



EXPLANATION OF THE LOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS, 198TH INFANTRY  
BRIGADE SINCE ARRIVING IN VIETNAM

The 198th Infantry Brigade, having deployed from Ft. Hood, Texas, arrived in Chu Lai in October 1967. After spending several days in Chu Lai, the Brigade was split into two elements. One group went to Duc Pho for in-country training with elements of the 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division; the other group remained in the Chu Lai area to train with the 196th Infantry Brigade which was headquartered at what is now known as LZ Bayonet. At that time LZ Bayonet, considered a part of Chu Lai, had no official name.

In late November 1967, the 198th troops at Duc Pho rejoined the rest of the Brigade and the 198th replaced the 196th for the operational responsibility of the area around Chu Lai. The headquarters for the 198th moved from Chu Lai (proper) to the former headquarters of the 196th and the camp was named LZ Bayonet, from the bayonet depicted on the Brigade shoulder sleeve patch. At this time, the 196th Infantry Brigade redeployed north and established their new headquarters at what is now known as LZ Hawk Hill.

On October 19, 1970, the 198th moved from LZ Bayonet to Chu Lai. The move had started several weeks earlier and was completed, with the Brigade TOC being completely operational, on October 15. LZ Bayonet was turned over to the 6th ARVN Regiment who now man the camp along with a battery-minus of the 1st/14th Artillery, 23rd Infantry Division.

(Information gathered from conversations with personnel who had been assigned to the Americal Division, or elements which would eventually form the Americal Division, during the period described)