H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

APRIL 1970 — INTO THE ARIZONA

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for April 1970

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 April 1970
Commander	Captain R. C. Rosenau, 1–8 April 1970; 1st Lieutenant L. C. Villalobos, 9–30 April 1970
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	The An Hoa basin, Quang Nam Province — from Go Noi Island in the east to the Arizona in the west, with Liberty Bridge and Liberty Road
Combat Posture	Offensive — reconnaissance in force and search and clear in the Arizona
Base of Operations	An Hoa; field positions in the Arizona
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

“During the month of April the Battalion continued in an extended area of operations. It covered the An Hoa Basin east to include Goi Noi Island and west to include the Arizona Area.” On 9 April 1st Lieutenant L. C. Villalobos relieved Captain R. C. Rosenau in command of Hotel Company.

On 4 April a Hotel platoon on patrol took small-arms fire from a village; it returned fire and assaulted the village, killing seven VC/NVA. On 10 April Echo took over the security of Liberty Road, and on 14 April Hotel Company was helilifted into the Arizona and began reconnaissance in force.

From 16 to 20 April the battalion command group, Hotel and Foxtrot, a reconnaissance platoon from the Duc Duc Regional Forces and four tanks from Company C, 1st Tank Battalion ran a search and clear operation in the Arizona. During the month a booby trap at the Hotel command post killed one Marine, and in one journal period Hotel Company had seven Marines wounded.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Village assault	4 April 1970	A Hotel platoon assaulted a village from which it had taken fire — 7 VC/NVA killed.
Reconnaissance in force, the Arizona	From 14 April 1970	Company H helilifted into the Arizona.
Search and clear, the Arizona	16–20 April 1970	Battalion CP, Companies H and F, a Duc Duc RF reconnaissance platoon and four tanks of Company C, 1st Tank Battalion.

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

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

Date	Activity / Events
4 Apr	A Hotel Company platoon on patrol received small-arms fire from a village, returned fire and assaulted — 7 VC/NVA killed; the area was swept.
9 Apr	1st Lieutenant L. C. Villalobos took command of Company H.
10 Apr	Company E assumed the security of Liberty Road.
14 Apr	Company H was helilifted to the Arizona and began reconnaissance in force.
16–20 Apr	Search and clear operation in the Arizona with the battalion command group, Hotel and Foxtrot, the Duc Duc RF reconnaissance platoon and four tanks.
Apr	At the Company H CP a Marine tripped a 60mm booby trap — 1 USMC KIA. In one journal period Company H had 7 USMC WIA.

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 April 1970 (Texas Tech item 1201048126).

2. GO NOI RESETTLEMENT SECURITY. The old file listed Go Noi resettlement security as a Hotel Company operation; the April chronology records the company in the Arizona.

3. CHANGE OF COMMAND. Capt R. C. Rosenau (1–8 April) and 1stLt L. C. Villalobos (9–30 April 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 April 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048126).

SECONDARY SOURCES

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

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