E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MARCH 1969 — HILL 42

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 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	1–31 March 1969
Commander	Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–14 March); 1stLt R. H. Henry (15–31 March)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple; LtCol J. H. Higgins); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 42, Henderson Hill, 2/5 field command post in the Arizona
Combat Posture	Security, movement and support (no combat entry recorded)
Base of Operations	Hill 42
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for March 1969 place it most often at or near Hill 42 (15 of 20 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Henderson Hill, 2/5 field command post in the Arizona.

Company E was commanded by Capt J. A. Woggon Jr. (1–14 March); 1stLt R. H. Henry (15–31 March); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–13 March); LtCol J. H. Higgins (14–31 March).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 131 entries this month (131 movement).

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 42 operations	March 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 March 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 Mar 19:37	E night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 16]
2 Mar 19:24	E night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 18]
3 Mar 08:20	E Rover leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 10:16	E Rover CK1 902493 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 11:25	E Rover CK3 905599 (as typed) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 13:20	E Rover CK4 906495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 13:40	E Rover CK5 905490 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
3 Mar 13:55	E Rover at team lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 20]
4 Mar 16:55	E2 Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 22]
5 Mar 08:55	E moving to blocking position 928491 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 24]
5 Mar	Echo moved from Not stated to Hill 42 (AT 928 491) (means not stated). 5 Mar March: Echo Echo moved to a blocking position at AT 928491. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 24]
7 Mar 11:05	E at Obj W 903504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 28]
7 Mar 11:55	E at Obj O 897504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 28]
7 Mar 16:10	E at Obj E 901511 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 28]
7 Mar 19:30	E night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 29]
8 Mar 09:32	E2A Rover at CK2 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 30]
8 Mar 11:23	E3 Rover at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 30]
9 Mar 09:10	E1 Rover at CK1 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 33]
10 Mar 08:10	E1 and E2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 36]
11 Mar 09:45	E relieved "STBK" (Station Break) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]

Date	Activity / Events
11 Mar	Echo moved from Not stated to Liberty Road (AT 94 58) (means not stated). 11 Mar March: Echo Echo relieved the unit with call sign “Station Break” (security on Liberty Road, per the narrative). (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 38]
12 Mar 09:25	E3 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 09:27	E1 Rover at objective 896516 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 09:55	E1 Rover CK1 896516 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 41]
12 Mar 11:05	E3 Rover CK2 908511 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 42]
12 Mar 12:35	E3 Rover CK3 905515 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 42]
12 Mar 13:08	E3 Rover CK4 904520 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 42]
13 Mar 09:25	E on the move [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 10:10	E at G's position [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 14:00	E1B Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 14:05	E1B Rover CK1 915491 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 14:45	E2B back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 09:32	E2B Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 09:55	E1A Rover at CK1 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 10:16	E2B Rover CK2 910485 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 49]
14 Mar 11:10	E2B Rover CK2 910485 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 49]
14 Mar 11:15	E2B Rover CK3 908491 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 12:20	E1A Rover CK2 918496 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 12:32	E2B in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 13:31	E1A Rover CK3 915495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]

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14 Mar 13:35	E2A leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 13:40	E1B moving out [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 13:45	E3C moving out [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 49]
14 Mar 13:47	E1A moving out [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 14:00	E1A CK1 918498 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 48]
14 Mar 14:01	E1A CK2 918497 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
14 Mar 14:02	E1B CK1 913498 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 47]
15 Mar 07:05	E night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 09:00	E1C Rover CK1 912492 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 09:53	E1 Rover CK2 915490 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 10:00	E3B CK1 905494 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 10:25	E1C Rover CK3 917495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 13:40	E3 Rover at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 15:01	E1 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 15:27	E2B CK3 906490 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 15:36	E1A Rover CK1 918497 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 16:00	E1A CK2 909494 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 16:22	E1A Rover CK3 915494 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
15 Mar 16:41	E1B and E2B back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 51]
16 Mar 09:40	E3B leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 09:45	E1A CK3 AT 912495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]

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16 Mar 10:02	E3B CK1 AT 914495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 10:58	E3B CK2 AT 910489 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 16:22	E1A patrol CK3 AT 915494 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
16 Mar 16:40	E1B and E2B back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 55]
17 Mar 09:04	E3A leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 09:19	E3A CK1 AT 918495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 09:45	E3A CK2 AT 908486 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 09:50	E1A CK2 AT 919495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 10:15	E1A CK3 AT 916495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 57]
17 Mar 12:01	E3A CK3 AT 916495 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 13:45	E2A CK2 AT 904504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:00	E3C leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:26	E3C CK1 AT 916494 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:30	E1B CK1 AT 913499 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:37	E1B CK2 AT 919498 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:40	E2A CK2 AT 905504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 14:59	E2A CK3 AT 907500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Mar 15:09	E3C CK2 AT 919494 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 59]
17 Mar 16:17	E3C CK2 AT 910486 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 59]
18 Mar 07:15	E night activities secured [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 08:46	E1C CK1 911493 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]

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18 Mar 09:45	E3B CK1 913490 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 12:40	E3C CK2 908485 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 13:05	E3C at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 13:20	E1A at CK1 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 13:27	E1A Rover at CK2 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 60]
18 Mar 13:55	E2B CK3 903500 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 61]
19 Mar 10:50	E is on the move [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 63]
19 Mar 12:35	E at 895514 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 64]
20 Mar 13:15	E2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 14:30	E2B Rover CK3 886517 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 14:43	E3C CK1 885520 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 16:00	E3C Rover CK2 890520 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Mar 16:36	E3C Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 66]
22 Mar 12:15	E1A left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 12:25	E1A Rover CK1 851511 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 12:45	E3C Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 69]
22 Mar 12:56	E2A Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 13:21	E1A Rover CK2 850502 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 13:25	E3C Rover CK1 852504 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 15:00	E3C Rover back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 16:00	E1A back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]

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22 Mar 19:13	E1A Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 19:14	E3A Stinger left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
22 Mar 20:12	E night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 70]
23 Mar 08:05	Bn CP and E on move toward new position [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 10:30	Bn CP and E at Battalion Objective R [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 13:14	E2 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 13:15	E1C Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 14:00	E1 Rover CK1 831471 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 14:11	E2B Rover CK2 842488 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 73]
23 Mar 14:11	E1C Rover CK2 831488 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 73]
23 Mar 15:10	E1C Rover at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 16:10	E3B Rover at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
23 Mar 19:00	E night activities left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 72]
24 Mar 11:30	E1 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 75]
24 Mar 12:55	E3 Rover left lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 75]
30 Mar 15:10	E2 CK2 852480 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 15:45	E1 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 15:59	E1 CK1 850497 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 16:00	E2 CK3 859487 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 16:10	E2 CK4 860494 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 17:20	E1 patrol back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]

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30 Mar 17:31	E2 patrol back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Mar 20:14	E night activities set in [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 86]
31 Mar 10:15	E3 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 88]
31 Mar 15:40	E3 and G3 sweeping toward F [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 88]
31 Mar 16:30	E sweep reached F1-3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 88]
31 Mar 16:43	E1 at CK3 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 88]
31 Mar 16:50	E1 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Mar 1969, PDF p. 88]

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 Mar 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048113).

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

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