F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

DECEMBER 1966 — DOWNED HELICOPTER NEAR MY LOC (2)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for December 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 December 1966
Commander	Capt G. S. Burgett (1–31 December)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Downed helicopter near My Loc (2), An Hoa Combat Base, Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Hill 42
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (11 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Downed helicopter near My Loc (2)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for December 1966 place it most often at or near Downed helicopter near My Loc (2) (3 of 6 entries with a named place or grid), and also at An Hoa Combat Base, Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Hill 42.

Company F was commanded by Capt G. S. Burgett (1–31 December); the battalion by LtCol W. C. Airheart (1–31 December).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 15 entries this month (11 combat, 4 movement).

On 13 December 1966: A Foxtrot platoon at AT870499 took fire from four positions at AT864500.

On 15 December 1966: Foxtrot at AT864538 surprised 2 VC hiding in a house — 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA.

On 15 December 1966: Foxtrot at AT863544 under fire from AT865545.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Downed helicopter near My Loc (2) operations	December 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 December 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
4 Dec 08:00–17:00	Foxtrot moved from Hill 90 (AT 936 366) to Rice storage area (AT 924 404) on foot. [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 42]
13 Dec 11:30	A Foxtrot platoon at AT870499 took fire from four positions at AT864500 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 13]
15 Dec 12:00	Foxtrot at AT864538 surprised 2 VC hiding in a house — 1 VC KIA, 1 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 14]
15 Dec 14:00	Foxtrot at AT863544 under fire from AT865545 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 14]
16 Dec 09:30	Foxtrot at AT869544 under fire — 1 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 15]
16 Dec 15:00	Foxtrot (-) at AT891539 took about 400 rounds from a reinforced VC squad; Huey gunships fired — 2 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
16 Dec 17:00	Foxtrot and Echo extracting from AT875493 under heavy fire — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
16 Dec 17:00	Foxtrot (+) moved from Search and destroy area (AT 875 493) to Company CP by helicopter. Under considerable fire during the helicopter extraction; Foxtrot called an air strike to cover it. [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
17 Dec 11:05	Sparrow Hawk platoon from Foxtrot lifted; Golf and Echo platoons blocking at AT906524 and AT948526 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
17 Dec 11:20	Sparrow Hawk landed at AT962532 under heavy ground fire [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
17 Dec 11:20–12:06	Sparrow Hawk platoon from Foxtrot moved from Not stated to LZ (AT 962 532) by helicopter. Sent when Golf came under fire; the zone took heavy ground fire and Huey gunships strafed it. [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
20 Dec 11:45	Foxtrot at BT000519 (chronology writes AT 000519) fired on VC escaping by boat — 1 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 19]
21 Dec 08:20	Foxtrot (-) at AT986530: helicopter resupply under small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 19]

Date	Activity / Events
21 Dec 14:40	Foxtrot sweeping AT988527 took fire from 2 VC — 1 VC WIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 19]
28 Dec 13:00	Foxtrot found a pressure booby trap at AT935473 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 23]

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 Dec 1966 (with Nov Mississippi AAR) (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048075).

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

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