H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JUNE 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE AND PHU NHUAN

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 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 June 1970
Commander	1st Lieutenant L. C. Villalobos, commanding Company H for the whole period 1–30 June 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 and security — regimental reserve, tank-infantry operations, Liberty Bridge
Base of Operations	An Hoa; from 13 June Liberty Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

“During the month of June the Battalion continued operations in the An Hoa Basin extending from Goi Noi Island in the east to the Arizona Area in the west.” Four battalion operations of two to three days each were conducted, surprise attacks on areas known to be heavily populated by enemy troops or sympathisers. 1st Lieutenant L. C. Villalobos commanded Hotel Company throughout.

On 2 June Hotel Company returned to An Hoa to become the regimental reserve for the early-June high-threat period, providing a squad to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion on Hill 119, until 9 June. On 8 June a tank-infantry operation with Hotel and Echo and the 1/5 Pacifier company in the Phu Nhuan area killed eight VC/NVA.

On 13 June Hotel Company assumed the security of Liberty Bridge, with Foxtrot moving to the Liberty Road positions. Most friendly-initiated contacts were with groups of two to six local guerrillas, though prisoners reported several NVA units now operating in the area.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Regimental reserve	2–9 June 1970	Company H at An Hoa; one squad to 1st Recon Battalion on Hill 119.
Tank-infantry operation, Phu Nhuan	8 June 1970	Companies H and E with the 1/5 Pacifier company — 8 VC/NVA killed.
Liberty Bridge security	From 13 June 1970	Company H assumed the security of Liberty Bridge.

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

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

Date	Activity / Events
2 Jun	Company H returned to An Hoa as regimental reserve for the early-June high-threat period.
2–9 Jun	One Hotel squad with 1st Reconnaissance Battalion on Hill 119.
8 Jun	Tank-infantry operation with Companies H and E and the Pacifier company in the Phu Nhuan area — 8 VC/NVA killed.
13 Jun	Company H assumed the security of Liberty Bridge; Company F moved to the Liberty Road positions.

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 June 1970 (Texas Tech item 1201048128).

2. THUONG DUC CORRIDOR REMOVED. The old file described “Thuong Duc corridor interdiction.” The chronology does not place the company there.

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

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 June 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048128).

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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