F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

SEPTEMBER 1968 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for September 1968

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	1–30 September 1968
Commander	Capt D. B. Brown (1–30 September)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (6 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for September 1968 place the battalion most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid). None of Company F’s own entries names a place.

Company F was commanded by Capt D. B. Brown (1–30 September); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–30 September).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 7 entries this month (6 combat, 1 organization).

On 1 September 1968: A Foxtrot Marine on road sweep security set off a booby-trapped M-26 at AT921512 — 2 USMC WIA.

On 7 September 1968: A Foxtrot platoon ambush at AT908508 fired on 4 enemy — 3 USMC WIA, 2 NVA KIA, 5 ChiComs captured.

On 8 September 1968: A Foxtrot patrol at AT925527 saw 8 enemy crossing a river at AT915534; 81mm fired — 2 NVA KIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: An Hoa Combat Base operations	September 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 September 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 Sep 00:03	A Foxtrot Marine on road sweep security set off a booby-trapped M-26 at AT921512 — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 7]
7 Sep 23:32	A Foxtrot platoon ambush at AT908508 fired on 4 enemy — 3 USMC WIA, 2 NVA KIA, 5 ChiComs captured [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 8]
8 Sep 09:25	A Foxtrot patrol at AT925527 saw 8 enemy crossing a river at AT915534; 81mm fired — 2 NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 8]
11 Sep 11:30	A Foxtrot squad going to an ambush site at AT912507 was assaulted from AT913507; Foxtrot and 2 tanks reinforced — 7 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA, 5 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 9]
14 Sep 12:00	Air strike ordnance fell short on Foxtrot at AT925515 — 1 USMC WIA, 2 NBC [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 9]
19 Sep 22:35	A Foxtrot platoon at AT927491 hit by a grenade — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 10]
25 Sep	Foxtrot placed under 1/5 [2/5 ComdC Sep 1968, PDF p. 4]

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 Sep 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048107).

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

— 2/5 Command Chronology Sep 1968 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048107)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Shulimson, Jack, Leonard A. Blasiol, Charles R. Smith and David A. Dawson. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: The Defining Year, 1968. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1997.

— “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, September 1968