# F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

## MARCH 1966 — EN ROUTE AND TRAINING ON OKINAWA

*Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 1966*

1st Marine Division · Battalion Landing Team 2/5 · Western Pacific

## 1. Unit Overview

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| **Unit Designation** | Foxtrot Company (F Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division |
| **Reporting Period** | 1–31 March 1966 |
| **Commander** | Capt R. A. Hickethier (in post from 22 February 1966); 1stLt G. S. Burgett (from 10 March 1966) |
| **Higher HQ** | 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol R. H. Uskurait); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division |
| **Area of Operations** | Camp Schwab, the Northern Training Area and Kin Beach, Okinawa |
| **Combat Posture** | Embarked and training as Battalion Landing Team 2/5 |
| **Base of Operations** | Okinawa (Camp Schwab) |
| **Corps Area** | Western Pacific (Camp Pendleton, at sea, Okinawa) |

## 2. Commander's Summary

In March 1966 Battalion Landing Team 2/5 trained on Okinawa for Vietnam.

Company F was commanded by Capt R. A. Hickethier (in post from 22 February 1966); 1stLt G. S. Burgett (from 10 March 1966); the battalion by LtCol R. H. Uskurait (in post from 22 February 1966).

No entry in the March 1966 record names Company F by itself. The 2 battalion entries listed below applied to the whole battalion, Company F included.

## 3. Operations Overview

| Operation / Activity | Dates | Description |
|---|---|---|
| **Embarkation, voyage and training** | March 1966 | No named operation appears in this month's entries for the company; activities are listed in the chronology below. |

## 4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for March 1966 in the hotel25vv research database. No entry names Company F; the battalion-wide entries are listed. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

| Date | Activity / Events |
|---|---|
| **25 Mar** | The battalion landing team was activated again on March 25 as preparations for Vietnam approached completion. [Command chronology · February–April 1966, PDF p. 6] |
| **30 Mar** | Operational and administrative control of BLT 2/5 shifted from RLT-5 to the 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade on March 30. [Command chronology · February–April 1966, PDF p. 6] |

## 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 Command chronology · February–April 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048067).

**2.** HOW IT WAS COMPILED. No entry names Company F; 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

— Command chronology · February–April 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048067)

### SECONDARY SOURCES

— Shulimson, Jack and Charles M. Johnson. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: An Expanding War, 1966. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1982.

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

*Document prepared for historical research purposes. For authoritative casualty figures, unit rosters, and engagement details, consult original 2/5 Command Chronology records at NARA RG 127. | Foxtrot Company, 2/5 Marines, March 1966*