OPERATION LANOKE

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 26–28 February 1967

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Lanoke
Dates of Operation	D-Day 26 February 1967, H-Hour 0700 (Frag Order 03-67 issued at An Hoa 241800H February 1967); previously listed as 25–28 February
Mission Purpose / Objective	Search and destroy operation astride Liberty Road to destroy or capture enemy forces and equipment, so that movement between Phu Loc (6) and An Hoa Combat Base would be unhampered.
Locations / Cities	Liberty Road between Phu Loc (6) and An Hoa Combat Base; Song Thu Bon; Duc Duc and Duy Xuyen districts; Quang Nam Province
TAOR	2/5 An Hoa TAOR; Liberty Road corridor; Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Platoon screening position the night before D-Day: AT 878486. The eastern sweep ran to north-south grid line 94. Blocking positions at My Loc (2) and Phu Loc (6). (Sheet 6640 IV.).
USMC Units Involved	2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 5th Marines (LtCol M.C. Jackson Jr.). Two LVTP-5s each were attached to Company G and Company H; a tank section and platoon were in support; H&S Company took over the rifle companies' sectors of the An Hoa perimeter. One company swept west of Liberty Road to the Song Thu Bon, one swept east then north, and one blocked from My Loc (2) and Phu Loc (6).
2/5 Companies Participated	Company G; Company H; H&S Company. LVTP-5s were attached to Companies G and H; H&S Company took over the rifle companies' sectors of the An Hoa perimeter.
Mission Results	Security of Liberty Road was re-established so convoys could run to An Hoa and Vietnamese civilian engineers could reopen the road south to Nong Son. The chronology's narrative and journal scans are too poor to give results.
USMC KIA	Not legible in the chronology scan. Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
USMC Wounded	Not legible in the chronology scan. Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
Enemy KIA	Not legible in the chronology scan
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CONFIRMED H COMPANY PARTICIPATION (maneuver company with LVTs). Frag Order 03-67 (LANOKE), filed with the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1967, sets D-Day as 26 February 1967 and attaches LVTP-5 amphibian tractors to Companies G and H. The operation reopened Liberty Road, the only land route into An Hoa. Hotel Company's commander in February 1967 was Capt James A. Graham. The record does not say whether Company E, Company F took part.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronology, February 1967, including Frag Order 03-67 (Lanoke) and its operation overlay (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048079). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).