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

JUNE 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 1970

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	1–30 June 1970
Commander	Capt D. O. Ford (1–30 June)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Liberty Bridge
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (9 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Liberty Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

H&S Company’s entries for June 1970 place it most often at or near Liberty Bridge (3 of 3 entries with a named place or grid).

H&S Company was commanded by Capt D. O. Ford (1–30 June); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–30 June).

For June 1970 this report lists 57 entries (42 organization, 9 combat, 2 logistics, 2 personnel, 2 movement): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 57 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 1 June 1970: Summary: Echo received 8 rounds of 60mm fire; 26 VC/NVA seen and 2 friendly casualties; 2 booby traps blown.

On 2 June 1970: Summary: 15 VC/NVA seen; Echo tripped 3 booby traps with no casualties and destroyed one 81mm booby trap; Golf's G2 tank hit a box mine with no casualties; Golf medevaced a civilian woman with shrapnel wounds.

On 3 June 1970: Summary: Echo took 10 60mm rounds and 2 RPGs with small-arms fire, no casualties; 11 booby traps found by Echo; 1 VC/NVA detained and 2 killed; Foxtrot detained 3.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Arizona	140800H – 181915H June 1967 (2/5 participation; the S-2 lists the operation as 15–19 June); previously listed as 13–26 June	Summary: activity at a considerably higher level, particularly in the northern Arizona area while conducting a cordon and search; the MO(-) captured eight (My Hiep (1) cordon, day 2)
Operation Blackboard	Put into effect at 2006 on 29 March 1970; practiced on the night of 3 June 1970; mentioned again in September 1970. “Blackboard” was a code word, not a named offensive operation.	Message on the Blackboard operation, without incident

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for June 1970 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 24:00	Summary: Echo received 8 rounds of 60mm fire; 26 VC/NVA seen and 2 friendly casualties; 2 booby traps blown [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 14]
June days unstated	Food Service Team from Okinawa spends a week with the battalion mess. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 1]
June day unstated	Lighting project and new ammunition bunker finished at Liberty Bridge. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 1]
June days unstated	Three memorial services. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 1]

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2 Jun 24:00	Summary: 15 VC/NVA seen; Echo tripped 3 booby traps with no casualties and destroyed one 81mm booby trap; Golf's G2 tank hit a box mine with no casualties; Golf medevaced a civilian woman with shrapnel wounds [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 16]
3 Jun 08:00	Pacifier OPCON to 2/5 [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Jun 10:10	Pacifier extracted from 2/5 [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Jun 23:55	Message on the Blackboard operation, without incident [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Jun 24:00	Summary: Echo took 10 60mm rounds and 2 RPGs with small-arms fire, no casualties; 11 booby traps found by Echo; 1 VC/NVA detained and 2 killed; Foxtrot detained 3 [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 20]
4 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity very light and sightings few; in the Phu Nhuans Echo found six booby traps, including a 30-lb box mine, 60mm and 81mm illumination canisters packed with C-4, and a 155mm artillery round [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 20]
5 Jun 09:00	Message on the Pacifier: 3 VC/NVA KIA with small arms [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 22]
5 Jun 24:00	Summary: sightings and contact very light; ten booby traps found and destroyed, none set off; Echo had an OP attacked, one priority and 2 routine evacs; gunships supporting Echo and Golf killed 2; Hotel's H2 with tanks swept the Phu Nhuans, finding 1,000 lb of rice and detaining 6, four of them found in spider holes [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 20]
6 Jun 24:00	Summary: a member of Echo tripped a booby trap, 2 killed; no enemy sightings [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 24]
7 Jun 24:00	Summary: no enemy sightings or kills; Foxtrot had a non-battle casualty and detained 3 Vietnamese males; Echo took 2 lob bombs, one of which did not explode; no friendly casualties [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 26]
8 Jun 15:55	2/5 requests the Pacifier [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 28]
8 Jun 24:00	Summary: the 1/5 Pacifier was OPCON to 2/5, resulting in 8 VC/NVA killed, 2 POWs and 2 detainees; Echo reported 1 killed and 1 detained; 4 enemy sighted [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 28]
9 Jun 24:00	Summary: the Pacifier OPCON to 2/5 killed 2 enemy and detained 2; Hotel took small-arms fire on its LZ, 7 friendly wounded; 5 enemy sighted and a fire mission called with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 30]
10 Jun 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot detained 79 Vietnamese; Hotel received 15-20 rounds of sniper fire; a tank from Charlie Co set off a 60-lb box mine with no casualties; 15 VC/NVA seen with negative kills [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Jun	Mail inspection satisfactory. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 1]
11 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity very light; Liberty Bridge and Phu Loc (6) received four 60mm rounds, eight B-40 rockets and one lob bomb at 0255, impacting in or outside the wire, one PF casualty and no Marines; Hotel took 20 rounds of sniper fire on a day patrol with no casualties; Echo spotted two VC/NVA and fired with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 34]
12 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity extremely light; one Vietnamese male detained by Golf; no enemy sightings or contacts [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 36]
13 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity very light and sightings few; F3C hit an 81mm booby trap, one emergency evac, and detained three Vietnamese males where it was hit; H2B fired on

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	a Vietnamese male running toward a treeline and wounded him; he was medevaced for interrogation [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 38]
14 Jun 11:13	MO S-2 found 6 and killed 6 VC/NVA, the 6 VC/NVA being sent to ITT [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 40]
14 Jun 11:30	MO detained 125 Vietnamese; ITT confirmed the 6 detainees are VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 40]
14 Jun 24:00	Summary: 4 USMC WIA, 6 VC/NVA found, one 9mm pistol with cartridge belt and assorted documents (first day of the My Hiep (1) cordon) [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 40]
15 Jun 05:30	MO CP National Police shot 1, detained 1 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 42]
15 Jun 08:55	MO found 1 VC/NVA with weapon, sent to ITT [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 42]
15 Jun 09:50	MO S-2 found 7 VC/NVA and 1 U.S. carbine, enemy sent to ITT [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 42]
15 Jun 10:40	MO S-2 found 2 AK-47s with magazines, 1 U.S. canteen, 1 ChiCom artillery compass and a 14-ft boat, all sent to ITT [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 42]
15 Jun 14:25	MO S-2 found 4 VC/NVA and a weapon with gear, all sent to ITT [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 42]
15 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity at a considerably higher level, particularly in the northern Arizona area while conducting a cordon and search; the MO(-) captured eight (My Hiep (1) cordon, day 2) [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 42]
16 Jun 08:15	MO(-) found 1 VC/NVA with misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 46]
16 Jun 09:15	MO(-) found 2 VC/NVA with misc. documents [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 46]
16 Jun 14:30	MO CP lifted from the field [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 46]
16 Jun 24:00	Summary: action very light; the MO forward CP search team found 3 VC/NVA and various documents (My Hiep (1) cordon ends); also captured within the cordon were 4 AK-47s, an M-1 carbine, 9 ChiComs, 8 B-40 rounds and medical gear; Golf took two lob bombs in the northern Arizona and found a 105mm round; a Golf night ambush killed 1 VC/NVA and captured a pack and 9mm pistol; Foxtrot's F3 detained a 15-year-old with no ID [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 46]
17 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity light; G2's daytime rover sighted 5 VC/NVA with weapons, took them under fire and captured 1 AK-47 and documents; an AO working with H2 sighted 6 VC/NVA with weapons and fired; H2 swept the area, 1 KIA and 2 detained; Golf received a sensor team for the next two days [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 50]
18 Jun 24:00	Summary: Golf received 2 lob bombs with negative casualties; Golf sitting in a night ambush fired on 2 VC/NVA with negative results; Foxtrot received one 500-lb lob bomb resulting in 6 minor casualties; no enemy KIAs [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 54]
19 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity relatively light; booby traps continued to plague operations; Hotel tripped a 105 booby trap, one KIA and one WIA; Foxtrot tripped a pressure booby trap, two KIAs; Echo, in a cordon of Thon Bon (1), took one VC/NVA under fire, one KIA;

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	the S-2 team searching the area cordoned by Echo and an RF company from Duc Duc killed two VC/NVA and captured eight, with an AK-47, ChiComs, food and clothing [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 56]
20 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity continued at a very low level; the S-2 search team in the Thon Bon (2) area uncovered a cache of Vietnamese piasters worth $2,131 and $5,000 American in fifty-dollar bills; an Echo unit tripped a 105 booby trap, one WIA; Foxtrot found and blew an M-26 booby trap; F3 in a night position saw 3-5 VC/NVA moving and fired, unknown results [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 58]
21 Jun 15:00	A child was wounded by an M-79 round he was carrying [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Jun 24:00	Summary: booby traps wounded 2 Hotel and 3 Golf Marines; Golf OPCON to 1/5 for the Pacifier operation in the northern Arizona [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Jun	Golf moved from Not stated to Liberty Road (AT 94 58) on foot. 21–25 Jun June: Golf was under 1/5 for a battalion (–) Pacifier operation in the northern Arizona (21 enemy killed), then a three-company sweep north of the Thu Bon east of Liberty Road. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 6]
22 Jun 10:00	MO found 1 wounded NVA with an M-16 in a tunnel; he said 30 NVA crossed toward Go Noi [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 62]
22 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity light; Golf with 1/5 in the northern Arizona [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 62]
23 Jun 13:20	S-2 paid 4,000 piasters for intelligence information [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 64]
23 Jun 24:00	Summary: Golf (with 1/5) had an emergency evac from a 60mm booby trap; Foxtrot had one from an accidental discharge; F13 spotted 13 VC/NVA, 60mm called; Hotel found 3 booby traps rigged with 2 ChiComs and an M-79; E3C spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired with negative results; 6 booby traps found; one heat casualty; S-2 paid 4,000 piasters for intelligence [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 64]
24 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity very low; an E1 day patrol took light sniper fire with no casualties and destroyed a homemade booby trap in tall elephant grass; F3C, interrogating civilians, learned the VC had booby-trapped an area ahead and called a fire mission that set off two secondary explosions; F3A in an ambush took AK fire and later detained about 50 civilians without IDs [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 64]
25 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity very low with sightings and contacts few; E3 returning from a night ambush killed one VC/NVA and captured a .45-cal pistol; Foxtrot sighted seven VC/NVA on three occasions and called fire missions with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 66]
26 Jun 24:00	Summary: action very light; Foxtrot had its booby-trap dog shot when it got loose and wandered in front of the lines; F2C spotted 2 VC/NVA and called a fire mission with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 68]
27 Jun 24:00	Summary: activity extremely low; E1 on patrol saw three VC, one with a weapon, took them under fire, wounding one VC and capturing a pack and documents; Golf found a wounded VC east of Liberty Bridge wounded by its air strike, which also killed one; 15 enemy spotted; Foxtrot spotted 3 VC from the road and called a fire mission with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 70]
28 Jun 24:00	Summary: F1A spotted 2 VC/NVA moving east to west and took AK and ChiCom fire, returned fire and called a fire mission with negative results; E3 found a child wounded

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	by an air strike called by Recon on Hill 119; F3 on a rover found an 81mm booby trap with trip wire and blew it in place [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 70]
29 Jun 10:45	To 5th Marines: no patrol past the 93 grid line [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 72]
29 Jun 24:00	Summary: H2C on rover found an 81mm pressure-release booby trap and blew it in place; H3 in a CP position spotted 5-6 VC/NVA crossing the river and fired 106s with negative results; H2 had an accidental discharge with a .45-cal pistol, 1 WIA [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 72]
30 Jun 06:30	ST3 and Echo and Golf spotted 8 VC/NVA in boats [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 72]
30 Jun 06:30	ST3, Echo and Golf reported 15 VC/NVA killed by air [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 72]
30 Jun 12:45	Cordon and search, 2/5 detained 325 [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 72]
30 Jun 24:00	Summary: ST3, Echo and Golf spotted 15 VC/NVA with packs and rifles crossing a river and called gunships, 15 KIA (Football Island cordon); E1 spotted 2 VC/NVA carrying a weapon and fired small arms with negative results; E1 had a Chieu Hoi, a member of a trans-unit working in the Sons and the Arizona; F3A spotted 1 VC and detained him for questioning; E1B spotted 7-9 VC/NVA and called a fire mission with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jun 1970, PDF p. 72]

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 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048128).

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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