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

JANUARY 1967 — TUSCALOOSA RIVER CROSSING

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1967

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 January 1967
Commander	1stLt S. M. Williams (1–31 January); Capt R. J. Rigaard (11–26 January); 1stLt S. M. Williams (1–31 January)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Tuscaloosa river crossing, Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2), Phu Nhuan (8), Phu Lac (6) combat outpost
Combat Posture	Security, movement and support (no combat entry recorded)
Base of Operations	Tuscaloosa river crossing
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company’s entries for January 1967 place it most often at or near Tuscaloosa river crossing (4 of 9 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2), Phu Nhuan (8), Phu Lac (6) combat outpost.

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt S. M. Williams (1–31 January); Capt R. J. Rigaard (11–26 January); 1stLt S. M. Williams (1–31 January); the battalion by LtCol W. C. Airheart (1–31 January).

For January 1967 this report lists 14 entries (10 organization, 3 movement, 1 civic): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 14 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 1 January 1967: MedCap patrols treated 4,104 Vietnamese in six hamlets; artillery fired 1,172 missions.

On 14 January 1967: An A-4 from VMA-121, one wing on fire, crashed at AT898482 near the airfield; the pilot ejected near AT897470 and was picked up.

On 21 January 1967: A clearing team at AT901519 found a tin-can mine and a homemade claymore on the approach to a bridge.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Lincoln	050530H – 091200H January 1967 (2/5 after action report; previously listed as 4–9 January)	Operation Lincoln began in Antenna Valley in the south-east of the TAOR
Operation Tuscaloosa	24–28 Jan 1967	2/5 (-) began Operation Tuscaloosa

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for January 1967 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
January days unstated	MedCap patrols treated 4,104 Vietnamese in six hamlets; artillery fired 1,172 missions. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 10; 2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 15]
5 Jan 05:30	Operation Lincoln began in Antenna Valley in the south-east of the TAOR [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 17]
9 Jan 12:00	Operation Lincoln ended [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 17]
14 Jan	An A-4 from VMA-121, one wing on fire, crashed at AT898482 near the airfield; the pilot ejected near AT897470 and was picked up [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 18]
21 Jan 14:15	A clearing team at AT901519 found a tin-can mine and a homemade claymore on the approach to a bridge [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 20]
24 Jan 07:30	2/5 (-) began Operation Tuscaloosa [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 21]
24 Jan 17:30	An H&S platoon outpost at AT915515 saw 5 armed enemy enter a hut at AT926514 and destroyed it with 90mm fire — 5 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 21]
24 Jan	Command group, Hotel moved from Not stated to Tuscaloosa river crossing (AT 962 532) by helicopter. 24 Jan January: 0730 AT 962 532 Tuscaloosa: Hotel swept from AT962532; the command group lifted from An Hoa at 0830 – PDF 48 (From the

Date	Activity / Events
	monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 47]
26 Jan 11:50	An AO saw a mortar position at AT978522 hit by an air strike — 3 VC KIA by air (conf) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 48]
26 Jan	Echo, Foxtrot, Golf moved from Not stated to Not stated by helicopter. Heavy fighting lasted nine hours over several thousand meters: Foxtrot’s commander was wounded, two Sparrow Hawk platoons (Golf with tanks, Echo by helicopter) were sent to block, and air and artillery were used throughout. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 9]
27 Jan 09:00	Company D 1/26 came under 2/5's control and swept with Foxtrot and Hotel [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 49]
28 Jan 12:30	D 1/26 at AT959508 took 35 rounds from 3 enemy near AT961511 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 50]
28 Jan 17:00	Operation Tuscaloosa ended: Marines 17 KIA, 52 WIA; enemy 79 KIA confirmed (23 by air), 64 probable, 28 WIA, 75 refugees [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 50]
30 Jan	Echo, Golf moved from Not stated to Nong Son outpost (coal mine) (AT 813 383) (means not stated). 30–31 Jan January: Golf relieved Echo at Nong Son. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 22]

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 Jan 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048076).

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

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— 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for January 1967, as published on hotel25vv.com (Battalion Chronology page): https://hotel25vv.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/1967January-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, January 1967