E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

SEPTEMBER 1968 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for September 1968

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	1–30 September 1968
Commander	Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–30 September)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (6 combat entries)
Base of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for September 1968 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company E was commanded by Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–30 September); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–30 September).

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

On 11 September 1968: An Echo platoon at AT901519 fired on 3 armed VC at AT905527 seen through a Starlight scope — 3 VC KIA.

On 14 September 1968: An Echo platoon at AT911526 found 5 VC in a tunnel; one who tried to throw a grenade was killed — 1 VC KIA, 4 VC POW.

On 27 September 1968: An Echo Marine set off a booby-trapped 82mm round in a treeline at AT897486 — 4 USMC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	September 1968	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 September 1968 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
11 Sep 12:15	An Echo platoon at AT901519 fired on 3 armed VC at AT905527 seen through a Starlight scope — 3 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 9]
14 Sep 10:15	An Echo platoon at AT911526 found 5 VC in a tunnel; one who tried to throw a grenade was killed — 1 VC KIA, 4 VC POW [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 9]
27 Sep 09:30	An Echo Marine set off a booby-trapped 82mm round in a treeline at AT897486 — 4 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 10]
28 Sep 21:15	Echo's defensive position at AT888491 saw 6 enemy through a Starlight scope — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 10]
30 Sep 12:45	An Echo platoon at AT895510 under sniper fire killed 3 VC at AT892516 — 3 USMC WIA, 3 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 11]
30 Sep 19:45	An Echo Marine setting in an ambush set off a booby-trapped M-26 at AT897515 — 3 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, 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 Sep 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048107).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for September 1968 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 Sep 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048107)

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.

— “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, September 1968