F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JANUARY 1967 — TUSCALOOSA RIVER CROSSING

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1967

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 January 1967
Commander	Capt G. S. Burgett (1–26 January); Capt J. A. Graham (27–31 January)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Tuscaloosa river crossing, Ninh Binh (3) (CAP N-1), Le Thap (1), Alligator Lake
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (10 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Tuscaloosa river crossing
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for January 1967 place it most often at or near Tuscaloosa river crossing (7 of 12 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Ninh Binh (3) (CAP N-1), Le Thap (1), Alligator Lake.

Company F was commanded by Capt G. S. Burgett (1–26 January); Capt J. A. Graham (27–31 January); the battalion by LtCol W. C. Airheart (1–31 January).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 14 entries this month (10 combat, 3 movement, 1 organization).

On 10 January 1967: Foxtrot (-) security patrol at AT832365 took 20 rounds from a tree line while crossing a rice paddy — 1 USMC WIA (non-evac), 1 VC WIA.

On 10 January 1967: A Foxtrot security patrol at AT832365 took 30 rounds from AT840364 — 1 USMC WIA.

On 20 January 1967: Foxtrot (-) at AT837462 saw 9 armed enemy across the river at AT832466 — 1 VC KIA (prob), 1 VC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Tuscaloosa	24–28 Jan 1967	Foxtrot moved from Tuscaloosa river crossing (AT 988 527) to Tuscaloosa river crossing (AT 975 532) on foot.

4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for January 1967 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
10 Jan 11:30	Foxtrot (-) security patrol at AT832365 took 20 rounds from a tree line while crossing a rice paddy — 1 USMC WIA (non-evac), 1 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 17]
10 Jan 15:30	A Foxtrot security patrol at AT832365 took 30 rounds from AT840364 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 17]
15 Jan 11:55	Foxtrot (-) on S&D at AT832365 took 25 rounds from AT840361 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 18]
20 Jan 09:45	Foxtrot (-) at AT837462 saw 9 armed enemy across the river at AT832466 — 1 VC KIA (prob), 1 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 20]
23 Jan 20:20	A Foxtrot squad moving into its ambush site at AT975514 took 40 rounds and two grenades — 2 USMC WIA (1 non-evac) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 21]
24 Jan 12:00	Air strikes at AT988527; Foxtrot collected 19 refugees in Bao An Tay [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 47]
24 Jan 13:00	Foxtrot crossed the river and swept north to AT975532 with Hotel covering [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 47]
24 Jan 13:00	Foxtrot moved from Tuscaloosa river crossing (AT 988 527) to Tuscaloosa river crossing (AT 975 532) on foot. Foxtrot crossed the river and swept north to AT975532 with Hotel covering. Starting point is Foxtrot's last reported position (24 Jan 1200), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 47]
25 Jan 13:00	Foxtrot saw 6 armed enemy with packs east of BT016539 (chronology writes AT); 2 bodies found, an M-14 rifle and grenades captured [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 46]
26 Jan 09:00	Foxtrot took 2,000 rounds of small-arms and automatic fire and 18 82mm rounds from an estimated reinforced enemy company in grid square 9852 at AT975534 — 7 USMC WIA including the company commander of Foxtrot [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 46]
26 Jan 14:30	Foxtrot under heavy automatic fire at AT956525; Sparrow Hawk #1 moved to AT948528 with tanks; Sparrow Hawk #2 (Echo) inserted at AT956500 to sweep north;

Date	Activity / Events
	estimated 9 USMC KIA, 40 USMC WIA; enemy 55 KIA, 5 by air [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 48]
26 Jan	Foxtrot crossed the river into the hamlet at AT975517 under heavy fire; Hotel swept north-west through AT965516; heavy contact with what proved to be the R-20 Main Force Battalion [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 47]
26 Jan	Foxtrot moved from Last reported position (BT 016 539) to Reported position (AT 965 516) on foot. Foxtrot crossed the river into the hamlet at AT975517 under heavy fire; Hotel swept north-west through AT965516; heavy contact with what proved to be the R-20 Main Force Battalion. Starting point is Foxtrot's last reported position (25 Jan 1300), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 48]
27 Jan 17:40	Foxtrot at AT965504 saw 12 enemy near AT966493 — 1 VC KIA (conf) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1967, PDF p. 49]

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 Jan 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048076).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for January 1967 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 Jan 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048076)

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