OPERATION CALHOUN

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 25–29 June 1967

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Calhoun
Dates of Operation	250600H – 291900H June 1967 (2/5 after action report; previously listed as 25 June – 1 July)
Mission Purpose / Objective	1st Marine Division search and destroy operation (2/5 Operation Order 22-67) against enemy Base Area 116, south of Nong Son, where battalion-size enemy units were reported to be building a base area.
Locations / Cities	Duc Duc District, Quang Nam Province; northwestern sector of the division area of operations; Base Area 116, south of Nong Son (vicinity ZC 1835)
TAOR	Duc Duc District; Base Area 116; Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Reported enemy base area vicinity ZC 1835 (Base Area 116, south of Nong Son).
USMC Units Involved	Controlling HQ: 1st Marine Division (MajGen D.J. Robertson). 2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 5th Marines (LtCol M.C. Jackson Jr.): Company F (Rein), Company G (Rein) (Capt R.W. Marsden), 6th Platoon 1st Force Reconnaissance Battalion, artillery forward observer teams from Battery E 2/11, and 5th Marines scout-sniper teams.
2/5 Companies Participated	Company F; Company G. Companies F (Rein) and G (Rein) (Capt R.W. Marsden) were the maneuver companies.
Mission Results	The battalion attacked into Base Area 116. The S-2 recorded light enemy contact. Company E took over the Nong Son Combat Base on 23 June so that F and G could be committed. The Special Landing Force operation Beacon Torch/Calhoun (BLT 2/3, 18 June – 2 July) was a separate SLF action.
USMC KIA	Not stated (light). Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
USMC Wounded	Not recorded.
Enemy KIA	2 KIA confirmed (2/5 statistics for Calhoun)
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. The 2/5 Command Chronology for June 1967 records: "On 25 June, Company F, Company G and Command Group commenced Operation Calhoun." The attached Combat After Action Report (4 July 1967) lists only Companies F and G. Hotel Company had just come out of Operation Arizona (14–18 June). The earlier note linking 2/5's Calhoun to Beacon Torch/Calhoun mixed in a separate Special Landing Force operation by BLT 2/3. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company H. The record does not say whether Company E, H&S Company took part.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronology, June 1967, including the Combat After Action Report for Calhoun dated 4 July 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048089); Gary L. Telfer, Lane Rogers and V. Keith Fleming Jr., U.S.

Marines in Vietnam: Fighting the North Vietnamese, 1967 (HQMC, 1984) (SLF operations). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).