F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

FEBRUARY 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1970

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	1–28 February 1970
Commander	1stLt T. F. Murray (1–28 February)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: Liberty Bridge, An Hoa Combat Base, Phu Loc (6) refugee hamlet, Phu Nhuan (4)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (117 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: Liberty Bridge
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for February 1970 place the battalion most often at or near Liberty Bridge (3 of 7 entries with a named place or grid), and also at An Hoa Combat Base, Phu Loc (6) refugee hamlet, Phu Nhuan (4). None of Company F’s own entries names a place.

Company F was commanded by 1stLt T. F. Murray (1–28 February); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–28 February).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 120 entries this month (117 combat, 2 civic, 1 medical).

On 3 February 1970: Foxtrot tripped an 81mm illumination booby trap.

On 3 February 1970: Foxtrot found 4 booby traps.

On 3 February 1970: Foxtrot tripped a 60mm booby trap.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: Liberty Bridge operations	February 1970	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 February 1970 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 Feb 13:45	Foxtrot found a bunker, documents and M-79 casings [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 14]
2 Feb 11:30	Foxtrot spotted 3 enemy [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 16]
2 Feb 18:20	Foxtrot spotted 4 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 16]
3 Feb 09:00	Foxtrot tripped an 81mm illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Feb 09:00	Foxtrot found 4 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Feb 14:40	Foxtrot tripped a 60mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 18]
3 Feb 19:30	Foxtrot had a trip flare go off by its position [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 18]
4 Feb 20:20	Foxtrot had trip flares go off by its night position — Negative [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 20]
5 Feb 08:20	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Feb 15:30	Foxtrot spotted 4 VC/NVA — 1 Marine casualty [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 24]
7 Feb 02:00	Foxtrot spotted 4 VC/NVA in its OP site [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 26]
7 Feb 20:00	Foxtrot took AK fire — 2 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 26]
8 Feb 19:05	Foxtrot spotted 7 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 28]
9 Feb 09:15	Foxtrot saw 36 Vietnamese moving and carrying packs [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
9 Feb 10:25	Foxtrot found a green uniform [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
9 Feb 10:40	Foxtrot found ordnance in a village hooch [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
9 Feb 12:25	Foxtrot found a booby trap (M-26) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
9 Feb 12:30	Foxtrot found a 250-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
9 Feb 16:20	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
9 Feb 17:30	Foxtrot spotted 6 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]

Date	Activity / Events
9 Feb 19:30	Foxtrot spotted 7-11 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 30]
10 Feb 08:25	Foxtrot tripped a booby trap — 2 WIA evac, 1 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 09:30	Foxtrot spotted 15 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 09:35	Foxtrot found 4 booby traps, a 250-lb bomb and a reinforced bunker [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 10:00	Foxtrot found 2 rock mines [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 10:00	Follow-up: Foxtrot found a minefield [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 12:35	Foxtrot found a box mine [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 18:15	Foxtrot heard an explosion and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Feb 20:30	Foxtrot spotted 8 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 32]
11 Feb 08:50	Foxtrot checked the area the 106s fired on and found a blood trail [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Feb 11:20	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Feb 12:10	Foxtrot found and destroyed a reinforced bunker [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Feb 14:50	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA — 7 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Feb 19:30	Foxtrot took 40 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Feb 20:30	Foxtrot took 40 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Feb 20:45	Foxtrot spotted 1 VC/NVA near its position [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Feb 23:15	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA near its ambush position [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 34]
12 Feb 09:45	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
12 Feb 09:45	Follow-up: Foxtrot's F1A swept the area where VC/NVA were seen earlier [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
12 Feb 09:45	Follow-up: Foxtrot found 7 more bunkers [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
12 Feb 11:15	Foxtrot spotted 6 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]

Date	Activity / Events
12 Feb 16:00	Foxtrot's F1A spotted 3-5 VC/NVA and took fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
12 Feb 20:20	Foxtrot's F1A checked out fire from 81s [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 36]
13 Feb 07:45	Foxtrot found a pressure-type booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 09:35	Foxtrot found a booby trap on a paddy dike [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 09:45	Foxtrot found another booby trap on a paddy dike [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 10:15	Foxtrot spotted 7 VC/NVA and captured 2 males [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 10:20	Foxtrot found a ChiCom booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 10:20	Foxtrot found 10 booby traps and a bunker [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 10:45	Foxtrot spotted 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 12:00	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA — 2 killed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 12:55	Foxtrot detained 30 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Feb 18:55	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 40]
14 Feb 08:15	Foxtrot received 5 M-79 rounds — 2 USMC WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Feb 10:15	Foxtrot's F1A at an OP spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Feb 14:00	Foxtrot's F3 spotted 2 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Feb 19:41	Foxtrot's F1A had a trip flare go off [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Feb 22:10	Foxtrot's F1 had another trip flare go off [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 44]
15 Feb 08:30	Foxtrot threw a can into a trash pit, setting off a 60mm pressure-type booby trap — 4 casualties (day summary) [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Feb 16:00	Foxtrot found 3 105mm rounds set as booby traps — Destroyed [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 46]
16 Feb 11:14	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 13:00	Foxtrot's F2 found 25 lb of rice and 7 lb of salt [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]

Date	Activity / Events
16 Feb 16:00	Foxtrot's F1A and F1C took small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 16:00	Foxtrot's F1A and F1C took enemy fire; called in fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 19:00	Foxtrot reported more wounded in friendly fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 20:15	Foxtrot's F1C spotted 2 VC/NVA and called in 81s [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
16 Feb 22:45	Foxtrot's F1C saw 1 VC/NVA moving north [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 48]
17 Feb 08:15	Foxtrot's F3 spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Feb 08:15	Follow-up: Foxtrot's F3 found a Vietnamese with a small wound [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Feb 13:00	Foxtrot's F1A saw a large explosion [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Feb 16:00	Follow-up: Foxtrot found 14 Vietnamese who had been detained by the VC/NVA, and miscellaneous gear [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 52]
18 Feb 09:05	Foxtrot's F1B spotted 2 VC/NVA running from its position [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 10:45	Foxtrot's F3C spotted 20-30 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 10:45	Follow-up: Foxtrot's F3C called an air strike — 2 killed by air [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 14:40	Foxtrot's F2A spotted 4-5 VC/NVA; F3C spotted 30 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 16:00	Foxtrot's F1C spotted 30 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 16:10	Foxtrot's F1C found a 155mm round — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Feb 16:35	Foxtrot's F2C spotted 30 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 54]
19 Feb 13:45	Late entry: Foxtrot CP observed an artillery burst [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Feb 17:05	Foxtrot's F2A killed 2 VC/NVA with small arms [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Feb 19:00	Foxtrot CP observed 4 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Feb 19:40	Foxtrot's F3 took 25 AK rounds [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 56]
20 Feb 08:20	Foxtrot's F2B found a booby trap, an M-26 on a paddy dike [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]

Date	Activity / Events
20 Feb 09:30	Foxtrot's F2B set off a booby trap (M-26) — 1 USMC KIA, 3 WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Feb 10:20	Foxtrot's F2C, while giving first aid to F2B, found a booby trap on a paddy dike [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Feb 11:00	Foxtrot's F3C took fire from 1 VC/NVA — 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Feb 12:30	Foxtrot's F2C found a bunker — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Feb 16:10	Foxtrot's F3C found a 105mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 58]
21 Feb 10:30	Foxtrot found 20 lb of rice [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Feb 10:40	Foxtrot's F2C spotted 3 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Feb 18:50	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 2 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 62]
22 Feb 13:00	Foxtrot's F2B took 20 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 13:45	Foxtrot's F2A found cooked food in a village [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 16:10	Foxtrot's F2A took 15 rounds from the east [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 16:45	Foxtrot's F2B took 25 rounds and returned fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 17:00	Foxtrot's F2A took enemy fire [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
22 Feb 18:00	Foxtrot's F2 heard a loud explosion and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 64]
23 Feb 08:00	Foxtrot's F1 spotted 6-10 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 68]
23 Feb 08:45	Foxtrot's F1 spotted 7-10 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 68]
23 Feb 13:00	Foxtrot's F2 received a wounded Vietnamese and sent him to the German Hospital [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 68]
23 Feb 15:25	Foxtrot's F2B found an 81mm round set as a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 68]
23 Feb 18:10	Foxtrot's F2 saw 6-10 VC/NVA and called in a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 68]
24 Feb 08:10	Foxtrot's F2C tripped a 105mm command-detonated booby trap — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 70]
24 Feb 09:00	Foxtrot's F1C found and destroyed an M-26 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 70]

Date	Activity / Events
24 Feb 18:40	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 2 VC/NVA and called a fire mission [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 68]
25 Feb 12:20	Foxtrot's F1C tripped a 60mm booby trap — 5 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 72]
25 Feb 12:45	Foxtrot's F2B saw a tank hit a 100-lb box mine — 4 WIA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 72]
25 Feb 14:20	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 10-15 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 72]
25 Feb 16:10	Foxtrot's F2 received a wounded Vietnamese male — Medevac called [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 72]
26 Feb 09:15	Foxtrot's F1B tripped an M-26 trip-wire booby trap — No casualties [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 74]
26 Feb 14:25	Foxtrot's F2C received a 60mm HE round [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 74]
26 Feb 21:35	Foxtrot's F1A spotted 2 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 74]
27 Feb 08:20	Foxtrot's F2A found and destroyed a bunker in a village [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]
27 Feb 08:35	Foxtrot's F2A took sniper rounds — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]
27 Feb 09:15	Foxtrot's F2 found and destroyed an M-79 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]
27 Feb 13:50	Foxtrot's F2B found and destroyed an 81mm illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]
27 Feb 15:15	Foxtrot's F3 CP received VIP ordnance [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]
27 Feb 15:20	Foxtrot CP received VIP ordnance [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]
27 Feb 17:05	Foxtrot's F1C found the remains of a VC/NVA body [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]
27 Feb 18:45	Foxtrot's F2B spotted 1 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Feb 1970, PDF p. 76]

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 Feb 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048124).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for February 1970 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.

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