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

## MARCH 1967 — PHU NHUAN (8)

*Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 1967*

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

## 1. Unit Overview

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| **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 March 1967 |
| **Commander** | 1stLt W. G. Evans (1–2 March); Capt M. A. Litwin Jr. (3–31 March) |
| **Higher HQ** | 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division |
| **Area of Operations** | Phu Nhuan (8), Nong Son outpost (coal mine), An Hoa Combat Base |
| **Combat Posture** | Combat operations, patrols and security (1 combat entries) |
| **Base of Operations** | Phu Nhuan (8) |
| **Corps Area** | I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam |

## 2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company's entries for March 1967 place it most often at or near Phu Nhuan (8) (1 of 2 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Nong Son outpost (coal mine), An Hoa Combat Base.

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt W. G. Evans (1–2 March); Capt M. A. Litwin Jr. (3–31 March); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–31 March).

For March 1967 this report lists 6 entries (3 movement, 2 organization, 1 combat): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 6 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 7 March 1967: An electrically detonated mine exploded under an MCB-4 jeep leading a convoy north on Liberty Road (AT908512) — 3 Seabees killed; a second large mine found 1,500 meters south and disarmed.

## 3. Operations Overview

| Operation / Activity | Dates | Description |
|---|---|---|
| **Operation New Castle** | 220630H – 25 March 1967 (2/5 Command Chronology; previously listed as 21–25 March). Preceded by a deception raid on 20 March. | Operation New Castle began in the Hanh Tay (2) area; Echo, Foxtrot and Hotel took part; close combat with NVA/VC troops from 23 to 25 March |

## 4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for March 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 |
|---|---|
| **7 Mar 08:00** | An electrically detonated mine exploded under an MCB-4 jeep leading a convoy north on Liberty Road (AT908512) — 3 Seabees killed; a second large mine found 1,500 meters south and disarmed [2/5 ComdC Mar 1967, PDF p. 16] |
| **16 Mar** | Echo, Hotel moved from Not stated to Phu Lac (6) combat outpost (AT 926 527) (means not stated). 16 Mar March: Hotel relieved Echo at Phu Lac (6). (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1967, PDF p. 16] |
| **22 Mar 06:30** | Operation New Castle began in the Hanh Tay (2) area; Echo, Foxtrot and Hotel took part; close combat with NVA/VC troops from 23 to 25 March [2/5 ComdC Mar 1967, PDF p. 17] |
| **25 Mar 18:00** | Operation New Castle ended [2/5 ComdC Mar 1967, PDF p. 17] |
| **30 Mar** | Foxtrot, Hotel moved from Not stated to Phu Lac (6) combat outpost (AT 926 527) (means not stated). 30–31 Mar March: Foxtrot relieved Hotel at Phu Lac (6); (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1967, PDF p. 17] |
| **30 Mar** | Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel moved from Not stated to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 875 475) (means not stated). 30 Mar March: ---- – Hotel was relieved at Phu Lac (6) by Foxtrot and went to the An Hoa Combat Base; on 31 March Hotel drew M-16s for the relief of Golf at Nong Son on 1 April – PDF 17 (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1967, PDF p. 17] |

## 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 Mar 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048081).

**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 Mar 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048081)

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

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