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

SEPTEMBER 1969 — HILL 65

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for September 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 September 1969
Commander	1stLt J. F. Sheehan (1–30 September)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 65, An Hoa Combat Base, Truong An hamlet, Song Binh hamlet
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (6 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Hill 65
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company's entries for September 1969 place it most often at or near Hill 65 (9 of 10 entries with a named place or grid), and also at An Hoa Combat Base, Truong An hamlet, Song Binh hamlet.

H&S Company was commanded by 1stLt J. F. Sheehan (1–30 September); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–30 September).

For September 1969 this report lists 12 entries (6 combat, 2 logistics, 1 medical, 1 organization, 1 civic, 1 movement): 5 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 7 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 6 September 1969: Aerial observer fired four 2.75-in rockets at a VC running into a tree line at AT 888542 — 1 VC KBA.

On 13 September 1969: 106s on day watch at AT 876573 saw 6-8 VC/NVA leaving a tree line at AT 880545; snipers, 106mm and 81mm fired — 1 VC/NVA KIA.

On 14 September 1969: 106s on day watch at AT 876573 spotted 15-20 VC/NVA carrying a body at AT 903557; fired 11 rounds — 4 VC/NVA KIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 65 operations	September 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 September 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
Early September day unstated	Aid station moves from An Hoa to Hill 65. [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 9]
September day unstated	Battalion chapel established. [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 5]
September days unstated	Five bulldozers spend three weeks on Hill 65. [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 8]
September days unstated	Four MEDCAPs in Truong An, Song Binh and Tam Hoa. [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 11]
September day unstated	New operations center exterior finished on Hill 65. [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 6]
6 Sep 11:10	Aerial observer fired four 2.75-in rockets at a VC running into a tree line at AT 888542 — 1 VC KBA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 18]
13 Sep 19:00	106s on day watch at AT 876573 saw 6-8 VC/NVA leaving a tree line at AT 880545; snipers, 106mm and 81mm fired — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 27]
14 Sep 12:10	106s on day watch at AT 876573 spotted 15-20 VC/NVA carrying a body at AT 903557; fired 11 rounds — 4 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 28]
14 Sep	Echo, Foxtrot moved from Not stated to Reported position (AT 890 560) (means not stated). Foxtrot crossed the river at AT 890560 under fire, covered by Echo. [Journal

Date	Activity / Events
	C-Sep, PDF p. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 28]
15 Sep 16:00	Sniper on day perimeter tower watch at the battalion CP on Hill 65 (AT 877576) spotted 3 VC/NVA; small arms and one 106mm round — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 30]
18 Sep 15:00	Battalion snipers on day watch at AT 876573 saw 2 VC/NVA carrying rice; 81mm mission — Unknown [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 34]
18 Sep 18:30	Battalion snipers on watch at AT 876573 saw 20 armed VC/NVA gather in a circle at AT 899551; 106s fired 3 rounds; enemy last seen heading southwest — Unknown [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 34]

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 Sep 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048119).

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 Sep 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048119)

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