H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

FEBRUARY 1970 — KINGFISHER OPERATIONS

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1970

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–28 February 1970
Commander	1st Lieutenant W. L. Taylor, 1–11 February 1970; Captain R. C. Rosenau, 12–28 February 1970
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	The eastern 5th Marines area — Liberty Bridge, Liberty Road, Le Bac and Go Noi Island
Combat Posture	Security and offensive — Liberty Road, Kingfisher heliborne operations, Hill 119
Base of Operations	Liberty Bridge combat outpost
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

“During the month of February the Battalion area of operation was the eastern 5th Marine area of operation which included the Liberty Bridge Combat Outpost and security of Liberty Road.” Hotel Company changed commanders on 12 February, when Captain R. C. Rosenau relieved 1st Lieutenant W. L. Taylor.

Two operations were run in the month. The first was a Kingfisher — a heliborne strike — with elements of Hotel, Echo and Golf in the Le Bac and Go Noi Island areas. On 20 February Echo and Hotel exchanged responsibilities, Echo taking Liberty Bridge. On 23 February Hotel Company conducted another Kingfisher in the Go Noi and Le Bac areas, providing a platoon to block near AT 958500 while Golf blocked north of Le Bac; 800 residents of the area were moved to Phu Loc (6) for resettlement. On 26 February a Hotel platoon was the Sparrow Hawk force securing the extraction of a downed helicopter.

A Hotel platoon manned Hill 119 from 10 to 20 February, and on 20 February a Hotel squad went under the operational control of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion there. On 1 February the company received 26

rounds of 60mm fire, wounding several Marines. During the month the regimental chaplain held memorial services for Echo and for Hotel Company.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Kingfisher operations, Le Bac and Go Noi Island	February 1970	Heliborne strikes with elements of Hotel, Echo and Golf; a second Hotel Company Kingfisher on 23 February.
Liberty Bridge and Liberty Road	February 1970	Road and bridge security; Echo took Liberty Bridge from Hotel on 20 February.
Hill 119	10–20 February 1970	A Hotel platoon on Hill 119; one squad under 1st Reconnaissance Battalion from 20 February.

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

Compiled from the narrative summary and the chronological sequence of events in the 2/5 command chronology for February 1970. Only entries naming Company H, or bearing directly on it, are listed. Grid references and times are as recorded.

Date	Activity / Events
1 Feb	At 0132 Company H received 26 rounds of 60mm fire — USMC wounded, some evacuated.
10–20 Feb	A Hotel platoon on Hill 119; on 20 February a Hotel squad came under the operational control of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion.
12 Feb	Captain R. C. Rosenau took command of Company H.
20 Feb	Echo and Hotel exchanged responsibilities; Echo assumed Liberty Bridge.
23 Feb	Hotel Company conducted a Kingfisher in the Go Noi and Le Bac areas, one platoon blocking near AT 958500; 800 residents were moved to Phu Loc (6) for resettlement.
26 Feb	A Hotel platoon was the Sparrow Hawk force providing security for the extraction of a downed helicopter.

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 February 1970 (Texas Tech item 1201048124).

2. THUONG DUC CORRIDOR REMOVED. The old file described patrolling in the Thuong Duc corridor. The chronology places the battalion in the eastern 5th Marines area, around Liberty Bridge, Le Bac and Go Noi.

3. CHANGE OF COMMAND. 1stLt W. L. Taylor (1–11 February) and Capt R. C. Rosenau (12–28 February 1970).

4. GENERIC ENTRIES REPLACED. The earlier version described month-long “Arizona Territory cordon operations” and similar generic activity. The dated entries here come from the 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 February 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048124).

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.

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

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