

OPERATION WYOMING

2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

1st Marine Division | Republic of Vietnam | 26 April – 1 May 1966

FIELD	DETAIL
Operation Name	Operation Wyoming
Dates of Operation	260730H April 1966 – 011922H May 1966 (2/5 after action report)
Mission Purpose / Objective	Search and destroy mission in the northwestern portion of Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province, northwest of Chu Lai, under 1st Marines Operation Order 327-66. 2/5's first operation in Vietnam.
Locations / Cities	Northwestern Ly Tin District, Quang Tin Province; Landing Zone Eagle; Hill 69 complex, Chu Lai TAOR
TAOR	Quang Tin Province, I Corps; northwest of Chu Lai
UTM Coordinates	Battalion landing zone at Hill 69: BT 465073. Company E at BT 340190 (26 Apr). Battalion CP began moving to the truck point at BT 381131 (30 Apr). Truck point BT 430110. Return to the Hill 69 complex: BT 464072.
USMC Units Involved	2nd Battalion (-)(Rein), 5th Marines (LtCol R.H. Uskurait) with Company E (-)(Rein) (Capt J.L. Cooper) and Company F (Rein) (1stLt G.E. Burgett); 3d Platoon, Company E as battalion reserve (2ndLt T.J. Ebbert); controlling HQ 1st Marines. Supported by 1st Battalion, 11th Marines.
2/5 Companies Participated	Company E; Company F; H&S Company. The chronology records that a detachment from H&S Company and Companies E and F took part.
Mission Results	Companies E and F were lifted by helicopter from Hill 69 into LZ Eagle on 26 April and conducted detailed search and destroy sweeps without major initial contact. Scattered small-arms contacts on 30 April as the battalion moved to the truck point; last elements returned to the Hill 69 complex on 1 May. Heat casualties were significant. One VC suspect captured.
USMC KIA	2/5 total: 1 KIA and 1 died of wounds. Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
USMC Wounded	2/5 total: 17 WIA. Breakdown by 2/5 company: not recorded.
Enemy KIA	Enemy losses reported only as probable/possible; 1 VC suspect captured
Enemy Wounded	Unknown

NOTES & SOURCE REFERENCES

UPDATED 16 SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM PRIMARY SOURCES. CORRECTION: H COMPANY DID NOT PARTICIPATE. 2/5 did take part, but only with Companies E and F. The 2/5 Command Chronology for 8–30 April 1966 states: "A detachment from H&S Co, Co 'E', and Co 'F' participated." The combat after action report (in the May 1966 chronology) lists the same task organization. Hotel Company had taken over its sector of the Chu Lai TAOR on 14 April 1966 and stayed there. Corrected dates: the operation ran to 1 May 1966, not 30 April. 2/5 COMPANIES THAT DID NOT TAKE PART: Company H. The record does not say whether Company G took part.

Primary sources: 2/5 Command Chronologies, April 1966 and May 1966, the latter including the Combat After Action Report for Wyoming dated 9 May 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive items 1201048068 and 1201048069). Originals: National Archives, RG 127 (National Archives II, College Park MD 20740; Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134).