# F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

## OCTOBER 1970 — AN HOA COMBAT BASE

*Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 1970*

1st Marine Division · III Marine Amphibious Force · I Corps, Republic of Vietnam

## 1. Unit Overview

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| **Unit Designation** | Foxtrot Company (F Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division |
| **Reporting Period** | 1–31 October 1970 |
| **Commander** | Capt R. F. Kane (1–31 October) |
| **Higher HQ** | 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division |
| **Area of Operations** | Battalion area: An Hoa Combat Base, Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy), Liberty Bridge, FSB Rainbow (LZ Rainbow) |
| **Combat Posture** | Combat operations, patrols and security (9 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 October 1970 place the battalion most often at or near An Hoa Combat Base (8 of 18 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy), Liberty Bridge, FSB Rainbow (LZ Rainbow). None of Company F’s own entries names a place.

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

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 9 entries this month (9 combat).

On 24 October 1970: Foxtrot's F2C at grid 973434 found caves with an AK-50, ammo and NVA clothing; leaving, F2C killed one VC/NVA carrying a roster, 500 piasters and a 9mm pistol.

On 24 October 1970: Foxtrot's F2B at grid 986440 engaged one VC/NVA with small arms — 1 VC/NVA KIA.

On 26 October 1970: Foxtrot's F2B at grid 983465 found a pressure-type booby trap and blew it in place.

## 3. Operations Overview

| Operation / Activity | Dates | Description |
|---|---|---|
| **With the battalion: An Hoa Combat Base operations** | October 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 October 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 |
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| **24 Oct 11:01** | Foxtrot's F2C at grid 973434 found caves with an AK-50, ammo and NVA clothing; leaving, F2C killed one VC/NVA carrying a roster, 500 piasters and a 9mm pistol [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 50] |
| **24 Oct 11:20** | Foxtrot's F2B at grid 986440 engaged one VC/NVA with small arms — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 50] |
| **26 Oct 09:50** | Foxtrot's F2B at grid 983465 found a pressure-type booby trap and blew it in place [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 52] |
| **26 Oct 10:15** | Foxtrot's F3B at grid 981459 engaged one VC/NVA with small arms — 1 KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 52] |
| **26 Oct 13:00** | Foxtrot's F2A at grid 973432 located a cave with a large amount of medical supplies, a U.S. M-1 rifle and assorted ammo [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 52] |
| **26 Oct 18:45** | Foxtrot's F2CP at grid 921446 found one 82mm mortar booby trap [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 52] |
| **27 Oct 11:40** | Foxtrot's F2A at grid 974437 spotted 6 VC/NVA fixing food — 4 VC/NVA KIA with assorted weapons, 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 53] |
| **27 Oct 14:10** | Foxtrot's F2A encountered a sniper — 1 USMC KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 53] |
| **30 Oct 13:10** | Foxtrot's F2B at grid 977434 engaged 3 VC/NVA with small arms — 3 VC/NVA KIA, an M-16 rifle and documents [2/5 ComdC Oct 1970, PDF p. 57] |

## 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 Oct 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049002).

**2.** HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for October 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 Oct 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049002)

### 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.

— “Foxtrot Company.” Hotel 2/5 Combat Marines. https://hotel25vv.com

*Document prepared for historical research purposes. For authoritative casualty figures, unit rosters, and engagement details, consult original 2/5 Command Chronology records at NARA RG 127. | Foxtrot Company, 2/5 Marines, October 1970*