F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

OCTOBER 1969 — TRUONG AN HAMLET

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 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 October 1969
Commander	Capt K. R. Furr (1–31 October)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Truong An hamlet, Song Binh hamlet, Hill 65, Tam Hoa hamlet
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (13 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Truong An hamlet
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for October 1969 place it most often at or near Truong An hamlet (5 of 11 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Song Binh hamlet, Hill 65, Tam Hoa hamlet.

Company F was commanded by Capt K. R. Furr (1–31 October); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–31 October).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 17 entries this month (13 combat, 3 organization, 1 movement).

On 15 October 1969: Squad on a daytime ambush at AT 838583 saw 8 VC/NVA with packs and weapons moving south to east; 60mm, 81mm and artillery called — 2 NVA helmets captured.

On 16 October 1969: Squad on a day OP at AT 823582 saw a VC/NVA at AT 825584; a fire team sent to search drew small arms, automatic and RPG fire; 81mm and artillery called — Search found empty AK cartridge packages and a small pile of rice.

On 16 October 1969: Platoon setting a night position at AT 867577: a flare was set off; illumination fired — Area to be checked again at first light.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Truong An hamlet operations	October 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 October 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
8 Oct	Foxtrot (rest rotation) moved from Hill 65 (AT 878 576) to "Stack Arms" rest program, Da Nang (means not stated). The October narrative: "During the period 2–4 October, Company G participated in the "Stack Arms" program at Danang. They were followed by Hotel Company on 5–8, Foxtrot 8–11 and Echo 12–14 October" (PDF p. 6). The 1st Marine Division's in-country rest center "Stack Arms" was at China Beach (High Mobility and Standdown, 1969, p. 271). Dates are the stay; each company returned at the end of it. The chronology does not say how they travelled. (From the October 1969 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 6; U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969, PDF p. 286]
13 Oct 22:00	At a platoon CP at AT 873583, the village chief said 8-10 VC/NVA had come into the village, taken rice, kidnapped a Popular Forces soldier and gone back to the mountains — Not confirmed by the Army advisers [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 28]
15 Oct 08:45	Squad setting in an OP at AT 835577 spotted two VC/NVA at AT 844581 and AT 840580 (typed 840880); 81mm called; search found the enemy's escape route — Squad set in a day stinger and OP [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 30]
15 Oct 16:45	Squad on a daytime ambush at AT 838583 saw 8 VC/NVA with packs and weapons moving south to east; 60mm, 81mm and artillery called — 2 NVA helmets captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 30]
15 Oct 21:30	At a night position at AT 867583 a Vietnamese man set off a trip flare — 1 detainee sent to S-2 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 30]
16 Oct 10:15	Squad on a day OP at AT 823582 saw a VC/NVA at AT 825584; a fire team sent to search drew small arms, automatic and RPG fire; 81mm and artillery called — Search found empty AK cartridge packages and a small pile of rice [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 31]
16 Oct 20:00	Platoon setting a night position at AT 867577: a flare was set off; illumination fired — Area to be checked again at first light [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 31]

Date	Activity / Events
18 Oct 09:20	Squad ambush at AT 821585 fired small arms, a claymore and M-79 at 2 NVA with weapons and green utilities — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 33]
18 Oct 10:45	Squad returning from a blocking position took sniper fire from about 5 VC at AT 826577; returned fire — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 33]
18 Oct 10:50	Squad on patrol at AT 830585 fired on 5 VC/NVA there; firefight — 1 USMC WIA non-evac; 3 NVA/VC KIA; 1 AK-47, 1 ChiCom grenade, 5 NVA packs and documents captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 33]
18 Oct 21:52	Squad ambush at AT 834568 heard about 15 VC/NVA moving toward the Foxtrot position at AT 839567, then movement at AT 837569; small arms and mortars — Unknown [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 33]
18 Oct 22:15	Squad ambush at AT 834568 saw 2-3 NVA/VC and fired — Unknown [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 33]
19 Oct 09:15	Vietnamese children turned in a 105mm dud at the Foxtrot position at AT 839567 — Children given a 400-piaster reward; destroyed [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 34]
19 Oct 12:30	Foxtrot snipers at AT 838567 fired 10 rounds at a VC/NVA at AT 844547 and knocked him down — Kill not confirmed [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 34]
24 Oct 13:45	Foxtrot in day position at AT 830563 was given a dud 106mm HE round by a PF — Turned in [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 40]
27 Oct 19:00	Foxtrot squad in an OP at AT 883596 fired a LAAW at a Vietnamese man in a pagoda at AT 883597 — Structure hit; result unknown [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 44]
28 Oct 01:30	Squad ambush at AT 879563 saw 2-3 sampans crossing the river south to north; 81mm illumination over AT 878559 — Sampans went back to the south bank [2/5 ComdC Oct 1969, PDF p. 45]

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 Oct 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048120); U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969.

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for October 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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— U.S. Marines in Vietnam · High Mobility and Standdown, 1969

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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, October 1969