E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

AUGUST 1967 — PHU LAC (6) COMBAT OUTPOST

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for August 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 August 1967
Commander	Capt J. D. Kinder (1–31 August)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Le Thap (1), Phu Nhuan (8), Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (10 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 August 1967 place it most often at or near Phu Lac (6) combat outpost (4 of 7 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Le Thap (1), Phu Nhuan (8), Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2).

Company E was commanded by Capt J. D. Kinder (1–31 August); the battalion by LtCol G. C. McNaughton (1–31 August).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 10 entries this month (10 combat).

On 5 August 1967: A tank from Echo's Phu Lac (6) position escorting a convoy hit a mine at AT909481, and a second mine while being towed back — 1 USMC WIA, 3 USMC WIA (minor).

On 7 August 1967: An Echo reinforced platoon with tanks swept near AT926503 after reports of 2 VC companies and an NVA battalion; a VC fleeing at AT925505 was wounded; a 250-lb bomb and 15 punji traps found.

On 9 August 1967: An Echo Marine tripped a booby-trapped M-26 grenade.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Phu Lac (6) combat outpost operations	August 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 August 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
5 Aug	A tank from Echo's Phu Lac (6) position escorting a convoy hit a mine at AT909481, and a second mine while being towed back — 1 USMC WIA, 3 USMC WIA (minor) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 15]
7 Aug	An Echo reinforced platoon with tanks swept near AT926503 after reports of 2 VC companies and an NVA battalion; a VC fleeing at AT925505 was wounded; a 250-lb bomb and 15 punji traps found [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 15]
9 Aug	An Echo Marine tripped a booby-trapped M-26 grenade [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 16]
10 Aug	An Echo platoon moving to a blocking position near AT937512 took 50-60 rounds from La Thap (1) (AT947515); a squad caught VC fleeing near AT940500 — 1 VC KIA (conf), 3 detainees [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 16]
10 Aug	At night an Echo fire-team ambush on Liberty Road near AT915510 let 3 VC scouts pass, then counted 80 and then 60 more VC crossing the road and opened fire; 4 VC seen to fall; the VC tried to assault; the fire team withdrew to Phu Lac (6) under Spooky and artillery — 4 USMC WIA (minor); heavy enemy casualties indicated [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 17]
13 Aug	An Echo hunter-killer team near Phu Lac (6) killed a VC at AT925504; then came under fire from AT913494 and called artillery and air [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 18]
16 Aug	An Echo fire team shot a VC with a weapon emerging from a tree line [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 19]
17 Aug	The point of an Echo platoon moving into an ambush site on Liberty Road near AT918511 was hit at close range — 3 USMC KIA; the VC assaulted twice, 12 men on line, and were driven back; a strike force on tanks from Phu Lac (6) found 3 VC KIA (conf) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 19]
22 Aug	The engineer sweep with Echo security found a large crater on Liberty Road near AT918512 where the VC had set off a 25-lb box mine while planting it [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 19]

Date	Activity / Events
27 Aug	An Echo patrol's Kit Carson scout shot a VC sniper jumping from a spider trap — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1967, PDF p. 20]

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 Aug 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048091).

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

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