F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MAY 1969 — 2/5 FIELD COMMAND POST IN THE ARIZONA

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 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 May 1969
Commander	Capt R. N. Kingrey (1–31 May)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. H. Higgins); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	2/5 field command post in the Arizona, LZ Lily, Tam Hoa hamlet
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (17 combat entries)
Base of Operations	2/5 field command post in the Arizona
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for May 1969 place it most often at or near 2/5 field command post in the Arizona (7 of 11 entries with a named place or grid), and also at LZ Lily, Tam Hoa hamlet.

Company F was commanded by Capt R. N. Kingrey (1–31 May); the battalion by LtCol J. H. Higgins (1–31 May).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 17 entries this month (17 combat).

On 1 May 1969: observation post at AT 795492 saw 2 VC/NVA at AT 799499; F opened fire with 3.5 rockets, 81mm, artillery and assaulted; enemy returned B-40 fire — 1 USMC WIA non-evac.

On 4 May 1969: Marine on patrol detonated booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire in bushline at AT 830500 — 1 USMC WIA non-evac.

On 5 May 1969: point element on a night maneuver at AT 852519 saw 15 NVA also on a night move; F opened fire with small arms and M-79 and called illumination — 1 USMC WIA evac, 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
2/5 field command post in the Arizona operations	May 1969	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 May 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 May 12:00	observation post at AT 795492 saw 2 VC/NVA at AT 799499; F opened fire with 3.5 rockets, 81mm, artillery and assaulted; enemy returned B-40 fire — 1 USMC WIA non-evac. [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 15]
4 May 14:30	Marine on patrol detonated booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire in bushline at AT 830500 — 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 18]
5 May 23:45	point element on a night maneuver at AT 852519 saw 15 NVA also on a night move; F opened fire with small arms and M-79 and called illumination — 1 USMC WIA evac, 1 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47. [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 19]
9 May 04:00	Marine detonated booby-trapped 105mm round with pressure detonation in treeline at AT 855515 — 1 USMC WIA evac, 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 23]
9 May 08:35	a Marine at AT 854515 detonated booby-trapped 105mm pressure-detonated round in a treeline — 1 USMC KIA, 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 23]
9 May 13:05	elements at AT 843545 saw 3 VC/NVA moving within 200 m of friendly lines; opened fire with small arms, automatics, M-79 and assaulted — 3 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 23]
10 May 08:30	on sweep at AT 847549 found one VC body and equipment — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 27]
10 May 11:35	Marine on sweep detonated booby-trapped M-79 round at AT 852553 — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 27]
10 May 23:25	night positions at AT 846547 received two ChiCom grenades from 40 m; returned automatic and M-79 fire — 2 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 27]
11 May 09:50	platoon patrol received small arms fire moving through a treeline; moved through and assaulted a second treeline, where it took small arms fire and a command-detonated mine; swept and searched — 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 29]
12 May 12:30	moving to a new objective at AT 852513 received heavy 60mm and 82mm mortar fire from AT 864511; returned fire with 60mm, 81mm, artillery and two flights of fixed wing — 22 USMC WIA evac, 8 non-evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 32]

Date	Activity / Events
12 May 19:05	helicopters resupplying Foxtrot at AT 852513 received 50 rounds small arms and three 82mm rounds from AT 856515; returned fire with small arms, automatics, M-79, LAAWs, 81mm and artillery — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 32]
13 May 17:15	in defensive positions at AT 844504 approached by 2 VC/NVA with 15 more coming out of a treeline 50 m behind; when caught, the two shouted a warning and the others ran; F opened fire — 1 NVA KIA, 2 VC/NVA POW [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 35]
14 May 02:30	one of Golf's prisoners tried to escape; Foxtrot opened fire, wounding him in the leg; the bleeding could not be stopped and he died — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 38]
15 May 12:00	patrol at AT 833504 received small arms and M-79 fire from AT 834503; returned fire, searched — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 39]
18 May 09:15	squad moving to a new position stopped to search a hootch at AT 822493 and received small arms and M-79 fire from the NE at AT 829495; returned fire with small arms, M-79, artillery and 81mm — 1 WIA evac, 1 non-evac [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 44]
21 May 02:10	squad ambush at AT 837488 saw one NVA 30 m in front; ordered him to halt and fired when he ran — 1 NVA KIA; 4 grenades, rank insignia, documents captured [2/5 ComdC May 1969, PDF p. 47]

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 May 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048115).

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

6. Sources

This document was compiled from the following primary and secondary sources:

PRIMARY SOURCES

— 2/5 Command Chronology May 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048115)

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