G COMPANY, 2ND BATTALION, 5TH MARINES

DECEMBER 1966 — DOWNED HELICOPTER NEAR MY LOC (2)

Compiled from the 2/5 Command Chronology for December 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 December 1966
Commander	Capt J. M. Gruner (1–31 December)
Higher HQ	2nd Battalion, 5th Marines (LtCol W. C. Airheart); 5th Marines; 1st Marine Division
Area of Operations	Downed helicopter near My Loc (2), Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Dai Phong rice storage (Mississippi)
Combat Posture	Combat operations, patrols and security (27 combat entries)
Base of Operations	Downed helicopter near My Loc (2)
Corps Area	I Corps Tactical Zone, Republic of Vietnam

2. Commander's Summary

Company G’s entries for December 1966 place it most often at or near Downed helicopter near My Loc (2) (12 of 21 entries with a named place or grid), and also at Phu Lac (6) combat outpost, Dai Phong rice storage (Mississippi).

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

The battalion’s command chronology names Company G in 32 entries this month (27 combat, 3 movement, 2 medical).

On 6 December 1966: Command Group X-Ray and Golf moved from Position (AT 924 372) to Position (AT 857 402) on foot.

On 6 December 1966: Golf took about 30 rounds at AT912377 — 1 VC WIA (conf).

On 9 December 1966: Golf (-) took fire from a VC squad at AT936531 — 1 USMC WIA.

3. Operations Overview

Operation / Activity	Dates	Description
Downed helicopter near My Loc (2) operations	December 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 December 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
1 Dec 14:00	A VC agent led Golf to a VC supply center at AT927354: 3 buildings with rice, uniforms and cloth destroyed — 1 VCC [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 41]
1 Dec 14:30	A Golf patrol near Dai Phong hamlet AT923358 picked up 5 VCC [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 42]
1 Dec 15:00	The Golf CP captured 3 VCC at AT921369, one a deserter from the 1st VC Regiment [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 42]
2 Dec 12:15	Golf saw 3 VCS run across a rice paddy at AT925363 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 41]
3 Dec 11:35	A VC rallier led a Golf patrol to 2 K-44 rifles and 2 grenades at AT926361 [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 42]
6 Dec 11:00–12:00	Command Group X-Ray and Golf moved from Position (AT 924 372) to Position (AT 857 402) on foot. Moved toward the objective area at AT 881 396 to cover the evacuation of refugees; the rear of the column took fire at AT 912 377. [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 43]
6 Dec 13:30	Golf took about 30 rounds at AT912377 — 1 VC WIA (conf) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 43]
8 Dec 16:30	Golf replaced Company B 1/26 at Phu Lac (AT926527) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 10]
9 Dec 09:30	Golf (-) took fire from a VC squad at AT936531 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 10]
9 Dec 14:00	Golf (-) at AT950525 under fire from a VC squad; pursued to AT953526 — 2 VC WIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 11]
10 Dec 10:00	Golf (-) at AT953524 took 200 rounds and 60mm fire from AT954523 — 2 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 11]
10 Dec 13:10	Golf flushed 2 VC snipers at AT968525 — 2 VC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 11]

Date	Activity / Events
10 Dec 15:15	Golf at AT972518 under fire — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 11]
10 Dec 15:55	Golf grenaded a cave at AT972518: 3 women wounded and a child killed; VC medical supplies found [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 11]
10 Dec 16:45	Golf returning to its CP at AT977518 took 100 rounds from 10-15 VC at AT979518; air strike — 5 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 12]
12 Dec 18:15	A Golf squad at AT941533 shot a VC with a carbine — 1 VC WIA captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 12]
13 Dec 15:05	Golf chased a VC throwing a concussion grenade at AT967546 — 1 USMC WIA, 1 VCC [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 13]
13 Dec 17:00	Golf crossing open ground at AT963527 under heavy fire from about a VC platoon at AT967526; artillery — 3 USMC WIA, 5 VC KIA (prob), 1 VC KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 13]
14 Dec 14:00	Golf at AT948520 fired on VC fleeing east — 1 VC WIA, 1 VCS [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 14]
17 Dec 08:10	Golf (-) at AT947536 under fire; while waiting for an air strike took 40 rounds and 2 60mm rounds; a 60mm mortar and .50 cal MG — 1 USMC KIA, 5 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
17 Dec 15:00	Golf captured a wounded VC at AT954536 who died before medevac — 1 VCC DOW [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 16]
17 Dec 17:00	Golf and the Foxtrot platoon searched the contact area and found 2 VC bodies, bunkers and a mortar position; total for the action: 1 USMC KIA, 7 USMC WIA, 3 VC KIA, 17 VC KIA (prob), 22 VC WIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 17]
18 Dec 11:00	Golf (-) at AT948531 found and destroyed a line of bunkers [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 17]
19 Dec 09:50	Golf took 150-250 rounds; air strike — 4 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 17]
19 Dec 11:30	Golf at AT955517 met a VC squad — 1 USMC WIA (non-evac), 5 VC KIA (prob) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 17]
19 Dec 18:15	Golf at AT972518 took 1,000 rounds and 6-8 82mm rounds from an estimated VC company at AT973518 — 5 USMC WIA, 1 USN KIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 18]
21 Dec 15:45	A Golf platoon in its perimeter at AT927527 took 25 rounds from AT930524 — 1 USMC WIA (non-evac) [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 19]
21 Dec 20:15	Golf platoon at AT927527 took 50 rounds from AT930524 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 20]
21 Dec	Golf became the security element for a downed helicopter being stripped [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 20]
24 Dec 05:20	VC threw concussion grenades and fired into Golf's helicopter security position at AT976533 — 1 USMC WIA [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 21]
24 Dec 08:15	An emergency medevac helicopter at Golf's LZ was hit twice and turned back [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 21]

Date	Activity / Events
24 Dec 11:30	Golf at AT976533 took 20 rounds from 4 VC in civilian clothes — 2 VC KIA, an M-1 carbine, an M-1 rifle and grenades captured [2/5 ComdC Dec 1966, PDF p. 21]

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 Dec 1966 (with Nov Mississippi AAR) (Texas Tech University Vietnam Archive item 1201048075).

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