F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

AUGUST 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for August 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 August 1970
Commander	Capt R. F. Kane (1–31 August)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (54 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 August 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (1 of 1 entries with a named place or grid).

Company F was commanded by Capt R. F. Kane (1–31 August); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (1–31 August).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 62 entries this month (54 combat, 5 medical, 3 movement).

On 1 August 1970: Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 2 booby traps.

On 1 August 1970: Foxtrot's F3 tripped 1 81mm booby trap — 2 USMC E/E.

On 1 August 1970: Foxtrot spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms.

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	6–7 Aug August: Foxtrot and Golf were lifted into the eastern Arizona in two waves; the command helicopter directed Cobra gunships onto about 10 enemy.

4. Chronology of Company F Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for August 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 Aug 07:45	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 2 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 07:45	Foxtrot's F3 tripped 1 81mm booby trap — 2 USMC E/E [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 10:30	Foxtrot's F2 detained 10 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 10:45	Foxtrot's F2B found and destroyed 1 500-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 11:00	Foxtrot's F2C found a sewing machine and misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 12:00	Foxtrot's F2 found 2 SKS rifles [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 13:00	Foxtrot's F2 detained 4 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 15:45	Foxtrot spotted 2 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 17:45	Foxtrot's F2 found and destroyed 1 ChiCom shape charge [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
1 Aug 20:40	Foxtrot destroyed 22 reinforced bunkers [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 15]
4 Aug 09:00	Foxtrot's F1A had 1 R/E from frag wounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Aug 09:30	Foxtrot's F1 found and destroyed 2 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Aug 09:55	Foxtrot's F1 found and destroyed 1 60mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Aug 11:15	Foxtrot's F3 had 1 P/E from frag wounds [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Aug 13:40	Foxtrot's F2 detonated 1 booby trap but it did not go off [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
4 Aug 14:00	Foxtrot's F3 destroyed 10 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]

Date	Activity / Events
4 Aug 16:00	Foxtrot Company in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 19]
5 Aug 09:50	Foxtrot spotted 2 VC/NVA and opened up with tanks [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
5 Aug 12:40	Foxtrot's F3B had 1 P/E USMC and killed 1 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
5 Aug 12:40	Foxtrot's F3B captured 2 ChiCom grenades [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
5 Aug 15:00	Foxtrot's F2 found 1,000 lb of rice, 400 lb ruined [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
5 Aug 15:34	Foxtrot's F2 detained 1 male POW [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 21]
6 Aug 12:50	Foxtrot's F3B detained 7 Vietnamese [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Aug 19:30	Foxtrot's F3C detained 3 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 22]
6 Aug – 7 Aug	6–7 Aug August: Foxtrot and Golf were lifted into the eastern Arizona in two waves; the command helicopter directed Cobra gunships onto about 10 enemy. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) (Place named from the chronology summary, 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 6]
7 Aug 13:20	Foxtrot's F2A killed 1 VC/NVA with pack and assorted clothing [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 23]
7 Aug 15:45	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 2 M-26 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 23]
7 Aug 16:00	Foxtrot found and destroyed 7 reinforced bunkers [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 23]
7 Aug 16:00	Foxtrot found 400 lb of rice and 600 lb of corn [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 23]
7 Aug 21:45	Foxtrot took 15 small-arms rounds and 2 RPGs from the west [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 23]
8 Aug 21:30	Foxtrot CP received 1 175mm lob bomb [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 24]
16 Aug 09:30	Foxtrot found and destroyed 1 ChiCom booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 11:20	Foxtrot's F2C killed 2 VC/NVA with packs and misc. gear [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
16 Aug 15:00	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 3 booby traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 32]
17 Aug 10:00	Foxtrot's F3/CP found a speed trail [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 34]
17 Aug 11:40	Foxtrot's F2 had 1 E/E NBC from falling off a cliff [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 34]
17 Aug 19:00	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 1 ChiCom booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 34]
18 Aug 13:00	Foxtrot's F2 found and destroyed 15 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 35]
19 Aug 09:30	Foxtrot's F3 found a VC/NVA base camp [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]

Date	Activity / Events
19 Aug 09:30	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 1,500 lb of foodstuffs [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
19 Aug 09:45	Foxtrot's F2 had 1 E/E from cutting his knee (NBC) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
19 Aug 12:40	Foxtrot's F2 killed 1 VC/NVA with packs and grenades [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
19 Aug 13:00	Foxtrot's F1 found and destroyed 5 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 36]
20 Aug 18:45	Foxtrot's F3 had 1 man hyperventilate and go into shock [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 37]
20 Aug 20:40	Foxtrot's F1A heard movement [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 37]
21 Aug 09:40	Foxtrot's F3 found 1 fresh grave [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
21 Aug 10:45	Foxtrot's F3 found 9 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
21 Aug 11:30	Foxtrot's F1 destroyed 1 hootch [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
21 Aug 13:45	Foxtrot's F1 found 2 SKSs, 1 .50-cal machine gun and ChiComs [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 38]
22 Aug 08:45	Foxtrot's F2 had 1 NBC P/E from a dud M-26 round [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 39]
23 Aug 09:00	Foxtrot's F3 captured 1 detainee and 1 M-16, 2 M-26s [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 09:45	Foxtrot's F2B found and destroyed 1 60mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 10:30	Foxtrot's F3 found and destroyed 1 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 13:20	Foxtrot detained 12 with negative results [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 15:15	Foxtrot's F1C searching for 2 VC/NVA KIAs — Negative [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug 15:20	Foxtrot's F3B found and destroyed 1 82mm booby trap [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 40]
23 Aug – 24 Aug	"On 23 and 24 August, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (-) (Rein) with maneuver elements of Foxtrot and Hotel Companies, conducted a search and clear operation in the southern Arizona … In a limited zone preped heloinserting the Battalion (-) was rapidly inserted and a cordon was quickly placed around the area" (PDF p. 7). (From the August 1970 chronology, read 18 Nov 2026.) [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 7]
29 Aug 06:30	Foxtrot killed 2 VC/NVA with small arms [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]
29 Aug 08:50	Foxtrot killed 5 VC, detained 1, had 2 R/E and captured gear [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]

Date	Activity / Events
29 Aug 08:50	Follow-up: Foxtrot detained 3 more VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 47]
30 Aug 02:00	Foxtrot's F1 had a man bitten by an insect — minor evac [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 48]
31 Aug 09:40	Message on a POW captured by Foxtrot [2/5 ComdC Aug 1970, PDF p. 50]

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 Aug 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048130).

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