E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JUNE 1968 — PHU GIA PASS (BATTALION CP)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 1968

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Echo Company (E Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 June 1968
Commander	Capt J. J. Norton (1–26 June); Capt H. R. Heinz (27–30 June)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Gia Pass (battalion CP)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (1 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Gia Pass (battalion CP)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for June 1968 place it most often at or near Phu Gia Pass (battalion CP) (2 of 2 entries with a named place or grid).

Company E was commanded by Capt J. J. Norton (1–26 June); Capt H. R. Heinz (27–30 June); the battalion by LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr. (1–30 June).

No entry in the June 1968 record names Company E by itself. The 5 battalion entries listed below applied to the whole battalion, Company E included.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Houston	26 Feb – 12 Sep 1968	CP at Phu Gia (AT833999) guarding Highway 1 (Operation Houston)

4. Chronology of Company E Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for June 1968 in the hotel25vv research database. No entry names Company E; the battalion-wide entries are listed. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
1 Jun	CP at Phu Gia (AT833999) guarding Highway 1 (Operation Houston) [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 6]
1 Jun	LtCol Cheatham and Sergeant Major Brawner received as guests of honor at a home-defense demonstration in Loc Hai village, Lang Co hamlet [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 6]
June days unstated	115 families resettled in Lang Co hamlet; six MedCaps treat 874 people. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 9]
10 Jun	A convoy was ambushed at AT843997: eleven vehicles disabled and 5 Marines wounded, the month's most significant incident [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 3]
18 Jun	A laundry unit opened at the Thua Luu Bridge; a water point built there [2/5 ComdC Jun 1968, PDF p. 7]

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 Jun 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048104).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. No entry names Company E; the chronology lists the battalion-wide entries instead.

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 Jun 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048104)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Shulimson, Jack, Leonard A. Blasiol, Charles R. Smith and David A. Dawson. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: The Defining Year, 1968. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1997.

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