H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

SEPTEMBER 1970 — AN HOA TO LZ BALDY

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for September 1970

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 September 1970
Commander	Captain John W. Moffett, commanding Company H for the whole period 1–30 September 1970
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (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 and offensive — An Hoa basin operations; preparation to move to LZ Baldy
Base of Operations	An Hoa; elements to LZ Baldy (BT 131453) from 20 September
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

“From 1–30 September the Battalion continued operations in the An Hoa Basin extending from Go Noi Island in the East and including the Arizona Area in the West. Elements of the Battalion displaced to Landing Zone Baldy (BT 131453) on 20 September 1970.” Captain John W. Moffett commanded Hotel Company throughout.

The month was the beginning of the end of 2/5's long association with An Hoa. The combat base was being prepared for turnover to the 51st ARVN Regiment, and the 5th Marines' headquarters moved to LZ Baldy on 20 September.

Operation Catawba Falls (18–21 September), the artillery raid from Fire Support Base Dagger, was an 11th Marines operation; Hotel Company was not part of it. The September chronology has no dated Hotel Company entries.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa basin operations	September 1970	H COMPANY.
Displacement to LZ Baldy	20 September 1970	Elements of the battalion moved to LZ Baldy (BT 131453).
Operation Catawba Falls	18–21 September 1970	H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. 11th Marines artillery raid. See Operation_Catawba_Falls.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 September 1970. Only entries naming Company H, or bearing directly on it, are listed. Grid references and times are as recorded.

Date	Activity / Events
Sep	Operations in the An Hoa basin under Captain Moffett.
18–21 Sep	Operation Catawba Falls by the 11th Marines; not a Hotel Company operation.
20 Sep	Elements of the battalion displaced to LZ Baldy.

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 September 1970 (Texas Tech item 1201049001).
2. IMPERIAL LAKE DATE. The old file had Hotel Company in Imperial Lake from 1 September. The operation began under the 7th Marines on 1 September; 2/5's part in it began in October.
3. COMMANDER. Capt John W. Moffett for 1–30 September 1970.
4. NO COMPANY ENTRIES. Nothing has been invented to fill the gap.
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 September 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049001).

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_Catawba_Falls.docx, Operation_Imperial_Lake.docx.

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