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The reports are continuous from 191801 - 311800 October 1966.  
The period 311801-312400 Oct 66 will be covered in the SITREP transcription for the period 311801 - 011800 Nov 66.

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SITREP 191801 - 201800 OCT 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO with 3/21 Inf (-) conducting S&D operations in the vicinity of TRAI BI to TAY NINH base. 2/1 Inf (-) conducted heliborne assaults into LZ 1 and LZ 2 and conducted S&D operations in vicinity of DAU TIENG. At 200945 Oct 66, 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon F Trp, 17<sup>th</sup> Cavalry conducted a ROAD-RUNNER from TAY NINH to XT266566 arriving at 201115 Oct 66. The platoon closed TAY NINH with negative contact at 201445 Oct 66.

(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO in vicinity of DAU TIENG. At 200731 Oct 66, Co A conducted a heliborne assault into LZ 1 at XT488442 and conducted S&D operations to XT486424. At 200855 Oct 66, Co B conducted a heliborne assault into LZ 2 at XT488423 and occupied blocking position at XT 488423. Co C conducted heliborne assault into LZ 1 at XT488442 and conducted S&D operations toward Co B blocking position. At 200945 Oct 66, Co C destroyed one VC structure, one fishing boat, tools and evacuated one bag of documents at XT479437. At 201010 Oct 66, 20 2000 Oct 66 1

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Co B found eight bags containing 50 cans of sweet cream at XT487424 and evacuated the items. At 201045 Oct 66, Co B destroyed one sampan at XT492424 and evacuated a US made 6 ¼ HP motor. At 201125 Oct 66, Co B captured and evacuated 17 rolls of tin, 40 sheets per roll at XT487424. At 201125 Oct 66, Co B captured one bicycle and a bag containing 40 home made hand grenades at XT487419. At 201350 Oct 66, Co B killed one VC by hasty ambush at XT486421 and captured the VC's weapon. Chinese rifle will be evacuated. At 201615 Oct 66, 2/1 Inf (-) was resupplied. Co D (-) remained in defense of the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. AT plat continued to provide security for A/3/82 Arty.

(2) 3/21 Inf: Two platoons, Co D continued to secure the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. 3/21 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO by commencing S&D operations from TRAI BI to TAY NINH base camp. At 200730 Oct 66, Co B departed base camp (XT117695) and conducted S&D operations to XT122660 and returned to XT117695 with no contact at 201304 Oct 66. Co A located at XT115697. Co B located at XT117695. Co C (-) located at XT116697, and Bn CP located at XT116699. One plat, Co C attached to C/3/82 for security at XT 129661.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co A(-) continued S&D operations in AO-1 with no enemy contact. The operation was terminated at 201045 Oct 66. Co C provided laterite pit security force and conducted ROAD-RUNNER from XT164512 to XT112492. The remainder of the battalion engaged in renovating bunkers, care and cleaning of weapons and equipment and clearing fields of fire in the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 51 H&I missions from 191900 Oct 66 to 200700 Oct 66. At 191845 Oct 66,

B/3/13 registered 3 DEFCONS for C/3/82 Arty. At 191855 Oct 66, B/3/82 Arty registered 3 DEFCONS for 4/31 Inf platoon in AO-1. At 200930 Oct 66, C/2/32 Arty fired at a suspected VC location at XT047612. At 211558 Oct 66, Btry C, 2/32 Arty fired a target of opportunity on VC in the open at XT042724 resulting in 2 VC KIA (Poss) and the remainder dispersed.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continues operation ATTLEBORO. 3/21 Inf (-) continues S&D operations toward TAY NINH. 2/1 Inf continues S&D operations from present location (XT488422) to vicinity XT465421 (Co B) and XT498416 (Co A) Co C in reserve at base camp.

c. Major unit Operations.  
(1) ATTLEBORO continued.  
(2) US Losses  
(cumulative) No change.

2. (C) Statistical summary.

c. C-1 No change  
C-2 TAY NINH/XT1478422 S&D ATTLEBORO 201350 Oct/Cont  
d. D-1 196 Bde C-1 NA/NA NA No No  
D-2 196 Bde C-2 201350H(D)/201351H(D) US 9 F100USAF No  
k3-k4 No entries.  
k5 Friendly initiated small unit actions without contact: 2.

3.(U) Civil Affairs No entries.

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1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO with 3/21 Inf (-) conducting S&D operations in the vicinity of TRAI BI to objectives 1, 2, and 3, vicinity XT114623, XT108616 and XT128615 respectively. 2/1 Inf conducted S&D operations in area A1. Co B conducted S&D operations from XT488423 to XT467426 to XT462416 to XT488423. The Brigade military police conducted a Buddy mission in conjunction with the National Police. The MPs and NPs checked personnel for identification cards in shops and establishments from XT167507 to XT180508. Thirty Vietnamese without ID cards were taken into custody.

(1) 2/1 Inf: Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 210225 Oct 66, Co D engaged one individual vicinity XT165526 with M79; results unknown. Co B conducted S&D operations XT488423 to XT467426 to XT462416 to XT488423. Co A conducted S&D operations from XT488423 to XT489419 and return.

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At 211100 Oct 66, Co A captured a VC complex at XT489419 consisting of nine structures, trenches, tunnel and underground room, 4 ovens, 5 lbs noodles, fifty - 100 pounds of rice, fifty-50 pound bags of peanuts, 2 bicycles, 50 small bottles of medicine, 1000 pounds of salt, 750 lbs of fish, 20 aluminum plates and 50 cans of milk. At 211130 Oct 66, Co B located 210 - hundred pound bags of rice at XT484425. No contact was made with the enemy during the period and all elements closed field base camp at 211600 Oct 66. AT plat, Co D remains in defense of B/3/13 Arty at XT165553. One squad, Co D attached to A/3/82 Arty for security. Co D (-) secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter.

(2) 3/21 Inf: 3/21 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO with Co's A, B & C conducting S&D operations from XT117695 to XT128615 commencing at 210730 Oct 66. Co commenced S&D operations at 210730 Oct 66 from XT117690 to XT133660 to XT100650 to XT110615 (Obj 2). Objective 2 was seized at 211415 Oct 66 and the company continued S&D operations to XT127613 (Obj 3). Co A closed objective 3 at 1610 hrs with no contact. Co A CP located at XT132614. Co B commenced S&D operations at 210800 Oct 66 from XT117690 to XT130640 (ROADRUNNER) to XT140640 to XT115625 (Obj 1). Co B seized objective 1 and conducted S&D operations to objective 3 seizing objective 3 at 1340 hours with no contact. Co B CP located at XT132614. Co C conducted ROADRUNNER from XT117690 to XT125665. Co C then moved to XT130662 to provide security for C/3/82 Arty, closing that location at 0930 hours. The battalion command group was with Co A during the course of the operation. One platoon, Co D and one platoon HHC secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. One section of the AT platoon and two 2 ½ ton trucks conducted a ROADRUNNER from TAY NINH to TRAI Bi

(XT116706) and return in order to return supplies and equipment to TAY NINH base. Co D conducted a one squad ambush at XT132515 from 201800-210900 Oct 66.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co C secured the laterite mission during the period. At 201905 Oct 66, Co C received 4 rounds of SA fire from XT113488. The rounds were believed to come from a house but since the exact origin of the fire could not be determined, the fire was not returned. Co A and Co B were placed on alert for possible search and destroy mission vicinity of XT1643 to destroy a suspected VC element in the area, however, no further intelligence was obtained the mission was cancelled at 211335 Oct 66. Classes were conducted by the two companies during the alert status. Base camp development continued during the period.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 51 H&I missions from 201900 to 210700 Oct 66. At 201830 Oct 66, B/3/13 Arty registered 3 DEFCONS for C/3/82 Arty which is in support of 3/21 Inf. At 1935 hours, B/3/13 Arty fired on a suspected VC location at XT104520 and at 2221 hours B/3/13 Arty fired on a suspected VC location at XT151656. There was no surveillance on either mission.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO. 3/21 Inf (-) will conduct S&D operations. Co A will conduct S&D from XT125610 to XT120587 to XT147569. Co B conducts S&D from XT 130610 to XT134586 to XT147569. A ROADRUNNER will be conducted in conjunction with Co B operations. Co C provides security for C/3/82 Arty. 4/31 Inf will conduct a battalion minus S&D operation in AO-2. At 220330 Oct 66, Co B will move by trucks to vicinity XT187485 and move to blocking position between XT183460

and XT176487. Co A will move by vehicle to vicinity XT167506 and move dismounted to positions from XT172492 to XT158492. At first light, Co A will conduct S&D operations from XT165485 to XT173485.

- c. Major Unit Operations.
  - (1) ATTLEBORO continued.
  - (2) US Losses.  
(cumulative) No change.

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

- c. C-1 TAY/NINH/XT142614 S&D ATTLEBORO N/A
- C-2 TAY/NINH/XT488423 S&D ATTLEBORO N/A

- d. D-1 196 Bde C-1 NA/NA N/A No No
- D-2 196 Bde C-2 NA/NA N/S No No

k3-k4. No entries.

k5 - Friendly initiated small unit actions without contact - 3.

k5A - Friendly initiated small unit actions with contact: 2.

<u>k5B</u>	<u>k5C</u>	<u>k5D</u>	<u>k5E</u>
TAY NINH/XT113488	201905H(N)	None	UNK/None
TAY NINH/XT165526	210225H(N)	None	UNK/UNK

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Laterite Security  
Perimeter Security

3. (U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic Actions: 3/21 Inf conducted a MEDCAP (operation BUDDY) in the village of CAO XA (XT120505). Twenty five children were treated for skin disorders. A daily follow-up will be conducted to determine the condition of the patients.

- b. PSYOPS: No entries.



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SITREP 211801 - 221800 OCT 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. 3/21 Inf (-) conducted S&D operation on two axes from XT125610 and XT130610 to XT147569. 4/31 Inf (-) conducted S&D operations in AO-2 with Co B establishing blocking position at XT183460-XT176487. Co A conducted S&D from XT172492 toward Co B blocking position. 2/1 Inf (-) continued S&D operations with Co A conducting S&D operations from XT488423 to XT503443 and Co B conducting S&D operations from XT488423 to XT481427 and return. F/17 Cavalry conducted three ROADRUNNERS from TAY NINH to XT130660 and from TAY NINH to XT526045; and from XT104480 to XT113490. The latter mission was a sweep of the route in reaction to reported mines. The report proved to be false.

(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf (-) continued operation 22 1941  
ATTLEBORO. One plat, Co A and one plat Co B detached to further investigate the complex located on 21 Oct 66 and to evacuate the cache. Oct 66

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Co A (-) with one platoon Co C attached conducted S&D operations from XT488423 to XT489419 to XT484410 to XT503443 to XT491421. Co B (-) with one platoon Co C attached conducted S&D operations from XT488423 to XT486427 to XT481427 to XT491421. To date the total captured cache is: 43,900 lbs rice, 360 lbs of peanuts, 260 lbs of salt, 31 bags of cement. AT plat, Co D continued to provide security for B/3/13 Arty at XT165553. One squad, Co D attached to A/3/82. Co D (-) securing the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter.

(2) 3/21 Inf: 3/21 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO, conducting S&D operations from XT127610 to XT147567 at 220730 Oct 66. Co A conducted S&D operations from XT130610 to XT134586 to XT147569 (Obj 4), seizing obj 4 at 1125 hrs. From XT134586 to XT147569, closing obj 4 at 1215 hrs. Co B CP located at XT145566. Co C provided security for C/3/82 Arty vicinity XT130662. At 221115 Oct 66, Co C and C/3/82 Arty departed for TAY NINH and conducted ROADRUNNER in the process. Co C and C/3/82 Arty closed TAY NINH at 221250 Oct 66. The Bn command group was attached to Co A during the operation. Bn CP established at XT145567. Two platoons, Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 212215 Oct 66, one round of M79 was received vicinity of XT156510. The origin of the fire was not located and friendly elements suffered no casualties. At 0452 hours, one individual vic XT16605105 was engaged with one round of M79 cannister. Individual fled toward the village. At 0455 hrs, 3 rds of SA fire vic XT165312 and returned fire with three M79 rounds with unknown results.

(3) 4/31 Inf: 4/31 Inf (-) initiated operations in AO-2 in an attempt to destroy suspected VC forces in the area. At 0400 hrs, Co B moved by vehicle to XT187485, dismounted and established a blocking position from XT183460 to XT176487. Co A moved by vehicle to XT167506, dismounted and conducted S&D operations from XT165485 toward Co B blocking position. No enemy contact was established.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 78 H&I missions from 211900 to 220600 Oct 66. Effective 22120 Oct 66, Btry C commenced return to TAY NINH closing at 221400 Oct 66. At 211810 Oct 66, B/3/13 Arty registered 3 DEFCONS for C/3/82. At 1805 hrs C/3/82 Arty registered 2 DEFCONS for 3/21 Inf. At 2245 hrs, Btry B fired an illumination mission for PHILCAG. At 220924 Oct 55, B/3/13 Arty fired at a suspected VC location at XT711660, area was well covered. At 1530 hrs, C/3/82 Arty fired a HB registration. At 1645 hrs, C/3/82 registered 2 DEFCONS for 3/21 Inf. A/3/82 Arty (-) continued to support 2/1 Inf vic DAU TIENG.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO. A/3/21 Inf will conduct S&D from XT147567 to XT153516 to TAY NINH. B/3/21 Inf conducts S&D from XT142567 to XT148516 to TAY NINH. At 222100 Oct 66, one platoon, C/4/31 Inf will establish a base camp vic XT158488 and will conduct S&D operations vicinity XT162489. 2/1 Inf will continue S&D operations with Co B conducting S&D operations from XT476412 to XT??????. Co A conducts S&D operations from XT491421 to XT475406. Co C secures present cache.

c. Major Unit Operations

- (1) ATTLEBORO continued.
- (2) US Losses

(cumulative) No change.

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

c.	C-1	TAY NINH XT145567	S&D	ATTLEBORO	NA		
	C-2	TAY NINH XT495437	S&D	ATTLEBORO	NA		
	C-3	TAY NINH XT167506	S&D	ATTLEBORO	221347	Oct/	Term
d.	D-1	196 Bde C-1	NA/NA	N/A	No	No	
	D-2	196 Bde C-2	NA/NA	N/A	No	No	
	D-3	196 Bde C-3	NA/NA	N/A	No	No	

k3-k4. No entries.

k5. Friendly initiated small unit actions without contact: 3.

k5A. Friendly initiated small unit actions with contact: 1.

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TAY NINH/XT168510	212215H(N) /220448H(N) and 220452H(N)	None	UNK/UNK
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Perimeter security

3. (U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic actions: (Late entry) On 14 Oct 66, 3/21 Inf conducted a MEDCAP on a three year old boy with a large abcess under his right arm. Since the patient's family lived too far from CAO XA (XT120505) to return for follow-up treatment, a battalion chemical technician went to the patients house to give treatment. On 20 Oct 66, the battalion surgeon visited the patient and found him fully recovered. The family presented two potted palms to the battalion in appreciation. 4/31 Inf conducted a MEDCAP in the hamlet of BIEN LUONG (XT158556). 125 patients were treated.

b. PSYOPS. No entries.

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SITREP 221801 - 231800 OCT 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. 3/21 Inf (-) conducted S&D operations from vicinity XT1456 to TAY NINH base camp. 2/1 Inf (-) continued S&D operations vicinity of XT4740. 3d platoon, F/17 Cavalry conducted a ROAD RUNNER from vicinity XT052553 to TAY NINH base camp.

(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO. A/3/82 Arty (-) commenced a 10 minute preparation at 230715 Oct 66. At 0730 hrs, Co A commenced S&D operations from XT490421 to XT496425 to XT492421. At 0730 hrs, Co B commenced S&D operations from XT483421 to XT489400 to XT492421. At 230935 Oct 66, Co A located 6 VC structures containing 39 hundred pounds bags of rice and five cans of cooking oil at XT490415. Structures were destroyed; rice and oil were evacuated. At 230935 Oct 66, Co B located 30 - thirty gallon containers of fish at XT482418 and destroyed same. At 2311150 Oct 66, vic XT488419, Co A located 13 - three quarter pound blocks

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of Chicom C-4, 15 pounds of sulphur, 10 bags of epsom salt, one tube of pills, 5 gallons of gasoline and 5 gallons tar. All items except medical items were destroyed and medical supplies were evacuated. At 231510 Oct 66, Co A & Co B closed field base camp, XT488419. Co C provided security for cache found previously. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 230152 Oct 66, Co D engaged VCS with 2 rounds of shotgun fire at XT169524.

(2) 3/21 Inf: 3/21 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO. This phase of ATTLEBORO terminated at 230700 Oct 66. Co A and Co B moved from their field base locations, XT145567 and XT145556 respectively, by convoy to TAY NINH base camp. All elements closed base camp by 0940 hrs. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter during the period. AT platoon, Co D conducted a ROAD RUNNER and convoy security mission from XT167507 to XT914509 to XT148568 from 230715 to 230940 Oct 66.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co C secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter during the period. At 222030 Oct 66, 3d plat, Co C departed base camp to conduct a night ambush and S&D operation. Plat in ambush position at XT163488 at 2130 hours. At 230800 Oct 66, platoon S&D to XT114493 with no enemy contact. The element established a temporary position at this location and at 1700 set up ambush at XT173494 and XT169489. Co A secured the laterite mission and conducted a ROADRUNNER from XT167507 to XT112492.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 18 H&I mission from 221900-230700 Oct 66. At 231530 Oct 66, C/3/82 Arty completed two registrations. At 231620 Oct 66, B/3/82 Arty completed registration.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continues operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf (-) will conduct S&D operations from present base camp to vicinity XT450420 with Co A and Co B abreast. Co C remains in security of base camp. 4/31 Inf (-): One plat, Co C will conduct 3 ambushes at XT124493, XT133503, and XT147507 commencing 2100 Oct 66. A squad size ambush will be established 232100 Oct 66 at XT14645260. A plat size S&D operation will commence at 240800 Oct 66 in AO-1.

c. Major Unit Operations.

(1) ATTLEBORO continued.

(2) US Losses.

(cumulative) No change.

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

c.	C-1	TAY NINH XT145567	S&D ATTLEBORO	230700	Oct/Term
	C-2	TAY NINH XT488419	S&D ATTLEBORO	N/A	

d.	D-1	196 Bde	C-1	NA/NA	No	No
	D-2	196 Bde	C-2	NA/NA	No	No

k3-k4. No entries.

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TAY NINH XT169524

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None

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Perimeter security

4.(C) Bushmaster security

a. No entries.

b. No entries

3. (U) Civil Affairs: No entries.

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1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf conducted S&D operations vicinity XT4542. One plat, 4/31 Inf conducted S&D operations in AO-1. At 231830 Oct 66, 2d plat, F TRP, 17 Cav departed TAY NINH to XT226436 (ROADRUNNER) to secure and retrieve a 5 ton truck overturned at the above coordinates. Element closed base camp at 232345 Oct 66. From 240920 to 241401 Oct 66, 1<sup>st</sup> plat, F Trp, 17 Cav classified bridges between XT197508 to XT 245593 and conducted a ROADRUNNER in the process. From 240907 to 24 1240 Oct 66, the 2d plat, F Trp, 17 Cav classified bridges from XT 197508 to XT305540 and conducted a ROADRUNNER in the process.

(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf(-) conducted S&D operations with Co A and Co B abreast, from XT492421 to vicinity XT450420. Co C (-) remained in defense of the battalion CP. At 231600 Oct 66, 24 2048  
B/2/1 captured 2 US and 2 Chicom grenades, 5 bicycles, 2 pounds of Oct 66  
medical supplies, and 2 pounds of documents. Grenades were destroy-

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ed and all other items were evacuated. At 232005 Oct 66, Co C received 8 rounds of SA fire at XT492419 and returned fire with unknown results. At 0915 hrs, Co C captured 1 VC structure, 400 pounds of grain, 1 ox cart and 8 new wheels at XT495422 and destroyed all items. At 0920 hrs Co A found 2 sniper holes with an adjoining 6 ft x 4 ft x 4 ft room at XT493417 and destroyed same. At 0955 hrs, Co C found 2 lbs salt, 3 lbs fish, sleeping mattress, bedding, 1 record and one single level tunnel 28 ft long, 2 ft wide and 5 ft deep at XT496423, (all destroyed). At 1055 hrs, Co C discovered a concrete tunnel 10 ft long, 2 ft wide and 5 ft deep at XT501419 (destroyed). At 1140 hrs, Co C evacuated 300 lbs loose rice, 1 lb documents and family picture from XT501417. At 1145 hrs, Co C destroyed a VC structure and evacuated 100 pounds of rice and ¼ pound of documents from XT511404. At 1415 hrs, Co C destroyed a log reinforced entrenchment 5 ft x 10 ft x 5 ft at XT506407. At 1426 hrs, Co C destroyed 1 ½ 55 gal drums of rice at XT507407. At 1525 hrs, Co C destroyed 2,000 pounds of loose rice and VC structure at XT509401. At 1415 hrs, the command group discovered a fresh VC grave with 1 VC KIA. Body appeared to be buried 2 days and death was attributed to artillery fire. AT plat, Co D continued to provide security for B/3/13 Arty (-) at XT165553. One squad, Co D securing A/3/82 Arty. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter.

(2) 3/21 Inf: At 241114 Oct 66, Co C moved from TAY NINH by convoy to XT161552 to secure B/3/13 Arty (-). At 1215 hrs, Co C and supported arty moved to vic XT148570 in order that arty could provide fire support for CIDG operation (BUDDY). AT plat, Co D conducted a ROADRUNNER and convoy security mission from XT167507 to XT195509 to XT148570 from 241115 to 241345 Oct 66.

Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 240025 Oct 66 an explosion occurred vic XT148508. The site of the explosion was subsequently investigated with negative results.

(3) 4/31 Inf: 3d plat, Co C conducted operations in AO-2 with 2 night ambushes at XT169489 and XT173494 with no contact. One squad size ambush was established at XT14645260 from 231938 to 240548 with no contact. 2d plat, Co C departed base camp at 232100 Oct 66 and established ambushes at XT124493, XT133503 and XT147507. All ambushes were in position by 232130 Oct 66. The plat closed base camp at 240731 Oct 66 with no contact. The 3d plat, Co B departed base camp at 250825 Oct 66 to conduct S&D operations to XT121537 in AO-1. The objective was seized at 241215 Oct 66 with no contact. At 241800 Oct 66, the platoon dispatched 2 ambush patrols to XT118534 and XT114539. Co C secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. Work continued on bunkers, clearing of fields of fire and general maintenance of Co areas.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 25 H&I missions from 231900 to 240740 Oct 66. Effective 1235 hrs a 2 gun platoon from B/3/13 Arty (-) (TRONG SUP), with C/3/21 Inf providing security, displaced to XT148569. Move was completed at 1305 hrs. Plat will provide support for CIDG operation BIG DADDY west of AO-3. A/3/82 Arty (-) continuous DS of 2/1 Inf (-). From 0830-0930 D/3/13 Arty and C/2/32 Arty fired a preparation in support of CIDG operation BIG DADDY (operation BUDDY). At 1320 hrs, B/3/82 Arty registered and at 1350 hrs, B/3/13 Arty (rear) fired check rounds. At 1545 hrs, B/3/13 Arty (fwd) registered.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf (-) will continue S&D operations with Co A conducting S&D from XT508409 to XT495415. Co B conducts S&D operations from XT508409 to XT490410. Co C (-) remains in defense of bn CP. At 241800 Oct 66, 2d plat, A/4/31 Inf will depart for ambush sites at XT149505, XT140504 and XT122498. The 3d plat, B/4/31 Ing [sic] will conduct S&D operations from XT122536 to XT115546 to XT128558.

c. Major Unit Operations.

- (1) ATTLEBORO continued.
- (2) US Losses.  
(cumulative) No change.

2. (C) Statistical Summary.

c. C-2 TAY NINH XT508409 S&D ATTLEBORO 230025 Oct/Cont  
d. D-2 196 Bde C-2 230025H(N)/230028H(N), F3, A1-E USAF No

k3-k4. No entries.  
k5. 15  
k5A. 2

<u>k5B</u>	<u>k5C</u>	<u>k5D</u>	<u>k5E</u>
TAY NINH/XT148508	240025H(N)	None/None	UNK/UNK
TAY NINH/XT253583	241333H(N)	None/None	UNK/2 VC KIA (Poss)

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ROADRUNNER (F/17 Cav)

4.(C) Bushmaster operations

- a. No entries
- b. No entries

3.(U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic Actions: A MEDCAP (operation BUDDY) was conducted in the village of CAO XA and four children were treated for skin diseases.

b. PSYOPS: No entries.

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1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf continued operations with Co A conducting S&D operations from XT508409 to XT495415. Co B conducted S&D operations from XT 508409 to XT490410. 4/31 Inf continued operation ATTLEBORO with platoon and smaller size operations in the vicinity of the brigade base camp. C/3/21 Inf continued to provide security for B/3/13 Arty (-). F/17 Cav conducted bridge classification from XT200503 to XT387251 (ROADRUNNER); reconnaissance from base camp to XT265384 (ROADRUNNER) and an escort mission from base camp to XT168555 (ROAD RUNNER). 8<sup>th</sup> Spt Bn received 97 bags of rice evacuated from 2/1 Inf (-) location. A supply convoy closed base camp at 251604 Oct 66 with 88 vehicles from Cu CHI (ROADRUNNER).

(1) 2/1 Inf continued operation ATTLEBORO. Co A conducted S&D operation from XT508409 to XT 495415 and Co B con- 25 1935 ducted S&D operations from XT508409 to XT490410. Co C (-) remained Oct 1966 in defense of the base camp at XT508409. At 250240 Oct 66, an 1 4

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ambush patrol from B/2/1 Inf fired four claymores at suspected VC. The action took place at XT509403. Results of the action are unknown. At 250435 Oct 66, B/2/1 Inf received one round of SA fire at XT512406. Fire was not returned. At 0615 hrs, one US WIA was sustained at XT508409 with schrapnel in neck and arm. Fire was returned with unknown results. The wounded man was evacuated to the 7<sup>th</sup> Surgical Hospital. There was no enemy contact throughout the days field operation. The battalion established a new field base at XT495422.

(2) 3/21 Inf: Co C secured two 155mm howitzer of B/3/13 Arty at XT145570 and returned to base camp at 241755 Oct 66. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 250930 Oct 66. Co D received one round SA fire vic bunker #6 (XT 159510). A patrol was dispatched to check the area and returned without any positive results. Co B conducted a squad size ambush patrol at XT14284950 from 241700 - 250700 Oct 66 with no contact.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. 2d plat, Co A established ambush sites at XT127501, XT133503 and XT155505, with no contact. The 3d plat, Co B continued S&D opn in AO-1. Overnight ambushes were established by the platoon at XT117534, XT114539 and XT124536 from 242145 to 250700 Oct 66. At 250750 Oct 66, the plat commenced S&D operations from XT121535 to XT115545 to XT125559. At XT125559 a VCS was apprehended and evacuated to bde by helicopter at 251245. The platoon established base camp at XT125559. One squad size ambush patrol was established at XT151533 with no contact from 241908 - 250650 Oct 66. The battalion continued work on defensive position in the base camp and clearing fields of fire on the perimeter.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 30 H&I missions from 241900 to 250700 Oct 66. At 251600 Oct 66, 2 gun plat B/3/13 Arty commenced return to TRON SUP, XT165553. At 242125 Oct 66, C/3/82 Arty completed firing in five DEFCONS for 4/31 Inf and B/3/13 Arty. At 241940 Oct 66, B/3/82 Arty registered a DEFCON for 3/21 Inf ambush patrol at XT143488. At 251345, 3/82, B/3/13 and D/3/13 Arty fired a TOT at suspected VC location of XT 103577.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO. 4/31 Inf will continue platoon size operations in AO-1. 2/1 Inf continues operation ATTLEBORO. Co A will conduct S&D from XT495422 to XT485414 and Co B will secure base camp. Co C (-) will conduct S&D from XT495422 to XT485418 commencing 260730 Oct 66. An arty preparation will be fired from 260700 to 260720.

c. Major Unit Operations.

(1) ATTLEBORO continued.

(2) US Losses

(cumulative) 7 54 0 0/0 0/0

2. (C) Statistical Summary.

c. C-2 TAY NINH XT495422 S&D ATTLEBORO 250615 Oct/Cont

d. D-2 196 Bde D-2 250240H(N)/250245H(N) No No  
 250545H(N)/250536H(N)  
 250615H(D)/250617H(D)

k3 D2 UNK/UNK 0 1 0 0 0 0

k4. No entries.

k5. 12

k5A. 1

<u>k5B</u>	<u>k5C</u>	<u>k5D</u>	<u>K5E</u>
TAY NINH/XT159510	250930H(N)	None	UNK

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Perimeter security

4. (C) BUSHMASTER operations.

a. No entries.

b. No entries.

3. (U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic Actions. 4/31 Inf conducted a MEDCAP (operation BUDDY) at the hamlet of SUIE BAN (XT151505). 100 Vietnamese were treated and 50% were male of an age of approximately thirty years.

b. PSYOPS. No entries.



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1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. 4/31 Inf platoon S&D operation in AO-1 terminated. 2/1 Inf (-) continued ATTLEBORO southeast of DAU TIENG and into the rubber plantation. F/17 Cav conducted a ROADRUNNER from XT168555 to base camp closing at 251928 Oct 66 with no contact.

(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO. At 251936 Oct 66, Co A requested arty fire on two individuals at XT494424 resulting in 2 VC KIA (POSS). At 260810 Oct 66, an Arty preparation was fired by A/3/82 Arty (-) and at 260810 Oct 66 2/1 Inf (-) resumed S&D operations. Co A conducted S&D operation from XT495442 to vic XT485414 and Co C (-) conducted S&D operations from XT495442 to vic XT485418. At 0830 hrs, Co B received a change of mission and conducted S&D operations from XT495442 to XT451431. At 261350 Oct 66, Co B received an unknown number of sniper rounds 26 2005  
XT452432. Fire was returned with unknown results. At 1415 hrs Oct 66  
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9 VCS were apprehended at XT452433. Individuals were interrogated by IPW personnel attached to the battalion. At 1430 hrs, Co B received AW fire vic XT452445 and returned fire with SA fire and arty fire resulting in 2 VC KIA (poss). Base camp located vicinity XT 451431 and all elements closed by 1615 hrs with no further contact. Co D (-) continued to secure the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter and AT plat continued to provide security for B/3/13 Arty at XT165553. One squad continues attacked to A/3/82 Arty (-).

(2) 3/21 Inf: Co D (-) secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. Recon plat, Co D conducted an ambush at XT165187 from 251900 - 260730 Oct 66, with no contact. At 251759 Oct 66, the platoon located four sniper holes at XT164487 (delayed entry). There was no enemy contact during the period.

(3) 4/31 Inf; Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 261515 Oct 66, a VCS was apprehended at XT156522. VCS claimed to be fishing. Individual was subsequently evacuated to IPW team. The 3d plat, Co D continued S&D operations in AO-1. A squad size ambush and a team size ambush were established at XT130563 and XT127536, respectively, from 251930 Oct 66 to 260740 Oct 66. At 260740 Oct 66, the plat continued S&D operations from XT128559 to XT137549 to base camp closing at 260955 with no contact. On 260700 Oct 66, four 106mm rifle crews, two ¾ ton trucks bearing Ammo and one security squad for operations in support of the Special Forces A Team.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 32 H&I missions from 251900 - 260700 Oct 66. At 2035 Oct 66, Btry A and Btry C, 3/82 Arty completed marking 6 DEFCONS. At 1650 hrs, C/3/82 Arty fired at a suspected VC location at XT098558, surveillance: 1 VC KIA (poss). At 1630 hrs, a FAC reported receiving ground fire at XT072545. C/3/82 Arty engaged the target with negative surveillance. At 1705 hrs, C/3/82 Arty, B/3/13 Arty (-) and D/3/13 Arty fired an unobserved TOT at XT072545.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continues operation ATTLEBORO. Recon plat, 3/21 Inf continues operations in AO-2 with overnight ambush patrol at XT171468 and patrolling on 27 Oct 66, 4/31 Inf will conduct a platoon size S&D operation in AO-1. 2/1 Inf (-) will continue operation ATTLEBORO. At the time of this report, plans are not completed for tomorrow's operation.

c. Major Unit Operation.

- (1) ATTLEBORO continued.
- (2) US Losses  
(cumulative) No change.

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

c.	C-2 TAY NINH XT451431	S&D ATTLEBORO	261350	Oct/Cont
d.	D-2 196 Bde C-2	261350H(D)/261400H(D)	No	No
		261415H(D)/261420H(D)	No	No
		261430H(D)/261445H(D)		

k3-k4 No entries.  
k5 - 7  
k5A - No entries

3.(U) Civil Affairs

- a. No entries

b. No entries

4.(C) BUSHMASTER Operations

a. No entries

b. No entries

ADUSD: (C) On 26 October 2 missions were flown by the USAF in support of the 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde but not in support of ATTLEBORO. From 1115 to 1125 hrs, a camouflaged bridge at XT989702 was engaged by 3 sorties of F100. Results were two structures destroyed and one damaged with on secondary fire. From 1235 - 1300 hrs, a VC storage area at XT580284 was engaged by three B 57s resulting in one structure and two bunkers destroyed and one secondary fire.

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1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf(-) continued operation ATTLEBORO, conducting S&D operations from XT451431 to XT464447 to XT477456.

(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO. At 0805 hrs, Co B received one burst of AW fire at southern tip of perimeter from XT451427. Fire was returned with SA, M79 and MG. 2 VC WIA resulted and arty was called on enemy position. At that time, platoon observed 2 - 3 VC maneuvering from area. Plat went forward to check and fired on VC. VC returned fire resulting in 2 US WI(A). Plat swept the area south to XT452426 and lost contact. Resulting casualties of VC unknown. 1 US WIA died en route to TAN SON NHUT. At 1025 hrs, Co B observed 3 VC apparently establishing a MG position at XT4511446 in the center of road. Arty fire was called for and after arty fire, movement at VC position still observed. More arty and TAC air requested. While awaiting TAC air, mortars

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fired on position. TAC air arrived, bombed and strafed MG position. FAC observed no further movement with 3 VC KIA (poss). At 1045 hrs, Co C observed 1 VC on road, XT450440. Arty fire and TAC air called in. FAC observed no movement after strike. Results were 1 VC KIA (poss). At 1145 hrs, Co A observed 1 VC with unidentified weapon at XT457434. VC was engaged with SA fire. A check of the area revealed a large amount of blood on ground. Results, 1 VC KIA (poss). At 1515 hrs, Co C moved north at XT455434 observed 5 VC at XT452450. While maneuvering, Co C received AW and SA fire. VC withdrew northeast with Co C in pursuit. Results of engagement were 1 VC (BC), 1 VC KIA (poss). At 1515 hrs, XT452450, Co C apprehended 14 VCS. At 1600 hrs, Co A observed 6 VC vic XT456449. Received AW fire from VC and returned fire with SA and MG fire. 2 VC were observed falling to the ground. 4 VC maneuvered south to XT458447. Co A machine gunner observed and fired on the four maneuvering VC and observed 4 VC fall. Results 6 VC KIA (poss). At 1600 hrs, Co C received sniper fire from AW weapons from XT463447 and did not return due to proximity of friendly positions. At 1710 hrs, all elements closed base camp at XT478437. Co D (-) remained in defense of the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. The AT platoon, Co D continued to provide security for B/3/13 Arty (-) at XT 16553. One squad, Co D securing A/3/82 Arty.

(2) 3/21 Inf: Recon plat, Co D conducted an ambush 171468 overnight and continued patrol activities at daybreak toward base camp. At 1058 hrs, the platoon destroyed 100 meter trench and one bunker at XT178488. The platoon close TAY NINH at 271335 Oct 66 with no contact. Co B established two squad size ambushes at XT

14234996 and XT14255065 from 261800 - 270700 Oct 66. At 270630 Oct 66, ambush at XT14234996 received one grenade with no casualties. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter during the period with no contact.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter and at 270100 Oct 66 engaged one VCS in front of bunker 22 with unknown results. Four 106mm recoilless rifle squads returned from operations with USSF and CIDG (operation BUDDY) at 261830 Oct 66. Debriefing revealed the following information: Enemy emplacements at XT229581 were engaged with 106mm fire resulting in two secondary explosions, emplacements were destroyed. One bunker was destroyed by 106mm fire at XT299591. 4 VC were engaged by SA fire at XT281561 and 3 VC ran into cave in the vicinity. Cave was engaged by 106mm fire with a secondary explosion occurring and 4 VC KIA (poss). Three rounds of SA fire was received from XT297572 and fire was returned with SA and 106mm fire. Two secondary explosions resulted. At 270730 Oct 66, the 1<sup>st</sup> plat, Co A commenced S&D operations in AO-1 from base camp to XT123531 where field base camp was established. Two VCS were apprehended at XT152522 and evacuated to brigade base at 270905 Oct 66.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 62 H&I missions from 261900 to 270700 Oct 66. At 262020 Oct 66, B/3/82 Arty marked 3 DEFCONS for 3/21 ambush patrols. At 0715 hrs, C/3/82 Arty, D/3/13 Arty and B/3/13 Arty fired at XT072545. Heavy SA fire was delivered against an C-1 aircraft from that location on 261700 Oct 66. At 0745 hrs, B/3/13 Arty (-) fired on a suspected VC location at XT043568 with no surveillance.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf (-) will resume S&D operations at 0730 hrs from XT 148437 to XT470460 to XT441449 to XT428449. Arty preparation will be fired from 0700 - 0720 hrs. One platoon, 4/31 Inf will continue operations in AO-1 from present location to XT128555. Co A, 3/21 Inf will conduct a BUSHMASTER operation in A0-3 commencing 281800 Oct 66.

c. Major Unit Operations:

(1) ATTLEBORO continued.  
 (2) US Losses  
 (cumulative) 8 57 0 0/0 0/0

2.(C) Statistical Summary

c. C-2 TAY NINH XT478437 S&D ATTLEBORO 270850 Oct/Cont  
 d. D-2 196 Bde C-2 270850H(D)/270910H(D) No No  
 271025H(D)/271040H(D) 2 F100 USAF No  
 271045H(D)/271050H(D) 2 F100USAF No  
 271415H(D)/271050H(D) No No  
 271515H(D)/271615H(D) No No

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k4 No entries

k5. 3

k5A. 2

k5B

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TAY NINH/XT14234991 270605 H(D) 3/21 Inf/None None/None  
 TAY NINH/XT156520 270100H(D) 4/31 Inf/None UNK/UNK

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Ambush

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3.(U) Civil Affairs

a. Civic Actions. 4/31 Inf conducted a MEDCAP at the hamlet of TRANG TEN (XT172508) from 270900 to 271200 Oct 66. 136 Vietnamese were treated.



b. PSYOPS: No entries

4.(C) BUSHMASTER Operations.

a. No entries.

b. No entries.

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1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO.  
2/1 Inf(-) continued operations from XT148437 to XT442448.  
(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf (-) continued S&D operations  
from XT148437 to XT442448. At 0730 hrs, an airstrike  
was conducted in sector WHITE (vic XT428445. At 0755 hrs, Co A  
and Co B commenced S&D operations. At 0840 hrs, individuals were  
observed fleeing from village (XT464448). Arty was forcing them  
back. Co C moved with elements of CP at 0840 to XT442448. A  
second airstrike was called on the northern end of the airfield at  
XT452457. At 0845 hrs, Co A searched the village. At 0900 hrs,  
Sector Hq confirmed that 4 of the 14 VCS indicated in previous  
SITREP are VC and investigation continues. At 0940 hrs, in the  
village at XT464448, one individual was questioned. Individual  
did not know when he was born. Anti-U.S. signs were found in the  
village. In open field by village, 100 punji stakes were located  
and destroyed at 0940 hrs. At 0945 hrs, a man claiming to be the

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the village priest stated that 10 to 15 VC moved through village on 27 Oct 66 between 0800 to 0900 hours enroute to village at XT451451. At 1100 hrs, forward elements located at XT451451. At 1215 hrs, numerous civilians were discovered in the village and there was a noticeable lack of young men. Women in village stated that all young men had been drafted into the ARVN Army or were away in other villages working. There were approximately 400 women and children in the village. Numerous, propaganda documents were discovered, one of which was English and is anti - US Forces. VC supposedly come into village at night, paint signs and leave in the morning. The villagers were afraid to remove the signs. At 1310 hrs, IPW Team in village requested to interrogate people at greater length. The battalion is moving only those which the team desires to question to village at XT464448. The villagers at XT451451 have been informed that they must stay in the confines of the village until 291200 Oct 66 as per instructions of the CO, 2/1 Inf (-). At 1320 hrs, Co A checked airfield at BEN CUI (XT445454). No mines were found but 100 punji stakes were located in NW corner of runway. Fox-holes were found on the north side of runway. The punji stakes were destroyed. Co A received four rounds of sniper fire from XT435450, fire was returned with SA and arty and a platoon was dispatched to check the area. At 1450 hrs, Co A entered the area from which sniper fire came and found nothing. ~~At 1600 hrs, 2 non battle casualties were evacuated by DUSTOFF from XT445450.~~ At 1630 hrs, twenty-nine VCS were evacuated to battalion rear and interrogated by IPW team. At 1710 hrs, all elements closed forward base camp at XT442448. At 1755 hrs, re-supply helicopter received 3 rounds of SA fire from XT447448. At 1800 hrs, supply was completed.

secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. Co B conducted 2 squad size ambush patrols at XT126498 and XT146501 from 271801 - 280800 Oct 66. At 281800 Oct 66, Co A commenced BUSHMASTER operation in AO-3. Deception landings were made in LZ 1 & 2 with the actual heliborne assaults being conducted on LZ 3, XT93566. As of the time of this report the unit had not established ambush patrols vic XT105552.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co A secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 271920 Oct 66, 1<sup>st</sup> Plat, Co A engaged VCS at XT1184536 with unknown results. The other ambush at XT108539 had no contact. At 280900 Oct 66, the platoon resumed S&D operations from XT123531 to XT159585 with no contact. Co C provided security for laterite mission during the period.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 75 H&I missions from 271900 to 280700 Oct 66. Btry A (-) continued in DS of 2/1 Inf (-). At 271805 Oct 66, C/3/82 Arty marked 5 DEFCONS for 4/31`Inf plat in AO-1. At 0912 hrs, B/3/82 Arty engaged 5 VC in the open at XT131481 resulting in one VC KIA (poss). At 0935 hrs, Btry B fired a destruction mission at VC ox cart at XT13374853.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf (-) will continue S&D operations with Co A conducting a heliborne assault from XT442448 to XT430488 and will conduct S&D operations to XT448456. Co B (-) will be in defense of the field base. One reinforced plat will conduct S&D operations from XT442448 to XT443450 to XT450455. Co C will move to XT451451 and provide security while IPW team continues interrogation and MEDCAP is conducted. All elements will return to XT442448 NLT 291400 Oct 66. Co A, 3/21 Inf will continue

BUSHMASTER operation in AO-3.

c. Major Unit Operations.

- (1) ATTLEBORO continued.
- (2) US Losses.  
(cumulative) No changes.

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

c. C-2 TAY NINH XT442448 S&D ATTLEBORO 281450 Oct/Cont  
d. D-2 196 Bde C-2 281445H(D)/281450H(D) 8 F100 USAF No

k3 - k4. No entries.

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<u>k5B</u>	<u>k5C</u>	<u>k5D</u>	<u>k5E</u>
TAY NINH/XT118536	271920H(N)	4/31 Inf/None	UNK/UNK

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3.(U) Civil Affairs. No entries.

4.(C) BUSHMASTER Operations.

- a. One.
- b. No entries.

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1.(C) Operations Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. Co A, 3/21 Inf continued BUSHMASTER operation in AO-3. 1<sup>st</sup> Plat, Co A, 4/31 Inf continued S&D operations in AO-1. 2/1 Inf (-) continued S&D operations with Co A conducting heliborne assault to vic XT430488 and conducting S&D operations. Co C conducted security operation for IPW team and MEDCAP at XT451451.

(1) 2/1 Inf. At 0908 hrs, Co A commenced helicopter assault to XT430488. At 0939 hrs, Co A completed the helicopter assault into LZ with no resistance. At 0939hrs, the battalion evacuated ninety-one hundred pound bags of polished rice to TAY NINH. At 0935 hrs, the battalion received a report from DAU TIENG Sector Hq that 200 VC were located at XT459485. At 0947 hrs, one oxcart was destroyed at XT436499. At 1000 hrs, Co A located 1500 chicom [sic] hundred pound bags of rice at XT438500 which appeared to be booby trapped with 2 chicom hand grenades which were destroyed. Also at 1000 hrs

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Co A discovered 3 cans of tar and 8 - 55 gal drums of gasoline at XT 438500. The tar and gasoline was destroyed. At 1050 hrs, Co C received SA fire from 6 VC at XT450450. At 1105 hrs, Co C resecured the village at XT451451 and pursued 6 VC with no further contact. At 1120 hrs, Co A discovered 500 forty pounds bags of salt at XT437500 which were destroyed. At 1135 hrs, 2 more C123s evacuated 59 one hundred pound bags of rice, 14 ½ fifty pound bags of rice and 20 one hundred pound bags of polished rice and 9 - 50 pound bags of brown rice. At 1200 hrs, Co C was securing village, IPW team interrogating villagers and MedCAP was in progress. At 1203 hrs, Co C received 1 round of SA fire from XT 453447 and returned fire with M16 with no results. At 1230 hrs, Co A located 750 bags of salt, (40 pound bags), 2700 bags of polished rice (100 pound bags) at XT439500. At 1310 hrs, Co C moved to field base camp with interrogation and MEDCAP completed in order to be airlifted to new base camp. At 1320 hrs, Co A found 2 structures at XT440500. The structure contained 300 bags of rice (100 pound bags), a hole 15 ft x 20 ft full of loose rice estimated to be 1600 pounds, and 4 punji pits were destroyed. At 1350 hrs, XT446449, Co C captured one VC attempting to detonate a chicom claymore. IPW team interrogating VC. At 1545 hrs, Co A located 1000 bags of rice (50 pound bags) in a structure at XT441500. At 1400 hrs, XT441449, Co A located 1800 cu. ft of loose rice (no estimate of weight), four oxen, seven water buffalo and four ox carts. At 1455 hrs, Co C commenced extraction to field base camp. At 1545 hrs the extraction was completed. At 1610 hrs Co B commenced extraction from XT442448 completing extraction to new field base camp at 1641 hrs.

At 1645 hrs, Hq Co located 200 bags of rice (100 pound bags) in a structure at XT433496. At 1647 hrs, FAC requested to strike at target at XT495420 in AO-1. The target was VC digging in, permission was granted. At 1610 hrs, a report was received by G2 that FAC sighted excessive traffic at XT455370. At 1645 hrs, all elements closed new base camp (XT437495). At 1731 hrs, resupply was completed. Recap of day's activity: 5700 bags of rice, 1200 bags of salt, 3300 cu ft of loose rice, 5 ox carts, 1 chicom claymore, one chicom grenade were captured. Four chicom grenades were destroyed. 1 VC captured and 11 oxen and buffalo (water) captured. Total of 420 tons of rice of which 130 tons were loose rice.

(2) 3/21 Inf: Co A continued BUSHMASTER operation with overnight ambushes of platoon size vic XT098557 with no contact. At 0735 hrs the company moved to new ambush site vicinity XT109555. At 0900, Co A made contact with 5 - 7 VC at XT100552 resulting in 3 VC (BC) and the capture of 2 Russian and 1 French rifle, 2 transistor radios, 1 first aid kit, 3 canteens w/belts, 2 hand grenades, clothing and rice. There were no friendly casualties. At 1045 hrs, Co A destroyed 5 huts vic XT101552 and captured various documents. As of 1800 hrs, the company had not reached the ambush site. Co B conducted two squad size ambushes at XT137510 and XT139510 from 281630 - 190730 with no contact. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter with no contact.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co A secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter with no contact. 1<sup>st</sup> plat, Co A in AO-1. At 281801 Oct 66, the platoon established patrol base at XT128555 and established one squad size ambush patrol at XT12655555. There was no contact overnight. At 0721 hrs, the plat resumed S&D operations



from XT128555 toward TAY NINH base camp. At 0900 hrs, the platoon destroyed 350 pounds of sodium nitrate at XT132542. The plat closed base camp at 1140 hrs. Co C conducted security of the laterite mission. Two squad size ambush patrols departed base camp at 1718 and 1724 hrs and will establish ambushes at XT13855243 and XT13335165.

(4) 3/82 Arty. 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 45 H&I missions from 281900 to 290700 Oct 66. A/3/82 Arty (-) fired one preparation and 9 support missions in support of 2/1 Inf (-). At 291640 Oct 66, B/3/82 Arty fired at a suspected VC company at XT 148474, area was well covered. At 1700 hrs, B/3/82 Arty fired a harrassment mission at XT146462.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf will commence evacuation of rice caches with Co A securing Co B (-) and Co C will conduct S&D operations in new area of operations bounded by coordinates: XT450480 to XT 430480 to XT430500 to XT450500 to XT450480. Co A, 3/21 Inf will continue BUSHMASTER operation by conducting overnight platoon size ambushes vic XT109555. The company will be extracted at 301200 Oct 66 from XT112548 leaving a one platoon stay behind ambush patrol at PZ. 4/31 Inf will conduct a platoon size S&D operation in AO-1 commencing 300800 Oct 66.

- c. Major Unit Operations:
- (1) ATTLEBORO continued.
  - (2) US Losses.

(cumulative) No change.

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

c. C-2 TAY NINH XT437495 S&D ATTLEBORO 291050 Oct/Cont  
d. D-2 196 Bde C-2 261050H(D)/261105H(D) No No  
261203H(D)/261206H(D) No No  
261350H(D)/261335H(D) No No

Three F5 USAF in support 2/1 Inf conducted air strikes at XT495420 and XT488424.

k3 - k5 No entries

k5. 6  
k5A 1

<u>k5B</u>	<u>k5C</u>	<u>k5D</u>
TAY NINH/XT100552	290900H(D)	A/3/21 Inf/None

<u>k5E</u>	<u>k5F</u>
UNK/3 VC KIA (BC) 3 rifles & other equipment & documents	BUSHMASTER

4. (U) Civil Affairs:

b. Civic Actions. 3/21 Inf conducted a MEDCAP in CAO XA (XT120505) treating 18 children for various skin disorders. Due to the remarkable success of treatment of skin disorders, the battalion surgeon will travel to other villages to treat skin diseases or treat other diseases at CAO XA. The battalion surgeon feels that the local Vietnamese nurses have gained invaluable experience in the care and treatment of skin disease from assisting in MEDCAP operations. The battalion surgeon 2/1 Inf (-) conducted a MEDCAP in the village of BEN CUI. XT451451. Approximately 200 Vietnamese were treated for minor lacerations and various skin disorders.

b. PSYOPS. No entries.

4.(C) BUSHMASTER Operations.

a. None.  
b. 1 (See para K5A).

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SITREP 291801 - 301800 OCT 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. General. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. Co A, 3/21 Inf terminated BUSHMASTER operation in AO-3. 4/31 (-) Inf conducted airmobile operation commencing 301316 Oct 66, to vic XT4349. 2/1 Inf (-) continued evacuation of rice cache and conducted S & D operations vic XT4449. Sixty personnel of 8<sup>th</sup> Spt Bn assisted in the evacuation of the rice cache. From 300605 Oct 66, the 3<sup>rd</sup> plat, F Trp conducted a route recon (ROADRUNNER) from TAY NINH to XT114704 and return. At 300615 Oct 66, 2d plat, F Trp conducted a security mission (ROADRUNNER) for four 8" and two 155mm howitzers from TAY NINH to XT114704. The plat and the howitzers closed base camp at 301710 Oct 66.

(1) 2/1 Inf. 2/1 Inf (-) continued S&D operations with Co B (-) and Co C conducting S & D operations vic XT440490, and Co A secured the rice cache. At 300600 Oct 66, one VC Claymore was detonated at XT437498 with no friendly casualties resulting. At 30 2100 Oct 1966 1 6

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0825, Co A captured 1,200 bags of rice at XT433496 (100 pound bags). At 1045 hrs, Co A engaged approximately 7 VC snipers at XT438500 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). Co A sustained 2 WIA in the encounter and captured one Chicom rifle, five rifle grenades, 66 rounds of 7.62 ammo, one US pistol belt, 2 ammo pouches and canteen with cover. At 1100 hrs, Co A engaged approximately 12 VC at XT438500 with SA and MG fire resulting in 4 VC KIA (Poss). Co A sustained 3 WIA in the encounter. At 1230 hrs, Co A captured 21 rifle grenades, 89 hand grenades, 3 AT mines with detonators, 10 rounds of crimped cartridge, 3 fuzes, 10 feet of detonating cord, 2 screwdrivers, 7 shovels and one entrenching tool at XT435501. At 1209 hrs, Co A captured 2 bicycles and three hammocks at XT436500. At 1340 hrs, Co A captured 1 VC structure at XT441499 containing 650 bags of rice (100 pound bags). At 1615 hrs, all elements closed base camp at XT437495. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. AT plat, Co D continues to secure B/3/13 Arty (-) and one squad continues to secure A/3/82 Arty (-).

(2) 3/21 Inf. Co A continued BUSHMASTER operations in AO-3 conducting overnight platoon size ambushes vic XT109555. The company commenced move to PZ at 300721 vic XT110547. Co A (-) was extracted at 0830 leaving a one plat stay behind patrol in the PZ. AT 1100 hrs, the ambush patrol began moving to their PZ at XT107553 and were extracted at 1215 hrs. There was no enemy contact during the last phase of the operation. Co B conducted two squad size ambushes at XT146508 and XT137500 from 291730 to 300800 Oct 66 with no contact. One plat Co C and one Plat Co D secured the battalion's sector of the

brigade perimeter. At 300315 Oct 66, an explosion occurred vic XT154509, investigation revealed crater 1 ft wide and 3 ft long. At 0325 hrs, 1 individual was engaged by two rounds of shot gun fire at XT158510 with unknown results. One plat, Co C conducted an overnight ambush at XT161489 with no contact. At 300700 Oct 66, the platoon moved toward new ambush site at XT159484. At 1402 hrs, 6 VC were engaged at XT164484 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC). The VC withdrew to the South and the patrol pursued and saw two bodies lying in the jungle (2 VC KIA (Poss)). Before the patrol reached the bodies they were engaged by heavy SA fire. Arty fire was called on the VC positions and the patrol moved South again and located 1 VC KIA (BC) at XT163483, however nothing was found in the area that was shelled. In the vicinity of the fire fight were found two M1 carbines, 190 rounds of SA ammo, 2 home-made hand grenades, two M26 grenades, clothing and ID of VC KIA which was evacuated. At 1800 hrs the patrol was located at XT167086.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. Two ambush patrols were conducted from 291930 to 300700 Oct 66 at XT13325165 and 14855243 with no contact. Co C conducted laterite security commencing 291710 Oct 66, to 300800 Oct 66. At 300800 Oct 66 the recon plat, Co D commenced S & D operations in AO-1 from base camp to XT107513 and searched the area in the vicinity of there coordinates, closing back to XT107513 at 1530 hrs. The plat will conduct a squad size ambush at XT106516. At 1045 hrs, the battalion was alerted to have 2 companies ready to move to vic XT4349 to continue ATTLEBORO in that area. At 1316 hrs, Co B Co C and the battalion's

command post commenced airmobile operations which were successfully completed at 1645 hrs. At 1737 hrs, Co B captured 4 bicycles, 9,100 pounds of rice, 100 pounds of clothing, 1 canteen and 1 trench knife at XT445506.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 66 H & I missions from 291900 to 300700 Oct 66. A/3/82 Arty (-) in support of 2/1 (-) Inf fired 3 DEFCONS, 4 suppression missions and two target of opportunity missions. At 301700 Oct 66, two additional howitzers closed DAU IENG by CH-47 lift to bring Btry A to full strength. From 1820 hrs to 2020 hrs, 10 DEFCONS were marked for forces at TAY NINH. At 0130, C/2/82{sic} fired at a suspected VC radio transmitter at XT069718. From 0830 to 1545 Oct 66, two 8" howitzers and two 155mm howitzers conducted FIREBALL operation vic TRAI BI (XT118695). 8" plat fired 12 support missions and 155mm plat fired 9 support missions. Results of fires indicated five huts destroyed one landing site destroyed, three bunkers destroyed, radio transmitter site neutralized. Fires were also placed into two suspected VC battalion areas, two trench systems, four tunnel entrances, storage area and a bunker complex. Small arms fire was received on three separate occasions from vic ?T979701. Four 8" rounds silenced the small arms firing. Target areas were based on numerous intelligence reports. The purpose of FIREBALL was to neutralize, interdict and harass the enemy and all destruction of targets obtained was a bonus effect.

b. Plans Summary. 3/21 Inf will secure the laterite mission, conduct ambush patrols vic base camp, and conduct platoon size S & D operations in AO-2. 2/1 Inf (-) will continue security and evacuation of cache with assistance from the 8<sup>th</sup> Spt Bn and will conduct a S & D mission from XT436493 to vic XT430484. 4/31 Inf (-) will conduct S & D mission from XT441502 to blocking position vic XT440490 and XT450490. Recon plat, Co D will continue S & D operation in AO-1.

c. Major Unit Operations.

(1) ATTLEBORO continued.  
 (2) US LOSSES  
 (Cumulative) 8 62 0 0/0 0/0

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

c.	C-2	TAY NINH	XT436493	S & D	ATTLEBORO	300600	Oct/Cont
	C-3	TAY NINH	XT441502	S & D	ATTLEBORO	301316	Oct/Init
d.	D2	196 Bde	C-2	300600H(D)/300601H(D)	No	No	
				301045H(D)/301050H(D)	No	No	
				301100H(D)/301105H(D)	No	No	
	D3	196 Bde	HHC(-), Co B, Co C, 4/31 Inf		C-3		
		N/A/NA	FR NO NO				

Three sorties F/100 USAF were flown in support of 196 Bde. Strike was made against bunkers and tunnels at XT490420.

k3. D2 Unk/Unk 0 5 0 0 0 0  
 k4. No entries.  
 k5. 11

k5A. 3.

<u>k5B</u>	<u>k5c</u>	<u>k5D</u>
TAY NINH/XT154509	300315H(N)	None
TAY NINH/XT158510	300325H (N)	None
TAY NINH/XT164484	301402H (D)	None

<u>k5e</u>	<u>k5F</u>
None	Perimeter Security
None	Perimeter Security

2VCKIA (BC), 2 VCKIA (Poss), 3/21 Inf Plat size S&D  
2 rifles, 190 rds SA Ammo,  
4 grenades.

3.(U) Civil Affairs.

- a. Civil Actions. No entries.
- b. PSYOPS. Co A, 3/21 Inf on BUSHMASTER operation from 291800 - 301215 Oct 66, distributed 8 pounds of safe conduct passes from vic XT095565 to vic XT110547.

4.(C) BUSHMASTER operations.

- a. Operations without contact: 1.
- b. Operations with contact 0.



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SITREP 301801 - 311800 OCT 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. General. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde continued operation ATTLEBORO. 2/1 Inf (-) continued to secure and evacuate cache and conducted S & D operations from XT436493 to vic XT445500. 4/31 Inf (-) conducted S & D operations from XT440??? to XT441498 and XT445500. 3/21 Inf continued platoon size operation in AO-2. 8<sup>th</sup> Spt Bn assisted in the evacuation of approximately 42 tons of rice from bde fwd location. One scout section, F/17 Cav and Bde MP departed TAY NINH base camp to secure the convoy route through TAY NINH city (ROADRUNNER) at 311030 Oct 66 and returned to TAY NINH base camp at 311500 Oct 66.

(1) 2/1 Inf. 2/1 Inf (-) conducted S & D operations from XT436493 to XT445500. At 301930 Oct 66, one claymore was detonated at Co B position (XT433497) with no friendly casualties. At 2104 hrs, Co C received one rifle grenade at XT434498 with no casualties and fire was not returned. At 0740 hrs, four rifle grenades were received at XT435496. No casualties resulted and the

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fire was not returned. At 0845 hrs, Co B received SA fire and one claymore detonated against them at XT438498 and returned fire with 2 claymores and SA fire. The encounter resulted in 2 VCKIA (POSS) and 1 claymore captured. Co B sustained 2 WIA and 1 KIA. At 1030 hrs Co C had one claymore detonated against them at XT438499 resulting in 1 WIA and 1 KIA. At 1130 hrs, Co C captured the following at XT440501: ½ pound of documents, 3 pounds of clothing, one rifle, one claymore, with caps, fuzes and wire, 27 rds of SA ammo, 10 Chicom rifle grenades, 3 Chicom hand grenades, 32 ?A 30's, four bicycles, 600 cans of cooking oil (1 gal cans), 300 D-handle shovels and 23 ¾ tons of rice. At 1330 hrs, Co C captured on US Claymore, 8 tons of rice, one canteen and two canteen cups at XT440501. At 1330 hrs, Co C destroyed 2 structures (one 40 ft X 30 ft and one 25 ft by 12 ft). One structure contained a recess celler which contained two large benches. In the vicinity were a series of spider holes with interconnecting tunnels. 4 ¼ of beans were also destroyed. The structures and items were located at XT440501. At 1430 hrs, Co C located 1,035 bags of unpolished rice (100 pound bags), 4 Chicom claymores and one US claymore at XT440501. The rice was destroyed and claymores evacuated. At 1520 hrs, Co C destroyed 1 VC structure at XT438503 and captured 3,750 bags of rice (100 pound bags). At 1610 hrs, Co C received one rifle grenade at XT438503 resulting in one USWIA with minor flash burns on right arm and man returned to duty. 2/1 Inf occupies northern half of 2 battalion perimeter.

(2) 3/21 Inf. Co B conducted two squad size ambush patrols at XT139509 and XT133501 from 301730 to 310700 Oct 66, with no contact. Co B also provided security for the laterite mission from 301801 -

311800 Oct 66. One plat, Co C conducted an overnight ambush in AO-2 XT165485 and closed TAY NINH at 310005 Oct 66 with no contact. One plat Co B and one plat Co C secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 0750 hrs, 3 rds SA fire were received at XT163512, fire was not returned. One squad, Co D secured BATAAN road from 301801 - 302400 Oct 66 with no contact. The Recon plat, Co D established an ambush overnight at XT160467 with no contact. At 311545 Oct 66, the recon plat, Co D proceeded by motor march to XT190468 (ROADRUNNER). At 1612 hrs the plat conducted S&D operations to XT163465 and then to XT165449 to establish an ambush. AT plat, Co D conducted a (ROADRUNNER) and convoy security from XT108508 to XT192509 to XT190468 from 311545 to 311645 Oct 66 with no enemy contact.

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co A secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. Recon plat, Co D continued operations in AO-1. An overnight ambush was established at 302020 Oct 66 at XT106516 until 311130 Oct 66, the platoon commenced saturation patrolling vic XT125555 and at 1530 hrs closed into a perimeter defense at XT125555. An ambush will be established after darkness falls at XT125554. 4/31 Inf (-) continued operation ATTLEBORO by conducting S & D operations from 440493 to vic XT441498 to vic XT445500. At 2325 hrs, an explosion occurred at XT440487. There was no enemy contact during the days operation and the battalion formed a 2 battalion perimeter vic XT441494 with elements occupying a crescent from XT445500 to XT435493. (the southern half of the 2 battalion perimeter).

(4) 3/82 ARTY. 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 75 H & I missions from 301900 to 310700 Oct 66. A/3/82 Arty at DAU TIENG fired four destruction missions, one DEFCON and two targets of opportunity.

Results of the firing indicated one radio tower 25% destroyed and one bridge destroyed. At 1935 hrs, C3/82 Arty marked 1 DEFCON. From 1345 to 1515 hrs, 3/82 Arty fired on navigation mission and two registrations.

b. Plans Summary. 196<sup>th</sup> Lt Inf Bde will continue operation ATTLEBORO with saturation patrolling being conducted in the vicinity of present 2 battalion field base camp. Evacuation of cache will continue. 3/21 Inf provides bde reaction force and recon plat Co D, 3/21 Inf continues operations in AO-2. Recon plat, 4/31 Inf will continue operations in AO-2.

- c. Major Unit Operations.  
 (1) ATTLEBORO continued.  
 (2) US LOSSES

(Cumulative) 10 65 0 0/0 0/0

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

c.	C-2	TAY NINH XT441494	S&D ATTLEBORO	301930	Oct/Cont
	C-3	TAY NINH XT441494	S&D ATTLEBORO	None	

d.	D2	196 Bde	C-2	301930H(N)/301931H(N)	No	No
				302104H(N)/302105H(N)	No	No
				310750H(N)/317043H(D)	No	No
				310845H(D)/310850H(D)	No	No
				311030H(D)/311031H(D)	No	No
				311510H(D)/311511H(D)	No	No

	D3	196 Bde	D-2	N/A	N/A	No	No
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The following mission were flown by USAF in support of the brigade: From 1055 - 1106 hrs, 3 F100's struck bunkers and trenches at XT504394; from 1707 to 1715 hrs, 4 FAC's struck 7 VC in camouflaged area resulting in 3 VC KBA (POSS).

k3. D2 Unk/Unk 2 3 0 0 0 0  
k4. No entries.  
k5. 10  
k5A. 1

<u>k5B</u>	<u>k5c</u>	<u>k5D</u>
TAY NINH/XT163512	310700H (D)	None

<u>k5e</u>	<u>k5F</u>
None	Perimeter Security

3.(U) Civil Affairs. No entries.

4.(C) BUSHMASTER operations.

- a. No entries
- b. No entries.