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

FEBRUARY 1969 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 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	1–28 February 1969
Commander	1stLt D. L. Lister (1–28 February)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, 2/5 field command post in the Arizona, Fire Support Base Saber (Hill 570), Liberty Bridge
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 February 1969 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (8 of 13 entries with a named place or grid), and also at 2/5 field command post in the Arizona, Fire Support Base Saber (Hill 570), Liberty Bridge.

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt D. L. Lister (1–28 February); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–28 February).

For February 1969 this report lists 74 entries (66 movement, 5 organization, 1 training, 1 logistics, 1 civic): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 74 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 1 February 1969: Mines and booby-trap class for 51 Marines.

On 10 February 1969: Command group, Golf moved from Not stated to Fire Support Base Saber (Hill 570) (ZC 024 344) by helicopter.

On 22 February 1969: 2/5 (battalion) moved from Phu Lac (6) / Liberty Bridge (AT 925 527) to Go Noi Island (Objectives 1–3) on foot.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	February 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 February 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
1 Feb 07:50–11:50	Echo, Foxtrot, battalion CP, Hotel moved from FSB Pike (Hill 214) (ZC 194 450) to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 873 473) by helicopter. 1 Feb February: 2/5 Helicopter lift from FSB Pike to An Hoa: Echo (0830), Foxtrot (0950), command post (1015), Hotel (1150). (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 1 February: "0750 Commence helolift to An Hoa"; "CoE lift to An Hoa complete" 0830; "CoF" 0950; "BnCP" 1015; "CoH" 1150; "CoG remains on Pike" (PDF p. 12). (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 12]
February day unstated	A Phu Da boy has cleft-palate surgery aboard USS Sanctuary. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 10]
February day unstated	Mines and booby-trap class for 51 Marines. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 6]
February day unstated	Motor transport moves to the 2d Battalion area. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 8]
1 Feb	2/5 (battalion) moved from FSB Pike (Hill 214) (ZC 194 450) to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 873 473) by helicopter. On 1 February the battalion was flown by helicopter from FSB Pike to An Hoa for rest and refitting. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 4]
5 Feb	2/5 (battalion) moved from An Hoa Combat Base (AT 874 474) to Hill 435 (FSB Machete) (ZC 021 235) by helicopter. One reinforced rifle platoon rappelled into the jungle canopy 20 miles southwest of An Hoa to clear a landing zone; a rifle company (–) flew in that afternoon and the battalion the next day. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 6 February:

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	"0910 BnCP in field position" (PDF p. 17), matching the narrative's "the Battalion arriving the next day". Official history: "On the 6th, Task Force Yankee initiated operations west of the Song Cai as the 2d Battalion, 5th Marines, following a short rest at An Hoa, assaulted Hill 435, later named Machete." The history dates it 6 February, the chronology 5 February; the start and destination here come from the history. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 4; 2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 17]
10 Feb 08:31–10:50	Command group, Golf moved from Not stated to Fire Support Base Saber (Hill 570) (ZC 024 344) by helicopter. 10 Feb February: Golf, CP Golf and the battalion command post flown to FSB Saber. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 10 February: "0831 CoG beginning helolift to FSB SABER", "0850 CoG helolift complete", "0855 Lead elements of Bn CP helolifted to FSB SABER", "1050 Bn CP helolift complete" (PDF p. 22). Foxtrot and Hotel went under 3/3 at 0830 the same morning. (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 22]
11 Feb 09:21	I1A left lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 09:30	I1A at 020346 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 10:20	I1A at 020340 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 11:26	I1A at 029340 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 12:31	I1A returned to lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 13:55	I3 at 030350 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 15:29	I at 020346 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 16:15	I 3d Platoon back in lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
12 Feb 09:10	I2 at 020347 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 09:20	I2 at 015347 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 09:37	I2 at 012347 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 10:32	M at 017334 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 11:25	I2 entering lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
12 Feb 12:50	M at 015333 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 13:04	I1 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]

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12 Feb 14:20	I1 at 232344 (as typed) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 15:12	I1 at 028346 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 27]
12 Feb 16:00	I1 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 27]
12 Feb 16:25	M at 999347 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 27]
13 Feb 09:20	I2 at 020346 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 09:50	I2 at 015346 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 10:35	I2 at 024347 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 11:31	I2 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 11:35	M now at 995348 building external LZ [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 13:16	I3 at 027350 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 15:47	I3 entering lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
14 Feb 09:30	I3 at 024348 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 11:30	I3 at 028346 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 12:30	I3 at 027345 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 12:40	I3 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 13:00	I1 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 13:45	I1 at 030342 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 31]
14 Feb 14:32	I1 at 026337 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 15:35	I1 at 025340 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 20:00	Company M chopped OPCON to 3/5 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 31]
15 Feb 09:00	I2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]

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15 Feb 09:09	I2 at 025348 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 09:45	I2 at 030347 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 10:44	I2 at 034346 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 11:12	I2 at 030343 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 12:45	I3 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 13:58	I at 027336 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
16 Feb 06:58	I1 and I2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 07:45	I2 at 035343 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 09:13	I2 at 037344 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 10:30	I1A at 032343 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 11:01	I2 at 039344 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
16 Feb 11:20	I1 at 028338 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
16 Feb 12:20	I1 at 026342 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
16 Feb 12:45	I1 in lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 13:30	I2 at 045348 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
16 Feb 14:04	I2 at 051348 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 14:45	I2 at 048356 set in for night [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
17 Feb 07:10	I2 returning to CP [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 37]
17 Feb 10:05	I2 entering lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 37]
17 Feb 12:45	Company I chopped OPCON to 3d Bn, 5th Marines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 37]
17 Feb 15:40–16:30	Echo, Foxtrot, Golf moved from FSB Saber area (ZC 024 344) to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 873 473) by helicopter. Echo, Foxtrot and Golf flown to An Hoa. (From the

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	monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 17 February (Tet): “1540 CoE helolifted to An Hoa”, “1600 CoF helolifted to An Hoa”, “1630 CoG helolifted to An Hoa” (PDF p. 37). (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 37]
February during Tet; day unstated	Tet visits to the hamlet chiefs of Phu Da (1) and (2). [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 10]
17 Feb	2/5 (battalion) moved from Not stated to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 873 473) by helicopter. On 17–18 February the battalion was flown back to An Hoa for three days of rest. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) The narrative says “On 17 February the Battalion began a helilift to An Hoa which was completed on 18 February”, so the mode is stated. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 4]
18 Feb 09:10–09:35	Command group moved from FSB Saber (ZC 024 344) to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 873 473) by helicopter. 18 Feb February: 2/5 Command post flown from FSB Saber to An Hoa. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 18 February: “0910 Bn CP was helolifted from FSB SABER”, “0935 Bn CP completed helolift to An Hoa” (PDF p. 38). (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 38]
21 Feb 15:20–16:20	2/5 (battalion) moved from An Hoa Combat Base (AT 874 474) to Liberty Bridge (AT 922 533) by truck. 21 Feb February: 2/5 Convoy from An Hoa at 1520; set in at Liberty Bridge (Phu Lac (6)) at 1620. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 21 February: “1520 Bn left An Hoa by convoy”, “1620 Bn set in at Liberty Bridge” (PDF p. 41). (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) Official history: “Stemple’s 2d Battalion, 5th Marines moved by truck to the Phu Loc (6) Refugee Hamlet, northeast of the combat base on the Song Thu Bon” (AT 927 527, beside Liberty Bridge), to block for the ARVN on western Go Noi. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 41; U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969, PDF p. 107]
22 Feb 08:15–14:00	2/5 (battalion) moved from Phu Lac (6) / Liberty Bridge (AT 925 527) to Go Noi Island (Objectives 1–3) on foot. The narrative: “On 21 February the Battalion was moved to Phu Lac (6) by convoy for operations on Go Noi Island. Movement by foot from Phu Lac (6) to Go Noi resulted in light enemy contact but numerous booby traps along the way” (PDF p. 4). Journal 22 February: 0815 “Sweep team moved out”; “CoE passed Obj 1 on way to Obj 2” 1140, “passed Obj 2 on way to Obj 3” 1210, “CoE secured Obj 3” 1400 (PDF p. 42). The objectives are not given grids. (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 4; 2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 42]
22 Feb 16:00	Company K, 3/5 OPCON to 2/5 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 42]
23 Feb 08:20	K (3/5) set in at 018518 (AT? square not stated) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 44]
23 Feb 16:40	K chopped OPCON to 3/5 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 45]
23 Feb 16:50–18:38	Command group moved from Go Noi Island to Hill 42, vicinity AT 9148 (AT 91 48) (means not stated). Journal 23 February: “1650 Bn CP moved out of position”, “1838 Bn CP reached new position” (PDF p. 45). The narrative: “After the shelling and light probe of the An Hoa Combat Base on 22 February the Battalion (-) displaced from Go Noi to hill 42 vicinity AT9148 where extensive patrols were conducted” (PDF p. 6). The

Date	Activity / Events
	journal does not say how. (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 45; 2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 6]
24 Feb 14:00–15:30	Command group, Echo, Foxtrot moved from Hill 42, vicinity AT 9148 (AT 91 48) to Liberty Bridge (AT 922 533) (means not stated). 24 Feb February: 2/5 Command post, Echo and Foxtrot moved to Liberty Bridge; (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 24 February: “1400 BN CP, CoE and CoF moved out”, “1530 Bn CP, CoE and CoF at Liberty Bridge” (PDF p. 46); the narrative: “On 24 February the Battalion (-) was pulled out of Go Noi Island to search and clear the area in the Phu Nhuans” (PDF p. 4). (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 46; 2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 4]

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 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048112); U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969.

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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