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MOBILE RIVERINE GROUP ALFA WAS VISITED SUNDAY AFTERNOON BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, THE HON. PAUL R. IGNATIUS. THE SECRETARY WAS ACCCOMPANIED DURING HIS THREE-HOUR VISIT BY VICE ADMIRAL ELMO ZUMWALT, COMMANDER, NAVAL FORCES VIETNAM, AND REAR ADMIRAL W. HARNISH, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF PROGRAM APPRAISAL.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING ON MRF OPERATIONS FROM COMMANDER SALZER AND COLONEL BLAND, THE SECRETARY PRESENTED FOUR BRONZE STARS TO 117 PERSONNEL, TOURED ASSAULT BOATS ALONGSIDE THE BENEWAH, OBSERVED A FIRING DEMONSTRATION ON THE SOUTH BANK, AND VISITED THE ASKARI AND NUECES.

RECEIVING BRONZE STARS IN THE CEREMONY WERE BMS THOMAS MCDONALD,

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SN DAVID S. GOTT AND FN FRANK VIGNOLA, ALL OF RIV DIV 92, AND
RM3 JAMES HALL OF RIV DIV 111.

IT WAS LEARNED SUNDAY THAT ONE INFANTRYMAN WAS KILLED AND 15 ARMY AND NAVY PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED IN AN AMBUSH OF RIV DIV 132 BOATS FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN EASTERN LONG AN PROVINCE, EIGHT KILOMETERS EAST OF CAN GIOUA.

ATC-132-11 BORE THE BRUNT OF THE ENEMY ATTACK, SUSTAINING FOUR ROCKET HITS INCLUDING ONE THAT PASSED COMPLETELY THROUGH THE 20MM MOUNT. MIRACULOUSLY, THE GUNNER IN THE MOUNT WAS BENDING DOWN AT THE TIME AND RECEIVED ONLY MINOR SHRAPNEL WOUNDS. A TOTAL OF SIX NAVYMEN AND NINE INFANTRYMEN WERE WOUNDED IN THE AMBUSH.

IN OPERATIONS SUNDAY, RIV DIV 151 CONTINUED ITS SUPPORT OF REGIONAL FORCE TROOPS ALONG THE MANG THIT CANAL. IN ADDITION TO CONDUCTING A ROUTINE EXTRACTION AND INSERTION, THE BOATS DESTROYED SEVERAL BUNKERS AND SUPPORTED A MEDEVAC IN WHICH 15 PEOPLE WERE TREATED.

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