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DAILY INTERNAL INFO SUMMARY 09-23

TASK GROUP ALFA UNITS REPORTED NO CONTACT SATURDAY WHILE SUPPORTING A "SEARCH AND CLEAR" OPERATION NEAR FIRE SUPPORT BASE DAVID EAST OF BEN TRE.

ONE COMPANY OF 3/47 INFANTRY AND ELEMENTS OF DELTA COMPANY, 15TH ENGINEERS WERE SUPPORTED BY TEN BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 IN THE UNIQUE OPERATION DESIGNED TO DESTROY ENEMY BUNKERS AND AMBUSH POSITIONS ALONG THE BEN TRE RIVER.

BOTH THE RIV DIV 92 UNITS AND A SMALL CONVOY OF DIVISION 91 BOATS CONDUCTED TRANSITS OF THE GIAO HOA CANAL BETWEEN THE SONG MY THO AND THE RACH BEN TRE WITHOUT INCIDENT SATURDAY.

THE MRF WAS VISITED SATURDAY BY COMMODORE TRAN VAN CHON, WHO IS

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THE HIGHEST RANKING OFFICER IN THE VIETNAMESE NAVY AND IS EQUIVALENT TO THE AMERICAN CNO. THE COMMODORE WAS BRIEFED ON MRF OPERATIONS BY COMMODORE SALZER, VISITED ASSAULT CRAFT ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAH AND PRESENTED VIETNAMESE CROSSES OF GALLANTRY TO EIGHT TF 117 PERSONNEL.

COMMANDER LOUIS H. HAMEL, FORMER COMMANDER RIVER SQUADRON NINE AND NOW THE OPS OFFICER FOR TASK GROUP BRAVO, WAS AWARDED THE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM, THE HIGHEST AWARD CONFERRED ON AMERICANS BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

RECEIVING THE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH GOLD STAR WERE LT. LEX BOSWELL, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF RIV RON 11, GMG1 ERNEST L. BENNETT AND GMG1 JOHN GUTHRIE, BOTH OF RIV RON 11.

LT. DAVID MILLER, CSO OF RIV DIV 112, RECEIVED THE CROSS WITH SILVER STAR, WHILE LT. RALPH HANSON, COMMANDER OF RIV DIV 91, BMC MERRILL PRONTO OF DIVISION 112, AND SN DONALD R. GRIFFIN OF DIVISION 111 RECEIVED THE CROSS WITH BRONZE STAR.

MRF BRAVO LESS APL-26 RELOCATED FROM DONG TAM TO THE VINH LONG ANCHORAGE SATURDAY MORNING.

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