G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

JULY 1966 — HILL 69 (BATTALION CP, CHU LAI)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for July 1966

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1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Golf Company (G Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 July 1966
Commander	Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 July)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. Moore); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (8 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for July 1966 place it most often at or near Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai) (6 of 6 entries with a named place or grid).

Company G was commanded by Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 July); the battalion by LtCol W. Moore (1–31 July).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 13 entries this month (8 combat, 4 movement, 1 medical).

On 11 July 1966: Golf (-) providing security for a downed helicopter at BT288107 took small-arms and 60mm fire from BT288097; returned fire.

On 11 July 1966: One of two H-34s over Golf at BT288107 shot down by small-arms fire lifting the tail section of the downed helicopter; crew picked up.

On 11 July 1966: Golf's perimeter at the chopper took sporadic fire from BT278108; air strike called.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Hill 69 (battalion CP, Chu Lai) operations	July 1966	No named operation appears in this month's entries for the company; activities are listed in the chronology below.

4. Chronology of Company G Activities

Compiled from the checked transcriptions of the 2/5 command chronology for July 1966 in the hotel25vv research database. Only entries naming Company G are listed. Times and grid references are as recorded; each entry ends with its source page.

Date	Activity / Events
2 Jul 03:45–04:15	Golf, one platoon with tanks and Ontos moved from Hill 69 (BT 464 074) to Tien Xuan (1) and (2) (BT 421 095) (means not stated). Search and destroy in Tien Xuan (1) and (2) (Frag Order 16-66); one platoon blocked at BT 421 095, the other swept with tanks and Ontos. Ended 1415. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 10; 2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 11]
10 Jul 19:05	Golf was lifted from Hill 69 to an LZ near BT288107 to secure a helicopter downed by mechanical failure [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 16]
10 Jul 19:05–19:35	Golf moved from Hill 69 (BT 464 072) to LZ near a downed helicopter (BT 288 107) by helicopter. Guarded a helicopter down with mechanical failure; next morning an H-34 lifting its tail section was shot down. [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 16]
11 Jul 08:40	Golf (-) providing security for a downed helicopter at BT288107 took small-arms and 60mm fire from BT288097; returned fire [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 15]
11 Jul 09:40	One of two H-34s over Golf at BT288107 shot down by small-arms fire lifting the tail section of the downed helicopter; crew picked up [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 15]
11 Jul 10:00	Golf's perimeter at the chopper took sporadic fire from BT278108; air strike called [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 15]
11 Jul 11:55	1 Golf Marine wounded by a friendly air strike near BT288107 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 16]
11 Jul 12:00	Golf sweeping the strike area apprehended 2 VCS at BT290104, 1 VCS WIA by grenade [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 15]
11 Jul 16:02	Golf moved from Downed helicopter (BT 288 107) to Battalion CP, Hill 69 (BT 464 072) (means not stated). [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 16]
16 Jul	A Golf two-company (-) sweep near Khuong Tho (1) BT452075, 0530-1300 — 87 VCS apprehended, 76 sent to ITT; a tunnel at BT444073 destroyed; a booby trap and a C-ration can warning device at BT458075 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 17]
18 Jul 08:25	A vehicle from HQ 5th Marines took small-arms fire from BT461076 near BT480075 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 17]

Date	Activity / Events
22 Jul 18:13	A Golf Marine broke a hand on patrol en route to Hill 270 BT421047 [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 19]
22 Jul 23:00	A Golf Marine in the 1st platoon wounded by a fragment aboard a helicopter going to a downed chopper at BT334103 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Jul 1966, PDF p. 19]

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 Jul 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048071).

2. HOW IT WAS COMPILED. Every entry in the research database whose units name Company G (Golf) for July 1966 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

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