E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

FEBRUARY 1969 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1969

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	1–28 February 1969
Commander	Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–28 February)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, Hill 435 (FSB Machete), Hill 42
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (1 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 February 1969 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (3 of 4 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Hill 435 (FSB Machete), Hill 42.

Company E was commanded by Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–28 February); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–28 February).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 53 entries this month (52 movement, 1 combat).

On 13 February 1969: E ambushes now in.

On 27 February 1969: E3 moving down to road to prep fire for F3 "Rover" vic AT 905484.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	February 1969	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 February 1969 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
1 Feb 08:30	E lift to An Hoa complete [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 12]
5 Feb 09:30–17:10	Echo moved from An Hoa Combat Base (AT 874 474) to Hill 432 (journal name) by helicopter. 5 Feb February: Echo Echo's 1st Platoon landed at "Hill 432" at 0930 (rappelling into the canopy, per the narrative); all of Echo there by 1710. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) Journal 5 February: "0930 1st Plt, CoE landed at Hill 432"; "1710 All of CoE at Hill 432" (PDF p. 16). The journal writes Hill 432; the official history names Hill 435 (FSB Machete) as the hill 2/5 assaulted on 6 February. Whether these are the same hill is not settled, so no grid is given. (Checked against the February 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 16]
9 Feb 08:30	E1 "slugger" leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
9 Feb 08:35	E1 slugger at 010230 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
9 Feb 08:50	E2 at 024235 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
9 Feb 09:40	E1 at 012235 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
9 Feb 11:05	E2 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
9 Feb 11:06	E1 at 010230 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
9 Feb 11:50	E2 left team lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
9 Feb 12:10	E2 at 024235 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 20]
11 Feb 09:00	E on the move [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 10:01	E at 019341 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 11:27	E at 016335 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 14:55	E still at ford [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]
11 Feb 16:30	E at ford with one platoon on other side of river. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 24]

Date	Activity / Events
12 Feb 07:40	E company moving out [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 10:31	E at 015332 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 11:10	E at objective 014327 starting external LZ [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 13:10	E's external LZ completed, internal LZ begun [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 26]
12 Feb 19:45	E night activities set in. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 27]
13 Feb 07:50	E ambushes now in [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 08:33	E patrol leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 08:55	E2 at 017327 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 12:00	E2 returned to lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 15:18	E patrol on the move [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 28]
13 Feb 16:11	E2 at 017324 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 29]
14 Feb 08:30	E1 moving out [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 09:02	E2 at 016316 establishing LZ [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 10:46	E1 and E2 building LZ [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 14:50	E2 moving toward E CP [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 30]
14 Feb 19:25	E night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 31]
15 Feb 07:35	E, F and I night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 08:22	E3 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 10:30	E3 joined E1 at 015317 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
15 Feb 16:55	E1 back in CP lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 32]
16 Feb 08:26	E2 combat patrol leaving [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]

Date	Activity / Events
16 Feb 10:05	E2 at 015324 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 11:30	E2 at 015318 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
16 Feb 12:03	E2 at 015318 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
16 Feb 13:45	E2 at 010314 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 34]
16 Feb 15:30	E3 at 015325 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 35]
16 Feb 15:31	E2 at 004313 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 36]
16 Feb 16:17	E3 at 017327 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 36]
17 Feb 09:35	E2 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 37]
17 Feb 15:40	E hololifted to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 37]
22 Feb 11:40	E passed Obj 1 on way to Obj 2 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 42]
22 Feb 12:10	E passed Obj 2 on way to Obj 3 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 42]
22 Feb 14:00	E secured Obj 3 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 42]
23 Feb 18:45	E1 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 45]
25 Feb 08:50	E moving out [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 47]
27 Feb 08:57	E3 moving down to road to prep fire for F3 "Rover" vic AT 905484 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 49]
27 Feb 10:24	E3 moving back to E CP [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 49]
28 Feb 12:28	E patrol returned to lines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1969, PDF p. 50]

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 Feb 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048112).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for February 1969 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

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