E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

FEBRUARY 1967 — PHU LAC (6) COMBAT OUTPOST

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1967

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Echo Company (E Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–28 February 1967
Commander	1stLt S. M. Williams (1 February); Capt P. J. Blessing (2–28 February)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Phu Da (1) (CAP N-3), Phu Nhuan (8), An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (5 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Lac (6) combat outpost
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for February 1967 place it most often at or near Phu Lac (6) combat outpost (3 of 6 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Da (1) (CAP N-3), Phu Nhuan (8), An Hoa Combat Base.

Company E was commanded by 1stLt S. M. Williams (1 February); Capt P. J. Blessing (2–28 February); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–28 February).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 8 entries this month (5 combat, 1 civic, 1 movement, 1 organization).

On 22 February 1967: Echo at AT912515 took 50 rounds and automatic fire from AT913514 — 1 USMC WIA.

On 22 February 1967: Echo with Foxtrot found 2 booby-trapped ChiCom grenades at AT938532.

On 23 February 1967: Echo at AT928528 saw 10 VC crossing the Song Thu Bon in 5 boats and fired 81mm; 4 boats destroyed — 10 VC KIA (conf).

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Lanoke	D-Day 26 February 1967, H-Hour 0700 (Frag Order 03-67 issued at An Hoa 241800H February 1967); previously listed as 25–28 February	2/5 Frag Order 03-67 (Lanoke), dated 241800H February 1967, ordered a search and destroy operation astride Liberty Road to keep the road open between Phu Loc (6) and the An Hoa Combat Base.

4. Chronology of Company E Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for February 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
17 Feb 05:05	Echo (-) set up a blocking position near AT865485 for County Fair 5-13 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 17]
20 Feb 10:53	Echo, the Bald Eagle force, was inserted at AT956425 and found 109 bags of rice, about 2 tons, delivered to Duc Duc District [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 18]
20 Feb	Echo moved from Not stated to Not stated by helicopter. 20 Feb February: Echo's Bald Eagle insertion found 2 tons of rice; (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 18]
22 Feb 03:45	Echo at AT912515 took 50 rounds and automatic fire from AT913514 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 18]
22 Feb 10:00	Echo with Foxtrot found 2 booby-trapped ChiCom grenades at AT938532 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 18]
23 Feb 19:45	Echo at AT928528 saw 10 VC crossing the Song Thu Bon in 5 boats and fired 81mm; 4 boats destroyed — 10 VC KIA (conf) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 19]
24 Feb 18:00	2/5 Frag Order 03-67 (Lanoke), dated 241800H February 1967, ordered a search and destroy operation astride Liberty Road to keep the road open between Phu Loc (6) and the An Hoa Combat Base. Company H (Rein), with a light section of tanks and two LVTP-5s, was to sweep the area between Liberty Road and the Song Thu Bon, north to Phu Loc (6) and My Loc (2); Company G (Rein), with Ontos and two LVTP-5s, was to sweep east of the road; Company E was to block at Phu Loc (6) and My Loc (2). (Frag Order 03-67, PDF pp. 22–23.) At month's end Companies G and H and

Date	Activity / Events
	elements of Company E were still in Operation Lanoke (PDF p. 20). [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 20; 2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 22]
24 Feb 18:30	Echo at AT925525 took 5 sniper rounds from AT932524 — 1 USMC WIA (non-evac) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1967, PDF p. 19]

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 Feb 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048079).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for February 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.

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 Feb 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048079)

SECONDARY SOURCES

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