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

JUNE 1969 — PHU LAC (6) COMBAT OUTPOST

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 1969

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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 1969
Commander	1stLt M. R. Baggs (1–30 June)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. H. Higgins); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Henderson Hill, Liberty Bridge, Hill 42
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (26 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Lac (6) combat outpost
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company’s entries for June 1969 place it most often at or near Phu Lac (6) combat outpost (17 of 28 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Henderson Hill, Liberty Bridge, Hill 42.

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt M. R. Baggs (1–30 June); the battalion by LtCol J. H. Higgins (1–30 June).

For June 1969 this report lists 36 entries (26 combat, 8 organization, 1 civic, 1 logistics): 19 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 17 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 4 June 1969: Marines from the battalion CP at AT 927527 saw 2 VC/NVA with weapons moving east at AT 934515; fired seven rounds HEPT 106mm — 2 VC/NVA KIA.

On 6 June 1969: scout snipers on patrol at AT 936512 saw 15-20 VC/NVA, three with packs and weapons, at AT 948513 fleeing NE; snipers killed four and called 81mm; saw three more killed by the 81mm through field glasses — 7 VC/NVA KIA.

On 7 June 1969: Battery D, 2/11 saw 10-12 VC/NVA inside its defensive wire and three on the main supply route south of the perimeter; opened fire with small arms, automatics, 60mm, 81mm and 105mm

beehive; searched at first light — two bangalore torpedoes, satchel charges and three ChiCom grenades captured.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Henderson Hill	23 Oct – 6 Dec 1968	Henderson Hill positions abandoned.

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for June 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 Jun 14:00	personnel from Battery D, 2/11 at AT 926527 saw 15 VC/NVA with weapons entering a village from the north at AT 916524; an Echo unit swept the area — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 13]
June day unstated	County Fair treats about 600 villagers. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 9]
June day unstated	Henderson Hill positions abandoned. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 5]
June day unstated	LtCol Higgins and SgtMaj Burks dine with a Dai Loc family. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 9]
June day unstated	Planning a New Life Hamlet near Liberty Bridge. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 9]
June day unstated	Two .50-caliber machine guns loaned for bridge security. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 8]
June days unstated	Two bombs rigged on Liberty Road destroyed. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 5]
4 Jun 11:25	a Vietnamese woman came to the battalion command post at AT 927527 and said her husband would rally if she could wait for him at the landing zone; two hours later he walked in with a ChiCom and an M-26 grenade — 1 Chieu Hoi; he and his family sent to the ITT [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 16]
4 Jun 18:20	Marines from the battalion CP at AT 927527 saw 2 VC/NVA with weapons moving east at AT 934515; fired seven rounds HEPT 106mm — 2 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 17]

Date	Activity / Events
6 Jun 11:00	scout snipers on patrol at AT 936512 saw 15-20 VC/NVA, three with packs and weapons, at AT 948513 fleeing NE; snipers killed four and called 81mm; saw three more killed by the 81mm through field glasses — 7 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 19]
7 Jun 01:00	Battery D, 2/11 saw 10-12 VC/NVA inside its defensive wire and three on the main supply route south of the perimeter; opened fire with small arms, automatics, 60mm, 81mm and 105mm beehive; searched at first light — two bangalore torpedoes, satchel charges and three ChiCom grenades captured [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 20]
8 Jun 10:40	snipers on patrol at AT 923505 saw 8 VC/NVA with weapons moving south at AT 933502; fired and saw one fall; 100-round 81mm mission called — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 21]
8 Jun 19:00	the tower watch at the battalion CP (AT 926527) saw 4-5 VC/NVA with weapons at AT 928507; supporting arms called — unknown [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 21]
9 Jun 11:30	a Marine from Company L, 3/5 got off the tanks providing security for the road sweep at AT 909494 and set off a booby trap of unknown size, wounding Echo Marines riding on the tanks — 1 USMC KIA, 3 WIA evac, 1 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 22]
10 Jun 07:00	a Vietnamese man came to the battalion CP at AT 926527 and rallied — 1 Chieu Hoi [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 24]
10 Jun 17:00	81mm mission on suspected enemy positions at AT 944513; tower watch saw one fall; minutes later two VC/NVA dragged the body into a treeline — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 24]
13 Jun 20:30	a Marine on the way to his night position detonated a C-4 type booby trap at AT 907512 — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 27]
14 Jun 09:00	flank security for the road sweep found a booby-trapped 60mm round with trip wire by a paddy dike at AT 925522 — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 28]
14 Jun 12:20	AO saw one VC/NVA moving SW at AT 895529 and directed fixed wing — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 28]
14 Jun 13:30	tower watch at the CP (AT 925527) saw 15 VC/NVA moving south at AT 934489; 81mm fired — unknown [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 28]
17 Jun 08:00	a Marine on the way to an observation post found a booby-trapped 60mm round with trip wire at AT 924517 — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 31]
21 Jun 11:00	snipers at AT 936511 saw two groups of VC moving NE at AT 944514 and AT 931505; opened fire, killing nine and wounding two — 9 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 35]
22 Jun 09:30	snipers in the tower at AT 927527 saw six VC digging up graves and removing bodies and what looked like mortar rounds; called 81mm and fired .50-caliber machine guns — 2 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 37]
24 Jun 09:45	on road sweep at AT 915503 engineers found a booby-trapped 500-lb bomb rigged for command detonation and saw a VC with a weapon fleeing NW — bomb destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 39]
24 Jun 19:30	battalion command group at AT 926528 saw 9 VC/NVA with packs and weapons trying to cross the river from the south at AT 946544; fired .50-caliber machine guns and called air strikes on both banks — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 39]

Date	Activity / Events
25 Jun 09:30	flankers from the road sweep at AT 915514 found a booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire by a paddy dike at AT 910514 — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 40]
25 Jun 15:15	a Vietnamese brought in four M-79 rounds and three pounds of Composition B — paid 700 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 40]
25 Jun 16:25	three boys turned in an M-79 round, a 105mm round and 5 lb of Composition B to the command group at AT 925528 — rewarded 1,000 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 40]
26 Jun 14:30	a boy turned in three ChiCom grenades to the command group at AT 923539 — rewarded 1,000 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 42]
26 Jun 18:00	the village chief pointed out a 15-year-old VC to the S-5 at AT 923539 — 1 VC detainee [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 42]
26 Jun 20:00	command group at AT 927527 saw 20 VC crossing a river at AT 960552 from the north; 81mm and 106mm fired — unknown [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 42]
27 Jun 18:15	command group at AT 927527 saw nine VC crossing the river at AT 960552; fired 81mm, 106mm and .50-caliber — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 43]
29 Jun 10:00	a child turned in a 4.2-inch round at AT 925527 — paid 200 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 46]
29 Jun 13:45	a child turned in a 105mm round — rewarded 200 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 46]
29 Jun 16:05	a boy turned in 60 rounds of 5.56mm and 40 rounds of linked 7.62mm — rewarded 200 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 46]
30 Jun 15:40	a jeep about 250 m from OP 5 (AT 915505) received small arms and automatic fire from four VC at AT 900500 — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 48]

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 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048116).

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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