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

JANUARY 1969 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1969

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 January 1969
Commander	Capt P. A. Van Der Berg (1–8 January); 2dLt L. G. Shilton (9–23 January); 1stLt D. L. Lister (24–31 January)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (2 combat entries)
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 January 1969 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

H&S Company was commanded by Capt P. A. Van Der Berg (1–8 January); 2dLt L. G. Shilton (9–23 January); 1stLt D. L. Lister (24–31 January); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–31 January).

For January 1969 this report lists 5 entries (2 combat, 1 logistics, 1 civic, 1 medical): 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.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	January 1969	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 January 1969 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
January completion early February, day unstated	A 500-man mess hall goes up at An Hoa. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 9]
January day unstated	Cache of 166 carbines and two 140mm rocket launchers found. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 5]
January day unstated	Cache of 250 grenades of a new type found. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 5]
January day unstated	Civic action in the Xuyen Phu villages; General Walt Scholarships for 30 families. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 11]
January day unstated	Malaria rises to 55 cases on the Ong Thu Slope. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, 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 Jan 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048111).

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 Jan 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048111)

— 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for January 1969, as published on hotel25vv.com (Battalion Chronology page): https://hotel25vv.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/1969January-2-5CommandChronology.pdf

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Smith, Charles R. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: High Mobility and Standdown, 1969. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1988.

— “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, January 1969