F COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

FEBRUARY 1971 — HILL 381

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for February 1971

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	1–28 February 1971
Commander	Capt E. J. Easton Jr. (1–28 February)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol T. M. Hamlin); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 381, Hill 510
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (6 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Hill 381
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company F’s entries for February 1971 place it most often at or near Hill 381 (2 of 3 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Hill 510.

Company F was commanded by Capt E. J. Easton Jr. (1–28 February); the battalion by LtCol T. M. Hamlin (1–28 February).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company F in 14 entries this month (6 combat, 3 organization, 3 movement, 2 logistics).

On 4 February 1971: Foxtrot's 1st Platoon as Green Anvil at AT 050407 — 1 VC/NVA KIA, an M-79, medical gear, a map packet, 40 ChiCom grenades and 75 lb rice.

On 5 February 1971: Foxtrot's 2nd Platoon as Green Anvil at BT 070457 — 4 VC/NVA KIA, 2 KBA, 4 detainees, four AK-47s, a 9mm pistol, a B-40 launcher, an M-16, an NVA flag and 8,000 piasters.

On 8 February 1971: Foxtrot's 2nd Platoon as Green Anvil at BT 061398 — 3 VC/NVA KIA, 4 KBA, 4 detainees, ordnance and documents.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 381 operations	February 1971	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 February 1971 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
3 Feb	Foxtrot's 3rd Platoon as Green Anvil near AT 930370 — 1 VC/NVA KBA, 10 detainees, six packs [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 15]
4 Feb	Foxtrot's 1st Platoon as Green Anvil at AT 050407 — 1 VC/NVA KIA, an M-79, medical gear, a map packet, 40 ChiCom grenades and 75 lb rice [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 16]
5 Feb	Foxtrot's 2nd Platoon as Green Anvil at BT 070457 — 4 VC/NVA KIA, 2 KBA, 4 detainees, four AK-47s, a 9mm pistol, a B-40 launcher, an M-16, an NVA flag and 8,000 piasters [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 16]
8 Feb 17:00	Foxtrot's 1st Platoon OPCON to Golf (CUPP) [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 16]
8 Feb	Foxtrot's 2nd Platoon as Green Anvil at BT 061398 — 3 VC/NVA KIA, 4 KBA, 4 detainees, ordnance and documents [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 16]
11 Feb	Foxtrot's 3rd Platoon as Green Anvil near AT 925403 and AT 906385 — 1 VC/NVA KIA, 1 KBA, 1 Hoi Chanh, 6,000 lb rice [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 17]
14 Feb	Foxtrot's 1st Platoon as QRF at BT 110390 — Negative [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 17]
15 Feb	Foxtrot's 2nd Platoon as QRF at AT 050396 — Negative [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 18]
16 Feb	Foxtrot elements inserted at OP Roundup and FSB Ryder for security while engineers dismantled them [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 18]
16 Feb	Foxtrot moved from Not stated to FSB Ryder and Observation Post Roundup (security for the engineers) (AT 999 315) (means not stated). The official history: when 3/5 left, "Marines from Company F, 2d Battalion, 5th Marines took over this security mission on the 16th": guarding the engineers levelling FSB Ryder and Observation Post Roundup (Vietnamization and Redeployment, p. 220). Roundup grid from Kindred, Location of Bases in Vietnam (p. 133). The 2/5 narrative agrees: "On the 16th of February the Battalion was tasked with the mission of providing security forces for the Engineers dismantling OP Roundup (Hill 270) and FSB Ryder" (February–June 1971 chronology, PDF p. 6). Neither source says how Foxtrot got there; the journal's 17 February entry

Date	Activity / Events
	is a platoon diversion. (Checked 18 Nov 2026.) [U.S. Marines in Vietnam · Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1, PDF p. 235; 2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 6]
17 Feb	Foxtrot's 2nd Platoon diverted to AT 986313 after the Division Commander's helicopter took fire — 1 VC/NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 18]
19 Feb	Dismantling of OP Roundup completed; Foxtrot's 2nd Platoon reinserted near AT 001389 [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 18]
26 Feb 16:15	Dismantling of FSB Ryder completed; Foxtrot's 3rd Platoon and CP extracted and inserted at AT 988368 and Hill 381 [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 13]
26 Feb 16:15	Foxtrot moved from Not stated to Reported position (AT 988 368) by helicopter. Dismantling of FSB Ryder completed; Foxtrot's 3rd Platoon and CP extracted and inserted at AT 988368 and Hill 381. [2/5 ComdC Feb-Dec 1971, PDF p. 13]

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 Feb-Dec 1971 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201049006); U.S. Marines in Vietnam · Vietnamization and Redeployment, 1970–1971; Bill Kindred, Location of Bases in Vietnam (list of bases, airfields and landing zones with grids).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company F (Foxtrot) for February 1971 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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— “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, February 1971