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

OCTOBER 1967 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 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 October 1967
Commander	Capt G. F. Dicicco (1–31 October)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Liberty Bridge, Nong Son outpost (coal mine)
Combat Posture	Security, movement and support (no combat entry recorded)
Base of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company’s entries for October 1967 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (3 of 10 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Liberty Bridge, Nong Son outpost (coal mine).

H&S Company was commanded by Capt G. F. Dicicco (1–31 October); the battalion by LtCol G. C. McNaughton (1–31 October).

For October 1967 this report lists 15 entries (12 organization, 1 logistics, 1 medical, 1 civic): 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 1 October 1967: 3-day search and destroy in Antenna Valley: Echo and Golf attacked east into the valley with the CP and Foxtrot in trace; a tropical storm flooded the valley on the second day and all units returned to An Hoa on the third.

On 8 October 1967: An engineer sweep found a 25-lb box mine between Nong Son and An Hoa near AT863417.

On 11 October 1967: CAP N-2 at Mau Chanh (2) (AT888473) heard firing near AT900480, then took 500-600 rounds; about 60 VC in two groups had fired on each other.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	October 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 October 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 Oct	3-day search and destroy in Antenna Valley: Echo and Golf attacked east into the valley with the CP and Foxtrot in trace; a tropical storm flooded the valley on the second day and all units returned to An Hoa on the third [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 4]
October day unstated	Floods destroyed the Liberty Bridge (AT 930532); a ferry kept convoys moving. [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 22]
October days unstated	Malaria cases rose by 11; spraying recommended at Nong Son and Phu Lac. [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 23]
8 Oct	An engineer sweep found a 25-lb box mine between Nong Son and An Hoa near AT863417 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 15]
11 Oct 20:30	CAP N-2 at Mau Chanh (2) (AT888473) heard firing near AT900480, then took 500-600 rounds; about 60 VC in two groups had fired on each other [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 15]
11 Oct 22:55	CAP N-3 at Phu Da (1) (AT865487) took 100 rounds from about 5 VC near AT866487 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 15]
13 Oct	An S-2 ambush party in Ho Chi Minh sandals set up around Phu Nhuan (9) before light; VC fled the hut; 8 VC fired on the unit [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 16]
18 Oct	A Marine at an OP on Liberty Road set off a booby trap — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 17]

Date	Activity / Events
21 Oct	Two booby traps near a Liberty Road OP — 4 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 17]
23 Oct	Vietnamese Sick Call treated its 50,000th patient [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 17]
25 Oct	A Marine on Liberty Road tripped a 30-lb mine and was killed; a corpsman set off a booby trap moving to him — 1 USMC KIA, 1 USN WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 18]
26 Oct	Four-day battalion (-) search and destroy around Phu Nhuan (8) (AT897509) with Echo, Foxtrot, Hotel and the CP: tunnels at AT891510, AT890510 and AT888503; an 8-inch round in a trench at AT891509 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 4; 2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 18]
29 Oct	An Army Huey took fire from AT878508; CAP N-3 found 6 boats destroyed [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 19]
31 Oct	27-31 October: 7 mine and booby-trap incidents north of An Hoa; 4 AP and 4 AT mines found on Liberty Road [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 19]
31 Oct	Floods destroyed the Liberty Bridge (AT930532) [2/5 ComdC Oct 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 Oct 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048093).

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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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, October 1967