E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JANUARY 1967 — NONG SON OUTPOST (COAL MINE)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1967

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Echo Company (E Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 January 1967
Commander	not named in the monthly organisation data
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Nong Son outpost (coal mine), Alligator Lake
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (3 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Nong Son outpost (coal mine)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for January 1967 place it most often at or near Nong Son outpost (coal mine) (1 of 2 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Alligator Lake.

The monthly organisation data does not name the commander of Company E for January 1967; the battalion was commanded by LtCol W. C. Airheart (1–31 January).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 5 entries this month (3 combat, 1 leadership, 1 movement).

On 15 January 1967: An Echo platoon on a clearing operation took 9 rounds near AT883447 — 1 USMC WIA (non-evac).

On 19 January 1967: An Echo platoon at AT799365 took fire from across the river at AT797362 — 1 USMC WIA.

On 25 January 1967: An Echo platoon at AT794363 took 10 rounds — 2 USMC WIA; the Echo company commander was wounded and evacuated, the XO took command.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Nong Son outpost (coal mine) operations	January 1967	No named operation appears in this month's entries for the company; activities are listed in the chronology below.

4. Chronology of Company E Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for January 1967 in the hotel25vv research database. Only entries naming Company E are listed. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
15 Jan 13:50	An Echo platoon on a clearing operation took 9 rounds near AT883447 — 1 USMC WIA (non-evac) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 18]
19 Jan 14:20	An Echo platoon at AT799365 took fire from across the river at AT797362 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 20]
25 Jan 11:30	An Echo platoon at AT794363 took 10 rounds — 2 USMC WIA; the Echo company commander was wounded and evacuated, the XO took command [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 21]
26 Jan 15:31	Sparrow Hawk #2 platoon of Echo inserted into the LZ at AT956500 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 48]
26 Jan 18:15	Sparrow Hawk #2 took fire from a VC squad — 1 USMC WIA (punji pit), 2 USMC WIA (trip wire) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 49]

5. Notes and Caveats

This file was built on 22 November 2026 in the same format as the Company H reports, directly from the checked, page-cited transcriptions of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines command chronologies. The notes below record its sources and where the record is thin.

1. SOURCE. The entries come from 2/5 Command Chronology Jan 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048076).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for January 1967 is listed in date and time order, with the page of the chronology it was read from. Entries that name only another company are left out.

3. COMMANDER. Company and battalion commanders are taken from the monthly organisation data (Section I of each chronology) as recorded in the battalion leadership ledger. No commander of Company E is named for this month.

4. CASUALTIES. Casualty figures are not totalled here. Individual losses appear in the entries as recorded; for authoritative totals see the casualty tables in the original chronology.

5. ORIGINALS. National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 127, Records of the United States Marine Corps. For full records contact National Archives II, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park MD 20740, or Marine Corps History Division, Quantico VA 22134.

6. Sources

This document was compiled from the following primary and secondary sources:

PRIMARY SOURCES

— 2/5 Command Chronology Jan 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048076)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Telfer, Gary L., Lane Rogers and V. Keith Fleming Jr. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Fighting the North Vietnamese, 1967. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1984.

— “Echo Company.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com

Document prepared for historical research purposes. For authoritative casualty figures, unit rosters, and engagement details, consult original 2/5 Command Chronology records at NARA RG 127. | Echo Company, 2/5 Marines, January 1967