E COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JUNE 1971 — STAND-DOWN AND HOME

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 1971

1st Marine Division · 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines · Redeployment

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Echo Company (E Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 June 1971
Commander	1stLt J. W. Wilbur (in post from 1 March 1971)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (Maj J. A. Linnemann); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Camp Pendleton, California
Combat Posture	Redeployment and stand-down
Base of Operations	Camp Pendleton, California
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam, and redeployment

2. Commander's Summary

In June 1971 the battalion was at Camp Pendleton, California, after its return from Vietnam aboard USS Denver.

Company E was commanded by 1stLt J. W. Wilbur (in post from 1 March 1971); the battalion by Maj J. A. Linnemann (in post from 25 May 1971).

No entry in the June 1971 record names Company E by itself. The 2 battalion entries listed below applied to the whole battalion, Company E included.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Camp Pendleton, California operations	June 1971	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 1971 in the hotel25vv research database. No entry names Company E; the battalion-wide entries are listed. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
7 Jun	"On 7 Jun 71, the Second Battalion provided two (2) officers and thirteen (13) enlisted to the Division TEC for a period of about one (1) month to support MABFEX 1-71, Exercise 'Bee Thumper'." (Narrative summary, PDF p. 85.) [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 85]
10 Jun	The battalion returned to CONUS on 15 April 1971 and moved into the Margarita Area at Camp Pendleton. The CP was first in Building 33465, and on 10 June 1971 moved to Building 33451. (Chronology, PDF p. 83.) [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, 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 Feb-Dec 1971 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049006).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. No entry names Company E; the chronology lists the battalion-wide entries instead.

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

— 2/5 Command Chronology Feb-Dec 1971 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049006)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Cosmas, Graham A. and Terrence P. Murray. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1970–1971. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1986.

— “Echo Company.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com

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