OPERATION ARIZONA

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 14–18 June 1967

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Arizona
Dates of Operation	140800H – 181915H June 1967 (2/5 participation; the S-2 lists the operation as 15–19 June); previously listed as 13–26 June
Mission Purpose / Objective	7th Marines search and destroy operation (7th Marines Operation Order; 2/5 Operation Order 20-67). 2/5 held blocking positions on the southeast bank of the Song Thu Bon, then crossed the river and swept its zone to capture or destroy enemy forces and equipment.
Locations / Cities	Duc Duc and Dai Loc districts, Quang Nam Province. 2/5's area was the northeastern part of Dai Loc District within the operation area, along the Song Thu Bon; Phu Da (1).
TAOR	Duc Duc / Dai Loc districts along the Song Thu Bon, Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Company H regimental blocking positions 13, 14 and 15 along the SE bank of the Song Thu Bon: from AT 867497 to AT 920530. Company E cave contact, 17 Jun: grid square AT 8854.
USMC Units Involved	Controlling HQ: 7th Marines (Col C.C. Crossfield). 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 5th Marines (LtCol M.C. Jackson Jr.): Company E (Rein) (Capt P.J. Blessing), Company H (Rein) (Capt R.W. Layer Jr.), provisional platoon of H&S Company (Capt K.A. Magyar), 3d Platoon Company A 3d Amtrac Battalion, Ontos and Army searchlight jeeps. Company F, 2/5 was attached to 3/7.
2/5 Companies Participated	Company E; Company F (attached to another unit); Company H; H&S Company. Company F was attached to 3/7; H&S provided a provisional platoon (Capt K.A. Magyar).
Mission Results	On the night of 13 June, Company H left An Hoa one platoon at a time to occupy regimental blocking positions 13–15 on the east bank of the Song Thu Bon. It then moved along the bank to the crossing site, with Company E following. Contact was light. Company H made one emergency and one priority medevac (7 Marines evacuated) and needed two resupply runs.
USMC KIA	Not stated (light contact). Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
USMC Wounded	Company H: 7 Marines medevaced (wounded, injured and heat). Battalion total not stated.
Enemy KIA	2 VC KIA confirmed; 3 VC POWs
Enemy Wounded	Unknown; 33 detainees and 14 refugees

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CONFIRMED H COMPANY PARTICIPATION. The 2/5 Command Chronology for June 1967 records that "On 14 June, Company E, Company H and Command Group chopped OPCON to the 7th Marines for Operation Arizona and remained under the 7th Marines control until 18 June." The attached Combat After Action Report (21 June 1967) lists Company H (Rein) under Capt R.W.

Layer Jr. Corrected dates: 2/5 took part 14–18 June 1967. Arizona was a 7th Marines operation, not a 5th Marines one. The record does not say whether Company G took part.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronology, June 1967, including the Combat After Action Report for Arizona dated 21 June 1967 and 2/5 Operation Order 20-67 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048089). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).