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

JULY 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 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	1–31 July 1970
Commander	Capt D. O. Ford (1–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder; LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge, An Tam (2), Phu Nhuan (4)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 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 July 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (6 of 11 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Liberty Bridge, An Tam (2), Phu Nhuan (4).

H&S Company was commanded by Capt D. O. Ford (1–31 July); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–26 July); LtCol T. M. Hamlin (27–31 July).

For July 1970 this report lists 72 entries (57 organization, 4 combat, 3 movement, 2 logistics, 2 civic, 1 training, 1 personnel, 1 medical, 1 leadership): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 72 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 2 July 1970: Summary: action very light; the only contact was by the F2C rover at 1615: one VC/NVA with pack and weapon was spotted running into a treeline; F2C used small arms, M-60 and M-79 fire and took 25 AK rounds; called 81mm and an OV-10; one KBA found with a ChiCom grenade and a 40-lb box mine.

On 3 July 1970: Summary: activity continued at a very low level; the only significant contacts were made by Echo in the Football Island area of the Arizona, 2 VC/NVA killed.

On 4 July 1970: Summary: Hotel stepped on 2 50-lb box mines, 4 WIA; E3C spotted a hootch with 2 VC/NVA and killed them, with 1 child killed and another medevaced; Echo had a KCS emergency medevac from an accidental .45 discharge; Echo had three Marines missing down the Thu Bon River, search negative; Echo had 1 Marine killed by lightning and another wounded; Hotel had 1 emergency evac from a pop-up flare going off.

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 continued at a very low level; the only significant contacts were made by Echo in the Football Island area of the Arizona, 2 VC/NVA killed
Operation Barren Green	24–27 July 1970. A preliminary harvest-security effort was made on 15–16 July. 2/5 companies took part 24–25 July.	Summary: Foxtrot's F3B found 1 AK-47 in a bunker; Golf's G3 tripped a booby trap made of a smoke grenade packed with C-4, 1 P/E; Foxtrot's F3 found 5,000 lb of corn, 2 lb of C-4, 1 ChiCom, 1 M-26 booby trap and 1 M-67; Golf's G31 tripped a 60mm booby trap, 1 E/E; Foxtrot found 1 AK-47 with magazine and bayonet; F3A tripped a 60mm booby trap, 1 E/E and 1 R/E; in a night position India 3 observed 2 VC/NVA escaping the cordon and opened up with small arms and claymore with negative results (Barren Green, My Hiep, day 1)

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for July 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 Jul 24:00	Summary: Hotel saw 2 Vietnamese bodies floating downstream at Liberty Bridge, dead of gunshot wounds; while in a day position the battalion held a MedCap and medevaced 2 Vietnamese children and 1 Vietnamese male [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 14]

Date	Activity / Events
July days unstated	232 Marines through indoctrination. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 1]
July day unstated	M-14 rifles turned in. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 1]
July day unstated	One memorial service. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 1]
2 Jul 09:30	S-2 paid 1,100 piasters to 3 Vietnamese children for a VIP ordnance find [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 15]
2 Jul 09:45	Jump CP left Football Island at 0930 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 15]
2 Jul 10:15	Troop lift for the CP and Golf completed [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 15]
2 Jul 24:00	Summary: action very light; the only contact was by the F2C rover at 1615: one VC/NVA with pack and weapon was spotted running into a treeline; F2C used small arms, M-60 and M-79 fire and took 25 AK rounds; called 81mm and an OV-10; one KBA found with a ChiCom grenade and a 40-lb box mine [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 15]
3 Jul 24:00	Summary: activity continued at a very low level; the only significant contacts were made by Echo in the Football Island area of the Arizona, 2 VC/NVA killed [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 16]
4 Jul 24:00	Summary: Hotel stepped on 2 50-lb box mines, 4 WIA; E3C spotted a hootch with 2 VC/NVA and killed them, with 1 child killed and another medevaced; Echo had a KCS emergency medevac from an accidental .45 discharge; Echo had three Marines missing down the Thu Bon River, search negative; Echo had 1 Marine killed by lightning and another wounded; Hotel had 1 emergency evac from a pop-up flare going off [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 17]
5 Jul 24:00	Summary: activity very light; Foxtrot in a day position was told by villagers that two VC lay dead near their ville east of Liberty Road; the Foxtrot LP observed enemy movement at night and opened fire with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 19]
6 Jul 18:40	S-3 observed a gunship destroy boats and kill 1 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 20]
6 Jul 24:00	Summary: two enemy-initiated contacts and one USMC-initiated; the Foxtrot LP took about 12 AK rounds and returned fire, negative; Golf on Le Bac Island received 2 incoming grenades, 1 Marine emergency evac; the S-3 on a VR spotted and recovered 2 of the 3 bodies that drowned; the S-3 also spotted 5-8 VC/NVA loading a boat with supplies; the gunship killed 1 and destroyed the boats and supplies [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 20]
7 Jul 24:00	Summary: the AO remained rather quiet; F2B reported 15 VC/NVA at AT 915509; Hotel's H2B acted as a blocking force to the west as F2B searched the area with negative results; H2B found a 61mm mortar round at AT 902518, not booby-trapped, blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 21]
8 Jul 24:00	Summary: no enemy contacts; a Golf unit spotted 2 with weapons; Golf detained a 9-year-old male; Foxtrot called a civilian emergency evac; the cordon team had to stay at Duc Duc for the night because the ARVN forces refused to stay with them in the Arizona at night [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 22]
9 Jul 09:55	To F, H and G: all patrols will stay east of the red line (Pacifier) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 23]
9 Jul 12:00	Foxtrot observed 1 convoy truck hit a mine — 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 23]

Date	Activity / Events
9 Jul 24:00	Summary: the AO remained relatively quiet; all patrols to stay east of the red line due to the Pacifier; a truck from a convoy struck a 40-60-lb mine, 1 emergency evac and one truck damaged; Foxtrot provided security for the truck and medevac; two Vietnamese children showed Foxtrot a 105mm round booby trap; five Vietnamese children were paid 1,300 piasters for showing ordnance; all rounds found were blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 23]
10 Jul 10:00	To Echo, Foxtrot and Hotel: change of company AO responsibility [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 24]
10 Jul 24:00	Summary: no enemy-initiated contacts; Golf 1 discovered a camouflaged bunker with clothing, booby-trap equipment and a pair of binoculars; Foxtrot's F21 detained two Vietnamese males who were observing defensive positions [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 24]
11 Jul 24:00	Summary: F3A spotted 1 VC/NVA and F2B spotted 19 VC/NVA and killed 1, detained 1 and captured 1 AK-47 with a ChiCom grenade; Echo returned to An Hoa; Hotel observed 1 ARVN hit by an M-79 round (VIP ordnance), medevac completed [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 25]
12 Jul 24:00	Summary: negative enemy activity [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 26]
13 Jul 09:55	Report of a Vietnamese female assaulted by a Marine [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 27]
13 Jul 12:25	Follow-up: the explosion destroyed 11 hootches [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 27]
13 Jul 23:15	Phu Loc (6) received 1 250-lb lob bomb — 8 KIA and 12 WIA (civilians) (12 Jul) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 27]
13 Jul 24:00	Summary: Echo's E2C found a booby trap with tripwire and blew it in place; Hotel's H2 received a boy with a wound in the back; E2B received 40 rounds of small arms from 7-8 VC/NVA and called 81s with negative results; Hotel's H1CP received a lob bomb; AO extension to 3/5; Golf's G1 had 2 secondary explosions and Echo's E2C found and destroyed a 105mm booby trap; Phu Loc (6) received 1 lob bomb, 8 civilians killed and 14 emergency evacs [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 27]
14 Jul 09:30	S-3 airborne spotted the 3rd body of the drowning victims [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 24:00	Summary: Golf killed 5 VC/NVA and captured 1 VIA and 2 packs; Foxtrot killed 1 VC/NVA with a pack and captured a .38 pistol, an M-26 grenade and medical gear; Golf's G22 tripped an M-26 booby trap, 1 E/E; the S-3 found the body of a Marine in the river (Le Nam (1) cordon, day 1) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul	Command group, Foxtrot moved from Not stated to Cordon positions south of Le Nam (1) by helicopter. Golf moved overland into blocking positions north of the village before first light while Foxtrot and the command post landed by helicopter to the south. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) Golf moved overland into the cordon north of the village (its own entry); Foxtrot and the jump command post were lifted into the cordon to the south (July chronology, PDF p. 7). [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 6; 2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 7]
15 Jul 11:00	2/5(-) CIT detained 1 male and 3 females [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 30]
15 Jul 11:10	ST(-) lifted and landed at An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 30]
15 Jul 22:05	Message on chopping 1 platoon to 3/5 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 30]
15 Jul 24:00	Summary: two Vietnamese villagers were killed while following E1C while on a road sweep; they detonated a box mine killing all; Foxtrot and Golf with the CP returned to

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	An Hoa with 4 detainees (Le Nam (1) cordon ends); H2B checked out a spider hole and found 1 Mark II grenade and medical gear, and detained a female; one rifle platoon to 3/5 OPCON for 6 days; E2B heard VC/NVA over a loudspeaker telling the people to go over to the VC/NVA side and called an 81 mission with negative results [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 30]
Late July day unstated	Mess hall begins hot meals for Liberty Bridge. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 1]
16 Jul 24:00	Summary: Echo received VIP ordnance from Vietnamese children, all blown in place; Echo spotted 4 VC/NVA and called a fire mission with negative results; H2B observed 4 VC/NVA approach its ambush site and fired with negative results; Hotel detained 2 Vietnamese males [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 31]
17 Jul 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot's F2 tripped a 60mm booby trap, 1 E/E, and the booby-trap dog was killed; Echo's E2B destroyed 2 81mm canisters; Echo's E2C observed an ARVN truck hit a 50-lb box mine, 1 ARVN killed and 3 ARVN E/E; Foxtrot's F2 took 3 RPG rounds and 50 rounds of .50-cal and AK fire; Hotel's H1 spotted 2 VC/NVA and called an 81mm mission [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 32]
18 Jul 13:15	S-2 killed 3 VC/NVA and got 1 with ordnance and gear [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 33]
18 Jul 24:00	Summary: the BNCP killed 3 and detained 1, capturing 3 M-26 grenades and 1 ChiCom; Golf killed 2, detained 1 and captured 1 AK-47 with assorted gear and 160 piasters; Hotel had 3 NBCs from ordnance in trash pits while burning; sightings of the enemy were plentiful with very positive results (Tau Phuoc cordon) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 33]
19 Jul 24:00	Summary: Golf captured 1 SKS rifle and destroyed 1 booby trap; Echo had 1 NBC from an E-tool incident and destroyed 1 booby trap; E1 also spotted 3 VC/NVA crossing a river and called an 81 mission with negative results; Foxtrot heli-lifted to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 34]
20 Jul 10:15	S-2 paid 2,000 piasters for intelligence information [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 35]
20 Jul 24:00	Summary: Golf's G2 had a friendly claymore that was booby-trapped, 3 E/E; also found 3 81mm illumination canisters; Echo's E2 tripped a booby trap, 1 E/E, and found 2 other booby traps; Echo's E1B on a road sweep found a 40-lb box mine and destroyed it in place [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 35]
21 Jul 17:40	Lightning hit a claymore mine — 15 civilian casualties (Phu Loc (6)) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 36]
21 Jul 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot captured 3 POWs, 1 AK-47 and ChiCom grenades with an AK magazine and 1 U.S. compass; Golf killed 3 and captured a .38-cal pistol; Foxtrot found 3 booby traps and destroyed them in place; at Phu Loc (6) lightning hit a claymore mine on the perimeter, resulting in 15 civilian casualties (Phu Nhuan tank/infantry op) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 36]
22 Jul 24:00	Summary: activity in the AO continued at a low level; in a tank/infantry operation in the Phu Nhuans Foxtrot captured three VC/NVA, one of whom died from serious wounds; also captured were a .38-cal pistol and four M-26 grenades; two booby traps were blown in place [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 37]
23 Jul 19:40	Intelligence report from Road Test 3 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 38]
23 Jul 24:00	Summary: negative sightings of the enemy; received an intelligence report from Road Test 3 of activity in My Hiep [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 38]

Date	Activity / Events
24 Jul 17:25	Message to ST6 on the Change of Command Ceremony [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 39]
24 Jul 20:15	India's I-3 spotted 2 VC/NVA leaving the cordon [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 39]
24 Jul 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot's F3B found 1 AK-47 in a bunker; Golf's G3 tripped a booby trap made of a smoke grenade packed with C-4, 1 P/E; Foxtrot's F3 found 5,000 lb of corn, 2 lb of C-4, 1 ChiCom, 1 M-26 booby trap and 1 M-67; Golf's G31 tripped a 60mm booby trap, 1 E/E; Foxtrot found 1 AK-47 with magazine and bayonet; F3A tripped a 60mm booby trap, 1 E/E and 1 R/E; in a night position India 3 observed 2 VC/NVA escaping the cordon and opened up with small arms and claymore with negative results (Barren Green, My Hiep, day 1) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 39]
25 Jul 08:30	Follow-up: India found 1 AK-47 and misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 41]
25 Jul 08:45	India follow-up: found 2 NVA canteens [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 41]
25 Jul 11:15	Foxtrot will be lifted to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 41]
25 Jul 24:00	Summary: the AO remained very quiet; in the My Hiep area India found a spider hole with 1 AK-47, ChiCom and medical gear; VC/NVA were also captured; Foxtrot destroyed 47 bunkers and Foxtrot and the CP returned to An Hoa (Barren Green ends) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 41]
26 Jul 08:45	Message on OPCON of 1 rifle company [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 42]
26 Jul 24:00	Summary: Hotel's H3C CP detained one Vietnamese female; Echo had a Vietnamese child killed while carrying a VIP M-79 round; Hotel's H2A received 1 lob bomb with multiple explosions [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 42]
27 Jul 24:00	Summary: the AO remained very quiet; H2B on patrol found dud mortar rounds, fuze assemblies and related equipment, all blown in place; H2B fragged one bunker resulting in one VC KIA and detained four young females and one male (LtCol T. M. Hamlin takes command) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 43]
28 Jul 19:30	LZ sights for the operation on 29 July 1970 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 44]
28 Jul 24:00	Summary: Hotel's H2B had one secondary explosion from prepping a treeline with M-79 and had 1 NBC [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 44]
29 Jul 16:15	1st wave of choppers left at 1450 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 45]
29 Jul 18:00	CP detained 31 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 45]
29 Jul 24:00	Summary: the CP detained 31 Vietnamese and the 1st wave of choppers landed at 1450 29 July 1970 (Tan My / Phu Phong cordon, northern Arizona) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 45]
29 Jul	Command group, Foxtrot, Golf moved from Not stated to Not stated by helicopter. 29–31 Jul July: Cordon and search of the Tan My and Phu Phong area of the northern Arizona by Foxtrot, Golf and the jump command post, lifted in at mid-afternoon for surprise; (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 7]
30 Jul 17:00	ST found and destroyed 1 M-33 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 46]
30 Jul 18:30	Intelligence report to CP, Hotel and Echo [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 46]
30 Jul 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot's F2 had 1 NBC from a twisted ankle; F1 found and destroyed 1 105mm booby trap; Foxtrot found 22 bunkers and spider holes; the STCP found and destroyed 1 M-33 booby trap; intelligence report sent to Hotel and Echo of a probable 91st Sapper Bn attack within the companies' AO [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 46]

Date	Activity / Events
31 Jul 07:20	CP found and destroyed 1 155mm round [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]
31 Jul 07:25	Message: Golf and Foxtrot conducting search of Nam An (1) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]
31 Jul 08:10	S-2 detained 2 VC POWs with weapons and misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]
31 Jul 16:00	C&C bird reports 6 VC/NVA KBA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]
31 Jul 20:55	Message concerning a 15-man squad to Hill 119 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]
31 Jul 24:00	Summary: before being lifted from the Arizona a search team uncovered 2 VC in a spider hole; at 1430 Foxtrot, Golf and the CP were lifted from the Arizona by 4 CH-53s and 10 CH-46s and landed in the vicinity of AT 953519; fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft accounted for 6 KBA; Foxtrot during the search found 36 SKS rounds and 40 AK rounds; 1 VC detained; all units will continue to search tomorrow [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]
31 Jul	2/5 (battalion) moved from Not stated to Reported position (AT 953 519) by helicopter. On 31 July 4 CH-53s and 10 CH-46s lifted the battalion to the Cu Ban (6) and An Tan (2) area (AT 953519), where aircraft killed 6. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 7]

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 Jul 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048129).

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

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