F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

SEPTEMBER 1969 — HILL 65

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for September 1969

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Foxtrot Company (F Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–30 September 1969
Commander	Capt K. R. Furr (1–30 September)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 65, Hill 52, Truong An hamlet, Charlie Ridge
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (15 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 September 1969 place it most often at or near Hill 65 (2 of 5 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Hill 52, Truong An hamlet, Charlie Ridge.

Company F was commanded by Capt K. R. Furr (1–30 September); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–30 September).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 16 entries this month (15 combat, 1 civic).

On 5 September 1969: Returning road sweep riding on AmTracs detonated a 50-lb box mine at AT 835560 — 1 AmTrac damaged; 9 USMC WIA evac, 6 USMC WIA non-evac.

On 6 September 1969: Night position at AT 788546 received 40 60mm mortar rounds, 10 RPG and 700 rounds small arms; returned small arms, 40 60mm, 60 81mm and 15 artillery rounds — 2 USMC WIA evac, 6 non-evac; 3 VC KIA found at enemy position AT 790542.

On 7 September 1969: Ambush at AT 826537 hit by small arms, 6 ChiCom grenades and RPGs from AT 829537; returned small arms, M-79, 81mm and artillery illumination — 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA evac; at first light 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47s, 3 AK magazines, blood trails and 2 documents (one apparently a hamlet chief's ID).

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 65 operations	September 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 September 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
5 Sep 13:00	Returning road sweep riding on AmTracs detonated a 50-lb box mine at AT 835560 — 1 AmTrac damaged; 9 USMC WIA evac, 6 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 17]
5 Sep 15:00	Platoon in day position apprehended a 22-year-old man at AT 817557 who said he was VC until 1967 but a farmer now — 1 detainee sent to rear [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 17]
6 Sep 01:45	Night position at AT 788546 received 40 60mm mortar rounds, 10 RPG and 700 rounds small arms; returned small arms, 40 60mm, 60 81mm and 15 artillery rounds — 2 USMC WIA evac, 6 non-evac; 3 VC KIA found at enemy position AT 790542 [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 18]
7 Sep 03:00	During heavy rain at AT 826536 a VC suspect slipped out of his bindings and escaped during the change of watch — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 19]
7 Sep 13:30	Platoon searching at AT 826543 found 300 lb rice — Rice sent to rear [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 19]
7 Sep 18:15	Platoon found a command-detonated 155mm round with double-strand wire running through a village at AT 828543, and 300 lb corn at AT 826543 — Round destroyed; corn sent to rear [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 19]
7 Sep 21:20	Ambush at AT 826537 hit by small arms, 6 ChiCom grenades and RPGs from AT 829537; returned small arms, M-79, 81mm and artillery illumination — 2 USMC KIA, 3 USMC WIA evac; at first light 2 VC KIA, 2 AK-47s, 3 AK magazines, blood trails and 2 documents (one apparently a hamlet chief's ID) [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 19]
8 Sep 18:30	A woman (35) and her son (11) walked into the Foxtrot CP at AT 834542 without ID cards — 2 detainees sent to rear [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 21]
8 Sep 21:30	Platoon in night position at AT 834545 fired at a VC/NVA moving toward it — 1 VC/NVA KIA; 1 AK-50 captured [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 21]

Date	Activity / Events
9 Sep 00:25	Squad moving into a new position at AT 827543 hit by 4 ChiCom grenades; returned small arms — 1 USMC KIA, 4 USMC WIA evac; at first light 3 VC POW, 1 AK-47, 1 M-16 and magazines, 782 gear, 8 ChiCom grenades, documents, rice and an M-26 booby trap; POWs said 6 VC hamlet guerrillas were involved [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 22]
9 Sep 09:55	Platoon patrol found an M-26 grenade with trip wire beside a trail at AT 829542 — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 22]
14 Sep 12:00	Platoon crossing a river at AT 890560 took small arms fire from about 10 VC/NVA at AT 886555; returned small arms, 81mm, artillery and 1 air strike — Area could not be checked [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 28]
18 Sep 09:05	Squad on road sweep at AT 897570 found a B-40 dud beside the road — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 34]
23 Sep 11:15	A 21-year-old VC/NVA with a pack and a canteen full of rice walked into the Foxtrot CP at AT 864576 and rallied (Chieu Hoi). He said two others with him did not want to; they came down from the mountains to gather rice; he was with the 22nd Battalion, one night's walk away; he had malaria, was new in the South, and his unit had been hit hard by artillery and air — 1 Chieu Hoi sent to S-2 rear [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 39]
28 Sep 09:30	Platoon in a daytime position at AT 880600 saw a VC/NVA coming down a ridge at AT 880603; he ran when told to halt — 1 VC/NVA KIA; body search negative [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 44]
30 Sep 12:45	Platoon in day position at AT 834554 was given a 105mm dud and two "cefram balls" by children — Children given a meal of C rations; destroyed [2/5 ComdC Sep 1969, PDF p. 46]

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 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048119).

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

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