# F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

## MARCH 1968 — ARVN ARMORY, HUE

*Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 1968*

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

## 1. Unit Overview

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| **Unit Designation** | Foxtrot Company (F Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division |
| **Reporting Period** | 1–31 March 1968 |
| **Commander** | Capt M. P. Downs (1–31 March) |
| **Higher HQ** | 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr.); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division |
| **Area of Operations** | ARVN armory, Hue, Public Health Building, Hue (#52), Treasury Building, Hue (#70), Hue hospital complex (#83) |
| **Combat Posture** | Combat operations, patrols and security (8 combat entries) |
| **Base of Operations** | ARVN armory, Hue |
| **Corps Area** | I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam |

## 2. Commander's Summary

Company F's entries for March 1968 place it most often at or near ARVN armory, Hue (1 of 3 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Public Health Building, Hue (#52), Treasury Building, Hue (#70), Hue hospital complex (#83).

Company F was commanded by Capt M. P. Downs (1–31 March); the battalion by LtCol E. C. Cheatham Jr. (1–31 March).

The battalion's command chronology names Company F in 8 entries this month (8 combat).

On 1 March 1968: A Foxtrot recon patrol (YD781205) heard digging near YD802248; artillery fired — 5 huts destroyed.

On 2 March 1968: Foxtrot (YD787228) took M-79 and B-40 fire from YD788230 — 2 USMC WIA evac, 5 not evac.

On 2 March 1968: Foxtrot (YD801246) took fire and 4 B-40s — 2 USMC WIA.

## 3. Operations Overview

| Operation / Activity | Dates | Description |
|---|---|---|
| **ARVN armory, Hue operations** | March 1968 | 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 March 1968 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 Mar 04:00** | A Foxtrot recon patrol (YD781205) heard digging near YD802248; artillery fired — 5 huts destroyed [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, PDF p. 7] |
| **2 Mar 10:31** | Foxtrot (YD787228) took M-79 and B-40 fire from YD788230 — 2 USMC WIA evac, 5 not evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, PDF p. 8] |
| **2 Mar 15:30** | Foxtrot (YD801246) took fire and 4 B-40s — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, PDF p. 8] |
| **2 Mar 15:30** | A wounded Foxtrot Marine at YD801246 was searched by 6 NVA/VC who took his rifle, pack and watch; gunships covered his evacuation — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, PDF p. 8] |
| **7 Mar 23:10** | Foxtrot fired on 3 canoes carrying enemy at YD757214 — 2 canoes destroyed [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, PDF p. 8] |
| **16 Mar 10:30** | Foxtrot's point (ZC106984) met 4 armed NVA/VC — 2 enemy wounded [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, PDF p. 11] |
| **17 Mar 12:15** | A Foxtrot platoon fired on an NVA/VC with an AK-47 at ZC116974 — 1 NVA/VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, PDF p. 11] |
| **22 Mar 10:15** | A Foxtrot platoon patrol (ZC093955) fired on 2 NVA/VC at ZC085946 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1968, 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 Mar 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048101).

**2.** HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for March 1968 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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