F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

AUGUST 1969 — HILL 65

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for August 1969

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Foxtrot Company (F Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 August 1969
Commander	Capt K. R. Furr (1–31 August)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. H. Higgins; Maj R. E. Loehe; LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 65, Hill 52, Hill 37
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (23 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Hill 65
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for August 1969 place it most often at or near Hill 65 (6 of 10 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Hill 52, Hill 37.

Company F was commanded by Capt K. R. Furr (1–31 August); the battalion by LtCol J. H. Higgins (1–20 August); Maj R. E. Loehe (21–23 August); LtCol J. T. Bowen (24–31 August).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 24 entries this month (23 combat, 1 organization).

On 1 August 1969: squad on patrol found two caves dug into a cliff and a booby-trapped M-26 in a C-ration can at AT 983413.

On 4 August 1969: a Marine moving to the objective set off a booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire at AT 980402 — 3 USMC WIA non-evac.

On 5 August 1969: platoon moving at AT 970392 found a dead NVA killed by artillery — 1 NVA KBA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 65 operations	August 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 August 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 Aug 14:00	squad on patrol found two caves dug into a cliff and a booby-trapped M-26 in a C-ration can at AT 983413 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 16]
4 Aug 09:45	a Marine moving to the objective set off a booby-trapped M-26 with trip wire at AT 980402 — 3 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 20]
5 Aug 13:00	platoon moving at AT 970392 found a dead NVA killed by artillery — 1 NVA KBA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 22]
6 Aug 16:15	squad found a dead NVA in utilities killed by small arms at AT 969388 — 1 NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 24]
7 Aug 17:00	squad at AT 979382 fired on an NVA who jumped into heavy vegetation fleeing NW — negative [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 27]
8 Aug 11:00	a Foxtrot platoon moving into position at AT 979384 found an enemy base camp last used over a month ago, complete with a deep well, command bunkers, kitchen area, classroom training aids of friendly defensive wire, a hospital area built in rocks and living space for 300-400 men; trails in were old but well beaten [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 30]
8 Aug 16:45	a Foxtrot platoon on a sweep found an NVA regimental command post and training area at AT 983381: four sleeping areas, a large hut used for the main CP, a cooking hut able to feed 100-150 men, two very large outdoor tables, 40 bunkers and a bamboo pipeline from a stream to the main area — an AK magazine with pouch and rounds and documents captured [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 30]
9 Aug 08:00	an NVA soldier gave himself up to a Foxtrot OP — 1 NVA Chieu Hoi, SKS captured [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 33]
9 Aug 15:00	an NVA soldier walked into a Foxtrot squad patrol at AT 984381 and rallied — 1 NVA Chieu Hoi [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 33]
10 Aug 17:00	platoon on patrol at AT 986379 found eight Vietnamese civilians hiding in a cave; a search found food and medical equipment — 8 detainees (five women, three children) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 35]

Date	Activity / Events
11 Aug 04:00	squad in ambush at AT 986380 heard two NVA about 15 m away; opened fire with small arms and M-26 grenades — 1 NVA KIA, pack captured [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 37]
16 Aug 02:45	a Foxtrot squad ambush at AT 881557 fired on 4 NVA/VC leaving a cornfield and took two ChiCom grenades; search found two dead VC aged about 20-25 — 2 USMC WIA evac, 2 VC KIA, AK-47 and two packs of rice captured [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 42]
16 Aug 03:30	a Foxtrot squad ambush at AT 890561 fired on 10 VC/NVA moving along a river bank; the enemy returned fire and threw grenades and broke contact; their position was assaulted — 3 USMC WIA evac, 2 non-evac, 2 NVA KIA, grenades captured [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 41]
16 Aug 08:00	a Foxtrot platoon sweep at AT 890559 took sniper fire — 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 42]
16 Aug 08:45	a Foxtrot squad blocking force received small arms fire from about 10 NVA at AT 897567; returned fire — 1 USMC KIA, 4 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 42]
16 Aug 11:25	a Foxtrot platoon sweeping an 81mm impact area found two NVA about 20 years old killed by small arms, with only shirt, shorts and about 80 lb of rice — 2 NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 42]
16 Aug 15:00	a Foxtrot platoon OP at AT 897567 fired on a VC crossing the river at AT 891559 — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 42]
18 Aug 22:35	a Foxtrot squad ambush at AT 897574 fired on an undetermined number of enemy and took RPG fire from AT 900575; 17 rounds of 60mm fired; search found an AK-47 magazine and bloody clothes — 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 45]
24 Aug 07:45	a Foxtrot squad patrol found a naked VC/NVA killed by artillery about two weeks earlier at AT 840557 (typed 240557) — 1 killed by artillery [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 53]
26 Aug 19:15	a Foxtrot platoon in night positions at AT 815558 saw one VC/NVA with a pack moving north at AT 806554; fired and saw him fall, get up and disappear into the treeline — negative [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 55]
27 Aug 21:10	in night positions at AT 816546 Foxtrot saw movement on the south side of the river near a sampan at AT 824547; fired small arms, automatics and 60mm — 1 sampan destroyed [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 56]
29 Aug 14:30	on patrol at AT 799563 a Foxtrot Marine set off a booby-trapped 60mm round beside a trail in thick brush with trip wire across the trail — 3 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 58]
31 Aug 03:30	a Foxtrot squad in ambush at AT 790566 received about 15 rounds of 60mm from AT 797576; moved out of the impact area and called 105mm on the enemy — negative [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 60]
31 Aug 19:30	a Foxtrot squad on the way to an ambush site at AT 806554 saw lights at AT 799576; called 81mm and artillery — unknown [2/5 ComdC Aug 1969, PDF p. 60]

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 Aug 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048118).

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

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