E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MAY 1967 — LZ RAVEN (ANTENNA VALLEY)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 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 May 1967
Commander	Capt P. J. Blessing (1–31 May)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	LZ Raven (Antenna Valley), Ap Bon (2) fortified village, Phu Nhuan (8)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (8 combat entries)
Base of Operations	LZ Raven (Antenna Valley)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for May 1967 place it most often at or near LZ Raven (Antenna Valley) (6 of 10 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Ap Bon (2) fortified village, Phu Nhuan (8).

Company E was commanded by Capt P. J. Blessing (1–31 May); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–31 May).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 13 entries this month (8 combat, 4 movement, 1 logistics).

On 3 May 1967: Echo began the sweep to objective 1 (AT885395); took 100 rounds that night at AT887397 — 2 USMC WIA (non-evac), 1 VC KIA.

On 3 May 1967: Echo moved from Last reported position (AT 858 405) to Reported position (AT 887 397) on foot.

On 4 May 1967: Echo swept to objective 2 (AT907392) under light sniper fire; caves blown — 1 VC KIA, 3 PWs.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation DuVal	19–25 May 1967 is the period during which Company E, 2/5 was under the 7th Marines for Operation DuVal. The 2/5 chronology does not give the operation's own start and end dates.	Echo went under the 7th Marines for Operation DuVal until 25 May

4. Chronology of Company E Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for May 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
2 May	Echo took position at the western end of the valley (AT858405) [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 3]
3 May	Echo began the sweep to objective 1 (AT885395); took 100 rounds that night at AT887397 — 2 USMC WIA (non-evac), 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 4]
3 May	Echo moved from Last reported position (AT 858 405) to Reported position (AT 887 397) on foot. Echo began the sweep to objective 1 (AT885395); took 100 rounds that night at AT887397. Result: 2 USMC WIA (non-evac), 1 VC KIA. Starting point is Echo's last reported position (02 May ----), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 4]
4 May	Echo swept to objective 2 (AT907392) under light sniper fire; caves blown — 1 VC KIA, 3 PWs [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 4]
4 May	Echo moved from Last reported position (AT 885 395) to LZ Raven (Antenna Valley) (AT 907 392) on foot. Echo swept to objective 2 (AT907392) under light sniper fire; caves blown. Result: 1 VC KIA, 3 PWs. Starting point is Echo's last reported position (03 May ----), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 4]
6 May	Echo and Golf attacked objectives 3 (AT926380) and 4 (AT928365/935366); Hotel held its position [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 5]
6 May	Echo took sniper fire from AT907374 — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 5]

Date	Activity / Events
7 May	Echo and Golf attacked east toward objectives 4 (AT935366) and 5 (AT938367); Golf caught 3 VC at AT919365 — 1 VC KIA, a Thompson submachine gun captured [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 5]
8 May	Echo took fire from AT925415 — 2 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 6]
10 May	Echo and Golf moved west toward objectives 6 (AT887375) and 7 (AT885371); Echo took 12 rounds at AT920372 and drove through — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 7]
10 May	Echo moved from Last reported position (AT 925 415) to Ap Bon (2) fortified village (AT 920 372) (means not stated). Echo and Golf moved west toward objectives 6 (AT887375) and 7 (AT885371); Echo took 12 rounds at AT920372 and drove through. Result: 1 VC KIA. Starting point is Echo's last reported position (08 May ----), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 7]
19 May	Echo went under the 7th Marines for Operation DuVal until 25 May [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 10]
29 May	A combined PF, RF and Marine sweep in the south-west of 1/7's TAOR with Echo blocking to AT905491 (the first grid is misprinted) — 4 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA; 1 RF KIA, 3 RF WIA from a mine [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 11]

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 May 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048086).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for May 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 May 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048086)

SECONDARY SOURCES

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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, May 1967