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Note: Most materials were readable. However, there were some daily reports for this month where the microfilm copies were very blurred. For these pages the information may not be correctly transcribed. I tried to decipher the information as best I could. I hope that original images of the documents may be later scanned and made available as PDF images along with the transcribed pages. So that the original images can be reviewed against the transcription.

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SITREP 301801 - 011800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196th Lt Inf Bde terminated Operation FITCHBURG and commenced Operation LANCASTER with 2/1 Inf (-) conducting airmobile assaults into AO3. F/17 Cav conducted ROADRUNNER and convoy escort for engr elements to TRAI BI. F/17 Cav provided security for artillery elements reconning Vic XT1153. F/17 Cav conducted a reconnaissance Vic XT163505.

(1) 2/1 Inf: 2/1 Inf (-) commenced operation LANCASTER with an airmobile assault into LZ at XT109538 and secured the battalion base area. The battalion had no contact. One platoon Co B was retracted from XT123552 and joined 2/1 Inf in AO3. Co B(-) conducted saturation patrolling Vic XT123552 with no contact.

(2) 3/21 Inf: 3/21 Inf (-) remained at TAY NINH. One platoon, Co C conducted a stay behind ambush patrol overnight Vic XT157492 with no contact. Recon platoon, Co D conducted an overnight ambush Vic XT136484 with no contact. One platoon Co D and one

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platoon HHC secured the battalion sector of the brigade perimeter. At 2022 hrs, bunker #15 engaged two individuals at XT153515. Results of friendly fire is unknown. Co B secured the laterite pit. One platoon, Co B secured B 3/13 Arty at TRANG SUP (XT165553).

(3) 4/31 Inf: Co A continued operations in AO1. Co A, 4/31 and Co B, 2/1 Inf conducted three overnight ambushes patrols at XT126555, XT128582 and XT108538 with no contact. Co A was extracted and closed base camp at 0800 hrs.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 53 H&I missions from 301900 Nov 66 to 010700 Dec 66. Btry A, 3/82 Arty displaced from TAY NINH to XT117539 by CH-47 lift and the battery was closed and ready to fire at 0945 hrs. One platoon, B 3/13 Arty displaced to XT115540 closing and ready to fire at 1306 hrs. Both elements, priority of fires to 2/1 Inf in AO3. At TAY NINH, 3/82 Arty marked 6 DEFCONS, fired 4 navigation missions and 6 targets of opportunity. B 3/13 Arty (-) fired at 6 suspected VC CP locations. Platoon B 3/13 Arty fired one registration. C 2/32 Arty destroyed 4 structures, 15 foxholes and 8 bunkers at XT128363.

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operation LANCASTER with 2/1 Inf securing fwd artillery support base. 4/31 Inf (-) will conduct airmobile assault into LZ RED (XT060590) and conducts S&D operations to XT080540. 3/21 Inf will conduct airmobile assault into LZ and order. 196th Bde continues ambush apatrolling at TAY NINH,

c. Major Unit Operations

(1) FITCHBURG terminated

(2) US LOSSES

(cumulative) 0 0 0 0 0/0

(1) LANCASTER 196 Bde S&D 011000H TAY NINH
XT117539 To find and destroy VC Forces 2/1 Inf Init

(2) US LOSSES
(cumulative) 0 0 0 0 0/0

2. (C) Statistical Summary
C-1 TAY NINH XT117539 S&D LANCASTER 0110000H/Init
D-1 196 Bde 2/1 Inf: 3/82 Arty C-1 NA/NA
NA No No

k3-k4 No entries

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3/21 Inf/None

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Unk/UNK

Perimeter Scty

3. (U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic Actions. HHC, 196th Lt Inf Bde conducted MEDCAP at AP THAI TROUNG (XT175507) treating 81 Vietnamese for various minor illnesses.

b. PSYOPS No entries

4. (C) BUSHMASTER Operations

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SITREP 011801 - 021800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operation LANCASTER. 2/1 Inf continued to secure arty fire support base. 4/31 Inf conducted airmobile assault into LZ RED (XT060590) and secured LZ RED as 3/21 Inf conducted S&D operations into LZ RED. 4/31 Inf and 3/21 Inf conducted S&D operations in AO3. F/17 Cav conducted a route recon to Vic XT1153 closing TAY NINH at 021000 Dec 66. Plat A 2/34 Armor attached to F/17 Cav. At 2250 hrs 175th Engr fired at movement Vic XT162572. Movement ceased and results of friendly fire are unknown.

(1) 2/1 Inf. 2/1 Inf continued to secure the forward artillery fire support base at XT111536. 2/1 Inf conducted saturation patrolling vicinity of fire support base. At 1110 hrs, the recon plat, Co D located a VC structure, at XT097542, which contained a Chicom canteen, one billfold, documents and expended 7.62mm cart-
ridges. The structure was destroyed and the equipment and documents

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evacuated.

(2) 3/21 Inf. 3/21 Inf Co C conducted two overnight ambushes Vic TAY NINH with no contact. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 0030 hrs, Co D received one round SA fire at XT162512. The source of the fire was undetermined and fire was not returned. At 1224 hrs, 3/21 Inf (-) conducted a airmobile assault into LZ RED and conducted S&D operations to Vic XT62612 and established base camp for the night.

(3) 4/31 Inf. At 1105 hrs, 4/31 Inf conducted airmobile assault on obj RED (XT055587) and secured the objective. Co A and Co C conducted S&D from RED to XT065596 and established a base camp. Co B and Bn CP moved to XT055587, established CP and secured Btry B & C, 3/82 Arty. Recon plat Co D, conducted 2 overnight ambushes Vic TAY NINH, with no contact.

(4) 3/82 Arty. 3/82 Arty remains in DS 196 Bde with Btry B and Btry C at XT055587.

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operation LANCASTER, 2/1 Inf will continue present mission and be prepared to assume mission of 3/21 for 4/31 on order. 3/21 Inf will secure obj BLUE (XT070632) and on order continue S&D operations obj GRAY (XT079597). 4/31 Inf continues security of obj RED and will conduct S&D operations in zone bounded by XT053560, XT083530, XT055394, and XT075595. F/17 Cav with plat A 2/34 Armor will conduct a route reconnaissance on route 22 to XT148568, then northwest on route 13 to obj GRAY (XT079597). F/17 Cav and plat A 2/34 Armor will conduct area recon of zone bounded by XT087597, XT084585, XT114600, and XT130580. 196th Bde will continue ambush patrolling Vic TAY NINH base camp. 196th Bde perimeter will be secured by rear elements. Bde Fwd CP remains at XT116538.

C. Major Unit Operations

(1) LANCASTER 196 Bde S&D 011000H TAY NINH
XT116538 To find, fix and destroy - 2/1 Inf, 3/21 Inf, 4/31 Inf
VC forces in the area of operations

(2) US LOSSES
(cumulative) 0 0 0 0 0/0

2. (C) Statistical Summary

C-1	TAY NINH	XT116538	S&D	LANCASTER	NA/NA
D-1	196 Bde	C-1	NA/NA	NA	No
	NA	No	No		No

k3-k4 No entries

k5 7

3. (U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civil Affairs. No entries.

b. PSYOPS. 51,000 leaflets were dropped and 2 ½ hours of tapes were played at XT0450 to XT0650; XT0452 to XT0652; WT9957 to XT0151 and WT9953 - XT0153.

4. (C) BUSHMASTER Operations

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SITREP 021801 - 031800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operation LANCASTER in A03. 2/1 Inf continued to secure fire support base. 3/21 Inf continued S&D operations from base camp to obj BLUE and airlifted to obj BLACK. 4/31 Inf conducted S&D operations in area bounded by XT053560, XT083530, XT055394 and XT075595. F/17 Cav with a plat A 2/34 Armor conducted a route recon to XT148568 to XT079597 and then conducted a zone recon in area bounded by XT087597, XT084585. XT114600 and XT130580. At 1345 hrs, F/17 Cav located a hole containing 2 pounds of salt, a 10 ft I beam, one bottle of medicine and bandages at XT116593. All items except I beam were evacuated. At 1350 hrs, F/17 Cav located 4 foxholes at XT114597 and destroyed a 105mm WP round at same location. An element of F/17 Cav provided escort and security for 175 Engr making road repairs at XT135618. 196th Bde conducted four ambushes Vic TAY NINH.

(1) 2/1 Inf. 2/1 Inf continued to secure the forward

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arty fire support base. At 2019 hrs, Co B engaged one individual at XT114538 with SA and a hand grenade. At 0130 hrs, Co A engaged suspected movement Vic XT104540 with one shotgun round and the movement ceased.

(2) 3/21 Inf. 3/21 Inf continued S&D operations at 0800 hrs from XT057607 to XT070630 (obj BLUE). Patrols were dispatched 1 km north and 1 km south of BLUE. At 1630 hrs, 3/21 Inf was airlifted from BLUE to obj BLACK (XT110535) closing at 1817 hrs. Bn CP located at XT110535.

(3) 4/31 Inf. 4/31 Inf continued security of obj RED and conducted S&D operations in zone. At 2118 hrs, Co B had an explosive device detonated against their position at XT056586. fire was not returned. At 2250 hrs, Co A engaged 3 VC at XT064594 with one claymore and SA fire with unknown results. At 1230 hrs, Co C had a command detonated mine explode against their position (XT060574) resulting in 4 US WIA. At 1445 hrs Co A engaged 2 VC at XT053575 with AW and SA fire resulting in 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 1510 hrs, Co A engaged 2 VC in trench complex (XT053572) with SA fire. Arty mission was fired with Unk results. At 1730 hrs, the recon plat received AW fire from Vic XT073539. Arty mission was fired resulting in 1 bunker destroyed.

(4) 3/82 Arty. The battalion and attachments fired 76 H&I missions overnight. Arty Btry A (-) closed TAY NINH at 0100 hrs. 3/82 Arty marked 6 DEFCONs, fired 1 navigational mission, 3 registrations and fired four targets of opportunity and registered one DEFCON in support of ARVN unit (operation BUDDY)

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operation LANCASTER. 2/1 Inf will conduct airmobile assault into LZ at XT100537 and attack to secure obj GREEN (XT070540) and on order continue the attack to NW. 3/21 Inf secures fire support base. 4/31 Inf conducts S&D operations in zone bounded by Route 13, RACH BEN DA River and XT053560, XT070560 and XT080597. 4/31 Inf continues security of FSB in obj RED. 3/82 Arty DS 196 Bde. Bde fwd CP remains at XT116528.

- c. Major Unit Operations
 (1) LANCASTER continuing
 (2) US Losses

(cumulative) 0 0 4 0 0/0

2. (C) Statistical Summary

C-1 TAY NINH XT116528	S&D	LANCASTER	022019H/Cont		
D-1 196 Bde C-1 022019H (N)	022020 H (N)	Fr	No	No	
022118H (N)	022120 H (N)	En	No	No	
022255H (N)	022259 H (N)	Fr	No	No	
030130H (N)	030130 H (N)	Fr	No	No	
031230H (D)	031231 H (D)	En	No	No	
031450H (D)	031458 H (D)	Fr	No	No	
031510H (D)	031575 H (D)	Fr	No	No	
041730H (D)	031735 H (D)	En	No	No	

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 K4. No entries
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Two airstrikes were conducted in support of the brigade at XT081549 and XT081349 resulting in 13 VC KBA (POSS)

3. (U) Civil Affairs - No entries

4. (C) BUSHMASTER Operation

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SITREP 031801 - 041800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. General. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operation LANCASTER. 2/1 Inf conducted an airmobile assault into LZ at XT100537 and conducted S&D operations to obj GREEN. 3/21 Inf secured the fire support base. 4/31 Inf conducted S&D operations in zone bounded by route 13, RACH BA DEN river and XT053560, XT080560 and XT070597. 4/31 Inf continued to secure FSB in obj RED. F/17 Cav secured the route to Suoi Da and escorted elements of 175 Engr on road repair mission.

(1) 2/1 Inf conducted airmobile assault into LZ at XT100537 and conducted S&D operations to obj GREEN. At 1940 hrs, LP from Co B received 1 rd SA fire at XT096529 and returned fire with M79. At 0950 hrs, Co A destroyed a rice sled at XT092534. At 1005 hrs, Co A destroyed a VC structure at XT093543. At 1015 hrs, Co A destroyed a structure and 150 pounds of rice and evacuated a rice sled at XT09045. At 1020 hrs, Co A destroyed 1000 pounds of

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rice Vic XT103533. At 1045 hrs, Co A destroyed a structure and evacuated one rice polishing machine from XT090545. At 1050 hrs, Co A destroyed 4 structures at XT093543. At 1050 hrs, Co C destroyed one structure, 1500 pounds of rice and an undetermined number of punji stakes. At 1100 hrs, Co A found another rice polishing machine at XT090535 and evacuated the machine. At 1240 hrs, Co B destroyed a 12 ft tunnel at XT086533. At 1325 hrs, Co A destroyed 25 pounds of fish at XT082538. At 1400 hrs, Co C destroyed 1 structure and 40 bottles of insect repellent XT082535.

(2) 3/21 Inf. 3/21 Inf continued operation LANCASTER and secured the fire support base. Co C conducted an overnight platoon size ambush at XT132590 with no contact. The battalion had no contact during the period. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. One plat, Co B secured B 3/13 Arty at XT165553. Two squads, Co D secured the laterite pit from 0700 - 1800 hrs.

(4) 4/31 Inf. 4/31 Inf conducted S&D operations in an area bounded by route 13, RACH BA DEN river and XT053560, XT080560 and XT080597. At 1310 hrs, Co B destroyed one bunker at XT062572. At 1405, Co C destroyed 6 bunkers at XT057573. At 1740 hrs, Co C was hit by fire from one claymore at XT060572. Fire was returned with M79, 81mm mortar and Arty. 7 US WIA resulted and enemy losses are not known.

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(4) 3/82 Arty. 3/82 Arty and attachments fired 217 H&I missions. 3/82 Arty marked 11 DEFCONS, 2 navigational missions, 3 targets of opportunity, 2 registrations and one suppression missions. B 3/13 Arty fired 4 targets of opportunity, 1 suppression mission, 2 navigation missions, and 1 recon by fire.

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operations Lancaster. 2/1 Inf continues S&D operations Vic obj GREEN. 3/21 Inf continues security of FSB in obj BLACK and conducts local day and night patrol Vic obj BLACK. 4/31 Inf seizes LZ at XT059563 and conducts airmobile assault into LZ. S&D operations will then be conducted east, southeast and south. 3/82 Arty remains DS 196 Bde. C 3/82 Arty moves to FSB at obj BLACK commencing 0200 hrs. Bde Fwd CP remains same location.

c. Major Unit Operations

(1) LANCASTER continuing

(2) US LOSSES

(cumulative) 0 11 0 0 0/0

2. (C) Statistical Summary

C-1	TAY NINH	XT116528	S&D	LANCASTER	031950H/Cont		
D-1	196 Bde C-1	031980H (N)	031941H (N)	En	No	No	
		041740H (D)	041745H (D)	En	No	No	

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k4. No entries

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Six airstrikes were conducted in support of 196th Bde resulting in 7 VC KBA (POSS), 3 VC KBA (BC), one hut destroyed, 3 auto-weapons positions destroyed and 20 meters of trenches destroyed.

3. (U) Civil Affairs

- a. Civic actions No entries
- b. PSYOPS 30,000 leaflets were dropped vic obj GREEN

4. (C) BUSHMASTER operations

- a. 0
- b. 0

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SITREP 041801 - 051800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. General. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operation LANCASTER in A0 3. 2/1 Inf continued S&D operations vic obj GREEN. 3/21 Inf continued to secure FSB in obj BLACK and conducted local day and night patrols vic obj BLACK. Co A and Co C, 3/21 Inf conducted airmobile operation to XT081520. 4/31 Inf conducted airmobile assault into LZ at XT059563 and conducted S&D operations to the south and east. F/17 Cav escorted elements of B/3/13 Arty (-) to obj BLACK. F/17 Cav escorted element of 175 Engr to XT338458 where bridge repairs were accomplished. F/17 Cav escorted element of 3/82 Arty to XT114704 and secured the artillery site.

(1) 2/1 Inf continued S&D operations vic obj GREEN. At 0850 hrs, Co A destroyed a 5x5 ft structure, 50 pounds of rice and five spider holes. At 0850 hrs, Co A destroyed a structure with an air raid shelter underneath. At 1115 hrs, Co A found 200 meters of trench works at XT068542. There was no enemy contact

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The trenches will be destroyed at a later date. At 1240 hrs, Co A evacuated one claymore mine, and 2 pounds of documents from XT 068542. There was no enemy contact during the period.

(2) 3/21 Inf. 3/21 Inf continued security of FSB in obj BLACK. One plat, Co A conducted an overnight ambush patrola at XT144495 with no contact. Co A and Co C conducted an airmobile assault into LZ at XT081520 and conducted S&D operations to XT102538. At 1220 hrs, Co A destroyed 300 pounds of rice at XT 086526. At 1405 hrs, Co A found and destroyed 1 CHICOM claymore from XT092525. At 1420 hrs, Co A found and evacuated one claymore mine from XT092526. At 1505 hrs, Co C found and evacuated 7 chickens and assorted clothing at XT087630. The following items were destroyed at the same location: 15 pounds of fish, 3 booby-trapped M-26 grenades and one hut. A small secondary explosion occurred when the hut was destroyed. At 1535 hrs, Co A & Co C moved to XT092526 and were extracted to the forward base camp.

(3) 4/31 Inf. 4/31 Inf conducted an airmobile assault into LZ at XT059563 and conducted S&D operations south and then east to obj at XT062543. At 2000 hrs, Co B engaged 5 VC with SA and M-79 fire at XT051589 resulting in 1 VC KIA (POSS). At 2005 hrs, Co C received one 82mm mortar round at XT061571 resulting in 1 US WIA. At 2045 hrs, Co B received SA fire frm across the river vic XT051589. Fire was returned with SA and 81mm mortar with unknown results. 4/31 Inf currently located at XT056546.

(4) 3/82 Arty. 3/82 Arty and attachments fired 141 H&I missions. Btry C displaced by CH-47 to vic obj BLACK (XT111539). Btry A remained at XT117539. Plat, B/3/13 Arty displaced to fwd support base and returned to TRANG SUP. At 1300 hrs, Btry B moved from TAY NINH to vic TRAI BI (XT119692) to provide arty support for CIDG (operation BUDDY) which will commence on 6 Dec 66. 3/82 Arty marked 16 DEFCONS, fired 9 navigation missions, 4 targets of opportunity, 4 suppressive missions, 7 registrations, 2 suppression missions, 2 recon by fire and 1 preparation. B/3/13 Arty fired 3 targets of opportunity, 1 registration, 1 navigation mission and one preparation.

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operation LANCASTER and returns to TAY NINH base camp. Clearing operations on NUI BA DEN commence on 7 Dec 66. 2/1 Inf conducts and airmobile operation to TAY NINH. On 7 Dec 66, 4/31 Inf moves overland to SW of side of NUI BA DEN and commences clearing operation. 4/31 Inf provides security for FSB vic XT257554. 4/31 Inf establish 106mm FSB around base of NUI BA DEN. 3/82 Arty, DS 196th Bde and establishes FSB vic XT257554 on 7 Dec 66. F/17 Cav will clear and secure road to FSB. Bde CP initially at TAY NINH.

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- c. Major Unit Operations.
 - (1) LANCASTER continuing.
 - (2) US Losses

(cumulative) 0 12 0 0 0/0

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

C-1 TAY NINH XT116528	S&D LANCASTER	042000H/Cont					
B-1 196 Bde C-1	042000H(N)/042005H(N)	Fr	No	No			
	042005H(N)/042006H(N)	En	No	No			
	042045H(N)/052055H(N)	En	No	No			

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k4 No entries.

k5. 7

Three air missions were flown by USAF in support of the brigade resulting in 2 bunkers destroyed.

3.(U) Civil Affairs.

- a. Civic Actions. 410 laborers were hired to work at TAY NINH.
- b. PSYOPS. 20,000 leaflets were dropped and 40 minutes of special tapes were played vic of obj GREEN.

4. (C) BUSHMASTER operations.

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- b. 0

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1.(C) Daily Operations Summary.

a. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operation LANCASTER in AO 3. 2/1 Inf conducted S&D operations to secure PZ and were extracted and returned to base camp. 3/21 Inf conducted an S&D operation from position BLACK to base camp. 4/31 Inf conducted S&D operation to secure PZ where they were extracted and returned to base camp. F/17 Cav escorted element of 3/82 Arty from TRAI BI to TAY NINH. Elements of the troop also conducted a route security mission opening the road from TAY NINH to SOUI DA.

(1) 2/1 Inf continued S&D operations from obj GREEN to secure a PZ vic XT078565. At 1000 hrs, Co A discovered a VC base camp vic XT068560; Base camp included 20 structures; 6x8 ft; one structure; 5x12 ft; 50 spider holes; 21 bomb shelters and 10 bunkers; all structures were destroyed. Co A, B and C were extracted from the PZ and closed base camp 1413 hrs. There was no enemy contact during this period.

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(2) 3/21 Inf: 3/21 Inf continued security of FSB in obj BLACK. At 1225 hrs, all elements conducted a S&D operation from position BLACK to base camp. The Battalion closed base camp at 1417 hrs. No enemy contact was made.

(3) 4/31 Inf: 4/31 Inf conducted an S&D operation to secure PZ 069549. 1st element was extracted at 0910 hrs and the unit closed base camp at 1026 hrs. No enemy contact was made.

(4) 3/82 Arty: 3/82 Arty and attachments fired 113 H&I missions from 051900 to 060700 Dec 66 and expended a total of 182 rds 105 HE, 80 rds 155 HE.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>NR OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>CALIBER</u>	<u>NR OF ROUNDS</u>
A/3/82 (Fwd)	24	105	72
B/3/82 (Fwd)	12	105	24
C/3/82 (Fwd)	32	105	86
B/3/13 (Fwd)	12	155	12
B/3/13 (Rear)	33	155	68

C/3/82 Arty terminated support of maneuver elements (opn LANCASTER) and commenced move to base camp at 1230 hrs. Battery returned by convoy without incident and was laid and ready to fire at 1345 Hrs. A/3/82 Arty began overland move from fwd operational base at 1445 hrs and closed TAY NINH base camp at 1530 hrs. Battery was laid and ready to fire at 1545 hrs. B/3/82 Arty, supporting CIDG operation north of TRAI BI terminated support and commenced overland

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move to base camp effective 1500 hrs. Battery closed and was laid and ready to fire at 1645 hrs. From 051801 to 52400 Dec 66 3/82 Arty fired 1 target of opportunity and marked 4 DECONS (Total 7 HE, 4 WP). B/3/13 Arty (-) marked 7 DEFCONS (Total 12 HE, 8 WP). From 060001 to 061800 Dec 66, 3/82 Arty fired 1 reconnaissance by fire mission, 2 suppression missions, 2 navigational missions, 1 registration, marked 1 DEFCON and 3 targets of opportunity at XT049577. A/3/82 Arty fired at a cement structure partially damaging same (Total 104 HE, 15 WP). B/3/82 Arty fired at a suspected VC location at 1330 hrs and expended 57 rds HE, 1 WP. B/3/13 Arty conducted 2 registrations (Total 31 HE, 2 WP).

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operation Lancaster. 2/1 Inf will remain in base as Bde reaction force. 3/21 Inf will remain in base camp and prepare for operations in AO 2, and AO BLUE. 4/31 Inf will move overland to South west portion of NUI BA DEN and commence clearing designated zone of VC and VC installations. 3/82 Arty remains DS 196th Bde. C/3/82 Arty moves to establish fire support base vic TRANG SUP. Bde CP remains in TAY NINH.

c. Major Unit Operations

(1) LANCASTER continuing

(2) US Losses.

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2.(C) Statistical Summary.

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C-1	TAY NINH	XT166528	S&D	LANCASTER	042000H/Cont
D-1	196 Bde	C-1	NA	No	No

k3	D-1	UNK/UNK	0	1	0	0	0	0
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k4 No entries.

k5. Five air mission were flown by USAF in support of the Brigade resulting in the destruction of structures, one Sampan, 2 VC KBA (BC), one bunker, and one secondary fire.

3.(U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic Actions: Normal activities.

b. PSYOPS: 051900-2100 Dec 66 a C-47 Loudspeaker flight along Song VAN CO DONG river vic XT0653, and XT0660, 1000 meters each side of river.

4.(0) BUSHMASTER operations.

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SITREP 081801 - 091800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. General. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operation LAN-CASTER. 2/1 Inf conducted an airmobile assault and S&D operations in AO 1. 3/21 Inf continued operations in AO BLUE. 4/31 Inf continued search and clear operations on NUI BA DEN. F/17 Cav conducted route security mission from TAY NINH to XT265354 and conducted a route recon from TAY NINH to XT325347 to XT361407 to XT327405 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 1 VC KIA (poss).

(1) 2/1 Inf. 2/1 Inf conducted 2 ambushes with no contact. At 0800 hrs, Co A, Co B and elements of HHC commenced S&D operations from XT172593 to XT206613. At 0815 hrs, Co C conducted an airmobile assault into LZ at XT206613 and conducted S&D operations to XT201500. There was no contact during the period. Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 2105 hrs, one individual at XT168533 was engaged with undetermined results.

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(2) 3/21 Inf. 3/21 Inf continued operations in AO BLUE with five ambushes being conducted overnight. At 0935 hrs, Co A and Co C cleared route 26 with no contact. Co A conducted a platoon size S&D from XT340460 to XT350450 to XT370470 to XT348473, with no contact. At 1020 hrs, Co C conducted a platoon airmobile assault into LZ at XT335505 and conducted S&D to SE. At 1225 hrs, plat, Co C engaged 7 VC at XT336503. Results of the encounter were 1 VC KIA (BC, 2 VC KIA (poss), one M-1 rifle and 80 rounds of ammo, pistol belt and miscellaneous documents were taken from the VC KIA at XT336506. At 1210 hrs, 3 AP mines were destroyed at XT335563 resulting in one US WIA. At 1515 hrs, the platoon located a VC base area with 7 huts (destroyed) 9 bunkers (not destroyed), one claymore firing device, 2 bundles of printed matter, 1 wallet, 1 bag 7.62mm ammo, 1 bundle sandbags, eight 60mm mortar rounds all of which were evacuated. At 1215 hrs, Co C patrol at XT312486 received 1 round sniper fire from the HE resulting in 1 US WIA. Co B continued operations in AO 2 by conducting 3 overnight ambushes vic XT147488. At 1208 hrs, Co B engaged 4 VC at XT158467, with unknown results. At 1737 hrs, Co B was airlifted to XT137497 establishing company base at XT135494.

(3) 4/31 Inf. 4/31 Inf continued operation LANCASTER. Co A commenced move to new location at 1000 hrs. At 1345 hrs, Co A sustained 5 WIA from a short 81mm WP round. Three personnel were treated on the spot and returned to duty and two personnel were evacuated.

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Co B conducted S&D operations vic XT275565 with no contact. Co C secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. One plat size ambush was airlifted to XT123536 at 1827 hrs and conducted overnight ambush at XT120530 and extracted at 0649 by helicopter.

(4) 3/82 Arty. 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 81 H&I missions. 3/82 Arty marked 7 DEFCONS, fired 6 target of opportunity, 5 navigational missions, 1 TOT and 1 recon by fire. At 1223 hrs, Btry B fired at a suspected VC squad at XT339509 resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 VC KIA (poss). B/3/13 Arty marked 4 DEFCONS, fired 4 target of opportunity, 7 navigation missions, 1 recon by fire and 2 registrations.

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde will continue operation LANCASTER with 2/1 Inf continuing S&D operations in AO WHITE, 3/21 Inf continues operations in AO BLUE and AO 2, and 4/31 Inf continuing search and clear operations on NUI BA DEN. 34th Armor attached effective 10 Dec 66 JBB

c. Major Unit Operations.

(1) LANCASTER continuing.

(2) US Losses

(cumulative) 0 18 0 0 0/0

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

C-1	TAY NINH	XT166598	S&D	LANCASTER	091205H/Cont
D-1	196 Bde	C-1	091205H(D)/091207H(D)	Fr	No No
			091208H(D)/091210H(D)	Fr	No No

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091225H(D)/091230H(D)	Fr	No	No
091245H(D)/091246H(D)	En	No	No
091415H(D)/091415H(D)	En	No	No

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k4 No entries.

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TAY NINH 091735H(D) F/17 Cav/ 0 1 VC KIA (BC) Route Recon
1 VC KIA (poss)

3. (U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic Actions. 3/82 Arty conducted a MEDCAP at XOM ROUNG (XT115493) treating 62 patients. 150 tee shirts, 150 health kits, and 50 fishing kits were distributed.

b. PSYOPS. 76,000 leaflets were dropped at XT2660, XT 2860, XT2662, XT2852, XT2663, XT2465, XT2665.

4. (C) BUSHMASTER operations.

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SITREP 091801 - 101800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. General. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operations LANCASTER with 2/1 Inf continuing operations in AO WHITE; 3/21 Inf continuing operations in AO BLUE and AO 2; and 4/31 Inf conducting/s search and clear operation on NUI BA DEN. 2/34 Armor attached to 196th Lt Inf Bde effective 101030 Dec 66. F/17 Cav conducted a ROAD-RUNNER FROM TAY NINH to XT257554 and return. F/17 Cav also conducted route security (ROAD RUNNER) and escort for elements of 175 Engr. 175th Engr repaired roads at XT360408 and XT331408.

(1) 2/1 Inf. 2/1 Inf conducted a platoon size ambush with no contact. Security plat, HHC, 196th Lt Inf Bde conducted under OPCON of 2/1 Inf an overnight ambush vic TAY NINH with no contact. 2/1 Inf (-) continued operations in AO WHITE. At 1840 hrs, one detainee was apprehended at XT200590 and turned over to brigade PW cage 10 2030
At 0300 hrs, Co moved to establish blocking positions at XT189633 Dec 1966
and Co B conducted S&D operations to the blocking position with no 1 4

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contact. Elements of Co D secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 2127 hrs, 3 VC were engaged at XT170528. The VC returned fire and withdrew carrying one member. There were no friendly casualties and 1 VC KIA (poss) resulted.

(2) 3/21 Inf. 3/21 Inf (-) continued operations in AO BLUE. Six overnight ambushes were conducted along route 26 with no contact. At 0605, one plat Co C conducted S&D operations from XT310485 - XT325468 - XT325460 - XT314447 - XT310485 with no contact. Plat, Co A moved by convoy from XT340460 to XT368427 and conducted S&D operations to XT375456 to XT340460. At 1055 hrs, the plat destroyed 3 bunkers at XT377448 and at 1115 hrs the plat destroyed 3 bunkers and 1 structure at XT378447. One plat, Co B and one plat HHC secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter. At 2127 hrs, an element from Co D received one rifle grenade at XT185510. The source of the fire was not determined and fire was not returned. One plat, Co continued security for B/3/13 Arty at XT165553. Two squads, Co D secured the laterite pit during daylight hours. Co D (-) continued BUSHMASTER operation in AO 2 (commenced 7 Dec 66) with no contact during the period.

(3) 4/31 Inf. 4/31 Inf continued operations on NUI BA DEN. Two ambushes were conducted vic XT260567 and XT250547 with no contact. From 0800 - 0810 hrs an Arty prep was fired vic XT259584 and at 0816 hrs, elements of Co A, mortar plat and one attached engr squad moved to seize obj BOLD (XT259584). At 0920 hrs, fresh blood

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was located at XT256279 indicating contact was made with the enemy. Co A (-) and Co B (-) remained at XT270568. One plat Co B remained at XT275565. Bn CP and FSB, secured by elements of HHC and plat Co C remained at XT257557. Elements of Co C secured the battalion's sector of the brigade perimeter with no contact. One platoon size ambush was conducted vic TAY NINH with no contact.

(4) 3/82 Arty. 3/82 Arty and attachments fired 88 H&I missions. 3/82 Arty marked 4 DEFCONS, fired 6 navigation missions, 0 registrations, 1 preparation and 4 targets of opportunity. C/2/32 Arty destroyed one hut vic XT042467. B/3/13 Arty fired four targets of opportunity, four registrations, one preparation. One sampan was sunk and one secondary explosion resulted at XT052487.

(5) 2/34 Armor. 2/34 Armor attached to 196th Bde effective 1030 hrs. 2/34 Armor established base camp at XT320355 and conducted reconaissance to route 26. 2/34 Armor had no enemy contact during the period.

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operation LANCASTER with 2/1 Inf continuing S&D operations in AO WHITE; 3/21 Inf continuing operations in AO BLUE; Co A, 3/21 Inf conducts BUDDY operations with the USSF and CIDG. Co B terminates BUSHMASTER operation in AO 2; 4/31 Inf continues search and clear perform operations on NUI BA DEN. 2/34 Armor moves from present location and relieves 3/21 Inf in place.

c. Major Unit Operations.

(1) LANCASTER continuing.

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(2) US Losses
(cumulative) 0 18 0 0 0/0

2.(C) Statistical Summary.

C-1 TAY NINH XT165509 S&D LANCASTER NA/NA

D-1 196 Bde C-1 NA/NA NA No No

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3. (U) Civil Affairs.

a. Civic Actions. 3/21 Inf administered 150 immisions on a MEDCAP at TAN HAP (XT145504). 115 CARE school kits were distributed to SUOI ??ON school (XT145505).

b. PSYOPS. 31,000 leaflets were dropped at XT3146, XT3346, XT3148, XT3348 and a CHIEU HOI was interrogated at TAY NINH to determine the effectiveness of the PSYOPS operations.

4.(C) BUSHMASTER operations.

a. BUSHMASTER operations terminated without contact. 0.
b. BUSHMASTER operations terminated with contact. 0.

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SITREP 101801 - 111800 Dec 66.

1.(C) Operations Summary.

a. General. 196th Lt Inf Bde continued operation LAN-CASTER with 2/1 Inf continuing S&D operations in AO WHITE; 3/21 Inf continuing operations in AO BLUE; 4/31 Inf continuing operations on NUI BA DEN, and 2/34 Armor relieving 3/21 in place in AO BLUE and assuming security mission. At 0540 hrs, 2 plat, F/17 Cav, departed TAY NINH and provided escort and security (ROADRUNNER) for A/3/82 Arty move to XT149597. 3d plat, F/17 Cav escorted and secured (ROADRUNNER) element of 175th Eng that blew a bridge and replaced it with AVLB at XT329408. 3d plat and engr element closed TAY NINH at 111225 Dec 66.

(1) 2/1 Inf. 2/1 Inf continued operations in AO WHITE. One plat size ambush was conducted at XT158545 with no contact. The battalion (-) conducted an airmobile assault and S&D operations in AO WHITE. At 1040 hrs, Co A destroyed 2 huts at XT189665. At 1050 hrs, Co B found and evacuated a fragmentation hand grenade, with

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unusual fuzing. The grenade was located at XT191665. At 1106 hrs, Co A destroyed one structure, two ladders, one knife and one 2 man saw at XT190666. At 1200 hrs, Co discovered a VC base camp at XT187674. Co A received 4-5 rounds of SA fire at this location and returned fire with 20 rounds SA fire. The enemy broke contact and fled. Enemy casualties are known. The following items were destroyed by Co A: 6 spider holes, 5 pounds fresh fish, 2 canteens, one large crock, 1 wastebasket, 4 tables with benches, four 5 gal crocks of pickled fish, five 100 pound crock of pickled fish, parts of 100 pound bomb and 3 jars of Angel baby soap. At 1315 hrs, Co C located 3 US AP mines at XT193667. At 1330 hrs, Co A destroyed one 8'x10' structure, one oxcart and three 200 pounds crocks of pickled fish at XT188673. At 1330 hrs, Co B destroyed three booby traps and one 8'x10' structure at XT190673. At 1345 hrs, Co A destroyed two 100 pound boxes of fish at XT192675. At 1355 hrs, Co A received AW fire at XT191675 and returned fire with undetermined results. At 1455 hrs, Co A received 3 rounds SA fire at XT19673. At 1458 hrs, Co C destroyed one hut, 3 pounds of freshly cooked fish, 10 pounds of fresh fish and one helmet liner. The battalion CP located at XT190660.

(2) 3/21 Inf. 3/21 Inf conducted five ambushes along route 26. At 2325 hrs, Co A received two rounds SA fire and enemy activated a trip flare at XT339460. Fire was returned and enemy casualties are undetermined. At 0400 hrs, Co A (-) and CT platoon

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attacked the objective. At 0705 hrs, Co A (-) destroyed 4 tunnels, one bunker and two bicycles at XT310423. There was no enemy contact and Co A (-) closed Bn fwd base at 0906 hrs. At 1300 hrs, 3/21 Inf was relieved in place by 2/34 Armor. Co B continued BUSHMASTER operation by conducting three night ambushes. Co B returned to TAY NINH at 0850 hrs leaving behind one platoon at XT136497 which will conduct a night ambush at XT140495. At 1615 hrs, Co C (-) and Aerial Rifle Platoon of ¼ Cav, reacting to information provided by a CHIEU HOI, conducted an EAGLE FLIGHT to XT372363. Two huts in that vicinity allegedly contained a Co Hq and a Political Hq. One hut vic XT373364 was searched with negative results. The second hut at XT373361 was assaulted, seized and searched by Co C (-) at 1700 hrs. 3 VC with weapons were captured and two sacks of clothing and documents were evacuated and one structure and miscellaneous clothing were destroyed. At 1720 hrs, the element was extracted to TAY NINH and the three captured VC were evacuated by D/3/4 Cav to CU CHI.

(3) 4/31 Inf. 4/31 Inf continued operation LANCASTER vic NUI BA DEN. Co A conducted a night ambush with no contact. At 1445 hrs, one plat Co moved to link up with the reinforced platoon securing obj GOLD (XT259584). No contact was made. Cp A (-) currently located at XT257565. Co B (-) continues to secure rock quarry at XT270568. One plat, Co B continues to secure area vic XT275565. The battalion CP remains at FSB 1 (XT257557). Co D, element of HHC and a plat, CO C secures FSB 1. Co C (-) secured the battalion's

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sector of the bridge perimeter. One platoon size ambush was conducted overnight with no contact.

(4) 3/82 Arty. 3/82 Arty and attached units fired 94 H&I missions from 1900-0700 hrs. Btry A displaced overland from forward base to XT149597 in support of 2/1 Inf (-). Plat, B/3/13 Arty which was colocated with Btry C displaced from FSB vic NUI BA DEN to TRANG SUP, and was replaced by a fresh platoon, B/3/13 Arty at XT338444. Btry B displaced to XT338444 and currently colocated with plat, B/3/13 Arty. 3/82 Arty marked 10 DEFCONS, fired 4 targets of opportunity, 2 recon by fire, 4 suppression missions, 1 registration and 1 preparation. B/3/13 Arty marked 3 DEFCONS, fired a support mission in support of THAI BI (operation BUDDY), fired one preparation and one registration.

(5) 2/34 Armor. 2/34 Armor (-) remained attached to 196th Lt Inf Bde. At 0750 hrs a tank hit a mine at XT327397 resulting in only minor damage. 2/34 Armor moved at 1030 hrs from XT320355 to XT342445 closing at 1300 hrs and relieving 3/21 Inf in place. Elements of Co A secured AVLB site at XT329408 while Bn (-) moved. Co C conducted armed route reconnaissance to the east of present location with no contact. At 0730 hrs, one CHIEU HOI turned himself into Co B at XT322358. The CHIEU HOI was turned over to brigade. Based on the information obtained from the CHIEU HOI, the Hq Tank Section was placed under the OPCON of 3/21 Inf and at 1600 hrs moved to vic XT3842 as the force reserve. Helicopters of the

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of the assault 71st Helicopter Company engaged 9 VC at XT375367, resulting in 9 VC KIA (BC).

b. Plans Summary. 196th Lt Inf Bde continues operation LANCASTER with 2/1 Inf continuing S&D operations in AO WHITE; 3/21 Inf conducting care and cleaning of equipment and weapons; 4/31 Inf continues present mission on NUI BA DEN; and 2/34 Armor (-) continues operations in AO BLUE. 3/82 Arty remains in support of 196th Brigade.

c. Major Unit Operations.

(1) LANCASTER continuing.

(2) US Losses

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2.(C) Statistical Summary

C-1	TAY NINH	XT165509	S&D	LANCASTER	102325H/Cont	
D-1	196 Bde	C-1	102325H(N)/102330H(N0	En	No	No
			101200H(D)/101210H(D)	En	No	No
			101355H(D)/101358H(D)	En	NO	No

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3.(U) Civil Affairs

- a. Civic ACTION, No entries.
- b. PSYOPS. 20,000 leaflets were dropped at XT1847, XT1647, XT1649, XT1849.

4. (C) BUSHMASTER Operations.

- a. BUSHMASTER operations terminated with contact: 0.
- b. BUSHMASTER operations terminated without contact: 1.

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