F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

OCTOBER 1966 — CON THIEN

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 1966

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Foxtrot Company (F Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 October 1966
Commander	Capt G. S. Burgett (1–31 October)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (Maj L. E. Wood; LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Con Thien, Prairie patrol base north of Cam Lo
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (15 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Con Thien
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for October 1966 place it most often at or near Con Thien (4 of 5 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Prairie patrol base north of Cam Lo.

Company F was commanded by Capt G. S. Burgett (1–31 October); the battalion by Maj L. E. Wood (1–3 October); LtCol W. C. Airheart (3–31 October).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 18 entries this month (15 combat, 3 movement).

On 11 October 1966: Foxtrot linked up with Hotel; both engaged — 2 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA.

On 15 October 1966: Foxtrot saw an armed enemy at YD103728 who fled and was shot; sniper fire from 2 enemy — 2 USMC WIA (bitten), 2 NVA KIA confirmed.

On 19 October 1966: Foxtrot met an NVA on a trail at YD107713 — 1 NVA KIA confirmed.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Con Thien operations	October 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 October 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
2 Oct 12:40	Foxtrot set up a combat base at YD0660 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 9]
2 Oct–12:40	Foxtrot moved from Operational area (YD 08 06) to Combat base, grid square YD 06 60 (YD 06 60) on foot. [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 9]
5 Oct 11:00	Foxtrot found abandoned mortar positions and trenches at YD057637 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 10]
5 Oct 17:00	Foxtrot found abandoned packs, rice and 82mm mortar canisters [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 10]
10 Oct 09:30	Foxtrot (-) on patrol found fresh elephant tracks heading north at YD089715 and a possible cave entrance at YD091715 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 12]
11 Oct 11:00	Foxtrot linked up with Hotel; both engaged — 2 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 13]
13 Oct 07:30	Foxtrot moved from Battalion perimeter (YD 117 705) to LZ (YD 123 735) by helicopter. Planned the night before; Foxtrot reported finding mortar rounds at YD 131 726 that afternoon, near the zone. [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 14]
13 Oct 13:45	Foxtrot found 12 82mm mortar rounds at YD131726 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 14]
13 Oct 15:30	Foxtrot engaged a platoon-size enemy at YD114723 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 14]
15 Oct 13:05	Foxtrot saw an armed enemy at YD103728 who fled and was shot; sniper fire from 2 enemy — 2 USMC WIA (bitten), 2 NVA KIA confirmed [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 15]
15 Oct 13:15	Foxtrot found and burned 200 lb of rice [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 16]
19 Oct 09:45	Foxtrot met an NVA on a trail at YD107713 — 1 NVA KIA confirmed [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 17]
19 Oct 12:55	Foxtrot met an armed NVA at YD111717 — 1 NVA KIA confirmed, ChiCom carbine captured, 1 VCS [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 17]

Date	Activity / Events
20 Oct 18:30	Foxtrot found a ChiCom ammunition box at YD118706 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 17]
26 Oct 10:20	Foxtrot took sniper fire from YD134673 — 1 NVA KIA confirmed, a light automatic weapon captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 19]
26 Oct 10:33	Continued sniper fire from YD134673 — 2 USMC WIA; air strike and artillery [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 19]
26 Oct 15:45	Foxtrot took fire from YD118664 and YD119664 — 4 USMC WIA, 4 NVA KIA confirmed [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 19]
26 Oct 16:38	Foxtrot broke contact near YD118665 and joined Hotel [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 20]

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 Oct 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048074).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for October 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 Oct 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048074)

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

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