F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MAY 1966 — HILL 69 (BATTALION CP, CHU LAI)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 1966

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Foxtrot Company (F Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 May 1966
Commander	1stLt G. S. Burgett (from 1 May 1966)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol R. H. Uskurait; LtCol Walter Moore); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai), Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base), Hill 22 (Hotel, Chu Lai)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for May 1966 place the battalion most often at or near Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai) (6 of 7 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base), Hill 22 (Hotel, Chu Lai). None of Company F’s own entries names a place.

Company F was commanded by 1stLt G. S. Burgett (from 1 May 1966); the battalion by LtCol R. H. Uskurait (from 1 May 1966); LtCol Walter Moore (from 23 May 1966).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 5 entries this month (4 combat, 1 movement).

On 24 May 1966: The patrol called artillery and searched the area, but did not regain contact.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai) operations	May 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 May 1966 in the hotel25vv research database. Only entries naming Company F are listed. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
1 May 14:15	Foxtrot came under the Chu Lai Defense Command for airfield defense. [Command chronology · May 1966, including Wyoming after-actio, PDF p. 8; Command chronology · May 1966, including Wyoming after-actio, PDF p. 50]
23 May 10:20	The patrol continued after an 81-mm mortar mission silenced incoming shots. [Command chronology · May 1966, including Wyoming after-actio, PDF p. 17]
24 May 20:15	The patrol called artillery and searched the area, but did not regain contact. [Command chronology · May 1966, including Wyoming after-actio, PDF p. 17]
25 May 06:00	A cave contained bloody rags and medicine containers. The patrol sent the collected material to the regiment; its hospital use remained an assessment. [Command chronology · May 1966, including Wyoming after-actio, PDF p. 17]
26 May 18:00	A squad found the device on patrol and used demolition charges to destroy it in place. [Command chronology · May 1966, including Wyoming after-actio, PDF p. 18]

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 · May 1966, including Wyoming after-action report (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048069).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for May 1966 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

— Command chronology · May 1966, including Wyoming after-action report (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048069)

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, May 1966