

Month: August

Year: 1966

Day		Locations Coordinates
7	1 st C123 carrying 196 th Personnel Arrives Tan Son Nhut. 196 th Bde, Staff arrived as well as 2 Battalion Commanding Officers.	
8	CG 196 th Bde held planning meeting with Col Canaty.	
14	B. Gen E.H. de Saussure, Jr assumed command of the 196 th Light Infantry Brigade this date. CG departed for Vung Tau to greet debarking 196 th Main Body troops.	
17	Vietnamese ceremony conducted honoring 196 th arrival.	
18	196 th takes Base perimeter defense responsibility after communication equipment arrives.	
24	196 th Bde, 3/21, reference illumination 200 meters West of Bunker 5. Reported 5 suspected VC inside the perimeter wire. Authority to fire mortar illumination given by Bde TOC. 196 th Bde, 3/21, reports VC inside perimeter at guard posts 2A and 4. VC on the wire at the guard post was fired at with a shot gun. Results unknown. VC were carrying rifles. 196 th Bde, 3/21 reported 2 suspected VC inside the wire and 5 outside the wire between bunkers 4 & 5. Fired M-79 at suspects. One man was reported outside the wire at bunker 2A did not fire at suspect. 196 th Bde, 3/21, received two bursts of incoming automatic fire 125m from bunker 3.	
28	196 th Bde, 3/21, reported that bunker #1 saw 3 rounds of small arms fired into the vicinity of 65 Engineer motor park. Rounds came from the vicinity of XT166509. Area being scanned with starlight devices to try to locate enemy. 196 th Bde, 3/21 received report from bunker 4B (near MP gate). MPs on the gate fired at 2 individuals in the field in the	

	vicinity of XT166513. 196 th Lt Inf Bde, continued perimeter defense of base area, conducted squad size ambush and recon patrols within 1,000 meters of bunker line, and secured laterite pit and route for Engineer convoys.	
29	Log Summary: 196 th Lt Inf Bde, continued development and security of base camp, conducted limited patrol operations with negative results and secured laterite pit. 2-4 persons probed bunker line and were taken under fire with small arms. Negative results.	
30	196 th Bde, 3/21, reported patrol has returned to base camp from their ambush position in the vicinity of XT151505. Negative contact.	