F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JANUARY 1969 — FIRE SUPPORT BASE PIKE (HILL 214)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for January 1969

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 January 1969
Commander	Capt D. B. Brown (1–13 January); 1stLt R. L. Wing (14–17 January); Capt R. N. Kingrey (18–31 January)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. W. Stemple); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Fire Support Base Pike (Hill 214)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (2 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Fire Support Base Pike (Hill 214)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for January 1969 place it most often at or near Fire Support Base Pike (Hill 214) (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company F was commanded by Capt D. B. Brown (1–13 January); 1stLt R. L. Wing (14–17 January); Capt R. N. Kingrey (18–31 January); the battalion by LtCol J. W. Stemple (1–31 January).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 162 entries this month (159 movement, 2 combat, 1 logistics).

On 28 January 1969: F1 and F3 IN CONTACT at 148484.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Taylor Common	6 Dec 1968 – 8 Mar 1969	Foxtrot moved from Foxtrot's patrol area near FSB Pike (ZC 182 453) to New position north-west of FSB Pike (ZC 155 475) on foot.

4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for January 1969 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 Jan 08:50	F1 leaving CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
1 Jan 08:55	F2 leaving CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
1 Jan 11:20	F1 CK1 181464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
1 Jan 11:21	F2 CK1 183454 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
1 Jan 13:10	F1 CK2 178465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
1 Jan 13:11	F2 still at CK2 181464 (as typed) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
1 Jan 14:20	F2 CK2 183449 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 15]
1 Jan 14:45	F1 CK3 174463 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
1 Jan 15:07	F1 in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 13]
1 Jan 17:15	F2 in CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 12]
2 Jan 08:30	F1 and F2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 10:40	F1 CK1 183458 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 10:42	F2 CK1 177455 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 11:40	F1 CK2 175458 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 12:00	F2 CK2 174456 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 15]
2 Jan 12:10	F1 CK3 187452 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 12:40	F2 CK3 167456 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 14:00	F2 CK3 167456 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 15:00	F1 CK4 184445 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 15]
2 Jan 16:00	F2 in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 15]
2 Jan 16:05	F1 in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Jan 16:20	F2 entering lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 15]
3 Jan 08:41	F3 leaving patrol base [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 17]

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3 Jan 08:55	F3 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 17]
3 Jan 10:18	F1 CK1 175459 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 17]
3 Jan 11:30	F3 CK1 176455 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 18]
3 Jan 14:45	F1 CK2 190463 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 18]
3 Jan 15:15	F1 CK3 182464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 18]
3 Jan 16:00	F1 at base for night 185465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 18]
4 Jan 09:40	F1 and F2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 20]
4 Jan 09:59	F1 CK4 183464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 20]
4 Jan 10:20	F(-) CK1 175454 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 20]
4 Jan 12:18	F(-) at 170460 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 21]
4 Jan 12:19	F1 CK5 184469 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 21]
4 Jan 13:40	F1 CK6 175465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 21]
4 Jan 14:50	F1 CK7 173463 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 20]
4 Jan 15:55	F(-) back at CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 20]
4 Jan 16:01	F1 entering lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 20]
5 Jan 09:54	F1 and F2 ready to leave [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 23]
5 Jan 10:16	F1 and F2 CK1 177461 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 23]
5 Jan 11:30	F(-) CK2 173463 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 23]
5 Jan 14:35	F1 and F2 at 173464, will remain there tonight [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 23]
6 Jan 09:00	F1 and F2 CK2 174464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 25]
6 Jan 09:05	F3 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 25]
6 Jan 10:30	F3 CK1 188450 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 25]
6 Jan 13:00	F3 back in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Jan 13:06	F1 and F2 still at CK2 174464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 26]
7 Jan 09:15	F1 and F2 at CK2 174464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 27]
7 Jan 12:05	F1 and F2 continuing security patrols 174464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 27]
8 Jan 09:40	F3 resupply leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 29]
8 Jan 14:55	F2 at 167458 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 29]
9 Jan 19:30	F1 and F2 with CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 32]
10 Jan 08:30	F3 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 33]
10 Jan 11:30	F3 CK4 178460 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 33]
10 Jan 15:18	F at CK3 180469 (omit 1 and 2 on way back) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 34]
10 Jan 17:31	F3 in CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 34]

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11 Jan 07:00	F and H night activities in CP lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 35]
11 Jan 10:05	F2 CK1 170460 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 35]
11 Jan 10:50	F3 at 173464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 35]
11 Jan 15:10	F3 on way to CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 35]
11 Jan 16:10	F3 returned to 182456 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 35]
12 Jan 09:15	F3 combat patrol departed [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 37]
12 Jan 09:25	F2 CK1 177454 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 37]
12 Jan 09:52	F3 CK1 173463 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 37]
12 Jan 11:08	F3 CK2 166465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 37]
12 Jan 13:25	F3 combat patrol [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 37]
12 Jan 13:40	F2 CK3 176466 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 37]
12 Jan 14:40	F3 CK4 180453 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 38]
12 Jan 15:20	F3 in CP lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 38]
12 Jan 15:45	F2 CK4 174454 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 38]
12 Jan 17:00	F2 back in CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 38]
13 Jan 08:15	F1 combat patrol leaving [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 39]
13 Jan 08:37	F3 combat patrol leaving [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 39]
13 Jan 09:00	F1 at CK1 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 39]
13 Jan 10:05	F3 CK1 170462 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 39]
13 Jan 11:40	F1 CK2 182465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 39]
13 Jan 11:45	F3 CK2 182465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 39]
13 Jan 13:55	F1 CK3 173469 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 40]
13 Jan 14:50	F3 CK4 175455 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 40]
13 Jan 16:06	F3 returning to CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 40]
13 Jan 17:51	F1 in CP. [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 40]
14 Jan 08:45	F1 preparing to leave [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 09:15	F2 leaving CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 09:31	F1 CK1 183466 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 09:41	F2 CK2 164464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 11:06	F1 CK2 183467, F2 CK3 161468 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 13:00	F1 CK3 189463, F2 CK3 161469 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 14:15	F2 CK3 161469 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 14:50	F1 CK4 170467 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]

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14 Jan 15:10	F2 CK4 186458 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 16:15	F1 in CP lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 41]
14 Jan 16:16	F in CP lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 42]
15 Jan 08:05	F2 combat patrol leaving [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 08:46	F3 combat patrol leaving [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 09:00	F2 CK1 176453 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 10:10	F2 100m from or passed CK1 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 10:11	F3 100m from CK1 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 10:47	F3 CK1 170460 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 12:43	F2 CK2 167453 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 13:40	F3 CK2 162464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 14:28	F3 CK3 163468 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
15 Jan 15:00	F2 200m from CK4, F3 600m from CK4 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 43]
16 Jan 10:20	F1 ready to leave CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 45]
16 Jan 11:20	F1 CK1 185485 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 45]
16 Jan 11:35	F1 CK2 189457 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 45]
16 Jan 13:20	F1 CK3 185756 (as typed) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 45]
16 Jan 15:35	F1 entering lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 45]
17 Jan 08:25	F1 and F2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 47]
17 Jan 09:50	F1 and F2 at 170460 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 47]
17 Jan 13:00	F3 at 182465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 47]
17 Jan 14:45	F3 at 173467 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 47]
17 Jan 15:50	F3 at 172455 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 48]
17 Jan 17:17	F3 in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 48]
18 Jan 08:25	F1 and F2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 49]
18 Jan 08:30	F3 leaving [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 49]
18 Jan 10:00	F3 at 184458 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 49]
18 Jan 12:18	F3 at 184455 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 49]
18 Jan 14:05	F3 in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 49]
18 Jan 15:15	F1 and F2 at 164458 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 50]
20 Jan 08:10	F1 and F3 moving out [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 52]
20 Jan 08:47	F3 at 172455 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 52]
20 Jan 09:30	F1 at 173463 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 52]

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20 Jan 10:53	F1 at 168467 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 52]
20 Jan 15:30	F1 at 176468 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 52]
21 Jan 08:20	F2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 53]
21 Jan 09:40	F2 at 175453 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 53]
21 Jan 10:30	F2 at 187453 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 53]
21 Jan 11:45	F2 at 170454 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 53]
21 Jan 11:50	F3 at 187453 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 53]
21 Jan 13:00	F3 at 182465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 53]
21 Jan 15:15	F3 at 182465 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 53]
22 Jan 08:00	F1 and F2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 56]
22 Jan 09:20	F1 and F2 at 170463 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 55]
22 Jan 12:50	F1 and F2 at 160464 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 55]
22 Jan 18:10	F1 and F2 in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 55]
23 Jan 10:12	F prepared to move [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 56]
23 Jan 10:12–15:10	Foxtrot moved from Foxtrot's patrol area near FSB Pike (ZC 182 453) to New position north-west of FSB Pike (ZC 155 475) on foot. Operation Taylor Common. The narrative: "On 23 January the battalion was ordered to disestablish FSB Pike and prepare to move to a new A.O." (PDF p. 4). S-3 journal: 23 January 1012 "F prepared to move", 1235 "F at CKPT# 1 170462" (PDF p. 56); 24 January 1510 "F at 155475" (PDF p. 57); Foxtrot's platoons then patrol from there (25–26 January, 154490–162482). The journal tracks the company checkpoint by checkpoint, as for a move on foot, and names no helicopter; the mode is inferred. Start grid is Foxtrot's position on 21 January (F2 at 175453 – 187453). Grids written without letters in the journal; ZC is the square of FSB Pike (ZC 194 450). (Found reading the January 1969 journal page by page, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 56; 2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 57]
23 Jan 12:35	F at CK1 170462 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 56]
24 Jan 15:10	F at 155475 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 57]
25 Jan 09:45	F2 CK1 162482 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 58]
26 Jan 11:20	F2 CK1 154490 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 60]
26 Jan 12:26	F1 CK1 156470 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 60]
26 Jan 14:55	F1 entered lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 60]
27 Jan 08:50	F2 and F3 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 62]
27 Jan 14:00	F2 and F3 at 15488 (grid typed short) [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 62]
27 Jan 15:00	F2 and F3 in lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 62]
28 Jan 08:30	F1 and F3 leaving CP [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 64]
28 Jan 10:15	F1 and F3 CK1 150480 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 64]
28 Jan 11:40	F1 and F3 IN CONTACT at 148484 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 64]

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29 Jan 07:30	F2 leaving lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 66]
30 Jan 09:40	F1 CK1 160470 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 67]
30 Jan 10:20	F3 CK2 161481 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 67]
30 Jan 12:00	F2 CK5 156483 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 67]
30 Jan 12:21	F3 CK2 168476 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 67]
30 Jan 14:00	F1 back at 160470 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 67]
30 Jan 14:25	F3 CK4 160477 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 67]
31 Jan 07:48	F2 now leaving [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 70]
31 Jan 08:30	F1 now leaving [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 70]
31 Jan 10:11	F1 CK1 160483 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 70]
31 Jan 11:00	F FOUND BASE CAMP 147487 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 70]
31 Jan 11:48	F1 CK2 168485 [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 70]
31 Jan 13:52	F1 entering lines [2/5 ComdC Jan 1969, PDF p. 71]

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 Jan 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048111).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for January 1969 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.

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