H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

NOVEMBER 1969 — THE ARIZONA

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for November 1969

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

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 November 1969
Commander	1st Lieutenant W. L. Taylor, commanding Company H for the whole period 1–30 November 1969
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 65, central Dai Loc District, and the northern Arizona; from 22 November the entire Arizona area
Combat Posture	Offensive — two- and three-company search and clear operations in the Arizona
Base of Operations	Hill 65; then field positions in the Arizona
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

“During the month of November the Battalion occupied Hill 65 in the central Dai Loc District in Quang Nam Province, RVN and participated in several two to three company search and clear operations in the Northern Arizona. On 22 November, the Battalion changed areas of operations with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines and assumed operational control of the entire Arizona area.”

1st Lieutenant W. L. Taylor commanded Hotel Company for the whole month.

The November journal scan is almost entirely illegible for company-level entries; no dated Hotel Company actions can be reliably reported.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Search and clear, northern Arizona	November 1969	Several two- and three-company operations from Hill 65.
Assumption of the Arizona area	22 November 1969	The battalion changed areas of operations with 1/5 and took control of the entire Arizona area.

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

Compiled from the narrative summary and the chronological sequence of events in the 2/5 command chronology for November 1969. Only entries naming Company H, or bearing directly on it, are listed. Grid references and times are as recorded.

Date	Activity / Events
1–21 Nov	Hill 65 and search and clear operations in the northern Arizona.
22 Nov	2/5 exchanged areas of operations with 1/5 and assumed control of the entire Arizona area.
23–30 Nov	Operations throughout the Arizona.

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 November 1969 (Texas Tech item 1201048121).

2. PIPESTONE CANYON REMOVED. The old file listed the conclusion of Pipestone Canyon on 7 November. 2/5 was not a participating battalion.

3. COMMANDER NAMED. The earlier version said the commander was “not confirmed in available sources.” The battalion's organisational data names him, as given above.

4. THIN RECORD. The daily journal is illegible in the scan.

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 November 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048121).

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Smith, Charles R. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: High Mobility and Standdown, 1969. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1988.

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

— Related files in this collection: Operation_Pipestone_Canyon.docx.

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