OPERATION DRY WELL

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 26 January 1970

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Dry Well
Dates of Operation	26 January 1970 is the only date on which the 2/5 chronology names Operation Dry Well (S-3 journal, 0245H).
Mission Purpose / Objective	Not stated in the 2/5 chronology. The single entry records an air strike observed during the operation.
Locations / Cities	East of Liberty Bridge, Quang Nam Province.
TAOR	2/5 Liberty Bridge – An Hoa area, Quang Nam Province, I Corps.
UTM Coordinates	Company H forward observer at AT 923529; air strike at AT 945535.
USMC Units Involved	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder) with Company H; Marine air.
2/5 Companies Participated	Company H (1stLt W. H. Taylor).
Mission Results	At 0245 on 26 January 1970 Company H, at AT 923529, observed two secondary explosions from an air strike at AT 945535.
USMC KIA	Not recorded in the sources found.
USMC Wounded	Not recorded in the sources found.
Enemy KIA	Not recorded in the sources found.
Enemy Wounded	Not recorded in the sources found.

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

COMPILED 20 NOVEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. This file exists because Company H is named in Operation Dry Well and the operations list had no file for it. CAUTION ON SCOPE: this is a single journal entry; neither the 2/5 Part II narrative for January 1970 nor the pages of the 5th Marines January 1970 chronology read so far explain the operation. It should be treated as documenting one confirmed instance only.

Primary source: 2/5 Command Chronology, January 1970, S-3 journal, 26 January 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048123, PDF p. 80). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).