H COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JUNE 1971 — CAMP PENDLETON

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for 13 April – 30 June 1971

2nd Battalion, 5th Marines · 1st Marine Division, FMF · Camp Pendleton, California

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Hotel Company (H Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 June 1971
Commander	None listed. H&S Company (Capt J. L. Hickman) was the battalion's only subordinate unit.
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (Maj J. A. Linnemann); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Camp Pendleton, California (Margarita area)
Combat Posture	Not applicable — battalion rebuilding in cadre status
Base of Operations	Margarita area, Camp Pendleton (Building 33451 from 10 June)
Corps Area	Not applicable — Camp Pendleton, California

2. Commander's Summary

June 1971 closed the period covered by the battalion's first chronology after Vietnam. On 7 June the battalion provided two officers and thirteen enlisted men to the Division TEC for about a month to support MABFEX 1-71, Exercise “Bee Thumper.” On 10 June the battalion CP moved into Building 33451.

“The Battalion strength at the beginning of the period was six (6) officers and one hundred and fifty (150) enlisted. As of 30 Jun 71 there were seven (7) officers and one hundred and thirty-three (133) enlisted.” Logistical effort went mainly into supporting the battalion's redeployment from Vietnam.

Hotel Company does not appear in the organisation. The chronology for July–December 1971 shows the battalion rebuilding at Camp Margarita as new Marines joined; when a Hotel Company was re-formed belongs to that later record.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
MABFEX 1-71 augmentation	From 7 June 1971	Two officers and 13 enlisted to the Division TEC for about a month to support Exercise Bee Thumper.
Refurbishing and refitting	June 1971	Continued rebuilding in the Margarita area.

4. Chronology of Company H Activities

Compiled from the 2/5 command chronology for 13 April – 30 June 1971, which lists no rifle companies.

Date	Activity / Events
7 Jun	Two officers and 13 enlisted provided to the Division TEC for MABFEX 1-71, Exercise Bee Thumper.
10 Jun	The battalion CP moved from Building 33465 to Building 33451.
30 Jun	Battalion strength: 7 officers and 133 enlisted.

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 13 April – 30 June 1971 portion of the 2/5 command chronology filed as Texas Tech item 1201049006.

2. NO HOTEL COMPANY IN THE ORGANISATION. From 25 March 1971 the battalion's organisational data lists no rifle companies at all: “Subordinate units — H&S Company.” The battalion came home as a cadre of about 150 Marines, most of its men having been transferred to other units before it sailed. There is therefore no Hotel Company commander, strength or activity to record for this month, and the earlier version's company narrative has been removed.

3. GARRISON TRAINING CYCLE. The old file described a garrison training cycle and “personnel transition and reconstitution” for Hotel Company. The chronology records these at battalion level only.

4. AFTER JUNE 1971. The same Texas Tech file includes the chronology for 1 July – 31 December 1971, which is outside the range of this series.

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 Chronologies for February–December 1971, filed together (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049006): February 1971; 1–22 March 1971; 25 March – 13 April 1971 (at sea); 13 April – 30 June 1971 (Camp Pendleton).

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