H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MARCH 1970 — LIBERTY ROAD

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 1970

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 March 1970
Commander	Captain R. C. Rosenau, commanding Company H for the whole period 1–31 March 1970
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	The expanded regimental area of operations — Liberty Road, Liberty Bridge and Go Noi Island
Combat Posture	Security — Liberty Road
Base of Operations	Liberty Road positions
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

In March 1970 the battalion took over an expanded area of operations. Echo held Liberty Bridge, Golf ran reconnaissance in force on Go Noi Island, Foxtrot became the regimental reserve, and Hotel Company assumed the security of Liberty Road. Captain R. C. Rosenau commanded the company for the whole month.

Liberty Road was a dangerous road to guard. On 3 March a Hotel Marine tripped a booby trap, killing one Marine and wounding another, and the company took AK-47 fire from a treeline the same day. Hotel's platoons spotted groups of 10 to 15 enemy at a distance and called fire missions on them, and a Hotel squad was sent to blow a booby trap found on the road.

Intelligence reports during the month warned that Liberty Bridge would be attacked. Five memorial services were held for members of the battalion in March.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Liberty Road security	March 1970	H COMPANY — road security with patrols, OPs and fire missions.

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

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

Date	Activity / Events
1 Mar	A Hotel platoon spotted 15 VC/NVA and called in a fire mission; another spotted 6 and did the same. Company H found a 60mm booby trap and blew it in place.
2 Mar	A Hotel squad was sent to blow a booby trap.
3 Mar	At 0945 a Hotel Marine tripped a booby trap — 1 USMC KIA, 1 WIA. At 1120 Company H received AK-47 fire from a treeline.
Mar	Intelligence reports warned of an attack on Liberty Bridge.

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 March 1970 (Texas Tech item 1201048125).

2. GO NOI RESETTLEMENT. The old file listed “Go Noi Island resettlement operations” for the company. In March Golf Company worked Go Noi; Hotel had Liberty Road.

3. COMMANDER. Capt R. C. Rosenau is listed for 1–31 March 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 March 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048125).

SECONDARY SOURCES

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

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