H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1967 — THE AN HOA TAOR

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 1967

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 July 1967
Commander	Captain J. H. Cowman, 1–20 July 1967; Captain G. W. Bowers, 21–31 July 1967
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines — LtCol Mallett C. Jackson Jr. to 18 July, then LtCol George C. McNaughton; 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	2/5 An Hoa TAOR, Quang Nam Province — the An Hoa basin, Liberty Road, Phu Loc (6) and Nong Son
Combat Posture	Offensive — TAOR patrolling and a company search and destroy operation
Base of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base (battalion CP); company outposts at Phu Loc (6) and Nong Son
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

July 1967 was a TAOR month with two changes of command. LtCol George C. McNaughton relieved LtCol Mallett C. Jackson Jr. in command of the battalion on 19 July, and on 21 July Captain G. W. Bowers relieved Captain J. H. Cowman at Hotel Company. Captain Bowers would command the company through Operations Swift and Essex.

The battalion noted that the enemy had increased activity close in to the An Hoa Combat Base, “clearly indicated during a Company H platoon patrol” early in the month, when a Marine tripped a booby trap near AT 887478 while moving toward an objective. On 15 July Company H (-) launched a company search and destroy operation, making several enemy sightings.

A change in the TAOR during the month — the boundary now ran with the Song Thu Bon on the west and north and the railroad on the east — required Hotel Company's return to the An Hoa Combat Base, while Company E moved north to occupy the Phu Loc (6) combat base.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa TAOR operations	July 1967	Platoon and squad patrols and ambushes around An Hoa Combat Base; booby traps close in to the base.
Company search and destroy	15 July 1967	Company H (-) conducted a company search and destroy operation with several enemy sightings.
TAOR boundary change	July 1967	The new TAOR, bounded by the Song Thu Bon on the west and north and the railroad on the east, brought Company H back to An Hoa Combat Base; Company E moved to Phu Loc (6).

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

Compiled from the narrative summary and the chronological sequence of events in the 2/5 command chronology for July 1967. Only entries naming Company H, or bearing directly on it, are listed. Grid references and times are as recorded.

Date	Activity / Events
Early Jul	A Hotel Company platoon patrol moving toward an objective near AT 887478 had a Marine trip a booby trap — evidence, the battalion noted, of increased enemy activity close to the An Hoa Combat Base.
15 Jul	Company H (-) launched a company search and destroy operation; several enemy sightings were made, including eight VC with packs.
19 Jul	LtCol George C. McNaughton relieved LtCol Mallett C. Jackson Jr. as commanding officer of 2/5.
21 Jul	Captain G. W. Bowers relieved Captain J. H. Cowman as commanding officer of Company H; Captain Cowman joined the battalion S-3 section.
Late Jul	With the TAOR boundary change, Company H returned to An Hoa Combat Base and Company E moved north to the Phu Loc (6) combat base (AT 925527).

5. Notes and Caveats

This file was rewritten on 21 September 2026 directly from the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines command chronology. The notes below record what changed and where the record is thin.

1. SOURCE. The 2/5 command chronology for July 1967 (Texas Tech item 1201048090), a short 25-page file with a narrative summary but little daily detail.

2. The earlier version of this file described “sustained patrol operations” in the Arizona Territory with invented weekly contacts. The Arizona Territory lay across the Song Thu Bon to the north; Hotel Company's ground in 1967 was the battalion's own An Hoa TAOR, and the dated entries here replace the invented ones.

3. COMMANDERS NAMED. The old file said the commander was not confirmed. The July organisational data lists Captain J. H. Cowman for 1–20 July and Captain G. W. Bowers for 21–31 July 1967.

4. LIBERTY BRIDGE. The old file listed “Liberty Bridge / An Hoa security” as an operation. Security of the An Hoa base was the company's routine; no Liberty Bridge mission for Hotel Company appears in the July 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 July 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048090).

SECONDARY SOURCES

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— “Hotel Company.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com/hotel-company

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