIFLE AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE RACH BEN TRE AND THE GIAO HOA CANAL. THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL OR MATERIAL CASUALTIES IN THIS FINAL ASSAULT.

ALL THE ASSAULT BOATS, BOTH INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND THE ARTILLERY BARGES WERE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MRB ALFA VIA THE HAM LUONG RIVER FRIDAY NIGHT.

THE GROUND ELEMENTS REPORTED ANOTHER DAY OF RELATIVE LIGHT CONTACT FRIDAY. TWO VC WERE KILLED BY THE INFANTRY AND ONE WAS CLAIMED BY ARMY GUNSHIPS.

TASK GROUP BRAVO ELEMENTS HAD A LITTLE MORE PROFITABLE DAY, REPORTING A TOTAL OF VEVEN VC KILLED AS A RESULT OF CONTACT BY 3/39 INFANTRY THURSDAY NIGHT NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE SONG VAM CO AND

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CUA SOIRAP. BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 131 RUSHED 4/39 INFANTRY INTO THE AREA LATE THURSDAY EVENING TO SUPPORT THE FIGHTING. ALL BOATS AND THE INFANTRYMEN RETURNED TO MRB BRAVO FRIDAY AFTERNOON AFTER SWEEPING THROUGH THE AREA.

WINDHAM COUNTY DEPARTED MRB BRAVO FRIDAY AFTER BEING RELIEVED BY VERNON COUNTY.

GMCM DELBERT D. BLACK, MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY, VISITED ALL OF THE TASK GROUP ALFA SHIPS FRIDAY TO MEET WITH ENLISTED PERSONNEL. HE WAS ESCORTED BY YEOMAN CHIEF EDWARD CASTLE OF THE RIV FLOT ONE ADMIN OFFICE.

MRB ALFA SHIFTED ANCHORAGE FRIDAY NIGHT FROM MY THO TO DONG TAM.  
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