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

NOVEMBER 1967 — PHU NHUAN (8)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for November 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	1–30 November 1967
Commander	Capt G. F. Dicicco (1–2 November); 1stLt J. P. Pindel Jr. (3–30 November)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Nhuan (8), Ap Bon (2) fortified village, An Hoa Combat Base, LZ Raven (Antenna Valley)
Combat Posture	Security, movement and support (no combat entry recorded)
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 November 1967 place it most often at or near Phu Nhuan (8) (3 of 7 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Ap Bon (2) fortified village, An Hoa Combat Base, LZ Raven (Antenna Valley).

H&S Company was commanded by Capt G. F. Dicicco (1–2 November); 1stLt J. P. Pindel Jr. (3–30 November); the battalion by LtCol G. C. McNaughton (1–30 November).

For November 1967 this report lists 11 entries (10 organization, 1 personnel): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 11 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 1 November 1967: Memorial service for the 2/5 Marines killed in November; 375 attended.

On 3 November 1967: A Marine at a Liberty Road OP tripped a booby trap; a tank hit a mine near AT910507; an 8-inch SP gun hit a mine near AT915508 — 3 USMC WIA.

On 5 November 1967: The Phu Lac (6) outpost took 5 rounds — 1 USMC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Essex	6–17 Nov 1967	Operation Essex ended; Hotel and D/1/5 lifted to An Hoa; Golf went overland with amtracs.

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for November 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
November day unstated	Memorial service for the 2/5 Marines killed in November; 375 attended. [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 6]
3 Nov 11:45	A Marine at a Liberty Road OP tripped a booby trap; a tank hit a mine near AT910507; an 8-inch SP gun hit a mine near AT915508 — 3 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 15]
5 Nov	The Phu Lac (6) outpost took 5 rounds — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 15]
6 Nov 09:47	D/1/5 landed at LZ Raven and attacked Objective E (AT914396) [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 60]
6 Nov 12:15	CS gas requested; aircraft arrived with smoke instead [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 61]
6 Nov 18:00	CS gas sprayed over both companies and the enemy but did not settle; Golf made a slight penetration; the dead and wounded could not be evacuated until after dark — 23 USMC KIA, 56 USMC WIA, 35 NVA KIA (conf), 24 probable [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 61]
7 Nov 18:04	M/3/5 engaged an NVA company in a fortified village near AT922372 — 1 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 62]
8 Nov 07:09	M/3/5 swept the fortified village (AT917376): 4 NVA bodies and an RPD [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 62]
17 Nov 08:00	Operation Essex ended; Hotel and D/1/5 lifted to An Hoa; Golf went overland with amtracs. Totals for 2/5 (-): 65 NVA KIA (conf), 125 probable, 7 VC KIA, 40 probable, 2 NVA POW; 37 USMC KIA, 120 WIA [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 67]

Date	Activity / Events
21 Nov	A truck on Liberty Road near AT908504 set off a 40-lb box mine — 7 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 16]
23 Nov	Two Vietnamese An Hoa complex guards working with Marines near AT910500 were killed by a 105mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Nov 1967, PDF p. 16]

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 Nov 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048095).

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 November 1967, as published on hotel25vv.com (Battalion Chronology page): https://hotel25vv.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/1967November-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, November 1967