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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 09-15

SECOND BRIGADE ELEMENTS KILLED 25 VICTIMS SUNDAY IN LIGHT BUT STEADY CONTACT 14 KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE.

FOURTEEN OF THE VC WERE KILLED BY GUNSHIPS OF 3/5 AIR CALAWLEY, AND FIVE OTHERS WERE ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE AIR CAV'S GROUND ELEMENTS. TROOPS OF 3/47 INFANTRY KILLED FIVE ENEMY AND SEIZED A SUBMERGED SAMPAN CONTAINING A PAIR OF M-1 RIFLES AND ABOUT 100 ROUNDS OF AK-47 AMMUNITION. THE OTHER ENEMY KIA WAS CREDITED TO GUNSHIPS FLYING COVER FOR THE INFANTRYMEN.

IN SOME OF THE MOST HEATED ACTION OF THE DAY, 16 NAVYMEN WERE INJURED IN TWO VICIOUS ATTACKS ON THE BEN TRE RIVER'S "AMBUSH ALLEY." IN THE FIRST AND MOST SEVERE ATTACK AT 1115,

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THE BOATS OF RIV DIV 111 WERE MOVING SOUTH TO REACH 4/47 INFANTRY WHEN THEY WERE HIT WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND ROCKET FIRE FROM THE WEST BANK. MONITOR 111-3 TOOK A ROCKET IN THE COXSWAIN'S FLAT AND REPORTED EIGHT WOUNDED, INCLUDING THE BOAT CAPTAIN AND LT. CHARLES COX, THE EMBARKED DIVISION COMMANDER.

THE OTHER SEVEN MEN WOUNDED WERE ABOARD ATC 111-3 AND INCLUDED FOUR CREWMEN AND THREE UDT-12 PERSONNEL. SEVEN OF THE 15 KIA IN THE FIRST ATTACK WERE INJURED SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO REQUIRE MEDICAL EVACUATION, WHILE THE OTHERS WERE TREATED AND RETURNED TO DUTY.

THE FIRE WAS RETURNED AND SUPPRESSED WITH ALL WEAPONS AS THE BOATS RAN THE AMBUSH AND CONTINUED TO THEIR OBJECTIVE BEACHES.

THREE HOURS LATER THE SAME BOATS WERE TWO KILOMETERS FARTHER DOWN THE RIVER WHEN THEY WERE HIT AGAIN WITH ROCKETS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THERE WAS ONLY ONE MINOR PERSONNEL CASUALTY IN THIS ATTACK AND THE ASSAULT CRAFT AND A HELICOPTER FIRE TEAM COMBINED TO SUPPRESS THE FIRE.

COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN TASK GROUPS ALFA AND BRAVO PREVENTED AND REPORT ON SUNDAY'S TG 117.2 OPERATIONS.

MRC ALFA WAS VISITED SUNDAY BY CAPTAIN JOHN S. MCCAIN, COMMANDER

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IN CHIEF OF ALL U.S. FORCES IN THE PACIFIC. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RADM K.L. VETH, COMNAVPACV. THE ADMIRALS WERE BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SALZER AND LT. COL ISHMAEL PACK, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE 2ND BRIGADE. IN ADDITION TO EATING LUNCH ABOARD THE BENEWAH, THE ADMIRAL MCCAIN CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE TOUR OF ASSAULT BOATS ALONGSIDE THE FLAGSHIP AND PRESENTED THREE MEDALS TO RIV RON 9 PERSONNEL.

BM3 D.G. TOTH WAS AWARDED A BRONZE STAR WITH COMBAT "V" AND BM3 C.J. LUBS AND RM3 E.M. BELLES EACH RECEIVED NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS WITH COMBAT "V".

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TOD: 15/1517Z/SEP 68/TUC-T-CO 2D BDE, CRF 1 D.T./ DU/GJS/ CUO...

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