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

MAY 1971 — STAND-DOWN AND HOME

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 1971

1st Marine Division · 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines · Redeployment

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 May 1971
Commander	Capt J. L. Hickman (in post from 13 April 1971)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin; Maj J. A. Linnemann); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Camp Pendleton, California
Combat Posture	Redeployment and stand-down
Base of Operations	Camp Pendleton, California
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam, and redeployment

2. Commander's Summary

In May 1971 the battalion was at Camp Pendleton, California, after its return from Vietnam aboard USS Denver.

H&S Company was commanded by Capt J. L. Hickman (in post from 13 April 1971); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (in post from 13 April 1971); Maj J. A. Linnemann (25 May – 30 June).

No entry in the May 1971 record names H&S Company by itself. The record holds no battalion entries for this month either.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Camp Pendleton, California operations	May 1971	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 May 1971 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
May	No entries for this month in the research database.

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. No source document holds an entry for this month.

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

— 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for May 1971

— 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines Command Chronology for May 1971, as published on hotel25vv.com (Battalion Chronology page): https://hotel25vv.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/1971February-2-5CommandChronology.pdf

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Cosmas, Graham A. and Terrence P. Murray. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1970–1971. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1986.

— “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, May 1971