F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MAY 1967 — PHU DA (1) (CAP N-3)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 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 May 1967
Commander	Capt J. A. Graham (1–31 May)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Da (1) (CAP N-3), An Hoa Combat Base, Alligator Lake, Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (4 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Da (1) (CAP N-3)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for May 1967 place it most often at or near Phu Da (1) (CAP N-3) (1 of 4 entries with a named place or grid), and also at An Hoa Combat Base, Alligator Lake, Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2).

Company F was commanded by Capt J. A. Graham (1–31 May); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–31 May).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 8 entries this month (4 combat, 2 movement, 1 civic, 1 logistics).

On 9 May 1967: A Foxtrot patrol found a VC bunker with 8 M-16 mines at Phu Da (1) (AT867492).

On 18 May 1967: Foxtrot's search and destroy near Alligator Lake (AT965485): a platoon attacked three enemy at AT980478 and then 15-25 more in grey uniforms with packs and helmets, with 81mm and 155mm support — 10 enemy KIA (conf), 5 probable, 38 detainees, 3 PWs, no Marine casualties.

On 19 May 1967: Foxtrot's lead element saw 3 VC with packs at AT999480 — 2 VC KIA (conf); 3 more VC dead found in a fresh grave at BT000480.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Union II	26 May – 5 June 1967 (whole operation). 2/5 participation: Company F from 27 May; battalion command group and Company E, 2–4 June.	Foxtrot went under the operational control of 1/5 for Operation Union II

4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for May 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
9 May	A Foxtrot patrol found a VC bunker with 8 M-16 mines at Phu Da (1) (AT867492) [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 8]
11 May	Foxtrot moved to objective 8 and relieved Hotel, which returned to the An Hoa Combat Base [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 7]
12 May	Foxtrot set up a patrol base in the western end of Antenna Valley (AT874402) [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 7]
18 May	Foxtrot's search and destroy near Alligator Lake (AT965485): a platoon attacked three enemy at AT980478 and then 15-25 more in grey uniforms with packs and helmets, with 81mm and 155mm support — 10 enemy KIA (conf), 5 probable, 38 detainees, 3 PWs, no Marine casualties [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 9]
19 May	Foxtrot's lead element saw 3 VC with packs at AT999480 — 2 VC KIA (conf); 3 more VC dead found in a fresh grave at BT000480 [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 10]
24 May	A Foxtrot patrol set off an M-16 mine [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 11]
25 May	County Fair (5-16) at Mau Chanh (2) (AT888471), 25-27 May, with Foxtrot as the cordon force and CAC N-2; over 600 treated [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 11]
27 May	Foxtrot went under the operational control of 1/5 for Operation Union II [2/5 ComdC May 1967, PDF p. 12]

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 May 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048086).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for May 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 May 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048086)

SECONDARY SOURCES

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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 1967