E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

OCTOBER 1968 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 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	1–31 October 1968
Commander	Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–31 October)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, Maui Peak hill, Route 4
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 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 October 1968 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (1 of 2 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Maui Peak hill, Route 4.

Company E was commanded by Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–31 October); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–31 October).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 4 entries this month (4 combat).

On 6 October 1968: An Echo patrol's point man set off a "tomato can" device at AT890491 — 2 USMC WIA.

On 8 October 1968: Echo with four tanks assaulted the hill at ZC190561 and took it by 1730 under 82mm fire — 1 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA, 1 not evac, 37 NVA KIA.

On 9 October 1968: Echo and Golf took 40 60mm and 82mm rounds; 40,000 lb of bombs and 48 napalm pods on about 16 NVA — 7 USMC WIA, 16 NVA KIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	October 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 October 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
6 Oct 03:00	An Echo patrol's point man set off a "tomato can" device at AT890491 — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1968, PDF p. 43]
8 Oct 16:10	Echo with four tanks assaulted the hill at ZC190561 and took it by 1730 under 82mm fire — 1 USMC KIA, 8 USMC WIA, 1 not evac, 37 NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1968, PDF p. 44]
9 Oct 20:10	Echo and Golf took 40 60mm and 82mm rounds; 40,000 lb of bombs and 48 napalm pods on about 16 NVA — 7 USMC WIA, 16 NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1968, PDF p. 44]
12 Oct 04:00	Echo in night positions hit by a well-coordinated mortar and ground attack by an NVA company with 40 82mm rounds, B-40s and grenades; artillery and 81mm — 8 USMC KIA, 9 USMC WIA, 1 USN WIA, 10 not evac, 46 NVA KIA, 1 NVA POW, 9 AK-47s and a machine gun captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1968, PDF p. 46]

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 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048108).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for October 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 Oct 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048108)

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, October 1968