OPERATION ALLEN BROOK

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 4 May – 24 August 1968

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Allen Brook
Dates of Operation	4 May – 24 August 1968
Mission Purpose / Objective	Sweep and clear Go Noi Island and nearby areas south of Da Nang of VC and North Vietnamese forces; later land clearing to deny the enemy the island.
Locations / Cities	Go Noi Island; Le Nam (1); Bac Dong Ban; Quang Nam Province, about 25 km south of Da Nang
TAOR	Go Noi Island area; Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Not recorded.
USMC Units Involved	Units named in Shulimson's account include BLT 2/7, 3/7, 1/26, 3/27 and 2/27, under the 7th and 27th Marines. 2/5 was in Operation Houston in Thua Thien Province until late July 1968.
2/5 Companies Participated	None – no 2/5 company took part in this operation.
Mission Results	Previously recorded results: 917 enemy killed and 11 captured; enemy units displaced from Go Noi Island but returned after the Marines withdrew.
USMC KIA	Whole operation: 172 (previously recorded figure).
USMC Wounded	Whole operation: 1,124 (previously recorded figure).
Enemy KIA	917 (previously recorded figure)
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. This file previously said H/2/5 "rotated through Go Noi Island and Dodge City" during Allen Brook. The 2/5 Command Chronologies place the battalion in Thua Thien Province for all of May, June and most of July 1968: at Cao Doi from 1 to 16 May, then Phu Gia, on Route 1 security in Operation Houston. 2/5 entered the Go Noi – An Hoa area on 28 July 1968 in Operation Mameluke Thrust. The "Companies E, F and H" mortared on Go Noi on 23 June 1968 in Shulimson's account belonged to 2/27, not 2/5. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company E, Company F, Company G, Company H, H&S Company.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronologies, May–July 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive items 1201048103–1201048105); Jack Shulimson et al., U.S. Marines in Vietnam: The Defining Year, 1968 (HQMC, 1997). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).