OPERATION DIXIE

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 7–10 April 1967

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Dixie
Dates of Operation	071000H – 101600H April 1967
Mission Purpose / Objective	Search and destroy operation (2/5 Operation Order 09-67) in the eastern part of the 2/5 TAOR, a heavily mined area south of the Song Thu Bon.
Locations / Cities	Duy Xuyen and Dien Ban districts, Quang Nam Province. The area was bounded north by the Song Thu Bon, west by north-south grid line 92, south by east-west grid line 48, and east by the eastern limit of the 2/5 TAOR.
TAOR	Eastern 2/5 TAOR; Duy Xuyen and Dien Ban districts; Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Operating box: west of grid line 92, north of grid line 48 (sheet 6640 IV). Company G contact, 7 Apr: AT 953544. Battalion forward CP: AT 927527. Company G objective sweep: AT 995535.
USMC Units Involved	2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 5th Marines (LtCol M.C. Jackson Jr.): Company F (Rein) (Capt J.A. Graham), Company G (Rein) (Capt R.W. Marsden), H&S Company (-) (Capt M.A. Litwin), and a Sparrow Hawk platoon from Company E (GySgt J.L. White); tanks and engineers.
2/5 Companies Participated	Company E (part of the company only); Company F; Company G; H&S Company. Companies F and G (Rein) and H&S Company (-); Company E supplied a Sparrow Hawk platoon.
Mission Results	Companies F and G attacked through fortified, mined hamlets; engineers cleared paths for the armor and destroyed many mines in place. Most Marine casualties came from mines and booby traps. The battalion commander recommended no further operations in the area until a mine and booby-trap program had been evaluated.
USMC KIA	Not stated in the after action report results section. Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
USMC Wounded	49 WIA evacuated and 5 WIA not evacuated (54 total; battalion). Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
Enemy KIA	8 KIA confirmed, 43 KIA probable; 1 POW
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. The Combat After Action Report for Dixie (2/5 Command Chronology, April 1967) lists Companies F and G, H&S Company and a Company E Sparrow Hawk platoon. It does not list Company H. From 1 April 1967 Hotel Company held the Nong Son outpost in the far southwest of the TAOR. It stayed there through April and May. The report also shows that Capt James A. Graham was commanding Company F by April 1967. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company H.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronology, April 1967, including the Combat After Action Report for Dixie dated 15 April 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048083). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).