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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY 11-22

ALLIED FORCES COMPLETED THEIR THIRD CONSECUTIVE DAY OF OPERATIONS FRIDAY IN KIEN HOA PROVINCE. THIRTEEN VC KIA'S WERE REPORTED, 7 WEAPONS CAPTURED (INCLUDING ONE 82MM MORTAR TUBE) AND 25 ENEMY STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

ARVN UNITS KILLED 7VC AND PLANES OF THE U.S. AIR FORCE 5.

ONE SOLDIER OF THE 3/34 INFANTRY BATTALION WAS KILLED AND 4 WOUNDED WHEN THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY A GROUP OF VC WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS EARLY FRIDAY AT A FIRE SUPPORT BASE SOUTHEAST OF BEN TRE. ONE VIET CONG WAS ALSO KILLED IN THE ENGAGEMENT.

THE 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALION RECOVERED 1 1/2 POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS AND SIGHTED THE GRAVE OF ONE VC APPARENTLY KILLED BY YESTERDAY'S ARTILLERY STRIKES.

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ONE ARVN SOLDIER WAS ALSO KILLED AND 4 MORE WOUNDED DURING ENEMY ENCOUNTERS FRIDAY.

IN TASK GROUP BRAVO ACTION THURSDAY NIGHT, BOATS FROM RIVRON 15 RECEIVED SIX 60MM AND 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS FROM 500 METERS EAST OF THEIR RON POSITION ON THE SONG CAI BE IN KIEN GIANG PROVINCE. THE BOATS EXTRACTED THEIR REGIONAL FORCE SECURITY ELEMENT AND PROCEEDED TO THE SONG CAI LON. THERE WERE NO U.S. CASUALTIES

AT 2300 THURSDAY, BEN TRE RECEIVED THREE B-40 ROCKETS. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

IN OTHER ACTIVITY ON FRIDAY, VADM J.V. SMITH, COMPHIBPAC, AND SEVERAL OF HIS STAFF OFFICERS VISITED THE MRF FOR A SERIES OF BRIEFINGS ON FLOTILLA OPERATIONS. DURING HIS VISIT HE PRESENTED A SILVER STAR MEDAL TO LT. CHARLES COX AND BRONZE STAR MEDALS TO LT. BOB HANSON AND HM1 WESLEY SHEALEY.

LT. GEN VINH LOC ARVN, COMMANDANT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COLLEGE, VIETNAM, ARRIVED ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AND AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON MOBILE RIVERINE TACTICS AND OPERATIONS, WAS GIVEN A TOUR OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF ASSAULT CRAFT PRESENT. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MORE THAN 20 STUDENTS OF THE WAR COLLEGE.

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