F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

NOVEMBER 1969 — LZ LILY

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for November 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	1–30 November 1969
Commander	Capt K. R. Furr (1–30 November)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	LZ Lily, Henderson Hill, Liberty Bridge, Hill 65
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (31 combat entries)
Base of Operations	LZ Lily
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for November 1969 place it most often at or near LZ Lily (13 of 19 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Henderson Hill, Liberty Bridge, Hill 65.

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

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 32 entries this month (31 combat, 1 organization).

On 5 November 1969: Platoon setting a night position at AT 908533 saw a VC/NVA walk into its position; fired small arms and machine gun, heard screams and saw him fall — Search negative.

On 8 November 1969: Squad on a sweep at AT 879540 saw 7 VC/NVA about 700 m to the front moving west; fired — Negative results; enemy disappeared into a tree line.

On 8 November 1969: Foxtrot on a sweep found a man about 25 who said he had been wounded by a rocket; interrogated and believed VC.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
LZ Lily operations	November 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 November 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 Nov 05:30	Platoon setting a night position at AT 908533 saw a VC/NVA walk into its position; fired small arms and machine gun, heard screams and saw him fall — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Nov 16:00	Foxtrot on a search and destroy mission found 16 bunkers and destroyed them with C-4 and grenades. Local people were hostile but made no move to leave; they said 10 armed VC/NVA had left 8 days earlier when the Marines came in — 16 bunkers destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 28]
8 Nov 00:01	Squad returning from patrol at AT 880544 found a rusty SKS rifle in a tree line that had been there some time — Rifle to S-2 [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
8 Nov 09:20	Squad on a day patrol at AT 879540 found a grenade factory with materials for making ChiCom grenades, and a 105mm dud — Engineers blew the round and the factory [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
8 Nov 09:30	Squad on a sweep at AT 879540 saw 7 VC/NVA about 700 m to the front moving west; fired — Negative results; enemy disappeared into a tree line [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
8 Nov 09:45	Foxtrot on a sweep found a man about 25 who said he had been wounded by a rocket; interrogated and believed VC. His wife, also wounded by the rocket, was detained — 2 detainees to S-2 [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
8 Nov 12:30	Foxtrot on a sweep at AT 873551 found a dud 8-inch round — Destroyed by engineers [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
8 Nov 13:00	Foxtrot on a sweep found 6 bunkers — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
8 Nov 13:35	Foxtrot on a sweep at AT 877554 found a dud 155mm round — Disposed of by engineers [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 31]
12 Nov 01:30	Platoon in a night position at AT 874502 accidentally shot a Vietnamese boy when he set off a trip flare on its perimeter — 1 civilian wounded [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 37]

Date	Activity / Events
18 Nov 06:25	Squad at AT 821540 fired on 6 VC/NVA moving west — 1 enemy killed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 44]
18 Nov 07:20	A Marine on the Foxtrot sweep at AT 821542 set off a ChiCom booby trap — 1 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 44]
18 Nov 10:00	Foxtrot found 325 lb unhusked rice and 100 lb corn at AT 827533 — Captured [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 44]
19 Nov 10:30	Foxtrot on a sweep at AT 842545 set off an M-26 booby trap with a trip wire — 1 USMC WIA evac, 1 USN (corpsman) WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
19 Nov 11:20	Platoon on a sweep at AT 845546 blew up a dud 250-lb bomb — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
19 Nov 11:50	Platoon on a sweep at AT 835542 detained 6 women and a girl — 7 detainees [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 46]
20 Nov 08:30	Platoon sweep at AT 867550 found 8 Vietnamese — 2 men sent to the rear [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 48]
20 Nov 16:00	Foxtrot at AT 899530 took small arms fire from about 20 VC/NVA to the west, east and south; returned small arms and 60mm — 2 killed, 2 POWs; a pack, cigarettes, food and 5 lb rice captured [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 48]
21 Nov 18:15	Platoon killed a VC/NVA at AT 890524 — 1 killed; a belt, a ChiCom grenade and a wallet captured [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 50]
21 Nov 19:30	Platoon in a night position at AT 887535 fired on 2 VC/NVA — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 50]
22 Nov 10:50	Foxtrot and the battalion CP on the way to the new position found 3 VC/NVA killed by small arms at AT 853510 — 3 bodies found [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 51]
24 Nov 08:45	Platoon patrol killed 2 VC/NVA running from a village at AT 845532 — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 53]
27 Nov 07:45	Foxtrot at AT 886527 fired on 3 VC/NVA at AT 884524 — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 55]
28 Nov 11:15	Foxtrot sweep at AT 856545 took 6 M-79 rounds; returned small arms, M-79 and 60mm — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 57]
28 Nov 11:20	Foxtrot on a sweep at AT 855545 fired at 3 VC/NVA running northeast — 1 killed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 57]
28 Nov 14:40	A Foxtrot sweep at AT 852547 set off a booby-trapped 155mm round — 1 USMC KIA, 6 USMC WIA evac, 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 57]
29 Nov 08:30	Platoon patrol at AT 851545 fired on 12 VC/NVA moving northeast — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 58]
29 Nov 10:00	Foxtrot position at AT 845543 fired on 3 VC/NVA and saw one drop — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 58]
30 Nov 08:00	Platoon sweep at AT 835545 fired at 7 VC/NVA with packs — Blood stains found [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 60]
30 Nov 09:00	Platoon in a daytime ambush fired on 12 VC/NVA with a mortar tube — 4 killed; an M-16, an AK-47, an AK-50, an M-16 magazine, an M-26 grenade, 4 ChiCom grenades, a

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	U.S. medical bag, a Marine's personal diary and documents captured [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 60]
30 Nov 15:00	Platoon searching at AT 830537 found 1,000 lb rice and 700 lb corn on the river bank — Captured [2/5 ComdC Nov 1969, PDF p. 60]
30 Nov 18:50	Squad on the way to an ambush site took 2 ChiCom grenades, small arms and M-79 fire; returned fire — 1 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Nov 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 Nov 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048121).

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