H&S COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1966 — HILL 69 (BATTALION CP, CHU LAI)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 1966

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Headquarters and Service Company (H&S Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division; including the battalion command post, the 106mm section and the S-2 and S-5 sections
Reporting Period	1–31 July 1966
Commander	1stLt J. T. Jenkins (1–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. Moore); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai), Hill 22 (Hotel, Chu Lai), Ong Bo bridge (Song Trau), Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (2 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company's entries for July 1966 place it most often at or near Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai) (6 of 9 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Hill 22 (Hotel, Chu Lai), Ong Bo bridge (Song Trau), Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base).

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt J. T. Jenkins (1–31 July); the battalion by LtCol W. Moore (1–31 July).

For July 1966 this report lists 15 entries (8 organization, 2 logistics, 2 combat, 1 personnel, 1 movement, 1 medical): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 15 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 6 July 1966: An LVT on the platoon perimeter at BT425091 set off a 105mm shell rigged as a mine — 1 USMC WIA.

On 10 July 1966: LVT on the battalion CP perimeter at BT466074 fired at VC moving near BT467075.

On 12 July 1966: An H&S fire-team ambush at BT478055 saw VC moving in a tree line and fired.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai) operations	July 1966	No named operation appears in this month's entries for the company; activities are listed in the chronology below.

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for July 1966 in the hotel25vv research database. Entries naming H&S or its sections and all battalion-level entries are listed; entries naming only a rifle company are left out. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
July days unstated	55 Marines joined from other units, due to rotate home in August and September; 12 staff NCOs and sergeants to leave for 1/5 on 1 August. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 4]
2 Jul 03:45	Search and destroy in the hamlets of Tien Xuan (1) and (2) BT409-BT4210 (2nd Bn 5th Marines Frag Order 16-66): Golf and Hotel blocked, the command group displaced to BT426113 — 16 VCS detained; a Med Cap treated about 200 women and children; ended 1415 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 10]
2 Jul 06:40–14:15	Battalion command group moved from Hill 69 (BT 464 072) to Forward CP (BT 426 113) (means not stated). "Displaced" to BT 426 113 until the operation ended. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 11]
6 Jul 20:30	An LVT on the platoon perimeter at BT425091 set off a 105mm shell rigged as a mine — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 13]
10 Jul 07:45	The security platoon at the An Tan bridge apprehended 4 VCS crossing without ID cards [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 14]
10 Jul 23:30	LVT on the battalion CP perimeter at BT466074 fired at VC moving near BT467075 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 15]
12 Jul 03:20	An H&S fire-team ambush at BT478055 saw VC moving in a tree line and fired [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 16]
12 Jul 04:35	H&S ambush at BT478055 under small-arms and automatic fire — 3 VC WIA (est) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 16]
14 Jul	The battalion began using LVTs to resupply outlying units [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 16]
16 Jul 15:05	A column of LVTs on resupply from Hill 76 BT451038 to Hill 35 BT435076 set off a small mine at BT442056 — no damage [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 17]

Date	Activity / Events
18 Jul 22:50	The Combined Action Squad near the battalion CP BT461085 fired on 1 VC [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 18]
21 Jul 17:50	The H&S perimeter at BT467071 took 4 rounds from BT468071 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 18]
25 Jul 17:45	At the An Tan bridge a Marine was shot by the accidental discharge of another Marine's M-14 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 20]
29 Jul 11:15	An LVT on resupply set off a mine at BT388047, blowing a track; no casualties [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 20]
29 Jul 17:00	An LVT on resupply set off a small mine at BT435059 — no damage [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 20]

5. Notes and Caveats

This file was built on 22 November 2026 in the same format as the Company H reports, directly from the checked, page-cited transcriptions of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines command chronologies. The notes below record its sources and where the record is thin.

1. SOURCE. The entries come from 2/5 Command Chronology Jul 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048071).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. H&S 2/5 is recorded in the chronology under several names: H&S, H&S (Bn CP), Bn CP, the 106mm section and the S-2 and S-5 sections. All are combined here. Because H&S was the battalion headquarters, every battalion-level entry not tied to a rifle company is included too. Entries are listed in date and time order, each with the page of the chronology it was read from; entries naming only Echo, Foxtrot, Golf or Hotel are left out.

3. COMMANDER. Company and battalion commanders are taken from the monthly organisation data (Section I of each chronology) as recorded in the battalion leadership ledger.

4. CASUALTIES. Casualty figures are not totalled here. Individual losses appear in the entries as recorded; for authoritative totals see the casualty tables in the original chronology.

5. ORIGINALS. National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 127, Records of the United States Marine Corps. For full records contact National Archives II, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park MD 20740, or Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134.

6. Sources

This document was compiled from the following primary and secondary sources:

PRIMARY SOURCES

— 2/5 Command Chronology Jul 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048071)

— 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for July 1966, as published on hotel25vv.com (Battalion Chronology page): https://hotel25vv.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/1966July-2-5CommandChronology.pdf

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Document prepared for historical research purposes. For authoritative casualty figures, unit rosters, and engagement details, consult original 2/5 Command Chronology records at NARA RG 127. | H&S Company, 2/5 Marines, July 1966