OPERATION DOVER

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 18–30 October 1966

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Dover
Dates of Operation	18–30 October 1966 (previously recorded dates; not found in the 5th Marines or 2/5 chronologies)
Mission Purpose / Objective	Search and destroy operation in Quang Tin Province (previously recorded description).
Locations / Cities	Quang Tin Province; I Corps Tactical Zone
TAOR	Quang Tin Province, I Corps
UTM Coordinates	Not recorded.
USMC Units Involved	2/5 (-) with Companies F, G and H was on the DMZ in Operation Prairie for the whole of October 1966, under the 4th Marines and 3d Marine Division. Previously recorded participant: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines.
2/5 Companies Participated	None – no 2/5 company took part in this operation.
Mission Results	Specific results not available. Company H was at Dong Ha and Con Thien at the time.
USMC KIA	Whole operation: not available.
USMC Wounded	Whole operation: not available.
Enemy KIA	Not Available
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. On these dates Hotel Company was 250 miles north in Operation Prairie. It led 2/5 to Dong Ha on 30 September 1966, was in heavy contact on 12–14 October, and 2/5 took over Con Thien in late October. The 2/5 Command Chronology for October 1966 records the battalion under 3d Marine Division and 4th Marines control all month. Neither the 5th Marines chronology for October 1966 nor 2/5's own chronology mentions an Operation Dover. See Operation_Prairie_I.docx. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company E, Company F, Company G, Company H, H&S Company.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronology, October 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048074); 5th Marines Command Chronology, October 1966 (item 1201046140). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).