E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

FEBRUARY 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1970

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 1970
Commander	1stLt J. D. Pereira(?) (1–28 February)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Liberty Bridge, Phu Loc (6) refugee hamlet
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (60 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Liberty Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company E's entries for February 1970 place it most often at or near Liberty Bridge (1 of 2 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Loc (6) refugee hamlet.

Company E was commanded by 1stLt J. D. Pereira(?) (1–28 February); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–28 February).

The battalion's command chronology names Company E in 68 entries this month (60 combat, 4 organization, 1 personnel, 1 movement, 1 medical, 1 civic).

On 1 February 1970: Echo had 1 confirmed VC/NVA killed; follow-up one more killed — 2 VC/NVA KIA.

On 2 February 1970: Echo made contact with 4 VC/NVA.

On 2 February 1970: Late entry: Echo tripped an 81mm booby trap — 4 WIA evac, 2 WIA non-evac.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Liberty Bridge operations	February 1970	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 1970 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 20:45	Echo had 1 confirmed VC/NVA killed; follow-up one more killed — 2 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 14]
February days unstated	Two memorial services, one for Echo and one for Hotel. [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 5]
2 Feb 08:50	Echo made contact with 4 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 16]
2 Feb 16:15	Late entry: Echo tripped an 81mm booby trap — 4 WIA evac, 2 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 16]
3 Feb 14:50	Echo found a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Feb 18:15	Echo was hit by friendly artillery — 2 USMC KIA, 5 WIA evac, 2 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 18]
5 Feb 19:30	Echo spotted a boat [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 22]
5 Feb 19:30	Echo spotted 1 sampan [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Feb 10:15	Echo requested to move to grid AT 986539 [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 24]
9 Feb 18:30	Echo spotted 15 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
10 Feb 14:15	Echo found a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 15:00	Echo spotted 5 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 18:49	Echo spotted 3 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
11 Feb 11:30	Echo spotted 2 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
12 Feb 09:15	Echo spotted 4 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
12 Feb 10:03	Echo's E1 killed 4 VC/NVA (fire mission) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]

Date	Activity / Events
12 Feb 18:05	Echo spotted 4 VC/NVA — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
12 Feb 19:00	Late entry: Echo spotted 8 VC/NVA — 5 killed by fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
13 Feb 09:40	Echo found 2 graves on a trail [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 10:45	Echo found a fresh trench line 15 m long [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 12:15	Echo found a propaganda sign [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 12:48	Echo spotted 3 VC/NVA — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 15:00	Echo brought in a Vietnamese woman for medical treatment [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 15:15	Echo spotted 6 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 18:55	Echo spotted 5 VC/NVA — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 20:20	Echo spotted 6 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
14 Feb 12:00	Echo spotted 7-10 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Feb 13:40	Echo's E1 found a bunker [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Feb 13:45	Echo's E1 found 350 lb of rice and 2 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Feb 14:00	Echo's E1 saw 15 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
15 Feb 19:04	Echo spotted enemy and called a mission — 5 VC/NVA killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Feb 19:17	Echo spotted 9 VC/NVA setting an ambush [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 46]
16 Feb 08:40	Follow-up: Echo's E1B found a blood trail [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 12:30	Follow-up: Echo's E1A returned to a bunker and destroyed it [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 16:30	Echo's E1 spotted 10 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 18:00	Echo spotted 3 VC/NVA — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
17 Feb 13:45	Echo's E1 killed 3 VC/NVA by fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 52]

Date	Activity / Events
17 Feb 18:18	Echo's E1 killed 2 VC/NVA by fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Feb 18:55	Echo's E1 spotted 4 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 52]
18 Feb 09:58	Echo's E1 spotted 6 VC/NVA — 1 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 10:55	Echo's E1A found a booby trap — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 11:15	Echo's E1 spotted 4 VC/NVA — 4 killed by air [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 17:55	Echo spotted 6 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
19 Feb 10:40	Echo's E1 spotted 2 VC/NVA — 1 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Feb 12:30	Echo's E1 found a harbor site for 6 people [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Feb 12:45	Echo's E1 killed 3 VC/NVA from a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Feb 15:10	Echo's E1 killed 3 VC/NVA from a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Feb 16:10	Echo's E1 killed 3 VC/NVA from a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
20 Feb 12:35	Echo's E1 on Hill 119 spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Feb 16:45	Echo saw a convoy truck hit by enemy fire — the driver was killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Feb	On 20 February 1970 Echo and Hotel companies exchanged responsibilities: Echo took over Liberty Bridge and Hotel became the Regimental Reserve. Operational control of OP Hill 119 (West Orange) passed to the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, and one reinforced squad from Hotel stayed to provide security (PDF p. 6). “OP Hill 119 and one squad of Hotel Company were placed under OPCON of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, on 20 February” (PDF p. 8). [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 6; 2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 8]
21 Feb 07:30	Echo saw Vietnamese carrying food [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Feb 12:45	Echo spotted 4 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Feb 20:00	Echo saw a Vietnamese male floating down the river [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Feb 21:50	Echo had one man from the tanks medevaced for sickness [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Feb 23:10	Echo saw a Vietnamese boy floating down the river [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]

Date	Activity / Events
22 Feb 00:05	Echo spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 14:10	Echo's E2C found a 500-lb bomb booby trap — Blown [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 14:25	Echo spotted a Vietnamese male floating in the river [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 14:55	Echo's E1(-) tripped a 60mm booby trap — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
23 Feb	On 23 February 1970 Hotel Company conducted a Kingfisher operation in the Go Noi and Le Bac Island areas. Golf Company blocked north of Le Bac Island and one platoon from Echo Company blocked near AT 938537. The operation killed 2 VC/NVA, with no friendly casualties. (Narrative summary, Feb 1970 chronology, printed p. 5, PDF p. 6.) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 6]
24 Feb 11:20	Echo's E1B found 500 lb of unhusked rice and water cans [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 70]
24 Feb 18:15	Echo's S-2B received 2 40-lb shaped-charge mines from Vietnamese children — 1,000 piasters paid [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 70]
25 Feb 00:50	Echo tower spotted 8 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 72]
26 Feb 15:10	Echo's E2A spotted 8 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 74]
26 Feb 17:50	Echo's E2A spotted 2 VC/NVA — 1 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 74]
26 Feb 18:35	Echo's E2A spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 74]
28 Feb 18:30	Echo purchased VIP ordnance [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 78]

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 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048124).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company E (Echo) for February 1970 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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