E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

APRIL 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for April 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	1–30 April 1970
Commander	1stLt C. E. Schaffer (1–30 April)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: Liberty Bridge, An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (57 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: Liberty Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for April 1970 place the battalion most often at or near Liberty Bridge (5 of 9 entries with a named place or grid), and also at An Hoa Combat Base. None of Company E’s own entries names a place.

Company E was commanded by 1stLt C. E. Schaffer (1–30 April); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–30 April).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 62 entries this month (57 combat, 2 medical, 2 civic, 1 organization).

On 1 April 1970: Echo received small-arms fire.

On 1 April 1970: Echo CP received 6 mortar rounds — 2 WIA non-evac.

On 1 April 1970: Echo's E3B spotted 15 VC/NVA and called a fire mission.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: Liberty Bridge operations	April 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 April 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 Apr 01:15	Echo received small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 01:45	Echo CP received 6 mortar rounds — 2 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 11:45	Echo's E3B found 6 dud 81mm rounds [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 13:00	Echo's E3B spotted 15 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 15:35	Echo's E3 detained 5 Vietnamese with no ID cards [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 15:50	Echo's E3B spotted 3 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 20:20	Echo's E1 CP observed an explosion [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 22:45	Echo spotted a bamboo raft — Unit destroyed it [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 22:45	Follow-up: the bomb was blown in place [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
2 Apr 00:55	Echo spotted 1 VC/NVA with a starlight scope [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 15]
2 Apr 01:55	Echo received 5 60mm rounds and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 15]
2 Apr 11:00	Echo's E1, E2 and tanks destroyed 16 bunkers, blew 21, and took 500 lb of rice, potatoes and turnips [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 15]
3 Apr 21:00	Echo received 81mm rounds and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Apr 10:40	Echo's E3A detained a 40-year-old male without ID [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 21]
4 Apr 10:55	Echo's E3A found and destroyed an 81mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 21]
4 Apr 16:10	Echo's E1 with tanks spotted 25-30 Vietnamese running [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 21]
4 Apr 20:15	Echo's E3C received enemy fire at Phu Loc (6) [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 21]
4 Apr 20:45	Echo at Phu Loc (6) received enemy fire [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 21]

Date	Activity / Events
5 Apr 08:40	Echo requests a dog team [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 23]
6 Apr 15:40	Echo's E3 with tanks found food caches: 100 lb of rice, 100 lb of tobacco and 250 lb of potatoes [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 25]
9 Apr 08:45	Echo's E3 spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 33]
10 Apr 20:00	Phu Loc (6) received incoming 82mm rounds [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 37]
11 Apr 06:30	Echo's E3A spotted 2 VC/NVA — 1 killed [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 08:50	Echo's E3 found a propaganda letter [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
12 Apr 22:55	Echo's E1B spotted 5 VC/NVA and fired a claymore [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
13 Apr 15:00	Echo's E1A tripped an M-26 — 4 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 45]
13 Apr 17:55	Echo's E2 with tanks found a 105mm and an 81mm round [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 45]
14 Apr 11:20	Echo's E3 with tanks tripped a 105mm round — 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 47]
14 Apr 17:30	Echo's E3 with tanks spotted 10 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 47]
14 Apr 23:15	Phu Loc (6) received incoming — 6 WIA evac, 2 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 47]
15 Apr 10:15	Echo's E2B stepped on a booby trap — 1 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 49]
15 Apr 21:00	Phu Loc (6) received 1 heavy mortar round [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 49]
15 Apr 22:20	Follow-up: Phu Loc (6) called in a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 49]
15 Apr 23:15	Follow-up: sent a squad to medevac 1 U.S. and 12 RF [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 49]
15 Apr 23:15	Phu Loc (6) determined the round to be a 250-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 49]
16 Apr 16:10	Echo received a man bitten by a rat — 1 non-battle [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 39]
16 Apr 17:00	Echo detained 1 male with a map of the E3 CP [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 39]
16 Apr 17:00	Echo's E3 spotted a submachine gun in a ditch [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 39]
17 Apr 12:10	Echo's E1C tripped a 105mm booby trap — 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]
17 Apr 16:00	VIP ordnance report from Echo [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]
20 Apr 19:45	Echo's E2 spotted 3 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 59]
21 Apr 06:55	Echo's E3 spotted 4 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 61]
22 Apr 07:25	Follow-up: Echo's E2 called in 81s and detained 4 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 63]
22 Apr 13:00	Echo's E2 found and destroyed a 250-lb bomb booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 63]

Date	Activity / Events
22 Apr 13:20	Echo's E2 with tanks tripped an 81mm booby trap — 1 WIA evac, 1 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 63]
22 Apr 18:45	Echo's E2B found a 60mm booby trap and blew it in place [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 63]
23 Apr 07:55	Echo's E2C spotted 2 VC/NVA — 1 killed [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 67]
24 Apr 06:30	Echo's E3B and Golf's G1 fired on each other — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 69]
25 Apr 13:20	Echo's E3 spotted 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 71]
25 Apr 15:00	Echo's E3 with tanks found 300 lb of rice and potatoes [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 71]
25 Apr 22:15	Echo's E3A stinger spotted movement [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 71]
26 Apr 12:50	Echo's E3 with tanks found 50 lb of rice, corn and salt [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 73]
26 Apr 21:00	Late entry (25 Apr): Echo's E3 spotted 3-4 VC — 1 Marine WIA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 73]
27 Apr 14:35	Echo's E2A spotted 6-8 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 75]
27 Apr 14:35	Follow-up: Echo's E2A detained 1 Vietnamese male [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 75]
27 Apr 17:10	Echo spotted 4 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 75]
27 Apr 20:30	Echo's E4 LP received 15-20 rounds of small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 75]
27 Apr 21:20	Echo's E2 received 4 incoming mortar rounds [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 75]
28 Apr 12:15	Echo's E3 had 1 WIA evac and 1 WIA non-evac from small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]
29 Apr 16:35	Echo's E3B spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 81]
30 Apr 19:05	VIP ordnance report from Echo [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 83]
30 Apr 21:25	Echo's E2B and E2A spotted 3-4 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 83]

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 Apr 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048126).

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

PRIMARY SOURCES

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