E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1967 — NONG SON OUTPOST (COAL MINE)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 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 July 1967
Commander	1stLt M. B. Tuttle (1–4 July); Capt J. D. Kehler (5–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.; LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Nong Son outpost (coal mine), Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Le Thap (1)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 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 July 1967 place it most often at or near Nong Son outpost (coal mine) (2 of 5 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Le Thap (1).

Company E was commanded by 1stLt M. B. Tuttle (1–4 July); Capt J. D. Kehler (5–31 July); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–18 July); LtCol G. C. McNaughton (19–31 July).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 6 entries this month (4 combat, 2 movement).

On 23 July 1967: An Echo patrol from Phu Lac (6) (AT925529) with a Kit Carson scout surrounded a VC village near AT938510 — 4 VC KIA, an M-1, a grenade and a medical kit captured.

On 25 July 1967: An Echo squad east of Liberty Road (AT922507) came under fire from three positions near AT922504 — squad leader and another Marine seriously wounded.

On 31 July 1967: Echo's tank-infantry patrol east of Phu Lac (6) fired canister at VC near AT956524; then took 4 antitank rockets and heavy .50/.30 cal fire from near AT951531 — 2 VC KIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Nong Son outpost (coal mine) operations	July 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 July 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
3 Jul 23:32	Echo in the western end of Antenna Valley was ordered to Nong Son to reinforce Foxtrot [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 5]
4 Jul 00:47	Echo arrived and took the middle and lower defenses [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 6]
5 Jul	Echo at the middle Nong Son position (AT823389) heard movement on the road; the lower listening post saw 4 VC [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 6]
23 Jul	An Echo patrol from Phu Lac (6) (AT925529) with a Kit Carson scout surrounded a VC village near AT938510 — 4 VC KIA, an M-1, a grenade and a medical kit captured [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 10]
25 Jul	An Echo squad east of Liberty Road (AT922507) came under fire from three positions near AT922504 — squad leader and another Marine seriously wounded [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 10]
31 Jul	Echo's tank-infantry patrol east of Phu Lac (6) fired canister at VC near AT956524; then took 4 antitank rockets and heavy .50/.30 cal fire from near AT951531 — 2 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 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 Jul 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048090).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for July 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 Jul 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048090)

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.

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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, July 1967