E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JUNE 1969 — HENDERSON HILL

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 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	1–30 June 1969
Commander	Capt J. L. McClung (1–30 June)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. H. Higgins); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Henderson Hill, Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Hill 42, LZ Lily
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (21 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Henderson Hill
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E’s entries for June 1969 place it most often at or near Henderson Hill (14 of 26 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Hill 42, LZ Lily.

Company E was commanded by Capt J. L. McClung (1–30 June); the battalion by LtCol J. H. Higgins (1–30 June).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 32 entries this month (21 combat, 8 organization, 2 civic, 1 logistics).

On 4 June 1969: platoon on patrol found a booby-trapped M-79 round with pressure detonation — destroyed.

On 4 June 1969: Marine on patrol detonated booby-trapped M-26 with pressure detonation near a paddy dike at AT 909513 — 2 USMC WIA evac.

On 5 June 1969: Echo saw a convoy moving south of the battalion area; one vehicle set off a large command/pressure-release mine — negative.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Henderson Hill operations	June 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 June 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 Jun 09:30	flank security for the road sweep at AT 915504 found a ChiCom grenade and a 155mm round marked with an illumination canister — destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 13]
1 Jun 14:30	squad on patrol found 51 rounds of 105mm at AT 920525, believed dropped by helicopter — destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 13]
2 Jun 14:45	squad on patrol searched a hootch at AT 929513, finding a Vietnamese ID card in a shirt — card sent to S-2 [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jun 18:10	a Vietnamese boy turned in a 60mm round and an M-79 round at AT 913513 — child rewarded 100 piasters, rounds destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jun 19:25	in night positions at AT 913513 heard an enemy propaganda broadcast from AT 885515; called artillery and 81mm — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 14]
4 Jun 06:30	platoon on patrol found a booby-trapped M-79 round with pressure detonation — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 16]
4 Jun 12:00	during a County Fair at AT 913514 the village chief pointed out three female VC suspects, age 25 — apprehended, sent to S-2 [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 16]
4 Jun 15:00	Echo held a County Fair and MEDCAP at AT 914513 — 300 civilians treated by doctors and questioned by S-2 and ITT [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 16]
4 Jun 16:05	a Vietnamese boy turned in a 60mm and a 105mm round at AT 913513 — rewarded [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 16]
4 Jun 16:40	Marine on patrol detonated booby-trapped M-26 with pressure detonation near a paddy dike at AT 909513 — 2 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 17]
5 Jun 09:15	a Vietnamese girl turned in a 60mm illumination round at AT 913513 — rewarded 100 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 18]
5 Jun 12:00	Echo saw a convoy moving south of the battalion area; one vehicle set off a large command/pressure-release mine — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 18]

Date	Activity / Events
6 Jun 14:25	squad on patrol at AT 921499 saw 19 VC 200 m south at AT 928494; opened fire and assaulted; villagers said the enemy fled SE carrying 3 dead and 4 wounded; Echo captured a female VC — 3 VC KIA, 1 female detainee [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 19]
6 Jun 16:10	squad searching a village at AT 916509 was approached by a VC who came up to the Kit Carson Scout and rallied — 1 VC Chieu Hoi [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 19]
8 Jun 15:15	Marine detonated booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire in a treeline at AT 939508 — 2 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 21]
8 Jun 17:00	a boy turned in two 60mm rounds at AT 913513 — rewarded 300 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 21]
8 Jun 18:00	a boy turned in two M-79 rounds — rewarded 300 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 21]
9 Jun 06:30	squad at AT 894514 saw 2 VC/NVA with packs and weapons moving north at AT 894526; opened fire at 900 m and saw one fall; artillery called — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 22]
9 Jun 07:00	squad at AT 894514 saw one VC/NVA with pack moving SW at AT 888507; artillery called — unknown [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 22]
9 Jun 09:00	squad at AT 895515 saw 15-25 enemy with packs moving SW at AT 881507; artillery called, area searched — negative [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 22]
9 Jun 12:00	Marine detonated a booby-trapped 105mm round with pressure detonation in an open area at AT 890508; he was carrying M-79 rounds, which exploded — 2 USMC KIA, 4 WIA evac, 2 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 22]
9 Jun 12:30	a boy turned in four M-26 grenades, a smoke grenade and three sticks of C-4 — rewarded 300 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 22]
9 Jun 12:55	a boy turned in two sticks of C-4 and an M-26 grenade — rewarded 300 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 22]
10 Jun 17:15	helicopters resupplying 3/5 dropped supplies at AT 945502; an Echo platoon recovered them and sent them to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 24]
10 Jun 18:00	a boy turned in two M-26 and one ChiCom grenade — rewarded 400 piasters [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 24]
27 Jun 17:35	Marine on patrol detonated a booby-trapped 105mm round with pressure detonation in an open area of a treeline at AT 903497 — 3 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 43]
28 Jun 12:45	Marine detonated a booby-trapped 250-lb bomb with trip wire in an open area of a treeline at AT 903498 — 5 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 44]
29 Jun 15:30	Marine detonated a booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire on high ground at AT 935520 — 2 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 46]
29 Jun 20:20	on patrol at AT 929527 found a 250-lb bomb — ambush set to wait for the VC to return [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 46]
30 Jun 10:30	platoon on patrol at AT 930519 found a booby-trapped M-26 with pressure detonation — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 48]
30 Jun 10:45	platoon at AT 930519 found a homemade booby trap buried with trip wire across a trail — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 48]

Date	Activity / Events
30 Jun 11:40	platoon at AT 930519 found two dud 81mm rounds, a dud 60mm and a booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire beside a paddy dike — destroyed [2/5 ComdC Jun 1969, PDF p. 48]

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 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048116).

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

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