OPERATION OKLAHOMA HILLS

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 31 March – 29 May 1969

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Oklahoma Hills
Dates of Operation	31 March – 29 May 1969
Mission Purpose / Objective	Clear North Vietnamese base camps and infiltration routes in the Charlie Ridge and Happy Valley areas southwest of Da Nang (previously recorded description).
Locations / Cities	Charlie Ridge; Happy Valley; southwestern Quang Nam Province
TAOR	Charlie Ridge and Happy Valley; Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Not recorded.
USMC Units Involved	7th Marines (Col Robert L. Nichols) with its own battalions, 3/26 (LtCol Edward W. Snelling) and the 51st ARVN Regiment.
2/5 Companies Participated	None – no 2/5 company took part in this operation.
Mission Results	Previously recorded results: 589 NVA killed; base camps and caches destroyed. At the same time Company H was in the Arizona Territory with 2/5 on Operation Muskogee Meadow (7–20 April) and search and clear operations (May).
USMC KIA	Whole operation: 44 (previously recorded figure).
USMC Wounded	Whole operation: 439 (previously recorded figure).
Enemy KIA	589 (previously recorded figure)
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. This file previously said H/2/5 took part in a supporting role. Smith's official history names the 7th Marines, 3/26 and the 51st ARVN Regiment. The only link to 2/5 is that 2/5 relieved BLT 3/26 in the Arizona on 20 March 1969, before 3/26 went into Oklahoma Hills. The 2/5 Command Chronologies for April and May 1969 place the battalion in the Arizona Territory (Duc Duc District) for both months, then on Liberty Bridge security from 22 May. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company E, Company F, Company G, Company H, H&S Company. 2/5 is not among the battalions. 2/5 is not among them.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronologies, April and May 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive items 1201048114 and 1201048115); Charles R. Smith, U.S. Marines in Vietnam: High Mobility and Standdown, 1969 (HQMC, 1988). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).