F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

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

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for June 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	1–30 June 1966
Commander	1stLt G. S. Burgett (1–30 June)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. Moore); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai), Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base), Hill 22 (Hotel, Chu Lai), Ong Bo bridge (Song Trau)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (2 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for June 1966 place it most often at or near Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai) (5 of 8 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base), Hill 22 (Hotel, Chu Lai), Ong Bo bridge (Song Trau).

Company F was commanded by 1stLt G. S. Burgett (1–30 June); the battalion by LtCol W. Moore (1–30 June).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 12 entries this month (9 movement, 2 combat, 1 organization).

On 15 June 1966: A Foxtrot platoon at BT433042 fired on 5 VC — 1 VC KIA, rifle and 4 grenades captured.

On 20 June 1966: A Foxtrot ambush at BT433088 — 2 VC KIA, 2 rifles and 6 grenades.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Apache	090600H – 122000H June 1966. 2/5 Operation Order 305-66 was issued on 1 June 1966; the initial briefing was held on 5 June and a second on 7 June.	Foxtrot and Command Group Alpha moved from Battalion combat base (BT 305 146) to Hill 69 (BT 464 072) by helicopter.

4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for June 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
9 Jun 06:20–07:30	Foxtrot (reinforced) moved from Battalion landing zone, Hill 69 (BT 468 073) to LZ Cobra (BT 312 135) by helicopter. All units in the zone by 0730. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 31]
11 Jun 06:25	Foxtrot moved from Battalion combat base (BT 305 146) to LZ (BT 322 144) by helicopter. Lifted to sweep toward a suspected enemy regimental headquarters near BT 377 138. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 33]
12 Jun 06:00–06:25	Foxtrot moved from Battalion combat base (BT 305 146) to LZ (BT 317 088) by helicopter. The record says "first units of Co F in LZ"; sweep of the south-eastern part of the area (Frag Order 1-305-66). [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 34]
12 Jun 18:35–19:28	Foxtrot and Command Group Alpha moved from Battalion combat base (BT 305 146) to Hill 69 (BT 464 072) by helicopter. Command Group Alpha landed at Hill 69 at 1920; Foxtrot finished its lift at 1928. Operation Apache ended at 2025. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 35]
15 Jun 19:20	A Foxtrot platoon at BT433042 fired on 5 VC — 1 VC KIA, rifle and 4 grenades captured [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 14]
15 Jun	Foxtrot moved from South-west TAOR (BT 415 032) to Hill 76 (BT 452 039) (means not stated). Stayed the night on Hill 76. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 15]
16 Jun 07:30	Foxtrot moved from Hill 76 (BT 452 039) to Hill 69 (BT 464 072) by helicopter. Operations ended at 0900. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 15]
18 Jun– 13:00	Foxtrot (reinforced) moved from Hill 69 (BT 464 072) to Hill 35 (BT 435 076) (means not stated). Unit moves in the 2/5 TAOR: Echo and Hotel on Hill 69, Foxtrot to Hill 35, Golf (-) two platoons on Hill 76 and one at Ky Phu (2). Done by 1300. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 15]

Date	Activity / Events
20 Jun 00:54–10:30	Foxtrot moved from Hill 35 (BT 435 078) to Tien Xuan (1) (BT 416 096) on foot. Search and destroy toward Tien Xuan (1). [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 16]
20 Jun 01:30	A Foxtrot ambush at BT433088 — 2 VC KIA, 2 rifles and 6 grenades [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 16]
20 Jun 10:30–13:30	Foxtrot moved from Tien Xuan (1) (BT 416 096) to Ong Bo bridge, then Hill 35 (BT 435 078) on foot. Moved to the Ong Bo bridge, then searched and cleared south and west along Route 1 to Hill 35. [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 16]
22 Jun 20:00	Frag Order 14-66 (222000H June 1966): two Marine companies and a Popular Force unit were to form blocking positions around the hamlets of Khuong Hiep (2), Khuong Binh (2) and Khuong Tho (1) while the Ly Tin District Popular Forces searched them. Company F (-)(Rein) was to move from Hill 35 to BT 448077 and block along grid line 45; Company H (-)(Rein) was to move from the vicinity of Hill 69 to BT 459072. (Frag Order 14-66, PDF p. 44.) [2/5 ComdC Jun 1966, PDF p. 44]

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 Jun 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048070).

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

— 2/5 Command Chronology Jun 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048070)

SECONDARY SOURCES

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— “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, June 1966