# E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

## DECEMBER 1967 — MAU CHANH (2) (CAP N-2)

*Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for December 1967*

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

## 1. Unit Overview

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| **Unit Designation** | Echo Company (E Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division |
| **Reporting Period** | 1–31 December 1967 |
| **Commander** | Capt S. K. McKee III (1–31 December) |
| **Higher HQ** | 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division |
| **Area of Operations** | Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2) |
| **Combat Posture** | Combat operations, patrols and security (2 combat entries) |
| **Base of Operations** | Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2) |
| **Corps Area** | I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam |

## 2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for December 1967 place it most often at or near Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2) (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company E was commanded by Capt S. K. McKee III (1–31 December); the battalion by LtCol G. C. McNaughton (1–31 December).

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

On 26 December 1967: An Echo patrol fired on 2 VC squads with helmets and weapons — 4 VC KIA (prob).

On 27 December 1967: An Echo patrol engaged VC near AT885490 — 2 USMC WIA; booby traps wounded 2 more and killed a security guard.

## 3. Operations Overview

| Operation / Activity | Dates | Description |
|---|---|---|
| **Operation Auburn** | 28 December 1967 – 3 January 1968 (whole operation). 2/5 companies took part 29–30 December 1967. | Echo and Golf went under 3/5 for Operation Auburn (28-31 December) |

## 4. Chronology of Company E Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for December 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 |
|---|---|
| **23 Dec** | Echo and Golf went under 3/5 (23-24 December) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1967, PDF p. 17] |
| **26 Dec** | An Echo patrol fired on 2 VC squads with helmets and weapons — 4 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1967, PDF p. 18] |
| **27 Dec** | An Echo patrol engaged VC near AT885490 — 2 USMC WIA; booby traps wounded 2 more and killed a security guard [2/5 ComdC Dec 1967, PDF p. 18] |
| **28 Dec** | Echo and Golf went under 3/5 for Operation Auburn (28-31 December) [2/5 ComdC Dec 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 Dec 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048096).

**2.** HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for December 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 Dec 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048096)

### 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, December 1967*