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

JUNE 1968 — PHU GIA PASS (BATTALION CP)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 1968

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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 June 1968
Commander	1stLt T. D. Martin (1–30 June)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Gia Pass (battalion CP)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (1 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Gia Pass (battalion CP)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company's entries for June 1968 place it most often at or near Phu Gia Pass (battalion CP) (2 of 2 entries with a named place or grid).

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt T. D. Martin (1–30 June); the battalion by LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr. (1–30 June).

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

On 10 June 1968: A convoy was ambushed at AT843997: eleven vehicles disabled and 5 Marines wounded, the month's most significant incident.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Houston	26 Feb – 12 Sep 1968	CP at Phu Gia (AT833999) guarding Highway 1 (Operation Houston)

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for June 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 Jun	CP at Phu Gia (AT833999) guarding Highway 1 (Operation Houston) [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 6]
1 Jun	LtCol Cheatham and Sergeant Major Brawner received as guests of honor at a home-defense demonstration in Loc Hai village, Lang Co hamlet [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 6]
June days unstated	115 families resettled in Lang Co hamlet; six MedCaps treat 874 people. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 9]
10 Jun	A convoy was ambushed at AT843997: eleven vehicles disabled and 5 Marines wounded, the month's most significant incident [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 3]
18 Jun	A laundry unit opened at the Thua Luu Bridge; a water point built there [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 7]

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 Jun 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048104).

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 Jun 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048104)

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

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Shulimson, Jack, Leonard A. Blasiol, Charles R. Smith and David A. Dawson. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: The Defining Year, 1968. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1997.

— “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, June 1968