E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

OCTOBER 1967 — PHU NHUAN (8)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 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 October 1967
Commander	Capt M. B. Tuttle (1–31 October)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Nhuan (8), Giang Hoa (2), Phu Lac (6) combat outpost
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (9 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Nhuan (8)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for October 1967 place it most often at or near Phu Nhuan (8) (3 of 4 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Giang Hoa (2), Phu Lac (6) combat outpost.

Company E was commanded by Capt M. B. Tuttle (1–31 October); the battalion by LtCol G. C. McNaughton (1–31 October).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 9 entries this month (9 combat).

On 6 October 1967: An Echo road-sweep security Marine set off an M-26 booby trap on Liberty Road.

On 11 October 1967: The Echo platoon at the Phu Lac (6) outpost took 150 rounds from 3 positions; returned fire with 106mm, 81mm and 90mm.

On 12 October 1967: An Echo platoon in the Phu Nhuans (AT880510) shot 3 armed VC crossing a paddy (AT887511); snipers near AT889508 wounded a Marine — 2 VC KIA (blood trails) , 1 USMC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Phu Nhuan (8) operations	October 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 October 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
6 Oct	An Echo road-sweep security Marine set off an M-26 booby trap on Liberty Road [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 15]
11 Oct 20:45	The Echo platoon at the Phu Lac (6) outpost took 150 rounds from 3 positions; returned fire with 106mm, 81mm and 90mm [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 15]
12 Oct	An Echo platoon in the Phu Nhuans (AT880510) shot 3 armed VC crossing a paddy (AT887511); snipers near AT889508 wounded a Marine — 2 VC KIA (blood trails) , 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 15; 2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 16]
13 Oct	An Echo platoon in Phu Nhuan (3) (AT903496) saw 12 armed VC in green uniforms near AT907494 — 1 VC KIA, an AK-47 captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 16]
14 Oct	An Echo platoon ambush near AT900510 shot 3 VC running from a hut — 1 VC WIA, 2 women detained [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 16]
22 Oct	An Echo platoon leaving Phu Lac (6) set off a 60mm booby trap — 2 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 17]
23 Oct	An Echo squad patrol member tripped an M-26 grenade booby trap — 5 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 17]
25 Oct	An Echo platoon tripped a 105mm booby trap — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1967, PDF p. 17]
29 Oct	The Phu Lac (6) outpost took 5 M-79 rounds and automatic fire from AT933527; an NVA flag found [2/5 ComdC Oct 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 Oct 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048093).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for October 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 Oct 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048093)

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, October 1967