OPERATION PIKE

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | Early August 1967

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Pike
Dates of Operation	Early August 1967 (Telfer); previously listed as 1–3 August (the broader operation is often given as 1–18 August)
Mission Purpose / Objective	1st Marines box-and-sweep operation against VC around Hoi An.
Locations / Cities	Hoi An area; Quang Nam Province
TAOR	Hoi An area; Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Company H's actual location: Nong Son outpost and An Hoa (fire-team patrol on Nong Son hill at AT 816380, 5 August).
USMC Units Involved	1st Marines (Col Herbert E. Ing): 1/1 (LtCol George E. Petro) and 3/5 (LtCol Charles B. Webster).
2/5 Companies Participated	None – no 2/5 company took part in this operation.
Mission Results	Previously recorded results: about 100 enemy killed, 4 captured and 54 detained over the broader operation period.
USMC KIA	Whole operation: 8 (previously recorded figure).
USMC Wounded	Whole operation: 60 (previously recorded figure).
Enemy KIA	Approximately 100 (previously recorded figure)
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY AND 2/5 DID NOT PARTICIPATE. Telfer's official history describes Pike as a 1st Marines operation carried out by 1/1 and 3/5. Neither the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 1967 nor the one for August 1967 mentions Pike. The August chronology places Hotel Company around the Nong Son outpost, south of An Hoa. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company E, Company F, Company G, Company H, H&S Company. 2/5 is not listed.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronologies, July and August 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive items 1201048090 and 1201048091); Gary L. Telfer, Lane Rogers and V. Keith Fleming Jr., U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Fighting the North Vietnamese, 1967 (HQMC, 1984). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).