F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1967 — NONG SON OUTPOST (COAL MINE)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 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 July 1967
Commander	1stLt J. B. Scuras (1–3 July); Capt F. J. Lenhartz (4–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr.; LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Nong Son outpost (coal mine), Ninh Binh (3) (CAP N-1), Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2), Phu Nhuan (8)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (8 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Nong Son outpost (coal mine)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for July 1967 place it most often at or near Nong Son outpost (coal mine) (5 of 6 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Ninh Binh (3) (CAP N-1), Mau Chanh (2) (CAP N-2), Phu Nhuan (8).

Company F was commanded by 1stLt J. B. Scuras (1–3 July); Capt F. J. Lenhartz (4–31 July); the battalion by LtCol M. C. Jackson Jr. (1–18 July); LtCol G. C. McNaughton (19–31 July).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 9 entries this month (8 combat, 1 movement).

On 3 July 1967: Villagers fled Tu Xuan (2) (AT795362) and Ninh Hoa (3) (AT797366), reporting 200 NVA in grid square AT7937 crawling toward Nong Son; 600 rounds of artillery fired into AT7937 and Tu Xuan (AT7953).

On 3 July 1967: The Foxtrot platoon at the upper Nong Son position (AT813383) was overrun under intense mortar fire by sappers, riflemen and a flame section; recon unit Cabaret at AT836378 called artillery.

On 4 July 1967: The enemy broke contact and withdrew — 10 USMC KIA, 3 USA KIA, 43 USMC WIA, 39 VC KIA (conf); 4 AK-47s, a flame thrower, 12 satchel charges and 77 grenades captured.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Nong Son outpost (coal mine) operations	July 1967	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 July 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
3 Jul 10:35	Villagers fled Tu Xuan (2) (AT795362) and Ninh Hoa (3) (AT797366), reporting 200 NVA in grid square AT7937 crawling toward Nong Son; 600 rounds of artillery fired into AT7937 and Tu Xuan (AT7953) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 5]
3 Jul 23:27	The Foxtrot platoon at the upper Nong Son position (AT813383) was overrun under intense mortar fire by sappers, riflemen and a flame section; recon unit Cabaret at AT836378 called artillery [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 5]
3 Jul 23:49	The Foxtrot commander started up the hill with a squad [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 5]
4 Jul 00:24	Foxtrot reinforcements reached the top of Nong Son hill and drove the enemy back off the hill [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 5]
4 Jul 01:17	The enemy broke contact and withdrew — 10 USMC KIA, 3 USA KIA, 43 USMC WIA, 39 VC KIA (conf); 4 AK-47s, a flame thrower, 12 satchel charges and 77 grenades captured [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 6]
5 Jul	Foxtrot on the upper position (AT814383) was probed by about a VC squad — 1 USMC KIA, 1 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 6]
6 Jul 06:00	Enemy probes into Foxtrot's position; 4 VC seen at AT815385, three hit [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 6]
29 Jul	A Foxtrot platoon with PFs searched Phu Nhuan (7) (AT909485) and drove north; near AT899512 it took heavy fire from AT890509 and AT901509 and assaulted through a tree line — 1 USN KIA, 1 USMC WIA, 1 PF WIA, enemy dragged off 10-15 bodies [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 11]

Date	Activity / Events
29 Jul	On the night move back a Marine set off an 81mm booby trap — 11 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1967, PDF p. 11]

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 Jul 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048090).

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

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