F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

DECEMBER 1969 — LZ LILY

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for December 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 December 1969
Commander	Capt K. R. Furr (1–23 December); 1stLt T. F. Murray(?) (24–31 December)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol J. T. Bowen); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	LZ Lily, Henderson Hill, Tam Hoa hamlet, Hill 37
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (65 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 December 1969 place it most often at or near LZ Lily (19 of 53 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Henderson Hill, Tam Hoa hamlet, Hill 37.

Company F was commanded by Capt K. R. Furr (1–23 December); 1stLt T. F. Murray(?) (24–31 December); the battalion by LtCol J. T. Bowen (1–31 December).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 72 entries this month (65 combat, 3 civic, 3 organization, 1 medical).

On 2 December 1969: Squad spotted 2 VC/NVA running northwest at AT 840533; captured a wounded woman who threw an AK-47 magazine, 2 M-16 magazines, 3 M-26 grenades, a cartridge belt and documents into a bunker — 1 POW (woman); items captured.

On 5 December 1969: Platoon on patrol at AT 835480 tripped a booby trap believed to be a pressure-type M-26 buried in a trail — 1 USMC WIA priority evac, 1 non-evac.

On 6 December 1969: Platoon at an ambush site at AT 807473 fired on 2 VC/NVA, unarmed, running north — Rice and roots recovered from the enemy's sack.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
LZ Lily operations	December 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 December 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 Dec 09:00	An old man told Foxtrot at AT 840533 that 7 VC had beaten him that morning and left the village heading southeast — Village checked, negative [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 14]
1 Dec 09:00	Foxtrot at AT 829538 received a Vietnamese man with a shoulder wound who asked to go to Duc Duc — Evacuated on the resupply [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 14]
2 Dec 07:30	Squad spotted 2 VC/NVA running northwest at AT 840533; captured a wounded woman who threw an AK-47 magazine, 2 M-16 magazines, 3 M-26 grenades, a cartridge belt and documents into a bunker — 1 POW (woman); items captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 16]
4 Dec 11:30	The Division Combat Intelligence Team and a Foxtrot platoon at AT 810500 found 2 tar containers of 1,100 gal and 1,300-350 gal; 3 more containers found — Destroyed by artillery [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 24]
5 Dec 16:10	Platoon on patrol at AT 835480 tripped a booby trap believed to be a pressure-type M-26 buried in a trail — 1 USMC WIA priority evac, 1 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 26]
5 Dec 16:35	Platoon on patrol at AT 829482 found a dud 105mm round — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 26]
6 Dec 06:05	Platoon at an ambush site at AT 807473 fired on 2 VC/NVA, unarmed, running north — Rice and roots recovered from the enemy's sack [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 30]
6 Dec 12:30	Platoon in a new position at AT 855507 found a dud 105mm booby trap with a trip wire covered with cardboard — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 30]
6 Dec 12:45	Setting in a new position at AT 851518, Foxtrot tripped a booby trap made of a can of C-4 with a trip wire buried in the ground — 9 USMC WIA: 1 emergency evac, 2 routine evac, 6 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 30]

Date	Activity / Events
6 Dec 12:45	Searching for more booby traps at AT 851518, Foxtrot found a claymore without pellets and a C-4 charge with a trip wire — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 30]
7 Dec 12:50	Foxtrot on a sweep at AT 845533 destroyed 30 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 32]
7 Dec 13:10	Squad at an ambush site at AT 836534 fired on 6 VC/NVA in black pajamas, unarmed, running west at AT 835535 — Heavy blood trails, sandals, USMC utilities and a shirt found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 32]
8 Dec 13:00	Platoon on a search and sweep at AT 835536 found an ammo box, a claymore, a hammock, a Navy belt, booby-trap making gear (hammer and nails, chisels, screwdriver, metal probes and strips) and an artillery round — Captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 36]
8 Dec 15:30	Foxtrot on a search and sweep at AT 832536 found 26 seedling beds — Destroyed by Huskies [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 36]
9 Dec 09:30	Foxtrot on a sweep at AT 849546 tripped a booby trap made from a 60mm round with a trip wire — 1 USMC priority evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 38]
9 Dec 10:00	Squad on a sweep at AT 851546 saw 4 armed VC/NVA in black heading west — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 38]
9 Dec 12:00	Foxtrot at AT 845545 destroyed 15 seedling beds with the help of the Huskies — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 38]
9 Dec 14:00	Foxtrot on patrol at AT 850546 received 106 refugees asking to go to Dai Loc — Sent to An Hoa on the resupply [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 38]
9 Dec 15:30	Platoon checking the area at AT 851546 found an ammo box with 500 rounds of AK-47 — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 38]
10 Dec 07:00	Platoon on a sweep at AT 870553 fired at 5 VC/NVA heading north — Search negative [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 42]
10 Dec 09:00	Sweeping at AT 898544, a Foxtrot platoon and the forward CP took fire from 7 VC/NVA; returned fire — 2 VC/NVA wounded at AT 900544; 2 VC/NVA bodies found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 42]
10 Dec 11:00	Foxtrot on search and destroy at AT 906558 found 25 bunkers with camouflaged overhead cover — To be destroyed by engineers [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 41]
10 Dec 13:45	Escorting Huskies at AT 885554, Foxtrot killed a VC/NVA in green carrying an AK-47 with magazines, medical gear and personal effects — 1 KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 42]
11 Dec 10:00	Checking the previous day's sweep at AT 904562, a Foxtrot platoon found a VC/NVA KIA in green utilities with a U.S. cartridge belt, a ChiCom grenade and documents — 1 body found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 47]
11 Dec 10:00	Platoon on patrol at AT 899560 saw an unarmed civilian in white running north; pursued — 1 detainee [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 47]
11 Dec 11:00	Platoon sweeping at AT 906563 killed 1 and captured 1 VC/NVA in green utilities, unarmed, heading east — 1 KIA, 1 POW [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 47]
11 Dec 11:00	Foxtrot sweeping at AT 895555 found and destroyed 6 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 47]

Date	Activity / Events
11 Dec 12:20	Platoon sweeping at AT 882554 tripped an M-26 booby trap — 3 USMC WIA, 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 46]
12 Dec 07:40	Platoon on patrol at AT 904533 found a VC/NVA killed by artillery on 11 December, and an ID card — 1 body found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 48]
12 Dec 09:25	Platoon on patrol at AT 897552 saw 5 VC/NVA in green uniforms carrying rifles heading north; fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 48]
12 Dec 10:00	Squad on patrol at AT 900560 saw 2 VC/NVA in blue uniforms heading north; fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 48]
12 Dec 11:00	Foxtrot on search and destroy at AT 890545 found and destroyed 62 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 48]
13 Dec 10:00	Platoon on patrol at AT 890535 destroyed 110 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 50]
13 Dec 11:00	A Foxtrot platoon and a Husky on patrol at AT 889539 tripped a pressure-type M-26 booby trap (no damage); returning, they hit another — Husky not damaged; 2 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 50]
13 Dec 12:30	Squad left behind at an ambush site while returning to AT 870547 set off a 60mm booby trap with a pressure device — 2 USMC and 1 USN WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 50]
14 Dec 10:15	Platoon on patrol at AT 873543 saw 14 VC/NVA in black and green uniforms and fired — 2 KIA; 2 women detained carrying documents and food [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 54]
14 Dec 11:00	Platoon on search and clear at AT 882542 destroyed 20 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 54]
14 Dec 12:30	Platoon on patrol at AT 867551 was hit by a command-detonated booby trap in high grass on a paddy dike, then AK-47 fire from the north; when the medevac was done the unit tripped a 60mm mortar booby trap — First: 4 USMC WIA evac and 1 USN WIA evac; then 7 USMC WIA evac and 2 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 54]
15 Dec 11:30	Foxtrot on search and clear at AT 896552 destroyed 26 M-79 rounds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 56]
15 Dec 12:30	Platoon on search and clear at AT 901513 saw 3 NVA in blue uniforms and fired — 2 NVA KIA; the other ran north [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 56]
15 Dec 16:10	Platoon moving to a new position at AT 878555 saw a VC/NVA in green running southeast; fired and searched — 1 AK-47 found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 56]
15 Dec 16:40	Squad in a stinger site at AT 883547 saw 3 VC/NVA in green uniforms, unarmed, followed by 3 Vietnamese children, who were wounded — 2 VC/NVA KIA; medevac called for the children [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 56]
16 Dec 08:00	The Foxtrot point at AT 869559 saw 5 unarmed VC/NVA in green and fired — 1 KIA; an AK-47 captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
16 Dec 09:45	Platoon on search and clear at AT 855556 saw a VC/NVA in a blue uniform running to the island with more VC/NVA; fired — 8 VC/NVA KIA and 25 POWs, all in dark clothing, one a wounded woman; documents, blasting caps, a 9mm pistol and 782 gear captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
16 Dec 10:15	Platoon on search and destroy at AT 852553 saw 15 VC/NVA in green and blue running northeast; fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]

Date	Activity / Events
16 Dec 10:30	Platoon on search and destroy at AT 854556 saw 5 VC/NVA in blue, green and black on a small inlet; fired — 12 VC/NVA KIA, 1 woman wounded, 2 POWs; 6 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
16 Dec 11:50	Foxtrot CP on search and destroy at AT 852550 found 3 B-40 rounds buried — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
16 Dec 15:15	Platoon on search and clear at AT 847547 saw 5 VC/NVA in black and green, unarmed, running west; fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 58]
17 Dec 11:35	Platoon on patrol at AT 835532 destroyed 17 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 62]
17 Dec 11:35	Platoon in its day position at AT 835532 destroyed 17 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 62]
18 Dec 06:35	Squad coming in from a night ambush at AT 833536 tripped a booby trap of C-4 or Composition B with shrapnel in a juice can — 2 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 64]
18 Dec 12:50	Platoon on patrol at AT 827526 saw 2 VC/NVA in black pajamas heading east; fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 64]
18 Dec 16:00	Platoon returning from patrol at AT 830534 found a man of military age inside a hootch — Detained and sent to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 64]
19 Dec 11:00	Platoon at AT 870540 acting as a point element found a Vietnamese man with a gunshot wound — Sent out on the resupply [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 66]
19 Dec 15:00	Squad moving to a blocking area at AT 852820 (sic) saw 7 VC/NVA running north; fired — 2 KIA; 1 POW and 1 wounded POW [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 66]
20 Dec 14:30	Squad in a blocking position at AT 878526 saw 2 VC/NVA at AT 879525 in black pajamas with packs heading southeast; fired — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 68]
20 Dec 16:00	Foxtrot in a blocking position at AT 872524 received 13 refugees asking to go to Duc Duc — Refugees [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 68]
22 Dec 15:30	Squad on patrol at AT 873524 destroyed 7 seedling beds — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 72]
25 Dec 10:30	While a squad set in a day position at AT 923523, Foxtrot was approached by 150-200 civilians from a village about 500 m north, carrying pamphlets and 2 posters — Turned over to the Regimental S-5 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 78]
25 Dec 14:20	In an OP at AT 902471, Foxtrot was approached by 3 children; one child tripped a 60mm booby trap with a pressure detonator in the ground — 5 USMC WIA (1 emergency, 1 priority, 3 non-evac); 2 children killed, 1 child emergency evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 78]
26 Dec 14:00	Foxtrot in its day position at AT 907478 received 7 children carrying an aircraft parachute flare — Children paid 100 piasters [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 80]
28 Dec 10:40	Squad on patrol at AT 921499 found about 500 lb rice in plastic bags in a house — Rice sent to An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 84]
28 Dec 11:50	Squad in a blocking position at AT 905505 saw 15 VC/NVA in black pajamas with weapons moving northeast; fired — 2 KIA; medical supplies captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 84]

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28 Dec 12:15	In a blocking position at AT 898508, a Foxtrot Marine was hit by stray rounds from Red Rebel unit, which was in contact with VC/NVA — 1 USMC WIA routine evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 84]
28 Dec 13:30	Squad in a blocking position at AT 905507 saw 2 VC/NVA in black pajamas with weapons running east; with ARVN, pursued and captured them — 2 POWs to S-2 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 84]
28 Dec 17:25	Platoon in position at AT 924518 took 40 rounds of AK fire from a tree line; returned fire and called 81s — Negative results [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 84]
29 Dec 11:30	Foxtrot in its day position at AT 907478 was approached by 2 children carrying a 105mm round and a 60mm illumination canister holding C-4 and 2 M-79 rounds — Children paid 500 piasters [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 86]
29 Dec 17:20	In an OP at AT 902518 a Marine left to urinate and tripped an M-26 with a trip wire buried in the ground — 1 USMC WIA emergency evac, 2 non-evac [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 86]
29 Dec 19:20	Platoon in its night position at AT 921516 received 3 ChiCom grenades from an unknown unit; called 81s on the suspected enemy position — 4 USMC WIA (1 emergency, 3 priority evac) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 86]
30 Dec 18:40	Foxtrot in its night position at AT 907478 had an accidental M-60 discharge — 1 USMC WIA priority evac, to be picked up in the morning [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 90]
31 Dec 08:40	Checking out an OP site at AT 917515, F-22 found an M-26 grenade booby trap buried halfway in the ground with a trip wire tied to a bamboo stake — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 94]
31 Dec 10:00	Checking the OP site at AT 917515, F-22 found a booby trap partly covered with cardboard buried in the ground, possibly a 105mm round — Destroyed in place [2/5 ComdC Dec 1969, PDF p. 94]

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 Dec 1969 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048122).

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

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