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

FEBRUARY 1968 — ARVN ARMORY, HUE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1968

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	1–29 February 1968
Commander	1stLt J. R. Allen (1–26 February)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	ARVN armory, Hue, Hue hospital complex (#83), Hue prison, Treasury Building, Hue (#70)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (3 combat entries)
Base of Operations	ARVN armory, Hue
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company’s entries for February 1968 place it most often at or near ARVN armory, Hue (5 of 9 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Hue hospital complex (#83), Hue prison, Treasury Building, Hue (#70).

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt J. R. Allen (1–26 February); the battalion by LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr. (1–29 February).

For February 1968 this report lists 18 entries (11 organization, 3 movement, 3 combat, 1 personnel): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 18 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 3 February 1968: Battalion command group moved from Phu Bai (inferred) to MACV Compound, Hue (YD 7726 2196) by truck.

On 5 February 1968: Golf, Hotel moved from Not stated to Hue hospital complex (#83) (YD 764 216) (means not stated).

On 7 February 1968: Battalion CP (YD761212) took sniper fire — 1 USMC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
ARVN armory, Hue operations	February 1968	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 February 1968 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 Feb	Battalion at Phu Bai, 1-3 February [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 3]
February days unstated	Five company memorial services in Hue. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 5]
3 Feb 13:00	Foxtrot, Golf and Hotel under 1/1 from 1300; 2/5 under the 1st Marines from 3 February [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 11]
3 Feb	Battalion command group moved from Phu Bai (inferred) to MACV Compound, Hue (YD 7726 2196) by truck. The command groups of the 1st Marines and 2/5 "arrived in Hue in another 'Rough Rider' armed convoy"; the trucks came under sniper and mortar fire but reached the MACV Compound. The convoy's start is not named (inferred as Phu Bai: Task Force X-Ray's orders made the 1st Marines responsible for "road convoys enroute from Phu Bai to the LCU Ramp"). MACV Compound grid from Kindred, Location of Bases (p. 127, "Hue MACV Compound"). (From the official history; the 2/5 chronology has no separate entry for this move.) [U.S. Marines in Vietnam · The Defining Year, 1968, PDF p. 195; U.S. Marines in Vietnam · The Defining Year, 1968, PDF p. 185]
5 Feb	Golf, Hotel moved from Not stated to Hue hospital complex (#83) (YD 764 216) (means not stated). 5 Feb February: ---- YD 764 216 Golf and Hotel moved on the hospital complex (#83, YD764216) under artillery 13 USMC WIA, 6 NVA/VC KIA PDF 12 (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 12]
7 Feb 17:30	Search of buildings #65, #51, #179, #136, #137, #268, #221, #67 and #180 found 60 enemy dead, weapons and machine guns [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 15]
7 Feb 22:29	Battalion CP (YD761212) took sniper fire — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 15]

Date	Activity / Events
8 Feb 10:05	Engineers setting charges on a bridge at YD75752092 were fired on — 3 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 15]
8 Feb 19:05	Battalion CP (YD76822158) took 3 60mm rounds — 4 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 15]
12 Feb	Delta 1/5 under 2/5, 12-14 February [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 19]
13 Feb 09:30	S-2 found 12 enemy bodies in graves near YD758212 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 20]
13 Feb 11:20	Delta 1/5 (YD752207) hit by a B-40 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 20]
18 Feb 09:55	An H&S platoon guarding a Hue-Phu Bai convoy ambushed on Highway 1 at YD821181 — 2 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 24]
23 Feb	Intermittent 60mm and B-40 fire all day — 10 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 27]
24 Feb 07:30	A tank escorting a resupply convoy hit a mine at YD778204 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 27]
24 Feb 10:00	A corpsman at the battalion CP tripped a mine at YD761195 — 1 USN WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 27]
24 Feb 11:25	Two trucks used as ambulances hit 25-lb box mines at YD779204 — 5 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 27]
24 Feb	Golf, Hotel moved from Not stated to Reported position (YD 774 183) (means not stated). 24 Feb February: Golf and Hotel moved south of the city (YD 774183); (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1968, PDF p. 28]

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 Feb 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048100); U.S. Marines in Vietnam · The Defining Year, 1968; Bill Kindred, Location of Bases in Vietnam (list of bases, airfields and landing zones with grids).

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:

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— 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for February 1968, as published on hotel25vv.com (Battalion Chronology page): https://hotel25vv.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/1968February-2-5CommandChronology.pdf

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— “2/5 Battalion Chronology.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com/vietnam-war-chronology/battalion-chronology

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, February 1968