G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

OCTOBER 1966 — CON THIEN

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for October 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 October 1966
Commander	Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 October)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (Maj L. E. Wood; LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Con Thien, Prairie patrol base north of Cam Lo
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (25 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Con Thien
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for October 1966 place it most often at or near Con Thien (11 of 14 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Prairie patrol base north of Cam Lo.

Company G was commanded by Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 October); the battalion by Maj L. E. Wood (1–3 October); LtCol W. C. Airheart (3–31 October).

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 29 entries this month (25 combat, 3 movement, 1 organization).

On 3 October 1966: Golf saw 5 North Vietnamese in green uniforms with submachine guns on a trail to the north and fired.

On 8 October 1966: Golf met 2 enemy at YD094690 — 1 USMC WIA, a 15-year-old villager hit by enemy fire.

On 8 October 1966: A Golf patrol met 2 NVA at YD088692 and assaulted — 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA WIA, two AK-47s captured.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Con Thien operations	October 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 October 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 Oct 13:00	Golf found 28 fighting holes about a week old near YD083614 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 9]
3 Oct 13:00–23:00	Golf moved from Position (YD 085 635) to Combat base (YD 068 627) on foot. "Going is difficult due to terrain and heat." [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 10]
3 Oct 13:30	Golf saw 5 North Vietnamese in green uniforms with submachine guns on a trail to the north and fired [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 9]
3 Oct 23:00	Golf at YD068627 received 3 82mm rounds from near YD078630 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 10]
4 Oct 11:00	Golf reached the objective at YD070636 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 10]
4 Oct 11:00–17:00	Golf moved from Combat base (YD 068 627) to Combat base (YD 074 643) on foot. Reached the objective at YD 070 636 first. [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 10]
5 Oct 14:30	Golf saw a man run from a tree at YD058655; artillery and an air strike [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 10]
8 Oct 12:05	Golf met 2 enemy at YD094690 — 1 USMC WIA, a 15-year-old villager hit by enemy fire [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 12]
8 Oct 13:30	A Golf patrol met 2 NVA at YD088692 and assaulted — 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA WIA, two AK-47s captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 12]
9 Oct 17:00	A Golf patrol found what appeared to be an antitank mine at YD110710; blown in place [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 12]
10 Oct 15:00	Golf met less than a platoon at YD131673 with at least 4 automatic weapons; artillery and mortars; the enemy withdrew east into a friendly unit's sector [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 13]
12 Oct 10:05	Golf met an estimated platoon at YD098685; air and artillery on YD104693; 2 machine guns [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 13]

Date	Activity / Events
12 Oct 11:35	Golf hit a booby trap moving into the attack — 5 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 14]
12 Oct 12:45	Golf in the attack — 1 USMC KIA, 17 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 14]
12 Oct 13:50	Golf pursued the enemy south-east from YD109678 — 3 NVA KIA confirmed, 4 NVA WIA confirmed, an RPD captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 14]
14 Oct 09:05	Golf saw 2 NVA with a machine gun at YD108720, fired and pursued — 1 NVA WIA captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 14]
14 Oct 14:12	Golf in blocking position saw 4 enemy setting up a gun at YD110726 — 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 2 more NVA KIA, 2 AK-47s captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 15]
14 Oct 14:40	A tank fired 50 cal and 90mm at enemy in camouflaged positions at YD105730 — 3 NVA KIA probable [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 15]
17 Oct 11:40	Golf contacted about 4 enemy at YD096683 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 16]
17 Oct 17:00	Golf with tanks swept south-east from phase line YD107672; Hotel with tanks swept south-west to YD120666, under OPCON of Sudden Death [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 16]
18 Oct 08:30	Golf saw 3 NVA in khaki shorts at YD113724 — 1 NVA KIA confirmed; a grenade, a VC flag and documents captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 16]
18 Oct 11:05	Golf fired on a uniformed NVA with a pack at YD114723 — 1 NVA KIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 16]
21 Oct 09:15	Golf saw 3 uniformed armed NVA at YD119719 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 17]
21 Oct 11:00	Golf met an estimated squad at YD124727; called 81mm mortars very close to friendly troops — 1 USMC KIA from enemy fire, 4 USMC KIA and 3 USMC WIA from the mortars; 2 female VCS and documents taken at YD125724 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 17]
23 Oct 13:35	Golf took sniper fire at YD114717 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 18]
23 Oct 14:25	Golf met 2 NVA on a trail at YD122723 — 1 NVA WIA [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 18]
23 Oct 15:00	Golf found a VC body killed by artillery at YD124717 and a mine at YD128717 [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 18]
24 Oct 18:40	Golf met an NVA carrying grenades — 1 NVA WIA captured [2/5 ComdC Oct 1966, PDF p. 19]
24 Oct 22:34	Two men walked into a Golf ambush — 1 NVA KIA confirmed, 1 NVA WIA probable [2/5 ComdC Oct 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 Oct 1966 (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048074).

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