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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY

SECOND BRIGADE ELEMENTS RAN INTO SOME OF THEIR STIFFEST OPPOSITION IN WEEKS WEDNESDAY DURING OPERATIONS 12 KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF BEN TRE.

TROOPS OF 4/47 INFANTRY ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH A VC FORCE OF UNKNOWN SIZE ABOUT 1115 AND CONTINUED TO RECEIVED FIRE UNTIL WELL AFTER DARKNESS. TROOPS BEING AIRLIFTED IN TO SUPPORT THE ACTION RAN INTO A NUMBER OF HOT LANDING ZONES DURING THE AFTERNOON, RESULTING IN SIX HELICOPTERS BEING FORCED DOWN.

AS OF 2130, 25 ENEMY HAD BEEN KILLED IN ACTION, AND FOUR SECOND BRIGADE COMPANIES WERE ATTEMPTING TO BOX IN THE ENEMY FORCE. GUN-SHIPS ACCOUNTED FOR 14 OF THE KIA AND ALSO DESTROYED A MTP CALIBER

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MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENT.

ARMY CASUALTIES WEDNESDAY WERE TWO KILLED AND TWELVE WOUNDED. BOTH OF THE KIA AND EIGHT OF THE WIA WERE MEMBERS OF 4/47 INFANTRY, AND THE OTHER FOUR WIA WERE ATTACHED TO THE DELTA COMPANY, 3/5 AIR CAVALRY.

THE ASSAULT BOATS SAW THEIR SHARE OF ACTION EARLY IN THE EVENING WHEN THEY ANSWERED A PLEA FOR ASSISTANCE FROM PBR'S WHICH HAS BEEN AMBUSHED EIGHT KILOMETERS DOWN RIVER FROM THE MRB ANCHORAGE. BOATS OF RIVER SQUADRON NINE GOT UNDERWAY IMMEDIATELY FROM BOTH THE MRB AND A NEARBY FIRE SUPPORT BASE. UPON ARRIVING AT THE SCENE OF THE AMBUSH, THEY STRAFED THE BANK WITH CANNON, MACHINE GUN AND GRENADE FIRE. THE VC RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND AT LEAST ONE ROCKET OR RECOLESS RIFLE ROUND, BUT THE ONLY CASUALTY WAS A 40-MM GUNNER ON THE RIV DIV 91 CCB WHO WAS WOUNDED WHEN A SHELL COOKED OFF IN HIS MOUNT. THE PBR'S REPORTED ONE MAN KILLED AND THREE INJURED IN THE INCIDENT.

ALSO OPERATING IN THE BEN TRE AREA WEDNESDAY WERE BOATS OF RIV DIV 132 AND 151 WITH REGIONAL FORCE TROOPS FROM BEN TRE. THE BOATS LANDED THE TROOPS ABOUT 2030 ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE HAM LUONG RIVER 18 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF BEN TRE. THE VIETNAMESE

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TROOPS ACHIEVED SPORADIC CONTACT, KILLING TWO VC AND CAPTURING
A CHICOM RIFLE.

IN A LATE REPORT FROM CAN GIOUC, ELEMENTS OF 3/39 INFANTRY WITH
OTHER BOATS OF RIV DIV 132 CAPTURED ONE VC TUESDAY AND DISCOVERED A
CACHE THAT INCLUDED 4200 SMALL ARMS ROUNDS AND SEVERAL 75MM
CASINGS.

ONE INFANTRY MAN DROWNED TUESDAY AFTERNOON AS TROOPPS OF 6/31
INFANTRY WERE LOADING ABOARD BOATS OF RIV DIV 171 WEST OF
DONG TAMB. THE MAN WAS WADING TOWARD AN ATC WHEN HE SUDDENLY
FELL IN AN UNDERWATER HOLE AND DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT. A SEARCH
OF THE AREA PRODUCED NO TRACE OF THE MISSING MAN.

MRB ALFA MOVED BACK UP THE HAM LUONG RIVER TO THE BEN TRE
ANCHORAGE WEDNESDAY MORNING, AND MRB BRAVO SHIFTED FROM DONG TAMB
TO MY THO WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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