F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MARCH 1970 — LIBERTY BRIDGE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for March 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	1–31 March 1970
Commander	1stLt T. F. Murray (1–31 March)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: Liberty Bridge, Duc Duc District headquarters, An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (74 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 March 1970 place the battalion most often at or near Liberty Bridge (5 of 7 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Duc Duc District headquarters, An Hoa Combat Base. None of Company F’s own entries names a place.

Company F was commanded by 1stLt T. F. Murray (1–31 March); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–31 March).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 86 entries this month (74 combat, 3 movement, 3 organization, 2 civic, 2 medical, 1 logistics, 1 leadership).

On 10 March 1970: Foxtrot found a 105mm round not set as a booby trap.

On 11 March 1970: Casualty report from Foxtrot: 1 WIA.

On 11 March 1970: Foxtrot's F3A tripped an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Operation Arizona	140800H – 181915H June 1967 (2/5 participation; the S-2 lists the operation as 15–19 June); previously listed as 13–26 June	11 Mar March: Foxtrot flew into the Arizona.

4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for March 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 Mar 14:50	Foxtrot's F3 received VIP ordnance [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 14]
9 Mar 22:25	Foxtrot and H&S received the message about the heli-lift [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 30]
10 Mar 18:00	Foxtrot (-) destroyed 4 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 32]
10 Mar 18:20	Foxtrot found a 105mm round not set as a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 32]
11 Mar 14:30	Casualty report from Foxtrot: 1 WIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Mar 14:45	Foxtrot's F3A tripped an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Mar 15:00	Casualty reports from Foxtrot: 2 non-battle (one sprained ankle) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Mar 16:20	Foxtrot CP found a ChiCom booby trap in tall grass [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Mar 18:55	Foxtrot's F3A found an M-26 booby trap on a trail [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 34]
11 Mar	11 Mar March: Foxtrot flew into the Arizona. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) (Place named from the chronology summary, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 5]
11 Mar	Foxtrot moved from Not stated to The Arizona by helicopter. 11 Mar March: Foxtrot flew into the Arizona. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the

Date	Activity / Events
	chronology page images.) (Place named from the chronology summary, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 5]
12 Mar 08:05	Foxtrot's F3B found 2 ChiCom grenades [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
12 Mar 09:00	Foxtrot's F3B had 1 WIA from a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
12 Mar 09:30	Casualty report from Foxtrot: 1 WIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
12 Mar 12:15	Foxtrot's F2A found a 250-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 40]
13 Mar 05:30	Foxtrot's F2 was fired on by F3A [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 42]
13 Mar 08:40	Foxtrot's F3B spotted 7 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 42]
13 Mar 10:15	Foxtrot's F3B found and destroyed 4 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 42]
13 Mar 12:25	Foxtrot's F3B found an M-26 set as a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
13 Mar 16:30	Foxtrot's F3B found a tunnel with footprints [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 42]
13 Mar 16:45	Foxtrot's F3B received sniper fire [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 09:30	Foxtrot's F3B found and destroyed a reinforced bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 09:30	Foxtrot found a booby trap filled with C-4 and shrapnel [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 12:00	Foxtrot's F3A spotted 3 VC/NVA, wounding 1 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
14 Mar 12:30	Foxtrot's F4 found and destroyed a bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 13:00	Foxtrot's F1A killed 1 VC/NVA with small arms [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 13:15	Foxtrot took 5 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 16:45	Foxtrot's F3A killed 2 VC/NVA and detained 2 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 17:30	Foxtrot's F3A had 1 casualty from AK fire [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
14 Mar 22:15	Lt. Sullivan relieved of Foxtrot's duties [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 44]
15 Mar 04:20	Foxtrot's F2 received an incoming ChiCom grenade — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]

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15 Mar 07:15	Foxtrot's F1C spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Mar 08:40	Foxtrot's F3C tripped a booby trap — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Mar 11:20	Foxtrot's F2B tripped a booby trap — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Mar 17:05	Foxtrot's F2B took 100 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Mar 18:25	Foxtrot's F2B found and destroyed a booby trap made of C-4 [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Mar 19:00	Foxtrot CP received a Vietnamese with a leg wound [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
15 Mar 19:05	Foxtrot's F2B destroyed bunkers and detained 1 VC [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 46]
16 Mar 08:30	Foxtrot's F3A detained a Vietnamese boy in a house [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 09:30	Foxtrot's F2B found a 60mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 09:50	Foxtrot CP set off a ChiCom — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 14:40	Foxtrot's F2A found a 250-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
16 Mar 23:00	Foxtrot's F2B heard enemy movement [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 50]
17 Mar 09:45	Foxtrot's F2A received sniper rounds [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 10:00	Foxtrot's F1C received one AK round [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 11:10	Foxtrot's F2B found and destroyed a dud 8-inch round [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 11:15	Foxtrot's F1C tripped an 81mm booby trap — 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 12:10	Foxtrot's F2B detained a woman 18-20 years old [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 16:00	Foxtrot's F2C found an 81mm round [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 18:00	Foxtrot's F2C tripped an M-26 — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
17 Mar 18:30	Foxtrot to secure the LZ for the heli-lift [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 52]
18 Mar 02:55	Foxtrot received 4 incoming rounds and called in 81s [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 54]

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18 Mar 10:50	Foxtrot's F1B killed 1 NVA with an AK-47 and grenades [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 54]
18 Mar 17:10	Foxtrot's F2A found and destroyed an 81mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 54]
19 Mar 13:20	Foxtrot's F2C found and destroyed a bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Mar 15:20	Foxtrot's F2C tripped an 81mm booby trap — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Mar 16:35	Foxtrot's F1C and F2C found and destroyed 4 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Mar 17:00	Foxtrot's F3A destroyed a bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Mar 19:20	Foxtrot's F2B found and destroyed an 81mm round [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 56]
19 Mar 21:50	Foxtrot reported the dog had not been used yet [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 56]
20 Mar 00:30	Follow-up: found a blanket with blood stains [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Mar 08:00	Foxtrot's F2 found an 81mm round over a 106mm round, not a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Mar 12:45	Foxtrot's F3C found and destroyed a bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Mar 13:15	Foxtrot's F6 received a dog and handler [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Mar 17:25	Foxtrot's F2 found and destroyed a bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 58]
20 Mar 18:35	Foxtrot's F2 found and destroyed a 1,000-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 58]
21 Mar 09:30	Foxtrot's F2 tripped an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 62]
21 Mar 13:30	Foxtrot's F3A CP tripped a ChiCom — 3 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 62]
22 Mar 07:30	Foxtrot's F1A tripped an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 64]
23 Mar 08:55	Foxtrot's F2A found and destroyed a bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 66]
23 Mar 09:15	Foxtrot's F2A found and destroyed an XM-194 round [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 66]
23 Mar 10:25	Foxtrot's F2A found and destroyed a 105mm and an 81mm round [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 66]
23 Mar 13:40	Foxtrot's F1A spotted 2 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 66]

Date	Activity / Events
23 Mar 16:45	Foxtrot's F3A found and destroyed a bunker [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 66]
24 Mar 09:10	Foxtrot's F1A walked into an ambush and killed 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 68]
25 Mar 11:10	Foxtrot's F2C found a ChiCom and blew it in place [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 70]
25 Mar 13:00	Foxtrot's F3C found and destroyed a 250-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 70]
26 Mar 18:20	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 72]
26 Mar 21:30	Foxtrot's F1A had one man bitten by a rat — 1 non-battle [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 72]
27 Mar 07:15	Foxtrot's F3C found 2 tunnels [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 74]
27 Mar 09:15	Foxtrot's F1A spotted 4 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 74]
27 Mar 12:35	Foxtrot's F3B captured 3 VC/NVA with gear [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 74]
28 Mar 08:35	Foxtrot's F2B spotted 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 78]
28 Mar 13:30	Foxtrot's F3C tripped an M-26 — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 78]
29 Mar 17:55	Foxtrot's F3 received 50 AK rounds [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 80]
29 Mar 18:35	Foxtrot's F3A spotted 5 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC Mar 1970, PDF p. 80]

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 Mar 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048125).

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

6. Sources

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