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

MAY 1967 — NONG SON OUTPOST (COAL MINE)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 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 May 1967
Commander	Capt M. A. Litwin Jr. (1–31 May)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Nong Son outpost (coal mine), An Hoa Combat Base, Ap Bon (2) fortified village, LZ Raven (Antenna Valley)
Combat Posture	Security, movement and support (no combat entry recorded)
Base of Operations	Nong Son outpost (coal mine)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company’s entries for May 1967 place it most often at or near Nong Son outpost (coal mine) (2 of 6 entries with a named place or grid), and also at An Hoa Combat Base, Ap Bon (2) fortified village, LZ Raven (Antenna Valley).

H&S Company was commanded by Capt M. A. Litwin Jr. (1–31 May); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–31 May).

For May 1967 this report lists 9 entries (8 organization, 1 movement): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 9 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 1 May 1967: The 2/5 TAOR was changed: the Phu Lac (6) area went to 1/7 and the area north and west of the Song Thu Bon (except the Nong Son coal mine) to 3/7; 2/5 concentrated on the An Hoa Combat Base (AT875475) and the pacification of Antenna Valley.

On 9 May 1967: Echo and Golf moved to objectives A (AT952365) and B (AT960360) and were then ordered back to their positions; Echo saw 12 VC in Golf's former position and called artillery — 2 VC KIA, 3 probable.

On 9 May 1967: Battalion moved from Not stated to Reported position (AT 960 360) (means not stated).

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Nong Son outpost (coal mine) operations	May 1967	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 May 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
1 May	The 2/5 TAOR was changed: the Phu Lac (6) area went to 1/7 and the area north and west of the Song Thu Bon (except the Nong Son coal mine) to 3/7; 2/5 concentrated on the An Hoa Combat Base (AT875475) and the pacification of Antenna Valley [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 3]
2 May	Unnamed 12-day battalion (-) operation in Antenna Valley in support of Operation Union (1) began with Echo, Golf and Hotel [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 3]
5 May	Patrol bases: Echo AT889398, Golf AT916377, Hotel AT887385 [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 4]
8 May	2/5 was ordered into blocking positions (AT9135-AT9237) while 1/5 and 3/5 swept west toward the eastern end of Antenna Valley [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 6]
9 May	Echo and Golf moved to objectives A (AT952365) and B (AT960360) and were then ordered back to their positions; Echo saw 12 VC in Golf's former position and called artillery — 2 VC KIA, 3 probable [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 6]
9 May	Battalion moved from Not stated to Reported position (AT 960 360) (means not stated). Echo and Golf moved to objectives A (AT952365) and B (AT960360) and were then ordered back to their positions; Echo saw 12 VC in Golf's former position and called artillery. Result: 2 VC KIA, 3 probable. [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 6]
12 May	Echo and the command group returned to An Hoa; Golf took over the Nong Son Combat Base. Operation totals: 16 VC KIA (conf), 28 probable, 2 WIA [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 7]
17 May	The new market place at the Free Market hamlet of Ninh Binh (3) (AT8237) was dedicated; 800 Vietnamese attended [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 9]

Date	Activity / Events
22 May	CAC N-2 at Mau Chanh (2) (AT888472) heard two Vietnamese behind a hedgerow and fired — 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 10]

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 May 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048086).

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 May 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048086)

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