F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

NOVEMBER 1970 — BALDY COMBAT BASE (LZ BALDY)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for November 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 November 1970
Commander	Capt R. F. Kane (1–16 November); Capt E. J. Easton Jr.(?) (17–30 November)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (39 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

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

Company F was commanded by Capt R. F. Kane (1–16 November); Capt E. J. Easton Jr.(?) (17–30 November); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (1–30 November).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 42 entries this month (39 combat, 2 movement, 1 medical).

On 1 November 1970: Foxtrot's F2 found 82mm mortar rounds rigged as booby traps — blown in place.

On 4 November 1970: Foxtrot's F-2 at grid 128507 spotted two VC/NVA and fired — 1 VC/NVA KIA.

On 4 November 1970: Foxtrot's F-1 at grid 127513 (BT) employed small-arms fire at seven VC/NVA — 7 VC/NVA KIA carrying assorted weapons, 782 gear and papers.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Baldy Combat Base (LZ Baldy) operations	November 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 November 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 Nov 11:13	Foxtrot's F2 found 82mm mortar rounds rigged as booby traps — blown in place [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 20]
4 Nov 11:00	Foxtrot's F-2 at grid 128507 spotted two VC/NVA and fired — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 23]
4 Nov 14:15	Foxtrot's F-1 at grid 127513 (BT) employed small-arms fire at seven VC/NVA — 7 VC/NVA KIA carrying assorted weapons, 782 gear and papers [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 23]
4 Nov 14:15	Foxtrot located 8 bunkers and 2 hootches at grid 127508 [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 23]
5 Nov 07:55	Foxtrot's F-1 at grid 125514 found one VC/NVA KIA by small-arms fire [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 25]
5 Nov 08:10	Foxtrot's F-2 at grid 129513 found a 9mm pistol, medical and 782 gear [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 25]
5 Nov 09:10	Foxtrot's F-1 at grid 125508 found an enemy base camp of 4 hootches and 2 bunkers [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 25]
5 Nov 10:40	Foxtrot's F-2 at grid 128506 found an M-26 grenade and 782 gear [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 25]
5 Nov 11:30	Foxtrot CP at grid 128514 found a 250-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 25]
6 Nov 10:10	Foxtrot's F3A at grid 983383 found a battalion-size base camp destroyed by air strike, with freshly discarded food cans [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 26]
6 Nov 14:15	Foxtrot's F3B at grid 090406 found one 105 round [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 26]
6 Nov 18:15	Foxtrot's F3 at grid 992403 found a ChiCom grenade booby trap in a tree [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 26]
7 Nov 12:30	Foxtrot's F-1 at grid 981398 found one ChiCom grenade [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 27]
7 Nov 12:35	Foxtrot's F1C at grid 983403 found three caves and four hootches — Negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 27]

Date	Activity / Events
7 Nov 13:30	Foxtrot's F3A at grid 994407 found 35 caves, large, some with added rooms — Negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 27]
7 Nov 18:00	Foxtrot's F3CP at grid 992403 found one ChiCom grenade booby trap [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 27]
10 Nov 09:55	Foxtrot's F1A at grid 984370 found a cave, possible base camp; 782 gear and 5.56 ammo [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 30]
10 Nov 14:45	Foxtrot's F3B at grid 001408 found 5 booby traps, 3 ChiCom grenades and two 60mm mortars [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 30]
11 Nov 10:10	Foxtrot's F3A at grid 001409 located large amounts of holes and caves; many cans and cigarettes, non-U.S. [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 31]
13 Nov 14:10	Foxtrot's F3C at grid 008410 located a cave; 4 VC/NVA fled; 782 gear, medical gear and documents [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 33]
14 Nov 08:30	Foxtrot's F-1 at grid 996460 located a large cave — Negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 34]
14 Nov 11:00	Foxtrot's F-1 at grid 996406 located 2 more caves — Negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 34]
14 Nov 14:30	Foxtrot's F-3 at grid 001405 located 6 caves and 3 hootches, destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 35]
14 Nov 16:00	Foxtrot's F-3 at grid 003410, continuing a search from 13 Nov, found numerous maps, gear, a list, uniforms and 782 gear [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 35]
15 Nov 10:00	Foxtrot's F1A at grid 995406 located a cave about 200-250 feet deep with rooms at different levels [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 36]
15 Nov 11:00	Foxtrot's F1A at grid 995407 found one 61mm mortar round, not booby-trapped [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 36]
15 Nov 13:00	Foxtrot's F3B at grid 996406 located a cave complex, two large and two small caves [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 36]
16 Nov 12:00	Foxtrot's F1C at grid 004407 located one large cave and four small caves containing bamboo hootches and 10 cook fires [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 37]
16 Nov 14:00	Foxtrot at grid 995406 located a cave with five exits and 3 levels with five rooms [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 37]
17 Nov 10:00	Foxtrot at grid 993406 had a fire mission of 105s — one secondary explosion [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 38]
18 Nov 12:00	Foxtrot's F-2 at grid 007411 found a rock mine booby trap, blown in place [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 39]
19 Nov 12:00	Foxtrot's F1B at grid 993396 located a small cave complex, 782 gear; 3 lb of CS crystal used to seed the cave complex [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 40]
22 Nov 12:00	Foxtrot's F2B at grid 006407 found one booby trap, destroyed [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 43]
23 Nov 17:00	Foxtrot lifted from grid 993404 to Baldy Combat Base [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 45]
23 Nov 17:00	Foxtrot moved from Enemy base camp found by Hotel (BT 006 407) to Baldy Combat Base (AT 993 404) by helicopter. Foxtrot lifted from grid 993404 to Baldy Combat

Date	Activity / Events
	Base. Starting point is Foxtrot's last reported position (22 Nov 1200), not stated in this entry. [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 45; U.S. Marines in Vietnam · Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1, PDF p. 461]
25 Nov 16:50	Foxtrot's F1 at grid 993021 made contact with 5 VC/NVA — 1 VC/NVA KIA; 15 females found, negative detainees [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 47]
28 Nov 14:00	Foxtrot's F1A at grid 028415 located 3 hootches — Negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 50]
28 Nov 15:00	Foxtrot's F1C at grid 028419 received one RPG round — 3 emergency and 3 priority medevacs [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 50]
28 Nov 16:00	Foxtrot's F3B at grid 014408 located a small cave containing garbage and cooking utensils [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 50]
29 Nov 12:00	Foxtrot's F2 at grid 022400 found one 500-lb bomb [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 51]
30 Nov 14:00	Foxtrot's F3B at grid 016419 located caves — Negative [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 52]
30 Nov 15:00	Foxtrot's F3B at grid 006406 located a cave containing 2 NVA uniforms and cooking utensils [2/5 ComdC Nov 1970, PDF p. 52]

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 Nov 1970 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049003); 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 November 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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