E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

AUGUST 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for August 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 August 1970
Commander	1stLt C. E. Schaffer (1–22 August); Capt D. O. Ford (23–31 August)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (25 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 August 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company E was commanded by 1stLt C. E. Schaffer (1–22 August); Capt D. O. Ford (23–31 August); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (1–31 August).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company E in 33 entries this month (25 combat, 3 civic, 2 organization, 2 movement, 1 medical).

On 2 August 1970: Echo's E1C found and destroyed a 105mm illumination booby trap.

On 3 August 1970: Echo's E3A hit 1 105mm booby trap — 1 E/E.

On 5 August 1970: Echo tripped a booby trap — 2 E/E, 1 P/E and 1 dog E/E.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	August 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 August 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
2 Aug 11:00	Echo's E1C found and destroyed a 105mm illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 17]
3 Aug 18:10	Echo's E3A hit 1 105mm booby trap — 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 18]
4 Aug 08:54	PFs working with Echo [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
5 Aug 16:10	Echo tripped a booby trap — 2 E/E, 1 P/E and 1 dog E/E [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
7 Aug 13:30	Echo had 1 R/E NBC from a 5-gal water can [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 23]
10 Aug 20:25	Echo's E61A observed small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 26]
12 Aug 08:00	Echo road sweep found and destroyed 1 M-79 round [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 28]
13 Aug 15:00	Echo has set on the road [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 29]
14 Aug 17:40	Echo's E16 spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 30]
14 Aug 17:50	Echo's E16 tripped 1 105mm round booby trap — 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 30]
14 Aug 20:00	Echo's E1 spotted a flashlight in the distance [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 30]
14 Aug	14 Aug August: Echo took Liberty Road security and Hotel returned to An Hoa. (From the monthly "by Company" summary, written from the chronology page images.) The narrative: "On 14 August, Echo Company assumed security of Liberty Road and Hotel Company returned to An Hoa" (PDF p. 7). Only Hotel moved to An Hoa. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 7]
17 Aug 11:55	Echo's E3CP observed a chopper receive 40-50 rounds of small arms [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 34]
18 Aug 19:45	Echo's E23(-) spotted 3 VC/NVA with weapons [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 35]

Date	Activity / Events
18 Aug 21:41	Echo's E22 received automatic small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 35]
19 Aug 13:00	Echo's E1D found and destroyed 1 81mm illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
19 Aug 13:30	Echo's E1D found and destroyed 2 box booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
22 Aug 15:10	Echo's E1 had 2 Vietnamese children E/E from VIP ordnance [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 39]
23 Aug 07:50	Echo's E3A detained 2 females and 50 lb of rice [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 09:15	Echo's E3 observed a chopper crash — 2 Army KIA and 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 18:35	Echo's E1 found 1 dead Vietnamese woman in the river [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
25 Aug 17:00	Echo's E34 detained 1 60-year-old male [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 43]
26 Aug 14:50	Echo's E1C had 2 P/E from an enemy attack on an OP [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 44]
28 Aug 17:30	Echo CP brought in VIP ordnance to CP [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 46]
28 Aug 19:00	Echo's E52 received small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 46]
29 Aug 16:15	Echo's E43 found and destroyed 2 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]
29 Aug 19:00	Echo's E52 captured ordnance and a U.S. canteen [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]
29 Aug 19:00	Echo had children bring in VIP ordnance [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]
30 Aug 01:00	Echo's E3A found 1 dud 155mm round west of the LP [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
30 Aug 19:40	Echo's E38 spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
31 Aug 07:05	Echo's E2 found and destroyed 1 M-33 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]
31 Aug 08:05	Echo's E1 road sweep found and destroyed 1 box mine [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]
31 Aug 23:40	Echo's E3 observed 1 HE air burst [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]

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 Aug 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048130).

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