G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

AUGUST 1966 — TAM KY (COLORADO BASE)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for August 1966

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

1. Unit Overview

Unit Designation	Golf Company (G Co), 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division
Reporting Period	1–31 August 1966
Commander	Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 August)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. Moore); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Tam Ky (Colorado base), Song Ly Ly valley patrol base, Phu Long, Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (7 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Tam Ky (Colorado base)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for August 1966 place it most often at or near Tam Ky (Colorado base) (7 of 12 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Song Ly Ly valley patrol base, Phu Long, Thanh My Trung (1) (Echo patrol base).

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

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 18 entries this month (10 movement, 7 combat, 1 medical).

On 6 August 1966: Golf lifted from Tam Ky to objective (3); LZ AT983231 took 25 rounds of .50 cal fire from 3 VC at AT981233; Golf swept, tunnels 30 meters long, spider traps.

On 6 August 1966: Golf (reinforced) moved from Tam Ky landing zone (BT 290 234) to Objective 3 landing zone (AT 983 231) by helicopter.

On 7 August 1966: The Golf perimeter fired on a VCS at BT001225 — 1 VC WIA probable.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Tam Ky (Colorado base) operations	August 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 August 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
6 Aug 14:00	Golf lifted from Tam Ky to objective (3); LZ AT983231 took 25 rounds of .50 cal fire from 3 VC at AT981233; Golf swept, tunnels 30 meters long, spider traps [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 27]
6 Aug 14:00–17:30	Golf (reinforced) moved from Tam Ky landing zone (BT 290 234) to Objective 3 landing zone (AT 983 231) by helicopter. The landing zone took about 25 rounds of .50-caliber fire from 3 VC at AT 981 233; Golf swept the position and set its perimeter by 1730. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 27; 2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 43]
7 Aug 03:05	The Golf perimeter fired on a VCS at BT001225 — 1 VC WIA probable [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 28]
7 Aug 15:15	Golf became security company for the 2/11 artillery at BT226320 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 28]
7 Aug 15:15–17:30	Golf, with two squads of the Bravo Command Group as convoy security moved from Tam Ky (BT 290 234) to 2/11 artillery position (BT 226 320) by truck. Golf became the security company for the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines artillery. The convoy security returned to Tam Ky at 1830. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 28]
8 Aug 20:35	Golf and Bravo Command Group (Cass E2) moved from 2/11 artillery position (BT 226 320) to Battalion CP, Tam Ky (BT 290 232) by truck. The report calls it a convoy. At noon the same day it put Golf's perimeter at BT 320 229. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 29]
9 Aug 09:05–10:46	Golf moved from Tam Ky (BT 290 234) to Song Ly Ly valley landing zone (AT 958 300) by helicopter. The report gives only "first wave Co G airborne" at 0905; the landing zone is not stated (taken here as the battalion zone). [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 29; 2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 44]
9 Aug 10:46–17:16	Golf moved from Song Ly Ly valley landing zone (AT 958 300) to Blocking position and patrol base (AT 950 290) on foot. "Movement difficult due to heat and terrain"; 7 Golf heat casualties evacuated while moving into position. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 30]

Date	Activity / Events
9 Aug 14:45	7 Golf heat casualties moving into position [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 30]
10 Aug 10:46	A Golf platoon at AT945281 found 2 caves with rice and a shotgun [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 33]
10 Aug 16:30–18:26	Golf moved from Patrol base (AT 950 290) to Tam Ky (BT 290 234) by helicopter. Ready to lift at 1630; extracted from the perimeter to Tam Ky at 1826 as a rainstorm moved in. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 33]
12 Aug 06:00–13:00	Golf and Hotel patrols, with tanks moved from Tam Ky (BT 290 234) to North of Tam Ky, toward the Cong Trang Mot river (BT 280 241) on foot with tanks. Swept north of Tam Ky after the 0215 mortar attack (Hotel 3 KIA, 28 WIA, 2 DOW). Back inside the perimeter at 1300. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 34]
13 Aug 10:30	Golf found 400 lb of rice at BT179273 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 36]
13 Aug 13:00	Golf found 2 unexploded 250-lb bombs at BT170280 [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 35]
14 Aug 22:35	A Golf squad ambush at BT169305 fired on VC crossing in front of it — 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 38]
24 Aug 23:00	The Golf perimeter at BT445032 received a hand grenade from BT445042 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 11]
30 Aug 14:03	Golf's 1st platoon was lifted to BT074063 to secure D Battery 11th Marines [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, PDF p. 13]
30 Aug 14:03	Golf, 1st Platoon moved from Golf perimeter (BT 445 032) to D Battery, 11th Marines (BT 074 063) by helicopter. The starting point is not stated; Golf's perimeter was at BT 445 032 on 24 August. [2/5 ComdC Aug 1966, 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 Aug 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048072).

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

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