F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

APRIL 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for April 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	1–30 April 1970
Commander	1stLt T. F. Murray (1–11 April); Capt R. F. Kane (12–30 April)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (59 combat entries)
Base of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for April 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (2 of 2 entries with a named place or grid).

Company F was commanded by 1stLt T. F. Murray (1–11 April); Capt R. F. Kane (12–30 April); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–30 April).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 64 entries this month (59 combat, 3 movement, 1 civic, 1 medical).

On 1 April 1970: Foxtrot's F3C had a dog find a booby trap.

On 2 April 1970: Foxtrot's F3B tripped an 82mm booby trap — 2 WIA evac.

On 3 April 1970: Foxtrot's F3C received 200 rounds of AK fire.

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	"From 16-20 April, Companies F and H and a battalion command group, supported by an RF platoon from Duc Duc District and four Marine tanks, conducted a search and clear operation in the Arizona area." (From the official history; the 2/5 chronology has no separate entry for this move.)

4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for April 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 Apr 08:25	Foxtrot's F2B detained 1 female and 1 child [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
1 Apr 17:30	Foxtrot's F3C had a dog find a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 13]
2 Apr 09:55	Foxtrot heard 3 unknown rounds going from east to west [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 15]
2 Apr 12:45	Foxtrot's F3B tripped an 82mm booby trap — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 15]
3 Apr 07:15	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA and a Chieu Hoi with an AK-47 [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 19]
3 Apr 07:15	Follow-up: Foxtrot received 3 Chieu Hois [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 19]
3 Apr 17:10	Foxtrot's F3C received 200 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Apr 10:20	Foxtrot's F2A spotted 2 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 21]
4 Apr 13:25	Foxtrot's F3A found and destroyed a ChiCom booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 21]
5 Apr 08:10	Foxtrot's F3B found an M-26 booby trap — Blown in place [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 23]
7 Apr 08:00	Foxtrot's F1B found a ChiCom grenade set as a booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 27]
7 Apr 18:20	Foxtrot's F3 spotted 8 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 27]
7 Apr 20:45	Foxtrot received fire — 2 USMC WIA non-evac, 2 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 27]
7 Apr 20:45	Foxtrot in an ambush site killed 5 VC/NVA and received 2 friendly casualties, and food caches [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 27]

Date	Activity / Events
8 Apr 18:15	Foxtrot's F2 tripped 2 81mm booby traps — 2 USMC KIA, 2 WIA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 29]
8 Apr 19:20	Foxtrot received AK fire and fired 81mm and 60mm [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 29]
9 Apr 17:35	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 5 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 33]
10 Apr 14:35	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 5 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 37]
10 Apr 14:35	Foxtrot detained 1 Vietnamese male [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 37]
11 Apr 10:00	Foxtrot found VIP ordnance [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 13:55	Foxtrot's F3C killed 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 17:35	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 7 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 17:35	Follow-up: the 7 VC/NVA wore black [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 19:10	Foxtrot's F2B spotted 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 19:10	Follow-up: Foxtrot's F2B killed 1 by fire mission [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
11 Apr 20:20	Foxtrot received 15-20 artillery rounds [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 41]
12 Apr 10:30	Foxtrot's F3C booby-trap dog found a homemade booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 12:40	Foxtrot's F2C detained a Vietnamese 24 years old [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 13:40	Dog report from Foxtrot: found 1 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 16:00	Foxtrot's F2C detained 1 with equipment and food caches [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
12 Apr 19:15	Foxtrot's F2 found and destroyed a 500-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 43]
13 Apr 11:50	Foxtrot's F2A found 2 bunkers and detained 1 [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 45]
13 Apr 15:30	Foxtrot's F2A captured 1 POW [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 45]
13 Apr 16:15	Foxtrot's F2A found 8,700 lb of food [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 45]
16 Apr 19:10	Foxtrot had one friendly non-battle casualty from an M-60 [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 39]
16 Apr – 20 Apr	“From 16-20 April, Companies F and H and a battalion command group, supported by an RF platoon from Duc Duc District and four Marine tanks, conducted a search and clear operation in the Arizona area.” (From the official history; the 2/5 chronology has no separate entry for this move.) [U.S. Marines in Vietnam · Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1, PDF p. 58]
17 Apr 08:00	Foxtrot's F2C found and destroyed a dud 105mm round [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]
17 Apr 10:30	Foxtrot found tons of foodstuffs and detained 1 [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]
17 Apr 12:10	Foxtrot with RFs found 6 M-79 rounds and 50 lb of rice [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]
17 Apr 12:25	Foxtrot's F1 found 1,000 lb of corn and potatoes [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]

Date	Activity / Events
17 Apr 16:00	Foxtrot with RFs found 3,000 lb of foodstuffs and detained 6 [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 53]
18 Apr 11:20	Foxtrot's F1 tripped a 105mm booby trap — 4 USMC WIA evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 55]
19 Apr 10:15	Foxtrot with RFs detained 35 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 57]
19 Apr 10:55	Foxtrot's F3 received a Vietnamese wounded by air [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 57]
19 Apr 11:45	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed a ChiCom booby trap [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 57]
20 Apr 03:50	Foxtrot's F2 received 1 incoming ChiCom grenade [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 59]
20 Apr 17:20	Foxtrot's F3 found 3 ChiCom booby traps and blew them in place [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 59]
20 Apr 18:00	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 2 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 59]
21 Apr 08:50	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA and called in 81s [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 61]
21 Apr 18:15	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 61]
22 Apr 18:40	Foxtrot's F3C spotted 15 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 63]
22 Apr 19:20	Foxtrot's F3C spotted 1 VC/NVA and captured him with an AK-47; he was a 16-year-old male [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 63]
23 Apr 06:50	Foxtrot CP received a 250-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 67]
23 Apr 15:15	Foxtrot's F1A received 40 AK rounds [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 67]
24 Apr 08:50	Foxtrot's F2B killed 1 VC/NVA with ChiComs and documents [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 69]
24 Apr 14:40	Foxtrot's F3A found 5 dead VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 69]
25 Apr 07:40	Foxtrot's F3C tripped an M-26 booby trap — 2 WIA evac, 1 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 71]
26 Apr 09:05	Foxtrot's F3A found 7 VC/NVA killed in a bunker [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 73]
26 Apr 10:10	Foxtrot's F2A detained 1 VC/NVA with documents [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 73]
26 Apr 11:10	Foxtrot's F2A received 50 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 73]
26 Apr 16:00	Foxtrot's F1C found 3 SKSs [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 73]
27 Apr	Foxtrot “continued patrolling the Arizona until the 27th, when it moved to An Hoa to act as regimental reserve.” (From the official history; the 2/5 chronology has no separate entry for this move.) [U.S. Marines in Vietnam · Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1, PDF p. 58]
27 Apr	Foxtrot moved from The Arizona Territory to An Hoa Combat Base (AT 874 474) (means not stated). Foxtrot “continued patrolling the Arizona until the 27th, when it moved to An Hoa to act as regimental reserve.” (From the official history; the 2/5 chronology has no separate entry for this move.) [U.S. Marines in Vietnam · Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1, PDF p. 58]
28 Apr 16:00	Follow-up: Foxtrot found 3 K-44s, not SKSs [2/5 ComdC Apr 1970, PDF p. 77]

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 Apr 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048126); U.S. Marines in Vietnam · Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1970–1971.

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

This document was compiled from the following primary and secondary sources:

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