F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

MAY 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for May 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 May 1970
Commander	Capt R. F. Kane (1–31 May)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol F. D. Leder); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Battalion area: An Hoa Combat Base, Liberty Bridge
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (33 combat entries)
Base of Operations	With the battalion: An Hoa Combat Base
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

The battalion’s entries for May 1970 place the battalion most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (12 of 19 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Liberty Bridge. None of Company F’s own entries names a place.

Company F was commanded by Capt R. F. Kane (1–31 May); the battalion by LtCol F. D. Leder (1–31 May).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 41 entries this month (33 combat, 5 medical, 2 movement, 1 organization).

On 3 May 1970: Foxtrot's F1 received 1 casualty from small-arms fire.

On 3 May 1970: Foxtrot's F2 encountered an enemy ambush.

On 8 May 1970: Foxtrot's F3B found a sign warning of booby traps.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
With the battalion: An Hoa Combat Base operations	May 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 May 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
2 May 09:00	Foxtrot's F2B found an M-16 in a rice paddy [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 17]
2 May 15:20	Foxtrot's F1A had 1 heat casualty [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 17]
3 May 14:45	Foxtrot's F1 received 1 casualty from small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 19]
3 May 20:17	Foxtrot's F2 encountered an enemy ambush [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 19]
8 May 06:15	Foxtrot's F3B found a sign warning of booby traps [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 31]
10 May 08:10	Foxtrot's F3 spotted 3-4 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 35]
10 May 09:50	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 2 groups of VC/NVA, 7 and 4 [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 35]
10 May 09:50	Follow-up: tanks received mortar fire [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 35]
10 May 09:50	Follow-up: Foxtrot had 1 non-evac from small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 35]
12 May 11:40	Foxtrot's F2A received 150 rounds of AK fire [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 39]
12 May 12:05	Foxtrot CP received 2 81mm illumination rounds from a child [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 39]
12 May 16:20	Foxtrot's F3 tripped a 60mm pressure booby trap — 2 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 39]
13 May 14:20	Foxtrot's F3 captured 4 POWs and killed 2 [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 41]
13 May 16:00	Late entry: Foxtrot came OPCON to 2/5 [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 41]
13 May 17:10	Foxtrot's F1 spotted 5 VC/NVA and detained 1 [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 41]

Date	Activity / Events
13 May 19:30	Foxtrot found 1 pistol and documents [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 41]
13 May	"On 13 May, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) with four tanks conducted a cordon and search operation of Le Nam (1) south of Le Bac Island. Maneuver forces included the Battalion Command Post, Hotel and Fox Companies, a reconnaissance platoon from Duc Duc Regional Forces and four tanks from 1st Tank Battalion. The village was cordoned by first light" (PDF p. 6). The tanks moved with the force; how the Marines moved is not stated. (From the May 1970 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 6]
14 May 07:20	Foxtrot's F3 captured 5 POWs [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 43]
14 May 09:10	Foxtrot and PFs detained 76 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 43]
14 May 11:05	Foxtrot's F1 found a 9mm pistol and gear [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 43]
15 May 15:45	Foxtrot moves to the bridge by helicopter [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 45]
16 May 14:15	Foxtrot had two men fall into the river [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 47]
16 May 14:15	Follow-up: Foxtrot and a scuba team searched with negative results [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 47]
16 May 16:45	Foxtrot had a PF trip a booby trap — 1 non-battle evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 47]
16 May 18:50	Foxtrot CP spotted 3 VC/NVA and called an 81 mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 47]
17 May 11:45	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 7 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 49]
17 May 19:15	Foxtrot spotted 5-7 VC/NVA running [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 49]
18 May 10:30	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 4 VC/NVA and called a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 53]
19 May 12:40	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 5 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 55]
19 May 20:00	Foxtrot's F3A tripped an M-26 booby trap — 1 WIA evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 55]
21 May 18:00	Foxtrot's F2 CP had 3 non-battle casualties from an explosion [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 59]
21 May 19:30	Foxtrot CP detained 1 (Chieu Hoi) [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 59]
22 May 18:10	Foxtrot's F2 spotted 2 VC/NVA and called in a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 61]
22 May 19:20	Foxtrot's F2C spotted 4 VC/NVA and fired a mission [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 61]

Date	Activity / Events
25 May 18:30	Foxtrot with tanks hit a 50-lb box mine — 1 WIA non-evac [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 67]
27 May 09:30	Foxtrot's F3A received 2 incoming M-79 rounds [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 71]
27 May 22:10	Foxtrot received 2 lob bombs and 2 mortars [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 71]
27 May 23:10	Foxtrot's F3A received 1 lob bomb and called artillery [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 71]
30 May 18:50	Foxtrot spotted 3 VC/NVA and called in artillery [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 77]
30 May 19:15	Foxtrot's F2 had two ARVNs get into a fight — 1 non-battle [2/5 ComdC May 1970, PDF p. 77]
30 May 21:15	Foxtrot spotted 1 VC/NVA and called 81s [2/5 ComdC May 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 May 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048127).

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

PRIMARY SOURCES

— 2/5 Command Chronology May 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048127)

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