F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

SEPTEMBER 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for September 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 September 1970
Commander	Capt R. F. Kane (1–30 September)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	An Hoa Combat Base, Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (13 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 September 1970 place it most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (3 of 4 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy).

Company F was commanded by Capt R. F. Kane (1–30 September); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (1–30 September).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 22 entries this month (13 combat, 7 movement, 1 medical, 1 logistics).

On 3 September 1970: Foxtrot's F2C found and destroyed 1 81mm illumination booby trap.

On 14 September 1970: Foxtrot's F3A tripped a booby trap — 1 USMC WIA E/E.

On 17 September 1970: Foxtrot's F1 received 150-200 rounds of small-arms fire.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
An Hoa Combat Base operations	September 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 September 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 Sep 23:30	Follow-up: F Sector checked area, negative results (31 Aug) [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 24]
3 Sep 09:15	Foxtrot's F2C found and destroyed 1 81mm illumination booby trap [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 28]
6 Sep 09:25	Foxtrot CP found and medevaced 2 Vietnamese with broken ribs [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 32]
6 Sep 09:55	Foxtrot's F1C tripped an M-26 with tripwire — 1 E/E [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 32]
6 Sep 10:30	Foxtrot found 200 lb of corn [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 32]
6 Sep 11:00	Foxtrot and Duc Duc found 4 tons of rice [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 32]
6 Sep 19:10	Foxtrot troop lift completed [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 32]
14 Sep 09:40	Foxtrot's F2B, while fragging a bunker, had a secondary explosion [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 40]
14 Sep 12:00	Foxtrot's F3A tripped a booby trap — 1 USMC WIA E/E [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 40]
14 Sep 13:45	Foxtrot's F3B detained 3 with no ID [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 40]
15 Sep 13:25	Foxtrot lifted from An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 42]
15 Sep 13:45	Foxtrot landed [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 42]
15 Sep 16:00	Foxtrot back in An Hoa [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 42]
16 Sep 19:05	Foxtrot with Duc Duc District Forces operation (Pacifier reaction) [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 43]
17 Sep 12:45	Foxtrot's F3 spotted 16-20 VC/NVA [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 44]

Date	Activity / Events
17 Sep 13:00	Foxtrot's F1 received 150-200 rounds of small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 44]
17 Sep 13:00	Foxtrot's F1 called in gunships [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 44]
19 Sep 10:00	Foxtrot's F2 was approached by a Vietnamese with an M-16 rifle [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 46]
20 Sep 09:40	Foxtrot's F3C spotted 7 VC/NVA and fired small arms [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 47]
20 Sep 16:30	Foxtrot left the An Hoa Combat Base for LZ Baldy [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 47]
20 Sep	Foxtrot moved from Not stated to Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy) (BT 131 453) (means not stated). Foxtrot moved to LZ Baldy as regimental reserve. (From the monthly “by Company” summary, written from the chronology page images.) [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 14]
28 Sep 09:00	Foxtrot's F3A found and destroyed 1 booby trap [2/5 ComdC Sep 1970, PDF p. 55]

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 Sep 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049001).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for September 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 Sep 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049001)

SECONDARY SOURCES

— Cosmas, Graham A. and Terrence P. Murray. U.S. Marines in Vietnam: Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1970–1971. History and Museums Division, HQMC, 1986.

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