H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1970 — LIBERTY ROAD AND THE BASIN

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 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 July 1970
Commander	1st Lieutenant L. C. Villalobos, commanding Company H for the whole period 1–31 July 1970
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines — LtCol F. D. Leder 1–26 July, then LtCol T. M. Hamlin; 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	Security — Liberty Road and the An Hoa basin
Base of Operations	Liberty Road positions; An Hoa
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

“During the month of July the Battalion continued operations in the An Hoa Basin extending from Go Noi Island in the east to the Arizona Area in the west.” 1st Lieutenant L. C. Villalobos commanded Hotel Company throughout; on 27 July LtCol T. M. Hamlin relieved LtCol F. D. Leder in command of the battalion.

Hotel Company spent the month on Liberty Road and An Hoa basin security. On 13 July a 250-pound bomb landed outside its perimeter without casualties. Intelligence reported that the enemy crossed Liberty Road between AT 909490 and AT 928521 into the Phu Nhuans three times a month to harvest crops and carry the food back to the mountain base camps.

Operation Barren Green, 24–27 July, was run by the battalion's jump command post with Companies F, G and I (3/5); Hotel Company was not part of it.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Liberty Road and basin security	July 1970	H COMPANY — road and area security.
Operation Barren Green	24–27 July 1970	H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. Companies F, G and I under the 2/5 jump CP. See Operation_Barren_Green.docx.

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

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

Date	Activity / Events
13 Jul	A 250-pound bomb landed outside the Hotel Company perimeter; no casualties.
24–25 Jul	Operation Barren Green by Companies F, G and I; Hotel Company on Liberty Road.
27 Jul	LtCol T. M. Hamlin took command of 2/5.

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 July 1970 (Texas Tech item 1201048129).

2. OPERATION PICKENS FOREST REMOVED. The old file had Hotel Company on Pickens Forest (16 July – 24 August). That was a 7th Marines operation; see Operation_Pickens_Forest.docx.

3. 5TH MARINES HQ RELOCATION. The old file listed this as a Hotel Company operation; it was not a company activity.

4. COMMANDER. The old file named Captain Moffett for July. The July data lists 1stLt L. C. Villalobos; Captain Moffett took the company on 13 August.

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 July 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048129).

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

— Related files in this collection: Operation_Barren_Green.docx, Operation_Pickens_Forest.docx.

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