# OPERATION SUTTER

## 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 30 November – 6 December 1966

| FIELD | DETAIL |
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| **Operation Name** | Operation Sutter |
| **Dates of Operation** | 30 November – 6 December 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** | 2/5's actual location: An Hoa Combat Base, AT 874474 (OCR of the December 1966 chronology). |
| **USMC Units Involved** | On these dates 2/5 (-)(Rein) was in Operation Mississippi in the An Hoa – Antenna Valley area under 9th Marines control (291000H November – 071730H December 1966). Previously recorded participant in Sutter: 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. |
| **2/5 Companies Participated** | None – no 2/5 company took part in this operation. |
| **Mission Results** | Specific results not available. 2/5's own operation on these dates, Mississippi, recovered about 50 tons of VC rice and evacuated about 2,000 civilians. |
| **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. After Operation Prairie, 2/5 began operating out of An Hoa on 22 November 1966 and was given operational control of the An Hoa TAOR on 27 November. The 2/5 Command Chronology for December 1966 records the battalion in Operation Mississippi from 291000H November to 071730H December 1966, the same dates as Sutter. Neither the 5th Marines chronologies for November–December 1966 nor 2/5's own chronology mention an Operation Sutter. 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, December 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048075); 5th Marines Command Chronologies, November and December 1966 (items 1201046141–1201046142). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).*