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

AUGUST 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for August 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 August 1970
Commander	Capt D. O. Ford (1–15 August); Capt R. O. Tilley (16–31 August)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge, Hill 37, Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (6 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 August 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (17 of 23 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Liberty Bridge, Hill 37, Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy).

H&S Company was commanded by Capt D. O. Ford (1–15 August); Capt R. O. Tilley (16–31 August); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (1–31 August).

For August 1970 this report lists 109 entries (94 organization, 6 combat, 4 movement, 2 personnel, 2 logistics, 1 medical): 0 naming H&S or one of its sections (the battalion command post, the 106mm section, S-2, S-5), and 109 battalion-level entries recorded by the battalion headquarters.

On 1 August 1970: Summary: 78 Vietnamese were detained and enemy sightings were slight; Foxtrot set off a booby trap, 2 E/E; Foxtrot also found a 500-lb bomb blown in place, a sewing machine, medical supplies, two SKS rifles and 22 bunkers destroyed; Hotel had a Vietnamese boy KNBC by VIP ordnance (Cu Ban and An Tam operation).

On 2 August 1970: Summary: Golf's G11 spotted 1 VC/NVA during the cordon and search and captured 2 M-16 rifles and intelligence; G33 spotted 3 VC/NVA in a field and fired small arms with negative results; Echo found and destroyed a 105mm illumination booby trap; Golf's G2 had 1

confirmed VC/NVA killed with pack and gear; Golf CP received 20-40 rounds of AK fire and called 81 and artillery support.

On 3 August 1970: Summary: Golf's G32 captured 2 VC/NVA with packs and misc.

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: Foxtrot and Golf with the jump CP were lifted into the Arizona, landing about 0910; during search operations Foxtrot captured 7 VC/NVA and Golf captured one, turned over to ITT; Golf found three booby traps blown in place; Foxtrot later captured 3 more VC/NVA
Operation Lyon Valley	16–24 August 1970 (Cosmas and Murray; previously listed as 27 July – 24 August)	Message on the lift of choppers from An Hoa (Lyon Valley begins)
Operation Catawba Falls	18 September – noon 21 September 1970 (Fire Support Base Dagger occupied from 26 August; guns lifted in 17 September)	Summary: Duc Duc District had 2 Vietnamese killed by incoming rounds; Hotel found and destroyed 1 81mm illumination booby trap and had a total of 4 USMC heat casualties and one dog; Echo's E52 received small-arms fire and FC70 received 5 incoming grenades; a message was sent to Regiment on Operation Catawba Falls; Hotel was sent Frag Order 27-70

4. Chronology of H&S Company Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for August 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 Aug 07:05	S-2 detained 62 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 18:00	BnCP found a notebook of intelligence value [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]

Date	Activity / Events
1 Aug 24:00	Summary: 78 Vietnamese were detained and enemy sightings were slight; Foxtrot set off a booby trap, 2 E/E; Foxtrot also found a 500-lb bomb blown in place, a sewing machine, medical supplies, two SKS rifles and 22 bunkers destroyed; Hotel had a Vietnamese boy KNBC by VIP ordnance (Cu Ban and An Tam operation) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
August day unstated	2/5 takes over the mail for all attachments at An Hoa. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 1]
August days unstated	Three memorial services. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 1]
2 Aug 08:20	CP arrived in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 17]
2 Aug 09:10	Troop lift for Golf and CP completed [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 17]
2 Aug 24:00	Summary: Golf's G11 spotted 1 VC/NVA during the cordon and search and captured 2 M-16 rifles and intelligence; G33 spotted 3 VC/NVA in a field and fired small arms with negative results; Echo found and destroyed a 105mm illumination booby trap; Golf's G2 had 1 confirmed VC/NVA killed with pack and gear; Golf CP received 20-40 rounds of AK fire and called 81 and artillery support [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 17]
3 Aug 24:00	Summary: Golf's G32 captured 2 VC/NVA with packs and misc. gear; Echo's E3A hit a 105mm booby trap, 1 E/E; G13 spotted 5 VC/NVA and fired small arms with negative results [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 18]
4 Aug 19:45	OPCON 1 platoon to 3/5 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Aug 24:00	Summary: Golf CP found 10 spider holes with misc. gear and spotted 1 VC/NVA, who was captured; Golf CP also received 2 lob bombs; G33 found AK rounds and a Vietnamese book in a spider hole; Foxtrot's F3 had 1 P/E from a frag grenade; Foxtrot's F1 found and destroyed 3 booby traps with tripwires [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
5 Aug 00:30	An Hoa received 3 mortar rounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
5 Aug 24:00	Summary: Golf tripped a 60mm booby trap, 1 E/E; also spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms; Foxtrot spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms and tank fire; Foxtrot's F3B also had 1 P/E and killed 1 VC/NVA in a bunker, capturing 3 ChiCom grenades; Foxtrot found 1,000 lb of rice, 400 lb of which was destroyed; Foxtrot's F2 detained 1 POW; Echo tripped a 60mm booby trap, 1 P/E, 1 E/E and 1 dog E/E; An Hoa received 3 mortar rounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
6 Aug 09:50	1st and 2nd waves of choppers left [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Aug 10:25	ST(-) found and destroyed 1 105mm dud round [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Aug 10:55	ST(-), Golf and Foxtrot detained 98 Vietnamese civilians [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Aug 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot and Golf with the jump CP were lifted into the Arizona, landing about 0910; during search operations Foxtrot captured 7 VC/NVA and Golf captured one, turned over to ITT; Golf found three booby traps blown in place; Foxtrot later captured 3 more VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Aug	Foxtrot, Golf moved from Not stated to Eastern Arizona (two waves) by helicopter. 6–7 Aug August: Foxtrot and Golf were lifted into the eastern Arizona in two waves; the command helicopter directed Cobra gunships onto about 10 enemy. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) (Place

Date	Activity / Events
	named from the chronology summary, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 6]
7 Aug 24:00	Summary: the jump CP and Golf returned to An Hoa; Foxtrot remained in the Football Island area to conduct a sweep, killing 1 VC/NVA, capturing rice and corn, blowing 7 bunkers and fragging spider holes; at 2145 Foxtrot received 10-15 small-arms rounds and 2 RPGs and called fire missions with negative results [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 23]
8 Aug 13:00	ST CP received 1 122mm rocket [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 24]
8 Aug 16:25	ST CP: 122mm rockets landed in three different zones [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 24]
8 Aug 16:25	S-3 spotted 4 boats from the control aircraft [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 24]
8 Aug 24:00	Summary: the 2/5 CP received 122mm rockets which landed in three different zones, no casualties; the S-3 operations officer spotted 4 boats from the control aircraft and destroyed them; Hotel CP spotted 1 VC/NVA carrying a lob bomb and called a fire mission; Golf found and destroyed a tunnel along a stream; Foxtrot CP received a 175 lob bomb within its CP with negative casualties [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 24]
9 Aug 22:27	AO extension for 3/5 for 11 Aug 70 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 25]
9 Aug 24:00	Summary: Hotel received the heaviest action; at 0955 Hotel CP spotted 15 VC/NVA, called a fire mission and the unit fled after the enemy; while doing so elements tripped a 155mm round, 1 KIA and 3 E/E; Hotel's H1B also received small-arms fire, 1 E/E; a follow-up from Hotel on the booby-trap incident said a grenade was picked up by a member of the unit that had been booby-trapped [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 25]
10 Aug 08:15	S1B received 3 sniper rounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 26]
10 Aug 14:10	Mike 3/5 OPCON to 2/5 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 26]
10 Aug 20:40	Delta Sector received 13 incoming rounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 26]
10 Aug 24:00	Summary: S1B and Hotel received sniper rounds and Mike 3/5 was chopped to 2/5; Echo observed small-arms fire and Delta Sector received 13 incoming rounds; Hotel's H2B received 3 RPGs, 1 E/E and 1 R/E [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 26]
11 Aug 11:00	To E1 and H6: message on a Regional Force operation [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 27]
11 Aug 15:55	5th Marines TAOR extension approved [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 27]
11 Aug 24:00	Summary: no significant activity [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 27]
12 Aug 24:00	Summary: the Echo road sweep found and destroyed 1 M-79 grenade and Golf 21 tripped an M-26 booby trap, one P/E; Golf's G2 and G3 tripped a 155mm round resulting in 5 KIA, 15 WIA (E) and 2 WIA (M); medevac was called and completed; Hotel's H3A in a night position received small-arms fire and called an artillery mission; area checked with negative results [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 28]
13 Aug 18:40	Message concerning change of companies [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 29]

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13 Aug 23:15	AO extension approved [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 29]
13 Aug 24:00	Summary: the battalion remained in a low activity status; no significant events (Capt J. W. Moffett takes Hotel) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 29]
14 Aug 24:00	Summary: Echo spotted 2 VC/NVA and opened fire with small arms with negative results; Echo stepped on a 105mm round, 1 E/E; Golf observed 2 secondary explosions; Echo's E16 spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms; Echo also spotted a flashlight believed used in signaling (Echo takes Liberty Road; Hotel returns to An Hoa) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 30]
15 Aug 08:00	2/5 MP detained 1 Vietnamese male [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 31]
15 Aug 08:00	Follow-up: 2/5 MP and ITT detained 3 more [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 31]
15 Aug 15:05	D Sector received 1 40mm round [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 31]
15 Aug 24:00	Summary: 2/5 MP and ITT detained 4 Vietnamese trying to steal ordnance; D Sector received 1 40mm round but fire was not returned due to an unseen target; sightings of the enemy negative [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 31]
16 Aug 09:35	Message on the lift of choppers from An Hoa (Lyon Valley begins) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 13:00	ST spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 14:15	ST observed 1 VC/NVA KBA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 14:45	ST found and destroyed 2 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 16:55	Message on Mike 3/5 at Liberty Bridge [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 18:00	Message on the Lima Company landing [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 21:45	CP called a fire mission on lights seen [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot found 1 ChiCom claymore with a tripwire device; Foxtrot's F2C killed 2 VC/NVA and ST(-) spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms with negative results; ST(-) observed 3 VC/NVA and called an AO, 1 KIA; ST(-) found 2 M-26 booby traps; Foxtrot's F3 found 3 ChiCom booby traps; Hotel's H1 found 1 ChiCom booby trap; Hotel's H3 found a 2-squad-size OP occupied before; Hotel's H3 found bunkers which indicated an enemy base camp [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16–22 Aug days unstated	Two helicopter resupplies into ten landing zones for Lyon Valley. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 1]
16 Aug	Command group, Foxtrot, Hotel moved from Not stated to Not stated by helicopter. 16–22 Aug August: Operation Lyon Valley: Foxtrot, Hotel and the command group landed in three zones in the mountain passes south and west of the target, with Lima

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	3/5 blocking at the base of the mountains. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 7]
17 Aug 24:00	Summary: Golf observed ARVN hit 1 civilian; Hotel's H3 found 1 AK-47, 12 ChiComs, 2 81mm mortars, 5 RPG rounds and 27 M-16 magazines with rounds; Echo's E3CP observed a chopper receive 50 rounds of .50-cal fire; Foxtrot's F2 had 1 NBC E/E from a fall off a cliff; Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 1 ChiCom booby trap (Lyon Valley, day 2; regimental CP moves to Hill 37) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 34]
After 17 Aug days unstated	Planning for an overland move by truck; monsoon gear issued. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 1]
18 Aug 07:30	Lima CP had 1 NBC P/E from an insect bite [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 35]
18 Aug 13:30	Recon clearance for BIG FLOWER [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 35]
18 Aug 16:15	Lima's L2 found and destroyed 1 175mm round [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 35]
18 Aug 24:00	Summary: Lima CP had 1 NBC P/E from an insect bite; Hotel's H2 found a possible VC/NVA assembly area; Foxtrot's F2 found 15 bunkers and E23 spotted 3 VC/NVA at Phu Loc (6) and fired small arms with negative results [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 35]
19 Aug 12:40	Lima's L13 found 1 AK-47, foodstuffs and misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
19 Aug 24:00	Summary: Operation Lyon Valley continued with Foxtrot's F3 finding a base camp with clothing, food and various bunkers, ordnance and related materials; F3 also spotted 6 VC/NVA and had 1 confirmed with packs and 8 ChiComs; Hotel's H1 found and destroyed 11 bunkers and 1 rocket warhead [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
20 Aug 08:05	Lima's L32 found a living area and 1 bear trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 37]
20 Aug 12:55	Lima's L31 found and destroyed 8 bunkers and 3 RPG rounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 37]
20 Aug 21:30	Duc Duc District received 1 lob bomb [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 37]
20 Aug 24:00	Summary: Operation Lyon Valley continued with all units moving toward the final objective; Hotel, Lima and Foxtrot found various camp sites, caves and bunkers indicating usage by VC/NVA; assorted ordnance, ammunition, foodstuffs, clothing and gear were found; bunkers and ammunition were destroyed [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 37]
21 Aug 07:00	Lima's L33 found and destroyed 2 250-lb lob bombs [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
21 Aug 10:40	Chop OPCON of Lima 3/5 back to 3/5 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
21 Aug 12:45	Follow-up: Lima's L33 destroyed 7 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
21 Aug 24:00	Summary: Lima found and destroyed 2 250-lb lob bombs; OPCON of Lima back to 3/5 reported at 1040; Lima also destroyed 9 bunkers; Foxtrot's F3 found 9 bunkers, 1

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	hootch, 2 SKSs, 1 .50-cal MG and numerous ChiCom grenades [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
22 Aug 16:10	CP located in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 39]
22 Aug 17:40	All units (CP, F, H) in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 39]
22 Aug 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot's F2 had 1 NBC P/E from an M-26 grenade (dud); Echo's E1 had 2 Vietnamese children E/E from VIP ordnance (M-79); all units returning from Operation Lyon Valley have staged in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 39]
22 Aug	Foxtrot, Hotel and command group moved from Lyon Valley mountain passes to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 874 474) by helicopter. Operation Lyon Valley: “As forces reached the Arizona Area on 22 August, they helilifted back to An Hoa” (PDF p. 7). (From the August 1970 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 7]
23 Aug 10:25	S-2 found and destroyed 2 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 15:20	CP(-) found and destroyed 1 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 24:00	Summary: Echo observed a helo crash resulting in 2 Army KIA and 1 USMC E/E; Echo also detained 2 females with 50 lb of rice; Foxtrot captured 1 with 2 M-26s and 1 M-16, and 3 booby traps; the CP found 3 booby traps and Hotel found 1 9mm pistol, a canteen, one booby trap and 3 boats (southern Arizona search and clear) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug	2/5 (-): Foxtrot and Hotel moved from An Hoa Combat Base (AT 874 474) to Southern Arizona (cordon) by helicopter. “On 23 and 24 August, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) with maneuver elements of Foxtrot and Hotel Companies, conducted a search and clear operation in the southern Arizona … In a limited zone preped heloinserting the Battalion (-) was rapidly inserted and a cordon was quickly placed around the area” (PDF p. 7). (From the August 1970 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 7]
24 Aug 03:00	Condition III alert notice; resume normal Condition III [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 42]
24 Aug 07:30	Intelligence report from 1st Marine Division [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 42]
24 Aug 08:45	Message on lift of 3/5 to Hill 37 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 42]
24 Aug 09:23	CP returned to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 42]
24 Aug 19:23	Message on a visit to the Bridge by 5th Marines [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 42]
24 Aug 24:00	Summary: an intelligence report indicated Condition III; M 3/5 returned to Hill 65; the CP collected 3 M-79 rounds, 3 M-79 HE rounds, 2 M-79 BH and 1 .50-cal round, the ordnance paid for with C rations; Col Judge and the SgtMaj visited Liberty Bridge [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 42]
25 Aug 21:50	Frag order on elections [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 43]

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25 Aug 22:55	Frag order on VR birds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 43]
25 Aug 24:00	Summary: the battalion received word on securing the Condition III alert; Echo detained a 60-year-old male with no ID card; received a frag order on elections for the Vietnamese and on VR birds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 43]
26 Aug 06:45	An Hoa Combat Base received 7 incoming rounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 44]
26 Aug 06:45	Follow-up: crater analysis showed 122mm rockets [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 44]
26 Aug 14:50	Interim spot: Bunker #1 detained 7 Vietnamese civilians [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 44]
26 Aug 24:00	Summary: An Hoa Combat Base received 7 incoming rounds believed to be 122mm rockets; Echo's E1C OP was attacked by VC/NVA with grenades and ChiComs, 2 P/E USMC [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 44]
27 Aug 14:15	Message on the cordon and search of Le Nam [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 45]
27 Aug 14:30	To E6: Echo assumes control of Liberty Bridge [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 45]
27 Aug 24:00	Summary: Hotel's H1A spotted 4-5 VC/NVA and fired small arms with negative results, and also captured 8 U.S. canteens, covers and utilities; Golf's G12 found and destroyed 4 M-79 rounds; Hotel found and destroyed 1 booby-trap canister filled with C-4; Hotel CP found and destroyed 2 box mines found in a spider hole (the journal page is dated 28 Aug) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 45]
28 Aug 00:20	Duc Duc District reports 2 Vietnamese killed by incoming [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 46]
28 Aug 01:50	Message on the CATAWBA FALLS operation AO approved [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 46]
28 Aug 23:15	FC70 received 5 incoming grenades — No casualties [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 46]
28 Aug 24:00	Summary: Duc Duc District had 2 Vietnamese killed by incoming rounds; Hotel found and destroyed 1 81mm illumination booby trap and had a total of 4 USMC heat casualties and one dog; Echo's E52 received small-arms fire and FC70 received 5 incoming grenades; a message was sent to Regiment on Operation Catawba Falls; Hotel was sent Frag Order 27-70 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 46]
29 Aug 12:58	Frag Order 31-70 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]
29 Aug 13:00	Alert Condition message [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]
29 Aug 24:00	Summary: Foxtrot with Duc Duc District Forces killed 7 VC/NVA, detained 1 and had 2 friendly R/E, capturing gear and numerous ordnance (Phu Nhuan (2) cordon); Hotel's H1A had 1 E/E from heat exhaustion; at 1300 2/5 received and acknowledged an Alert Condition message and Frag Order 31-70 from Regiment S-3; Hotel's H1A found and destroyed a bunker with misc. gear and Echo's E43 found and destroyed 2 booby traps; Echo received VIP ordnance from Vietnamese children [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]

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30 Aug 01:00	D Sector received 25 82mm rounds — No casualties [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
30 Aug 01:15	2/5 COC reports a German Hospital attack by NVA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
30 Aug 08:00	2/5 CP: the 3 and 6 went on a VR [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
30 Aug 14:45	CP back in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
30 Aug 16:10	Task organization for Operation Catawba Falls [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
30 Aug 21:07	Message on a POW captured by Foxtrot [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
30 Aug 24:00	Summary: Golf detected movement and fired 1 M-79 with negative results; D Sector received 25 81mm rounds with negative casualties; the attack on the orphanage resulted in 15 KIA, 45 WIA and 27 E/E; Foxtrot's F1 had a man bitten by an insect and evacuated; Hotel's H1 found and destroyed 2 61mm rounds; Echo's E3A found 1 dud 155mm round; E38 spotted 1 VC/NVA with a rifle and fired small arms with negative results; Hotel spotted 2 VC/NVA and called a fire mission; Hotel's H3 saw 2-3 VC/NVA and fired small arms with negative results [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
31 Aug 06:55	D Sector received 2 122mm rockets [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]
31 Aug 08:45	Request helo for FC6 to LZ Baldy [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]
31 Aug 23:30	LP observed 3 VC/NVA and received 5-6 rounds of small arms [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]
31 Aug 24:00	Summary: at 0655 An Hoa received 2 122mm rockets, no casualties; Echo's E2 OP found 1 M-33 booby trap blown in place; the road sweep found and destroyed 1 box mine; a late report from Golf Sector said an old man led them to a booby trap and while blowing it 7 more were found, all blown in place; Hotel's H1C found and destroyed 2 81mm illumination booby traps; several sightings outside the 2/5 and F Sector perimeter were fired upon; at 2340 Foxtrot took one air burst suspected to be a lob bomb [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]

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 Aug 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048130).

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.

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