# H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

## AUGUST 1967 — NONG SON AND THE TAOR

*Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for August 1967*

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

## 1. Unit Overview

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| **Unit Designation** | Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division |
| **Reporting Period** | 1–31 August 1967 |
| **Commander** | Captain G. W. Bowers, commanding Company H for the whole period 1–31 August 1967 |
| **Higher HQ** | 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (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** | Defensive and offensive — outpost security, patrolling and training |
| **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

August 1967 is thinly recorded: the battalion's chronology for the month is a short 26-page file. Captain G. W. Bowers commanded Hotel Company for the whole month under LtCol George C. McNaughton.

The one dated Hotel Company entry comes from the Nong Son area. On 5 August a Company H fire team patrol on the slopes of Nong Son Hill (near AT 916380) found the decomposed remains of a VC. The company also ran its training programme for the month — pistol, M-16 care and zeroing, map and compass, gas mask drill and booby traps.

Operation Pike, in early August, was a 1st Marines operation with 1/1 and 3/5; neither 2/5 nor Hotel Company was part of it.

## 3. Operations Overview

| Operation / Activity | Dates | Description |
|---|---|---|
| **TAOR and outpost security** | August 1967 | Patrols and ambushes from the battalion's positions, including the Nong Son area. |
| **Company training** | August 1967 | Pistol, M-16 care, cleaning and zeroing, map and compass, gas mask, civil affairs and booby-trap instruction. |
| **Operation Pike** | Early August 1967 | H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. A 1st Marines operation with 1/1 and 3/5. See Operation_Pike.docx. |

## 4. Chronology of Company H Activities

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

| Date | Activity / Events |
|---|---|
| **5 Aug** | A Company H fire team patrol on the slopes of Nong Son Hill (near AT 916380) located the decomposed remains of a VC. |
| **Aug** | TAOR patrolling and company training. The chronology records no other dated Hotel Company actions for the month. |

## 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 August 1967 (Texas Tech item 1201048091), 26 pages.

**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.** COMMANDER NAMED. The August organisational data lists Captain G. W. Bowers for 1–31 August 1967.

**4.** THIN RECORD. Nothing has been added to fill the gaps in this short 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 August 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048091).

### SECONDARY SOURCES

— Telfer, Gary L., Lane Rogers and V. Keith Fleming, Jr. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Fighting the North Vietnamese, 1967. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1984.

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

— Related files in this collection: Operation_Pike.docx.

*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. | Hotel Company, 2/5 Marines, August 1967*