E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

APRIL 1967 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for April 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	1–30 April 1967
Commander	Capt P. J. Blessing (1–30 April)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, Le Thap (1)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 combat entries)
Base of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for April 1967 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (3 of 4 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Le Thap (1).

Company E was commanded by Capt P. J. Blessing (1–30 April); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–30 April).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 7 entries this month (4 combat, 2 movement, 1 organization).

On 9 April 1967: Echo's Sparrow Hawk reached the forward CP and moved east along route 537; an antipersonnel mine at AT941527 — 3 USMC WIA.

On 10 April 1967: Duc Duc District headquarters took 4 82mm rounds; Echo's mortar watch in the An Hoa airfield tower called counter-mortar fire.

On 23 April 1967: An Echo security patrol tripped a booby trap and took 5 rounds — 1 USMC KIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	April 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 April 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
1 Apr	Echo took over the An Hoa perimeter (AT875475) [2/5 ComdC Apr 1967, PDF p. 3]
9 Apr 13:15	Echo's Sparrow Hawk reached the forward CP and moved east along route 537; an antipersonnel mine at AT941527 — 3 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1967, PDF p. 24]
10 Apr	Duc Duc District headquarters took 4 82mm rounds; Echo's mortar watch in the An Hoa airfield tower called counter-mortar fire [2/5 ComdC Apr 1967, PDF p. 3]
16 Apr	Echo became the maneuver company; Golf took over the An Hoa perimeter [2/5 ComdC Apr 1967, PDF p. 4]
23 Apr	An Echo security patrol tripped a booby trap and took 5 rounds — 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1967, PDF p. 5]
23 Apr	Echo relieved Foxtrot at the Phu Lac (6) combat base [2/5 ComdC Apr 1967, PDF p. 5]
28 Apr	An Echo squad near Phu Lac (6) found two new 60mm rounds hidden in a house [2/5 ComdC Apr 1967, PDF p. 5]

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 Apr 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048083).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for April 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 Apr 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048083)

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, April 1967