E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 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	1–31 July 1970
Commander	1stLt C. E. Schaffer (1–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder; LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (22 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 July 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (2 of 2 entries with a named place or grid).

Company E was commanded by 1stLt C. E. Schaffer (1–31 July); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–26 July); LtCol T. M. Hamlin (27–31 July).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 32 entries this month (22 combat, 4 medical, 3 civic, 3 movement).

On 3 July 1970: Echo's E1 killed 1 VC/NVA and detained 2.

On 3 July 1970: Echo killed 1 VC/NVA riding in a sampan in the river.

On 4 July 1970: Echo's E3C killed 2 VC/NVA and detained 1 female.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	July 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 July 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 Jul 13:30	Echo's E&G medevaced 2 Vietnamese children while on a MedCap [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 14]
3 Jul 08:30	Echo's E1 killed 1 VC/NVA and detained 2 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 16]
3 Jul 18:00	Echo killed 1 VC/NVA riding in a sampan in the river [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 16]
4 Jul 07:30	Echo's E3C killed 2 VC/NVA and detained 1 female [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 17]
4 Jul 10:45	Echo CP had 1 KCS emergency evac from an accidental discharge [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 17]
4 Jul 13:00	Echo CP had 3 USMC missing down the Thu Bon River [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 17]
4 Jul 16:30	Echo's E3C had 1 USMC killed by lightning [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 17]
6 Jul 08:30	Echo troop lift back to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 20]
8 Jul 20:30	Echo's E3B moved to Duc Duc to spend the night [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 22]
11 Jul 13:20	Echo returned to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 25]
13 Jul 09:15	Echo's E3C destroyed a 105mm booby trap on the side of the road [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 27]
13 Jul 18:35	Echo had two secondary explosions [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 27]
13 Jul 20:00	Echo's E2B received 40 rounds of small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 27]
14 Jul 08:15	Echo's E2C found and destroyed 2 81mm illumination booby traps [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 10:00	Echo's E2C found and destroyed 1 81mm illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 10:20	Echo's E2C found and destroyed 1 105mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
14 Jul 20:30	Echo's E3C received 5-6 rounds in an ambush site [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 28]
15 Jul 07:45	Echo's E1C observed 3 Vietnamese women trip a mine — 3 KIA (civilians) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 30]

Date	Activity / Events
15 Jul 17:30	Echo's E2A found and destroyed 2 81mm rounds and 1 box mine [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 30]
15 Jul 21:35	Echo's E2B heard the enemy on a loudspeaker and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 30]
16 Jul 19:30	Echo spotted 4 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 31]
17 Jul 08:50	Echo's E2B found and destroyed 2 81mm illumination booby traps [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 32]
17 Jul 10:00	Echo's E2C had 3 E/E from an ARVN truck that detonated a rock mine [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 32]
19 Jul 08:00	Echo's E3 found and destroyed 1 105mm booby trap on the road [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 34]
19 Jul 19:20	Echo's E1 had 1 P/E non-battle from an E-tool incident [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 34]
19 Jul 20:30	Echo's E1 spotted 3 VC/NVA and called an 81mm mission [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 34]
20 Jul 09:40	Echo's E2 tripped 1 81mm booby trap — 1 USMC E/E [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 35]
20 Jul 10:00	Echo's E1B destroyed 2 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 35]
20 Jul 10:00	Echo's E1B destroyed 1 box mine [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 35]
21 Jul 11:55	Corpsman from Echo held a MedCap at Phu Loc (6) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 36]
26 Jul 14:35	Echo observed 1 boy drop VIP ordnance — 1 KIA (civilian) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 42]
31 Jul 16:45	Echo's E3A found and destroyed 1 81mm illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Jul 1970, PDF p. 47]

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 Jul 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048129).

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