F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

DECEMBER 1967 — PHU NHUAN (8)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for December 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 December 1967
Commander	Capt M. P. Downs (1–31 December)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol G. C. McNaughton); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Phu Nhuan (8)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (3 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Phu Nhuan (8)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for December 1967 place it most often at or near Phu Nhuan (8) (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company F was commanded by Capt M. P. Downs (1–31 December); the battalion by LtCol G. C. McNaughton (1–31 December).

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

On 1 December 1967: A Foxtrot Marine moving to an ambush site set off a booby trap near AT908494 — 1 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA.

On 7 December 1967: Two Foxtrot Marines guarding the engineer sweep set off two booby traps.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Phu Nhuan (8) operations	December 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 December 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
1 Dec 19:47	A Foxtrot Marine moving to an ambush site set off a booby trap near AT908494 — 1 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1967, PDF p. 15]
7 Dec	Two Foxtrot Marines guarding the engineer sweep set off two booby traps [2/5 ComdC Dec 1967, PDF p. 16]
29 Dec 21:00	A Foxtrot platoon at the Phu Lac (6) outpost took 7 82mm mortar rounds that fell short of the wire [2/5 ComdC Dec 1967, PDF p. 18]

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 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048096).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for December 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 Dec 1967 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048096)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Telfer, Gary L., Lane Rogers and V. Keith Fleming Jr. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Fighting the North Vietnamese, 1967. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1984.

— “Foxtrot Company.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com

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, December 1967