OPERATION TULARE FALLS II

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 27 October – 30 November 1970

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Tulare Falls II (previously spelled "Tolare II")
Dates of Operation	27 October – 30 November 1970 (Task Force Burnett CP set up at LZ Baldy 27–31 October; patrolling until 30 November); previously listed as the single date 27 October 1970
Mission Purpose / Objective	Follow-on to Tulare Falls I, planned jointly by the 1st Marine Division and the Americal Division, to keep enemy forces out of the populated lowlands around the northeastern foothills of the Que Son Mountains.
Locations / Cities	Northeastern foothills of the Que Son Mountains; LZ Baldy area; Quang Nam Province
TAOR	Northeastern Que Son foothills; Quang Nam Province
UTM Coordinates	Not recorded.
USMC Units Involved	Task Force Burnett (the Army units of the former Task Force Saint, Americal Division 196th Brigade) under 5th Marines operational control, guided by 2/5's Company G CUPP Marines.
2/5 Companies Participated	Company G (part of the company only). Task Force Burnett was guided by 2/5's Company G CUPP Marines.
Mission Results	The Army force used the same tactics as in Tulare Falls I: saturation patrolling and ambushes, with air cavalry as a quick reaction force.
USMC KIA	Not recorded.
USMC Wounded	Not recorded.
Enemy KIA	Not Available
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE; CORRECT NAME AND DATES. Cosmas and Murray's official history identifies this as Operation Tulare Falls II, an Army task force operation under 5th Marines control from 27–31 October to 30 November 1970. During that period Company H, 2/5 was in Operation Imperial Lake in the Que Son Mountains. The file name is unchanged so existing links still work. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company E, Company F, Company H, H&S Company.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronologies, October and November 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive items 1201049002 and 1201049003); Graham A. Cosmas and Terrence P. Murray, U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1970-1971 (HQMC, 1986), pp. 116–118. Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).